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The Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Governmental
Affairs
United States Senate

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your March 19, 1981, letter requested our [comments on S. 266, a bill to establish a Federal Medical Resources Sharing Committee] to ensure the most efficient and effective use of Federal health care resources. This bill closely parallels legislation we recommended in our June 14, 1978, report to the Congress, "Legislation Needed to Encourage Better Use of Federal Medical Resources and Remove Obstacles to Interagency Sharing" (HRD-78-54).

That report identified several legislative and administrative obstacles that have precluded or inhibited interagency sharing of medical resources among Federal agencies. S. 266 specifically addresses each of these obstacles and, if effectively implemented by the Federal agencies that provide health care directly to beneficiaries, should promote substantially increased sharing of health care resources and corresponding savings to the Government. We would support congressional passage of this bill and look forward to the effective implementation of our recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Comptroller General
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