

September 24, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the over six hundred innovators, patient groups, physicians, hospitals, venture capitalists and other stakeholders signed below representing millions of patients and hundreds of thousands medical technology jobs, we respectfully request that Congress prioritize repeal of the medical device excise tax before it causes any more harm to the innovation ecosystem. While the tax was in place from 2013 through 2015, thousands of good paying jobs were lost, research and development projects were abandoned and patients were denied new treatments. The Senate and House have both previously passed repeal legislation with strong bipartisan majorities, and now is the time to put an end to this punishing policy before the current suspension expires on December 31, 2019.

As you know, the medical device industry is a unique American success story, both for patients and our economy. The U.S. is the world leader in manufacturing lifesaving and life-enhancing treatments, and the industry is an important engine for economic growth. The industry employs more than 400,000 workers nationwide, generates approximately \$25 billion in payroll, pays out salaries that are 40 percent more than the national average (\$58,000 vs.\$42,000) and invests nearly \$10 billion in research and development (R&D) annually. The industry is fueled by innovative companies, the majority of which are small businesses with 80 percent of companies having fewer than 50 employees and 98 percent with fewer than 500 employees.

Unfortunately, when the medical device tax was in effect, it had an adverse impact on research and development investment and job creation, jeopardizing the U.S. position as a global leader in medical device innovation. U.S. Department of Commerce Census Data shows that the industry lost 29,000 jobs during the three years that the tax was in effect, and recent reports suggest that a reinstatement of the tax could result in an additional loss of 21,000 jobs. If this tax is not fully repealed, it will continue to force companies to make difficult decisions on whether to invest in manufacturing operations, research and development and other important investments in communities across the U.S.

Members of Congress from both parties joined together in late 2015 to suspend the tax from 2016 through 2017 and again in 2018 to delay it through 2019. The suspension of the tax has resulted in improvements to the ecosystem in the short-term and has enabled companies to reinvest in research and development, make new hires and provide new benefits to their employees like companywide raises and increased 401(k) matches. Still, companies are holding off on long-term investments to prepare for the possible reinstatement of the tax at the end of this year. Fortunately, there continues to be overwhelming bipartisan support for full repeal of the medical device tax in Congress.

At a time when the federal government is working to promote investment in U.S. industries of the future, it is inconsistent that a tax of this magnitude is placed on the medical device industry. We must do all we can to encourage and promote research, development, investment and innovation, and we remain dedicated to working with Congress to finally repeal the medical device tax this year. We respectfully request timely action on legislation to put a permanent end to this punitive excise tax.

Sincerely,

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3M Healthcare
4C Medical Technologies
6S Medical LLC
AAOMS
Abbott Laboratories
ABIOMED
Academy of General Dentistry
AccuBreath
Accuray, Inc.
Acelity
ACELL, Inc.
Acertara Acoustic Laboratories
Acessa Health
ACI Medical LLC
Activ Surgical
Active Life Scientific, Inc.
ActivOrtho, Inc.
Actuated Medical, Inc.
AcuFocus, Inc.
Acuity Surgical
Acutus Medical
Adhezion Biomedical
ADM Tronics Unlimited, Inc.
AdvaMed (Advanced Medical Technology Association)
Advanced Catheter Therapies, Inc.
Advanced Chemotherapy Technologies, Inc.
Advanced Interactive Response Systems (AIRS) LLC
Advanced Orthopaedic Solutions, Inc.
Advanced Oxygen Therapy, Inc.
Advanced Technology Ventures
Aerin Medical
Aesculap, Inc.
Affinity Capital
Agfa US Corp.

Agile Search, Inc.
Alcon Vision LLC
Alerje
Alexso, Inc.
Allergan
Alliance of Specialty Medicine
ALPCO Diagnostics
Alpha Logic, Inc.
Alphatec Spine, Inc.
AlterG
Alucent Biomedical
America's Blood Centers
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Behcet's Disease Association (ABDA)
American College of Radiology
American Dental Association
American Diagnostic Corp
American Gastroenterological Association
American IV Products, Inc.
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Urological Association
Amsino International, Inc.
Anatomics, Inc.
Andersen Products
ANR Consulting LLC
Apollo Endosurgery
Apyx Medical
Arbor Grace, Inc.
Arboretum Ventures
ARC Medical

ARC Surgicals Manufacturing LLC
Argon Medical Devices, Inc.
Aria CV, Inc.
Ariel Precision Medicine
Arizona Bioindustry Association, Inc.
(AZBio)
ARKRAY America
Artegraft, Inc.
Arthrex, Inc.
Arthritis Foundation
ArthroSurface, Inc.
Ascendant Dx
Ascensia Diabetes Care AG
ATL Technologies LLC
Atlanta Black Nurses Association, Inc.
Atlantis Eyecare
AtriCure
Aurora CTS, Inc.
Avedro
Avenu Medical, Inc.
Avisi Technologies LLC
Axogen, Inc.
Aziyo Med LLC
B. Braun Medical
Bay City Capital
Bayer U.S. LLC
Baylis Medical Company, Inc.
Becton, Dickinson & Company
Belluscura
Biocom
BioCrossroads
BioDerm, Inc.
BioDirection, Inc.
BioFlorida, Inc.
BioForward, Inc.
BioME (Bioscience Association of Maine)
Biomedical Innovations
Biomedix
BioMentor International LLC
Biomerics LLC
bioMerieux
Bioness, Inc.
BioNJ
BioOhio
BioUtah
Bone Health Technologies
Boston Engineering
Boston Scientific Corporation
Boyd Technologies
Brainlab, Inc.
BraveHeart Wireless, Inc.
Brightree
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Busse Hospital Disposables
CADimensions, Inc.
Cala Health
Calcula Technologies
California Hepatitis C Task Force
California Life Sciences Association
(CLSA)
California State Firefighter's Association
Companion Medical, Inc.
Canaan Partners
Cannuflow, Inc.
Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc.
Cardinal Health
Cardinal/Detecto Scale Mfg Co.
CardioCommand, Inc.
CardioFocus, Inc.
Cardiolert Systems
Cardionomic, Inc.
Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.
Cardiva Medical, Inc.
Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc.
Carlsmed, Inc.
CarrierCOM LP
CellAegis Devices, Inc.
Cepheid, Inc.
Cerebrotech Medical Systems
Cerevast
Chalgren Enterprises, Inc.
Channel Medsystems
Chapman University's Dale E. and Sarah
Ann Fowler School of Engineering
CHF Solutions
CHIP II, Inc.
CHIP Solutions LLC
CitareTx Investment Partners
City of Warsaw Government
Clarus Medical LLC
Cleveland Medical Devices, Inc.
Clinical Innovations LLC

Cochlear Americas
Cogmedix, Inc.
Cognizance Biomarkers LLC
Coloplast
Colorado Bioscience Association
Command Medical Products, Inc.
Conformis
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
CONMED Corporation
Consensus Orthopedics
Cook Group
Council for Affordable Healthcare Coverage
Coy Laboratory Products
CryoLife, Inc.
Cutera
CVRx, Inc.
DaVinci Biomedical Research Products, Inc.
Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children
and Families (DECCF)
Delphinus Medical Technologies
Delpor, Inc.
Dental Trade Alliance (DTA)
Detroit Regional Chamber
Deurion R&D LLC
Dexcom
Diality
Diatech Diabetic Technologies, Inc.
Disposable Instrument Company, Inc.
Domico Med-Device LLC
DoseCue LLC
Dune Medical Devices
DuVal & Associates, P.A.
DyaMx, Inc.
E.M.M.A. International Consulting Group,
Inc.
EagleView Medical
Earlens Corporation
Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Edwards Lifesciences
eKare, Inc.
Eko Health, Inc.
ElectroCore, Inc.
Elekta
ELITE Strategic Services
ELITechGroup, Inc.
Elixir Medical Corporation

EM&C Engineering
Emerson Consultants, Inc.
Emovi, Inc.
Empirical Spine, Inc.
EMulate Therapeutics
Endo-Therapeutics, Inc.
EndoGastric Solutions
Enspectra Health
Entrotech Life Sciences, Inc.
Envoy Medical Corporation
Erchonia
ETS Manufacturing, Inc.
Evogen, Inc.
Evoke Neuroscience, Inc.
Exact Sciences
Exagen, Inc.
Excel Medical Products, Inc.
Excell Partners
Experien Group LLC
ExploraMed Development LLC
Exthera Medical
Fallbrook Engineering
Fe3 Medical, Inc.
Ferris Mfg Corp.
Flocel, Inc.
Florida Medical Manufacturers Consortium
(FMMC)
Fogarty Institute for Innovation
Foundry Therapeutics 1
Foundry Therapeutics 2
FourMation 1, Inc.
Fourth Element Capital
Fractyl Laboratories
FUJIFILM SonoSite, Inc.
Fujirebio
Fusion Biotech, Inc.
FutraMed, Inc.
Galen Robotics
Gardner Medical Instruments LLC
GE Healthcare
Genesis Plastics Welding
Genicon, Inc.
Genuity LLC
Georgia Bio
GI Dynamics
Giner Life Sciences, Inc.

Glaukos Corporation
Globus Medical, Inc.
Gradient Technologies LLC
GraeBot, Inc.
GraftWorx, Inc.
Granite Spine LLC
Great Lakes NeuroTechnologies, Inc.
Greater Irvine Chamber
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
GRYT Health
GT Medical Technologies, Inc.
Gulden Ophthalmics
Gynesonics, Inc.
Half Moon Medical
Hancock Jaffe Laboratories, Inc.
Harmac Medical Products, Inc.
Health Care Originals, Inc.
Health Factors, Inc.
Health Leadership Council (HLC)
HealthCare Institute of New Jersey (HINJ)
Healthegy
Healthmark Industries
Heartflow, Inc.
Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.
Hitachi Healthcare America
Hobbs Medical
Hologic, Inc.
Hood Laboratories
Hyalex Orthopaedics, Inc.
Hyprotek
Illinois Biotechnology Innovation
Organization (iBio)
ImmunSYS, Inc
Imperative Care, Inc.
Inricor Medical Systems, Inc.
Inceptus Medical LLC
Indiana Health Industry Forum
Indiana Hospital Association
Indiana Manufacturers Association
Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers
Council (IMDMC)
IndyChamber
Inflammatix, Inc.
InfoBionic
InfraScan, Inc.
Innovative Health Solutions

Inspire Medical Systems, Inc.
Instrumentation Laboratory
Intact Vascular, Inc.
Integrity Implants
Intelligent Implant Systems LLC
Intent Solutions
International Association of Hepatitis Task
Forces
International Foundation for Autoimmune &
Autoinflammatory Arthritis
International Medicine Industries, Inc.
Interrad Medical, Inc.
Intersect ENT
Intrinsic Therapeutics, Inc.
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
Intuity Medical
IRIDEX Corporation
ISPG, Inc.
Ivantis, Inc.
J3 Bioscience, Inc.
Jenavalve Technology, Inc.
JR Associates
KARL STORZ Endovision
KLS-Martin Manufacturing LLC
Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce
Kuraray America, Inc.
LamaMed Solutions, Inc.
Laser Peripherals LLC
Lieber-Flarsheim
Life Science Tennessee
Life Science Washington
Life Sciences Pennsylvania
Life Sync
LightScalpel LLC
Lightstone Ventures
Linden Capital Partners
LivaNova USA
Longitude Capital
Longwell & Associates
LOREM CYTORI USA, INC.
Lungpacer Medical, Inc.
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.
Lynn Medical Instrument Co.
M3dicine Holdings
M3dicine, Inc.

Maetrics LLC
Magick.ai
Magstim Group
Majelco Medical, Inc.
MANTA Product Development, Inc.
Masimo Corporation
Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council (MassMEDIC)
MatrixCare
MC3 Cardiopulmonary
Med-Sonics Corp.
Medacta USA
MedAcuity
Medeonbio, Inc.
Medical Alley Association
Medical Device Manufacturers Association (MDMA)
Medical Engineering Innovations, Inc.
Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA)
Medical Marcom
MedImage, Inc.
MedTech Association
Medtronic
Mercury Medical
Merit Medical
Metro Atlanta Chamber
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
MichBio
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Manufacturers Association
MicroOptx, Inc.
MicroTransponder, Inc.
Millenium Surgical Corp
Minerva Surgical
Mission Surgical Innovations
Modulim
Monteris Medical
Moximed, Inc.
MVRx, Inc.
Myriad Genetics, Inc.
NAMSA, Inc.
Nanowear, Inc.
Nasiff Associates, Inc.
National Association for Manufacturers (NAM)
National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL)
National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)
National Venture Capital Association
NATUS Medical, Inc.
NC Chamber
NDH Medical, Inc.
NE Healthcare Executive Network
Nelson Laboratories LLC
NeoChord, Inc.
NeoGraft
Neuronetics, Inc.
Neuropace, Inc.
NeuroTronik, Inc.
NeuroWave Systems Inc.
Nevro Corp.
New Enterprise Associates
NexEos Diagnostics
NFIB
North Carolina Biosciences Organization
North Carolina Healthcare Association
NorthStar Surgical
Novocure, Inc.
NuSmile, Ltd.
NuVasive, Inc.
Nuvectra
Nuvimedix LLC
Nye Lubricants, Inc.
OBP Medical
OCTANe
Olympus Corporation of the Americas
Omega Plastics, Inc.
On-X Technologies, Inc.
Onkos Surgical, Inc.
OnPoint Surgical, Inc.
onQ Management Consulting LLC
Optiscan Biomedical
OraSure Technologies, Inc.
Orbital Research, Inc.
Orchid Orthopedic Solutions

Oregon Bioscience Association
Oregon Podiatric Medical Association
(OPMA)
Organogenesis, Inc.
Organovo, Inc.
OrthAlign, Inc.
Orthofix Medical Inc.
OrthogenRx
OrthoPediatrics Corp.
OrtoWay LLC
Oska, Inc.
OsteoMed
OtoNexus Medical Technologies
Outset Medical
Pacific Bridge Medical
Pacira BioSciences
Pad Printing Technology Group, Inc.
Palette Life Sciences
Palo Alto Health Sciences, Inc.
Palo Alto Medtech Advisors
PALTOWN Development Fund
Perdix Software, Inc.
Personalis
Philips North America
Phlebotics, Inc.
PhotoniCare, Inc.
Photopharmics, Inc.
Physcient, Inc.
Physicians Group of New Ulm
Pinellas County Economic Development
Polymer Conversions, Inc.
PreCardia, Inc.
Preceptis Medical, Inc.
Prescient Surgical
Prevencio
Pristine Surgical
PROCEPT BioRobotics
Prodigy Search Group
Propeller Health
PROVIDIEN LLC
Pulmonx Corporation
Pulsed Harmonix
QIAGEN
Qool Therapeutics

Quidel Corporation
Radiology Business Management
Association (RBMA)
Raland Compliance Partners
Raydiant Oximetry, Inc.
ReCor Medical, Inc.
Regenesis Biomedical, Inc.
Relievable Medsystems, Inc.
Research!America
ResMed
Respicardia, Inc.
Respirix, Inc.
RetireSafe
RevMedx, Inc.
ReWalk Robotics, Inc.
RFPi, Inc.
Rheonix, Inc.
RhinoSystems
Right Scan Right Time
Roche Diagnostics Corporation
Rodo Medical, Inc.
Round Valley Holdings LLC
Roundtable Healthcare Partners
ROX Medical, Inc.
RTM Vital Signs LLC
Sacramed
SafeBVM Corp.
Sage Product Development, Inc.
Sakura Finetek USA, Inc.
Sandstone Diagnostics, Inc.
SciCan Ltd.
Scion NeuroStim LLC
SDRS LLC
Seattle Chamber of Commerce
Second Sight Medical Products
Securisyn Medical
Senseonics, Inc.
SetPoint Medical
Shinemound Enterprise, Inc.
Shockwave Medical, Inc.
SI-BONE
Siemens Healthineers
Siesta Medical, Inc.
Signus Medical LLC
Silikon Technologies
Silk Road Medical

Simplify Medical
SINTX Technologies
Skytron
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Smiths Medical
Solace Therapeutics
Soletics LLC
Solsys Medical
Southeastern Medical Device Association
(SEMDA)
Southern California Biomedical Council
(SoCalBio)
Spect, Inc.
SpectraScience, Inc.
Spectrum Biomedics
Spiration, Inc.
SPR Therapeutics, Inc.
St. Teresa Medical, Inc.
STERIS
Stimwave Technologies, Inc.
Strategic Health Investment Partners
Stryker Corporation
STS Biomedical Consulting
Subiomed, Inc.
Surmodics, Inc.
Sutter Hill Ventures
SV Health Investors
Svelte Medical Systems
Swan Valley Medical
Switchback Medical
Sylvan Fiberoptics
Synecor LLC
Syntermed
T3 Advisors
Tactile Systems Technology, Inc.
Talon Surgical
TAMM Net, Inc.
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.
Taproot Medical Technologies
Technicuff Corp.
Teleflex
Teratech Corporation
Terumo Cardiovascular Group
The AIDS Institute
The American Association of Orthopaedic
Surgeons

The American Osteopathic Academy of
Orthopedics
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater
Philadelphia
The Children's Clinic of Pensacola
The Foundry LLC
The Gulf Fiberoptics Group
The Healthcare Nutrition Council (HNC)
The Indiana Chamber of Commerce
The Medical Devices Group
The National Grange
The Orthopaedic Implant Company (OIC)
The Pinea Group LLC
The Vertical Group
The Wyoming Epilepsy Association
Thermo Fisher Scientific
ThermopeutiX, Inc.
Thomas Regulatory Resolutions, Inc.
Thunder Biotech, Inc.
TIDI Products
TIVIC Health Systems, Inc.
TJC Consulting
Trans I
TransMedics
Trillium Engineering LLC
Tryton Medical, Inc.
Tusker Medical, Inc.
Tyber Medical LLC
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Imaging Healthcare
United Spinal Association
Urologix LLC
USGI Medical, Inc.
Utah Manufacturers Association
Utah Taxpayers Association
Valeritas, Inc.
Vapotherm, Inc.
Varex Imaging Corporation
Varian Medical Systems
Vasotorq, Inc.
VectraCor, Inc.
Velano Vascular, Inc.
Venclose
Vensana Capital
VentriFlo, Inc.

Verrix LLC
Vertos Medical, Inc.
Vesiflo
Vesper Medical
VIDA Diagnostics, Inc.
ViewRay, Inc.
Virginia Biotechnology Association
(VABio)
Viscardia, Inc.
Vital USA, Inc.
Vomaris Innovations
VQ Orthocare
Vytronus, Inc.
W. L. Gore & Associates
Water Street Health Partners
Wenzel Spine
Winston-Salem Business, Inc.
Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce
Xidas, Inc.
Zenflow, Inc.
ZEPHYRx LLC
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer
Zimmer Biomet
ZOLL Medical Corporation