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Arizona hospitals thank Sen. McCain, colleagues for rejecting flawed health care bill

Statement from Greg Vigdor, AzHHA President and CEO

PHOENIX, AZ – The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association has issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Senate voting down the so-called “skinny repeal” of the Affordable Care Act:

“First and foremost, the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association applauds Senator McCain for his leadership and political courage in rejecting both this flawed bill and the faulty process by which it was created. The legislation, a ‘skinny repeal’ of the Affordable Care Act, promised higher health premiums and reduced access to care for millions of Americans. The U.S. Senate rightly said ‘no.’

“We also recognize Governor Ducey for his efforts. While a strong, consistent opponent of the Affordable Care Act, he has not flinched in his defense of vulnerable Arizona families.

“Too often these days, health care is viewed in strictly political terms. Winners and losers. But this is no time for political point-scoring. There remain real problems with the Affordable Care Act when it comes to cost, access and choice.

“On behalf of Arizona hospitals, healthcare providers and patients, we’re hopeful this moment represents not the end, but a new beginning – an opportunity to find bipartisan solutions to the healthcare challenges we face. The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association stands ready.”

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AzHHA is Arizona’s statewide association for those organizations and individuals devoted to collectively building better healthcare and health for the patients, people and communities of Arizona. Founded in 1939, AzHHA’s objective is to improve healthcare through Better Care, Better Health and Lower Costs with the ultimate goal of making Arizona the healthiest state in the nation. For more information, please contact communications@azhha.org or call (602) 445-4300.

