

September 14, 2022

The Honorable Ami Bera, MD
172 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Larry Bucshon, MD
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bera and Bucshon:

The undersigned organizations representing surgeons and anesthesiologists support the *Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022*. We commend your leadership and commitment to stopping the 4.42% Medicare payment cut, helping protect seniors' access to surgical and other lifesaving care. We stand with you and commit our resources to passing this legislation before the end of the year.

Providing relief from these significant cuts will help stabilize the health care system while policymakers consider solutions to the ongoing structural problems with Medicare's broken payment system.

This legislation, along with an inflationary update based on the Medicare Economic Index and stopping the 4% PAYGO cuts, is essential to protecting patient access to care.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

American College of Surgeons

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

American Academy of Ophthalmology

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society

American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

American Society for Surgery of the Hand

American Society of Anesthesiologists

American Society of Breast Surgeons

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons

American Society of Plastic Surgeons

American Society of Retina Specialists

American Urogynecologic Society

American Urological Association

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Society for Vascular Surgery

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons