

March 25, 2015

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
S-221 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

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

The American Medical Association and the undersigned state medical associations are pleased to offer our strong support for H.R. 2, the “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act” (MACRA), and we urge all members of the House and Senate to support its immediate passage.

This legislation represents years of bipartisan effort to eliminate the fatally flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula and implement new payment and delivery models that will promote high-quality care while reducing costs.

In addition to stabilizing the Medicare program for our nation’s seniors, MACRA takes a balanced approach to addressing the health care needs of children and low-income Americans while promoting the long-term sustainability of the Medicare program.

We are encouraged by the bipartisan leadership and collaboration that produced this legislation, and urge all members of the House and Senate to support passage before the expiration of the current Medicare patch.

Sincerely,

American Medical Association
Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Alaska State Medical Association
Arizona Medical Association
Arkansas Medical Society
California Medical Association
Colorado Medical Society
Connecticut State Medical Society
Medical Society of Delaware

Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Florida Medical Association Inc
Medical Association of Georgia
Hawaii Medical Association
Idaho Medical Association
Illinois State Medical Society
Indiana State Medical Association
Iowa Medical Society
Kansas Medical Society
Kentucky Medical Association
Louisiana State Medical Society
Maine Medical Association
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Massachusetts Medical Society
Michigan State Medical Society
Minnesota Medical Association
Mississippi State Medical Association
Missouri State Medical Association
Montana Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nevada State Medical Association
New Hampshire Medical Society
Medical Society of New Jersey
New Mexico Medical Society
North Carolina Medical Society
North Dakota Medical Association
Ohio State Medical Association
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Oregon Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Rhode Island Medical Society
South Carolina Medical Association
South Dakota State Medical Association
Tennessee Medical Association
Texas Medical Association
Utah Medical Association
Vermont Medical Society
Medical Society of Virginia
Washington State Medical Association
West Virginia State Medical Association
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wyoming Medical Society