



May 21, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joe Pitts
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Gene Green
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Pallone and Representatives DeGette, Pitts and Green:

I want to thank you for including a provision in the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6) exempting medical textbooks and peer-reviewed journals from burdensome reporting requirements. Section 3041 of your bill is critical to ensuring high-quality information gets in the hands of physicians to inform the best possible medical care for Americans.

Together with a wide range of organizations committed to ensuring the availability of peer-reviewed scholarly research, AAP-PSP sent a letter to Congressmen Burgess and DeFazio on February 27, 2015, in support of the Protect Continuing Physician Education and Patient Care Act, upon which Section 3041 is based. I have attached a copy of this letter for your reference to indicate the breadth of support for these provisions.

On behalf of countless medical researchers, physicians and the more than 38,000 Americans employed in scholarly publishing, we thank you for working to remove barriers that prevent physician access to the most current medical information. Your legislation will ensure that physicians are able to provide the best possible care to their patients through access to the highest quality publications in the world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Tagler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Cc: Representatives Michael Burgess and Peter DeFazio