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The Honorable John Fleming
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Dear Congressman Fleming:

As president of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the professional association representing more than 9,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons in the United States, I thank you for introducing the “Helping Save Americans’ Health Care Choices Act of 2015” (HR 3006). If passed, this important legislation would eliminate certain burdensome limitations on Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and flexible spending accounts (FSAs) to help consumers make better healthcare decisions and control their healthcare costs.

In the current health care environment, hundreds of thousands of Americans – many of whom are without access to dental insurance – rely on HSAs and FSAs to cover out-of-pocket dental care costs. Many dental procedures, including dental implants, which are provided by oral and maxillofacial surgeons and have a better long-term success rate when compared to other less costly teeth replacement treatments, can exceed the annual HSA and FSA contribution maximums set by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

In particular, the AAOMS supports language in HR 3006 to: (1) expand HSA availability beyond just those with high deductible plans; (2) increase the annual HSA contribution limit to \$6,450 per year for individuals and \$12,900 per year for families, and (3) repeal the annual contribution restriction on FSAs established in the Affordable Care Act.

At a time when out-of-pocket expenses for health care are experiencing a great deal of fluctuation, passage of the “Helping Save Americans’ Health Care Choices Act” is vital to ensuring that many Americans retain access to necessary dental care. The AAOMS is pleased to endorse this legislation and advocate in support of its enactment. If we can be of any assistance to you or your staff as you work to move HR 3006 through the legislative process, please contact Ms. Jeanne Tuerk of the AAOMS Governmental Affairs Department at 847/678-6200 or jtuerk@aaoms.org.

Sincerely,



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