



December 9, 2014

The Honorable Edward Markey
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

I am writing on behalf of the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) to support your introduction of S. 2942, the "Infectious Disease Hospital Hubs Act," which would establish a hospital fund to stand-up regional treatment centers for infectious diseases such as Ebola. We applaud your efforts at improving surge capacity and enhancing community and hospital preparedness for incidents of infectious disease. We believe that this legislation is critical to our nation's public health and safety.

HSCA is a broad-based trade association that represents 14 group purchasing organizations (GPOs), including for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, purchasing groups, associations, multi-hospital systems and healthcare provider alliances. HSCA's mission is to advocate on behalf of healthcare group purchasing associations, to provide educational opportunities designed to improve efficiencies in the purchase, sale and utilization of all goods and services within the health industry and to promote meaningful dialogue between GPOs.

HSCA's member GPOs are keenly aware of the need for our hospital members to be prepared for all contingencies, especially infectious diseases. This preparedness often includes the need to renovate, construct and/or retrofit their hospitals and other patient care facilities. The acquisition of personal protective equipment, specialized infectious disease isolation units, and infection detection equipment is also critical to ensuring that healthcare workers are able to effectively manage patient care in the event of a public health crisis.

We believe your legislation will help provide important resources for designated healthcare facilities in the ongoing battle against Ebola and other infectious diseases. We stand ready to work with your colleagues to enhance the safety of every patient, healthcare worker and community in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Rooney", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Curtis Rooney
President
Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)