

June 14, 2011

The Honorable Tom Price
United States House of Representatives
403 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Price:

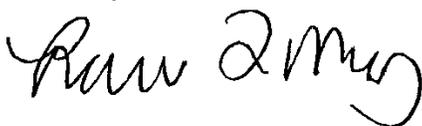
On behalf of the American Academy of Dermatology Association (AADA), which represents over 12,000 dermatologists across the country, I would like to commend you for introducing H.R. 969, the Medical Practice Freedom Act of 2011, and we support your work to prevent the tying of physician licensure to health plan participation.

The AADA fully agrees that state licensure laws should only relate to the requirements for admissions to the practice of medicine in each state, and to ensure the continuing professional capability of physicians. As you know, linking licensure or the ability to practice medicine to participation in a specific health plan would create a serious challenge in access to quality dermatologic care in the states.

Over 40 percent of dermatologists are solo practitioners and permitting an additional expansion of government control could have detrimental effects on patient care and on these practices. In light of the numerous mandates that continue to come out of the Affordable Care Act, H.R. 969 provides much-needed protection for these small businesses, and the AADA fully supports this measure.

Should you or your staff have any questions or require additional information, please contact John Hedstrom in the AADA Washington office at jhedstrom@aad.org or (202) 712-2601.

Sincerely,



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