

## Suggested Email Communication

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, thank you for your vote to invoke cloture and pass HR 6331, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. As you know HR 6331 addresses several provisions of great importance to the laboratory industry, including repeal of a Part B laboratory competitive bidding demonstration project.

The enactment of this bill is urgently needed. Should the President veto HR 6331, we urge you to vote to override the veto.

Clinical laboratory services are an essential component of quality health care, providing physicians with objective data needed to help diagnose, treat and monitor diseases and other medical conditions.

The competitive bidding demonstration project mandated by the Medicare Modernization Act threatens the quality of laboratory services and access to those services by all residents of the demonstration area and beyond. Furthermore, it creates a substantial threat to the viability of community based clinical laboratories, thereby threatening access to clinical laboratory services for the most vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries, e.g., those residing in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). HR 6331 addresses this issue by repealing this poorly conceived competitive bidding demonstration project.

Once again, thank you for your 'yes' vote on HR 6331. Doing so helped take us one step closer to ensuring ready access to quality health care for Medicare's beneficiaries nationwide.

Sincerely yours,

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