

American
Medical
Women's
Association, Inc.

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The Honorable John D. Dingell
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, HR. 526 - SUPPORT

Dear Representative Dingell:

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), an organization representing over 10,000 women physicians and physicians-in-training nationwide, strongly supports the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, HR. 526. This bill goes far to secure quality medical care and full patient protection.

Critical health care decisions have increasingly been taken out of the hands of physicians and patients. AMWA has long advocated for increased health options and greater patient access to information - central tenets of this legislation. HR. 526 would ensure that all Americans receive the quality care they deserve by returning choice to the patient and his/her doctor.

AMWA is proud to endorse the Bipartisan Patient Protections Act of 2001 as an important step toward improving health care in the United States. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Melisa Lindamood, Director of Governmental Affairs at 703-838-0500.

Sincerely,



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