

December 11, 2013

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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

The undersigned organizations appreciate your effort to make positive changes to the proposed legislation to repeal the SGR and reform the physician payment system before the House Ways and Means Committee. We believe your good faith effort addresses some of our concerns and provides more stability for surgeons and the surgical patient.

We are writing to inform you that we withdraw our opposition to the proposed legislation before the committee.

We remain committed to moving the process forward by working with both House committees to reform the Medicare physician payment system with sound health care policy. We look forward to working, as partners, in forging a new, patient-centric, quality-based health care system.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Ophthalmology
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
American College of Surgeons
American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics
American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery
American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons
American Urological Association
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
Society for Vascular Surgery
The American Society of Breast Surgeons
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons