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The Hon. Rand Paul, MD
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20150

Dear Senator Paul:

On behalf of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS), a medical specialty society representing nearly 10,000 ophthalmologists in the United States and abroad who share a particular interest in cataract and refractive surgical care, I am pleased to issue our support for S. 226, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2016. Thank you for introducing legislation that would require Congressional approval of major rules proposed by the executive branch. Physicians and their practice administrators understand the importance of Congressional oversight of regulations, having long been forced to contend with an abundance of rules put forth by regulatory agencies like the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that affect their ability to provide quality care for their patients.

Thank you again for your sponsorship of this important legislation, and we look forward to working with you to ensure its enactment. For assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Nancey McCann, Director of Government Relations at nmccann@ascrs.org or 703-591-2220.

Sincerely,

Kerry D. Solomon, MD
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