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The Honorable Tom Price  
U.S. House of Representatives  
403 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Price:

On behalf of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), thank you for your leadership on health care issues facing the nation in the U.S. Congress.

We appreciate your introduction of the “Medical Practice Freedom Act of 2011” (H.R. 969), which would prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services or any state from requiring, as a condition of licensure, that a health care provider participate in any health plan.

The passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has given the government an increased amount of control over how health care providers practice. As oral and maxillofacial surgeons (OMSs), we understand the importance of ensuring that the federal government and states do not infringe further by requiring health care providers to participate in particular health plans as a condition of licensure, i.e. the legal ability to practice. Health care providers must be able to have the freedom to choose in which plans they participate, without fear of losing their licensure. To allow increased government intrusion into health care and the enforcement of such requirements would almost certainly diminish quality care.

The passage of the “Medical Practice Freedom Act of 2011” is an important step toward protecting health care providers, including OMSs, from unwarranted government intrusion into their professions. The AAOMS endorses this measure and we look forward to working with you and your staff to advance H.R. 969 through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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President