

April 14, 2020

The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
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The Honorable Ben Cardin
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
United States House of Representatives
2302 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Chabot
United States House of Representatives
2408 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for 501(c)(6) Non-Profits Relief in Future COVID-19 Legislation

Dear Senator Rubio, Senator Cardin, Representative Velazquez, and Representative Chabot:

On behalf of the undersigned physician, dental and healthcare organizations, thank you for the steps you have already taken to protect Americans during the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We appreciate you taking such strong steps to provide financial stability for non-profit 501(c)(3) groups, which was included in the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

As you consider the next legislative package or supplemental appropriations measures to address new and continuing economic and medical concerns related to COVID-19, we urge you to include emergency financial relief and stability for 501(c)(6) tax-exempt medical and dental trade associations that have been adversely impacted by this pandemic. At a time when healthcare professionals across America are caring for patients on the frontlines of this pandemic, 501(c)(6) non-profit medical and dental organizations are supporting and providing educational resources so that the healthcare community has the tools needed to administer the highest quality care during this unprecedented time, and for the future.

501(c)(6) associations play a critical role in generating revenue for many non-profit organizations, allowing them to better serve their mission. Many have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 just like small businesses and 501(c)(3) non-profit associations. However, without federal financial intervention, many 501(c)(6) organizations may be forced to cut staff or scale back on services. Uncertainty with regard to the future can include, but is not limited to, hosting major meetings, events and conventions, coordination and development of scientific and clinical education resources and providing Continuing Medical Education (CME). CME in particular is a

critical component of the benefits provided by many 501(c)(6) organizations, and ensures that physicians, dental and medical providers are providing high-quality evidence-based care throughout all stages of their careers, and is necessary for physicians, dental and other healthcare professionals to maintain state medical licenses. Unfortunately, many of the concerns outlined above have already been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Again, as you complete your work on the next phase of COVID-19 legislation, we urgently request critically needed support for the 501(c)(6) medical and dental community, so these important associations continue to serve as a trusted resource for healthcare professionals, patients and policymakers alike during this pandemic and beyond.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry
American Academy of Dental Group Practice
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Association of Clinical Urologists
American Association of Endodontists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Orthodontists
American Association of Women Dentists
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Prosthodontists
American College of Radiology Association
American College of Rheumatology
American Dental Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
American Student Dental Association
American Urological Association
College of American Pathologists
National Association of Spine Specialists
National Community Pharmacists Association
Renal Physicians Association
The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
The Society for Vascular Surgery
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons