

Letter to Representative Baird

August 19, 1999

The Honorable Brian Baird
U.S. House of Representatives
1721 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Once again, we appreciate your efforts on behalf of organized medicine, and we look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Family Physicians
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American Academy of Pediatrics
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American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Nuclear Physicians
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine
American Geriatrics Society
American Medical Association
American Medical Group Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of General Surgeons
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
American Urological Association
College of American Pathologists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Medical Group Management Association
Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society
Renal Physicians Association
Society of Nuclear Medicine

Letter to Chairman Thomas

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