



April 16, 2017

The Honorable Robert W. McRae

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 1755, The Hate Crime Act of 2017

Dear Representative McRae:

I write to you today to support the Hate Crime Act of 2017.

The Hate Crime Act of 2017 is a significant step forward in combating hate crimes in our country. It would expand the Federal definition of hate crime to include bias-motivated incidents that occur in places of worship, schools, and places of business. This bill would also increase penalties for those who commit hate crimes against members of protected classes, such as gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability status. These provisions will help combat the rise in discrimination and violence against these groups, which has been reflected in the recent news stories about the Trump administration's policies. For example, the Trump administration has been reported to have taken steps to ban transgender individuals from serving in the military, to ban people with disabilities from receiving Medicaid benefits, and to ban transgender individuals from using the bathrooms that align with their gender identity. These actions are discriminatory and harmful to the most vulnerable members of our society. The Hate Crime Act of 2017 would help to combat these injustices by providing stronger protections for all Americans, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability status. I urge you to cosponsor this important legislation and help to pass it into law.

Sincerely,

John C. Green, Executive Director

Southern Poverty Law Center

Enclosed is a copy of the 2016 Form 1099-B, Statement of

Proceeds from Property Transfers, which I am requesting you to file. This form is used to report gains or losses from the sale of property.

This form is required to be filed by April 15, 2017. It includes information such as the date of transfer, the amount received, and the address of the property transferred. It also includes a statement of the amount of gain or loss from the transfer. I am enclosing a copy of the instructions for the 2016 Form 1099-B.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [redacted] or [redacted].

Very truly yours,
John C. Green

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1. Qualifying hospitals must have a written Emergency Action Plan ("EAP") that specifies the emergency care services necessary to provide by the hospital facility." The EAP must include the method for applying, as well as the documents

that must be submitted to the hospital facility for consideration of the application for licensure.

The emergency plan must be developed in accordance with the requirements in Part 100-10.1(b)(5) and the EAP must explain how compliance of the public entity with the applicable emergency plan will be determined. See also, Part 100-10.1(b)(5).

2. The EAP must contain a list of providers, other than the hospital, facilities, physicians, and other health care providers, employed by the facility, including the names and addresses of the persons to whom patients, visitors, and others must be limited to the amounts generally billed to patients, who have insurance covering the care provided. In this regard, information concerning the amounts of fees charged is 453 L & 100-10.1(b)(5).
3. The EAP must be provided to the appropriate agency or agency of the appropriate state department of health.
4. The EAP must be submitted to the appropriate agency or agency of the appropriate state department of health.
5. The hospital facility shall submit the EAP to the appropriate agency or agency of the appropriate state department of health, in addition, to the appropriate state department of health by filing the following documents in accordance with Part 100-10.1(b)(5). The hospital facility shall submit the EAP to the appropriate agency or agency of the appropriate state department of health, in addition, to the appropriate state department of health, in accordance with Part 100-10.1(b)(5).
6. The hospital facility shall submit the EAP to the appropriate agency or agency of the appropriate state department of health, in addition, to the appropriate state department of health, in accordance with Part 100-10.1(b)(5).

Hospitals that fail to comply with these requirements risk losing their 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

compliance, and as of January 1, 2016, Section 13911 of the Health Care Cost Containment Act of 1990 (the "HCCCA")²

What is the HCCCA?

The HCCCA is a federal statute that requires hospitals to maintain a minimum level of financial responsibility ("financial reserves") in order to receive tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The HCCCA also requires hospitals to meet certain financial reporting and disclosure requirements. The HCCCA is intended to ensure that hospitals have sufficient financial resources to meet their obligations to patients and the community.

What Are the Requirements Under the HCCCA (Section 13911 of the HCCCA)?

The HCCCA requires hospitals to maintain financial reserves in amounts sufficient to cover expected future expenses, including capital costs, operating expenses, and other costs associated with the provision of medical services. The HCCCA also requires hospitals to maintain financial reserves in amounts sufficient to cover expected future expenses, including capital costs, operating expenses, and other costs associated with the provision of medical services. The HCCCA also requires hospitals to maintain financial reserves in amounts sufficient to cover expected future expenses, including capital costs, operating expenses, and other costs associated with the provision of medical services.

General Hospital Policy Committee has developed a set of recommendations for hospital and other healthcare providers to consider in developing their own policies.

These general policies are intended to provide guidance to hospitals and other healthcare providers in developing their own policies. These general policies are not intended to be applicable to all hospitals and other healthcare providers. These general policies are not intended to be applicable to all hospitals and other healthcare providers. These general policies are not intended to be applicable to all hospitals and other healthcare providers.

² Impact Review Service, New Change and Compliance Center of HCCCA Final Rule at 4 (Pp. 26, HCCCA Final Rule, dated January 1, 2016, available at www.hccca.com).

³ See www.hccca.com.

⁴ Policy #1.

⁵ Id.

⁶ See www.hccca.com.

new or if unidentified "demographic information indicates patient is 1111 f
unintelligible" (§ 87(2)(b)).

The Hospital's Policy on the application of the Policy to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing states that the Hospital will make reasonable accommodations for patients who are deaf or hard of hearing to ensure that they receive effective communication. The Hospital's Policy states that the Hospital will provide qualified interpreters to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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Application of the Policy to Patients Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Within the Hospital, non-English language services will be provided to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing who are members of the Hospital's patient population. The Hospital will make reasonable accommodations for patients who are deaf or hard of hearing to ensure that they receive effective communication. The Hospital's Policy on the application of the Policy to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing states that the Hospital will provide qualified interpreters to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Hospital's Policy on the application of the Policy to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing states that the Hospital will provide qualified interpreters to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Furthermore, within the patient population of the Hospital under the Policy, a significant number of the patients are deaf or hard of hearing. The Hospital's Policy on the application of the Policy to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing states that the Hospital will make reasonable accommodations for patients who are deaf or hard of hearing to ensure that they receive effective communication. The Hospital's Policy on the application of the Policy to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing states that the Hospital will provide qualified interpreters to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The Hospital's ability to provide all required alternative communication for the Policy and under the Policy within its facility and other locations for those populations mentioned above is reflected in the following statement from the Hospital's Policy on the application of the Policy to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing:

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¹⁷ The patient population described contains over four million people by application of section 87(2)(b) and reflects interpretation of the Policy as follows: English, Spanish, French, American Sign Language, American English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Tagalog, and Tagalog.

¹⁸ See N.Y.A. Language Law from County, County, available at <http://www.ny.gov/legislature/cregulations/county> (last visited April 18, 2017).

Finally, we request that the Hospital make available to the public any information regarding the Hospital's collection of personal information from patients, including the Hospital's privacy policy, the Hospital's collection of personal information from patients, the Hospital's use of personal information from patients, and the Hospital's disclosure of personal information from patients.

Proposed Changes to The Policy Regarding PII

The Hospital proposes to amend its Privacy Policy to include the following changes:

1. To add a section titled "Personal Information Collected by the Hospital" to the Hospital's Privacy Policy. This section will describe the types of personal information collected by the Hospital, how the Hospital collects such information, and the purposes for which the Hospital uses such information. The Hospital will also describe the steps it takes to protect the privacy of such information, including any security measures or policies it has in place to prevent unauthorized access to such information.

2. To add a section titled "How the Hospital Uses Personal Information" to the Hospital's Privacy Policy. This section will describe the ways in which the Hospital uses personal information, including any third parties with whom the Hospital shares such information, and the purposes for which the Hospital shares such information.

3. To add a section titled "How the Hospital Discloses Personal Information" to the Hospital's Privacy Policy. This section will describe the ways in which the Hospital discloses personal information, including any third parties with whom the Hospital shares such information, and the purposes for which the Hospital shares such information.

Furthermore, while the Hospital proposes to add the sections described above to the Hospital's Privacy Policy, the Hospital will not change the Hospital's current practices regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information from patients. The Hospital will continue to collect, use, and disclose personal information from patients in accordance with the Hospital's current practices, and will not change the Hospital's current practices regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information from patients.

Proposed Changes to The Hospital's Privacy Policy

The Hospital further proposes to amend its Privacy Policy to include the following changes:

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Comments on the Proposed Changes to the Hospital's Privacy Policy

We support the proposed changes to the Hospital's Privacy Policy, as they will provide patients with more information about the Hospital's collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, and will help to ensure that the Hospital complies with applicable laws and regulations.

We believe that the proposed changes to the Hospital's Privacy Policy are reasonable and appropriate, and we encourage the Hospital to implement them as soon as possible.

Finally, we request that the Hospital make available to the public any information regarding the Hospital's collection of personal information from patients, including the Hospital's privacy policy, the Hospital's collection of personal information from patients, the Hospital's use of personal information from patients, and the Hospital's disclosure of personal information from patients.

1. Availability: make all of the Hospital's privacy policy, collection of personal information, use of personal information, and disclosure of personal information publicly available.
2. Notice: Hospital needs to develop a notice of collection, and obtain written consent from patients, with the notice of collection.

and individuals' individual debt by creating a debt forgiveness period during which individuals could apply or re-apply for financial assistance.¹²

<http://www.tgmc.org/tgmc/TGMC.aspx>

For more details on how to apply for the TGMC, visit our [Web site](http://www.TGMC.org) or call 1-800-322-8967.

You may speak with your Family Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, Medical Assistant, Medical Receptionist, Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, Medical Billing Specialist or Medical Secretary about applying for the TGMC.

Thank you,



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¹² In late June Shirley Chisholm, M.D., will be holding a press conference to announce all the details.