March 11, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid Majority Leader U.S. Senate S-221 U.S. Capitol Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader U.S. Senate S-230 U.S. Capitol Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable John A. Boehner Speaker U.S. House of Representatives H-232 U.S. Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives H-204 U.S. Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The physician groups listed below strongly support the policy included in the SGR Repeal and Medicare Payment Modernization Act (HR 4015/S 2000). We appreciate the serious bipartisan effort of many Congressional leaders in developing this legislation.

We encourage Congress to continue working on this bill, now addressing payfors, in the same spirit of bicameral bipartisanship. With fewer than 30 days before the next scheduled SGR cut, we need meaningful efforts to bring us closer to permanently repealing and reforming the SGR.

We look forward to working with you and the Committees to ensure speedy enactment of this important bill.

Sincerely

American College of Surgeons

American Academy of Ophthalmology

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons

American Urolgynecologic Society

Society for Vascular Surgery

Society of Gynecologic Oncology

Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons