



February 27, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Pallone, and Representative DeGette:

I want to thank you for including a provision in your draft of the 21st Century Cures Act exempting medical textbooks and peer-reviewed journals from burdensome reporting requirements. Section 4381 of your bill draft is critical to ensuring high-quality information gets in the hands of physicians to inform the best possible medical care for Americans.

Together with a wide range of organizations committed to ensuring the availability of peer-reviewed scholarly research, AAP-PSP recently sent a letter to Congressmen Burgess and DeFazio in support of the Protect Continuing Physician Education and Patient Care Act, upon which Section 4381 is based. I have attached a copy of this letter for your reference to indicate the breadth of support for these provisions.

On behalf of countless medical researchers, physicians, and the more than 38,000 Americans employed in scholarly publishing, we thank you for working to remove barriers that prevent physician access to the most current medical information. Your legislation will ensure that physicians are able to provide the best possible care to their patients through access to the highest quality publications in the world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Tagler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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