

February 18, 2014

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Finance  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Finance  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin  
Ranking Member  
House Ways and Means Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman  
Ranking Member  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD  
Vice Chairman, Health Subcommittee  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Wyden, Chairman Camp, Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Hatch, Ranking Member Levin, Ranking Member Waxman and Dr. Burgess:

The undersigned organizations are writing in support of S.2000/H.R. 4015, *the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014*. We commend your leadership and commitment to permanently repeal the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula and reform the Medicare physician payment system.

We believe the legislation's policies will help us build a more sustainable, fair and efficient Medicare physician payment system that results in high quality, affordable health care. Your legislation properly aligns quality outcomes and incentives with the health of individuals and populations, helping ensure patient access to high quality surgical care. While no legislation is perfect, we look forward to working with you to continue to improve the nation's health care payment and delivery system.

We stand with you and commit our resources to passing this legislation before April 1, finally repealing the SGR and forging a new, patient-centric, quality-based health care system.

Sincerely,

American College of Surgeons  
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  
American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons  
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics  
American Society of Breast Surgeons  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons  
American Urogynecologic Society  
American Urological Association  
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons