



June 25, 2020

The Honorable Brenda Lawrence  
United State House of Representatives  
2463 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20525

The Honorable Troy Balderson  
United States House of Representatives  
1221 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
United States House of Representatives  
2458 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Joyce  
United States House of Representatives  
1337 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Lawrence, Balderson, Joyce and Quigley

On behalf of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the professional organization that represents more than 9,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons (OMSs) in the United States, I would like to thank you for introducing the Small Business PPE Tax Credit Act (HR 7216), which would provide a tax credit to small businesses, including OMS practices, and nonprofit entities for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We greatly appreciate your leadership in recognizing the impact these additional and significant costs will have on small businesses as they reopen.

OMSs are the surgical specialists of dentistry who have played a crucial role during the COVID-19 pandemic in treating patients with dental emergencies in private facilities, keeping them away from hospital emergency rooms. OMSs across the country are beginning to reopen their practices after closing completely or limiting their practice to emergency-only dental care during the pandemic. To protect patients, their staff and themselves from the spread of COVID-19, OMSs are implementing enhanced infection control safeguards as called for in the updated Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, many OMS procedures generate aerosols – which can increase the risk of virus transmission – making additional infection control measures and PPE essential.

The cost of these health and safety efforts will have a considerable economic impact on their small businesses, and your legislation will help OMSs mitigate the increased cost of PPE that will be required to safely return to providing care to patients while also protecting themselves and employees.

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<sup>1</sup> [CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response](#), June 17, 2020

Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue facing OMS practices. If we can help your efforts, please contact Jeanne Tuerk, manager of government affairs, at 800-822-6637, ext. 4321, or [jtuerk@aaoms.org](mailto:jtuerk@aaoms.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor L. Nannini DDS FACS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Victor L. Nannini, DDS, FACS  
AAOMS President