

June 17, 2002

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

Letter sent to entire House of Representatives.

Dear Representative Arney,

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