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## **NEW AD CAMPAIGN URGES CONGRESS TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND OPPOSE ADDITIONAL CUTS TO HOSPITAL CARE**

**Washington D.C.** – December 13, 2011 –The Coalition to Protect America’s Health Care tomorrow will launch a national print campaign to urge Congress not to cut billions of dollars from hospital care to pay for a physician payment fix.

All hospitals support a long-overdue physician payment fix, but believe that cutting billions of dollars from hospital care to pay for it is wrong and irresponsible---and will result in fewer nurses, longer waits for emergency care and less access to care and new treatments.

The ad also reminds Congress that additional cuts to hospital care will threaten jobs at a time when our nation needs to be creating jobs, not eliminating them.

To view the ad, visit [www.protecthealthcare.org](http://www.protecthealthcare.org) and click on Our Advertising.

The Coalition to Protect America’s Health Care was created in 2000. It is a broad-based group of hospitals, businesses and national, state and local hospital associations dedicated to educating the public about issues affecting hospitals’ financial situation and what this means for patients and their families.

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The Coalition is a unique organization of hospitals, national, state, regional and metropolitan associations united with the business community behind one goal: to create television, radio and print advertising that seeks to protect and preserve the financial viability of America’s hospitals. The Coalition is a tax-exempt organization with an independent and diverse board representing all sectors of membership.