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The Honorable Michael Grimm
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Grimm:

Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) is happy to offer its support for H.R. 6118, the *Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act* (TEST Act), which will help the entire hospital community by making an important change to existing federal oversight. The TEST Act will update the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) (42 U.S.C. 263a) to provide the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) with discretion so that laboratories, including hospital laboratories, would not have their CLIA certificates revoked for the unintentional referral of proficiency testing (PT) samples.

On behalf of GNYHA's entire membership, thank you for your leadership on this important issue. We recognize and appreciate your steadfast support for New York's health care community and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Raske
President