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The Honorable Bradley Schneider
300 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David B. McKinley, P.E.
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Schneider and McKinley:

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of physicians and other health providers during the public health emergency. The Alliance of Specialty Medicine represents more than 100,000 specialty physicians and is dedicated to the development of sound federal health care policy that fosters patient access to the highest quality specialty care. We write to express our strong support for **H.R. 315, the Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act**, which would extend critical financial relief to providers by delaying cuts to Medicare reimbursement during the public health emergency.

We appreciate that Congress acted to temporarily suspend the 2% Medicare sequestration cuts through March 2021. Your legislation is critical for providers struggling financially to focus on maintaining care for their patients during the pandemic, instead of their bottom-line. Our provider community continues to experience severe financial losses due to the drastic decreases in non-COVID-related and non-emergency care. Additionally, even though physician practices continue to experience significantly reduced patient volume, they have also incurred large expenses to ensure that they can safely accommodate patients in need of care.

We stand ready to work with you to prioritize enactment of H.R. 315.

Sincerely,

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American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American College of Mohs Surgery
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
American Gastroenterological Association
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
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