

May 15, 2001

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert:

The undersigned medical and dental organizations commend you for your leadership in working in a bipartisan fashion with the White House and Congressmen Dingell and Norwood to develop a meaningful Patients' Bill of Rights. We applaud you for undertaking these important negotiations.

Like you, we are committed to working towards passage of a real Patients' Bill of Rights this year. This has been a very long road, but with your help we do see a successful and positive end in sight.

Thank you again for your fortitude and determination.

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American College of Nuclear Physicians  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons  
American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Dental Association  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Clinical Pathologists  
American Society of General Surgeons  
American Society of Hematology

American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Thoracic Society  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Renal Physicians Association  
Society of Nuclear Medicine

cc: All Congress  
White House