June 17, 2002

The Honorable Richard K. Armey
U.S. House of Representatives
301 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Armey,

On behalf of the undersigned national physician organizations, medical specialty societies, and state medical societies, we are writing to express strong support for H.R. 3897, the “Health Care Antitrust Improvements Act of 2002,” and to set the record straight about the legislation.

Opponents of H.R. 3897 recently circulated inaccurate and misleading propaganda about the impact the legislation would have on the health care market and patient care. The real facts, set forth in the attached document, demonstrate the benefits of this legislation for patients, physicians and all health care professionals.

After you have had the opportunity to review the facts, we hope you will cosponsor H.R. 3897.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Vascular Surgery
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
American Association of Clinical Urologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
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 Surgeons
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Osteopathic Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of General Surgeons
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Urological Association
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
National Association for Medical Direction of Respiratory Care
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of Critical Care Medicine

Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Alaska State Medical Association
Arkansas Medical Society
Colorado Medical Society
Connecticut State Medical Society
Medical Society of Delaware
Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Florida Medical Association
Medical Association of Georgia
Idaho Medical Association
Illinois State Medical Society
Indiana State Medical Association
Iowa Medical Society
Kentucky Medical Association
Kansas Medical Society
Louisiana State Medical Society
Maine Medical Association
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Massachusetts Medical Society
Michigan State Medical Society
Minnesota Medical Association
Mississippi State Medical Association
Missouri State Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nevada State Medical Association
New Mexico Medical Society
Medical Society of New Jersey
Medical Society of the State of New York
New Hampshire Medical Society
North Carolina Medical Society
North Dakota Medical Association
Ohio State Medical Association
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Oregon Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Rhode Island Medical Society
South Carolina Medical Association
Tennessee Medical Association
Texas Medical Association
Utah Medical Association
Vermont Medical Society
Medical Society of Virginia
Washington State Medical Association
West Virginia State Medical Association
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wyoming Medical Society

Attachment