



CLINICAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

July 20, 2012

The Honorable Michael Grimm
United States House of Representatives
512 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Grimm:

As the President of the Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA), I am writing to you in support of H.R. 6118, the *Taking Essential steps for Testing Act* or TEST Act. This bill will provide CMS the discretion that is needed in working with laboratories, both hospital and independent labs, that may unintentionally refer a proficiency test specimen to another laboratory. If passed, H.R. 6118 will prevent these laboratories from having their CLIA certificates revoked causing wasted time and expense. These changes will allow our members to provide quality and accessible care for patients.

We greatly appreciate the support this bill will give to laboratories and the patients they serve. If CLMA can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodney W. Forsman".

Rodney W. Forsman
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About CLMA

CLMA ("the Clinical Laboratory Management Association") is an international organization with approximately 2,900 members throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. CLMA members are responsible for laboratories and clinical services in hospitals and healthcare networks, group practices and independent settings. Members are directors, managers and supervisors, industry managers, and healthcare executives and educators. CLMA and its members are dedicated to the provision of highest quality clinical laboratory services regardless of clinical setting.