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
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
House Ways and Means Committee
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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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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 Orthopeadic 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 Urolgynecologic Society
American Urological Association
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society for Vascular Surgery
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons