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Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) voted for H.R. 5613, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act, which places a one-year moratorium on seven Medicaid regulations that would cut more than \$50 billion dollars in Medicaid payments to states. Eshoo is a cosponsor of the bill, which passed the House by a veto-proof margin of 349 to 62.

“I’m very pleased and relieved that the House passed this legislation by such a convincing margin,” Eshoo said. “The regulations adopted by the Bush Administration threaten states, communities and families with cuts which will compromise the healthcare system for families and children. Over 2,000 organizations and Governor Schwarzenegger support the effort.”

“With today’s vote, we’ve sent the strongest ‘hands off’ message to the President: ‘Your veto pen will not stop this bill from becoming law.’”

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