



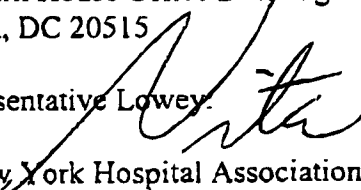
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The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
United States House of Representatives
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Lowey,

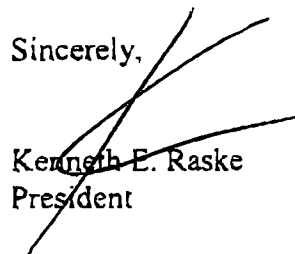

Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA), which represents 175 not-for-profit hospitals and continuing care facilities in the metropolitan New York area, is pleased to offer its support for the FamilyCare Act of 2000. Our facilities are on the frontline providing care to New York's uninsured population and are acutely aware of the need for measures like the FamilyCare Act, which would enable New York and other states to extend affordable health coverage to the growing number of uninsured families in our nation.

As you may be aware, New York recently enacted legislation creating a new health insurance program—Family Health Plus (FHP)—that will extend subsidized health coverage to uninsured, working adults with income and/or resources above the State's Medicaid level. FHP is scheduled to begin enrolling people in January 2001. It was GNYHA's concern about the uninsured in New York that led us to develop the original health coverage expansion proposal upon which FHP was based.

The FamilyCare Act would enable our State to expand FHP as well as to extend health insurance coverage to additional vulnerable populations like legal immigrants. These and other initiatives included in the FamilyCare Act have the potential to provide hundreds of thousands of uninsured New Yorkers with access to affordable coverage through a partnership between New York and the Federal government.

We applaud you for your leadership in cosponsoring this proposal and look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of the FamilyCare Act of 2000.

Sincerely,


Kenneth E. Raske
President