

June 7, 2016

Senator John Barrasso  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso:

The undersigned organizations write to thank you for introducing The Protect Continuing Physician Education and Patient Care Act, S. 2978, and to express our support for the provision exempting medical textbooks and peer-reviewed journals from reporting requirements under the Sunshine Act.

The facts are straightforward: better informed physicians provide better care to patients. Making sure that medical professionals have access to the highest quality information should be a goal of public policy, and S. 2978 does just that. Your legislation ensures that physicians' access to the highest quality publications in the world will remain unobstructed. Medical textbooks, consults, conference reports, journal articles and their reprints are written and published for the purpose of building upon and improving clinical understanding. These universally respected publications not only meet the rigorous standards of the highest quality peer-review and editing, but also provide impartial and independent information that provides direct benefit to patients through improved care.

Physicians routinely rank among the most respected professionals in the United States because of their understanding of the ever-changing science of medicine. That respect is built upon patients' trust that their healthcare professionals remain well-informed on the latest breakthroughs in health science. Maintaining an open channel for the flow of educational information is paramount to ensuring that patients continue to be cared for by informed physicians. Provision of these materials accrues directly to the benefit of patients and to improved healthcare for all Americans.

On behalf of countless medical researchers, physicians, and the more than 38,000 Americans employed in scholarly publishing, we thank you for introducing this important legislation which will remove barriers to ensuring that physicians are able to provide the best possible care to their patients through access to the most current medical information.

Sincerely,

The following undersigned organizations

ACSESS (Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies)  
Alpha Med Press  
American Anthropological Association  
American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy  
American Academy of Pain Medicine  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Blood Banks  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Mathematical Society  
American Psychiatric Association Publishing  
American Psychological Association  
American Physiological Society  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
American Society for Indexing  
American Society for Investigative Pathology

American Society for Laser Medicine & Surgery  
American Society for Microbiologists  
American Society for Preventative Cardiology  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Hypertension  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Thoracic Society  
Association for Molecular Pathology  
Association of American Publishers/Professional & Scholarly Publishing  
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College of Rheumatology  
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Davies Publishing  
Elsevier  
The Endocrine Society  
F.A. Davis Company  
Gerodontology Association  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Heart Rhythm Society  
Human Factors & Ergonomics Society  
International Continence Society  
International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology  
International League Against Epilepsy  
International Publications Media Group  
International Parkinson & Movement Disorder Society (MDS)  
International Society for Sexual Medicine  
International Society of Pediatric Oncology

International Society on Thrombosis & Haemostasis

John Wiley & Sons

McGraw-Hill Education

National Kidney Foundation

National Lipid Association

New England Journal of Medicine

New York Academy of Sciences

Northwest Graphics Inc.

Oxford University Press

Peripheral Nerve Society

SAGE Publications

Silverchair Information Systems

Slack Inc.

Society for Pediatric Dermatology

Society for the Study of Reproduction

Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

Society of Hospital Medicine

Soil Science Society of America

Springer Publishing Company

Taylor & Francis

Thieme Publishers

The Triological Society

Wolters Kluwer