



## Sound Policy. Quality Care.

January 23, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Chair, Finance Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chair, HELP Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Chairman Hatch, and Chairman Alexander:

The undersigned members of the Alliance of Specialty Medicine write to express our support for the recent appointment of Representative Tom Price to Secretary of Health and Human Services.

As a third generation doctor, Representative Price has a deep understanding of the effect healthcare policy can have on patients as well as physicians. We believe he will bring a wealth of knowledge to the position and be an important advocate for the health care community. Furthermore, his experience as Budget Committee Chairman provides additional awareness of policy changes that are both effective and fiscally responsible.

In his 12 years as a congressman, Representative Price has been a champion for physicians and patients. He has introduced several bills that seek to reduce government interference in the patient-doctor relationship. His voting record and willingness to listen to diverse health care stakeholders reveals a promising future for health care reform.

Like Representative Price, our organization is dedicated to fostering patient access to the highest quality care. We look forward to working with him to improve health care policy for specialty physicians and their many patients.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Echocardiography  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
National Association of Spine Specialists  
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