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The Honorable Tom Price
U.S. House of Representatives
100 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Price:

On behalf of the 9,000 fellows and members of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), I thank you for introducing the “Medical Practice Freedom Act of 2015” (HR 3100). If passed, this important legislation will prohibit conditioning health care provider licensure on participation in a health plan or the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Meaningful Use program for the adoption of electronic health records.

As oral and maxillofacial surgeons, we understand the importance of ensuring that the federal government and states do not infringe on our ability to practice by requiring health care providers to participate in particular health plans or the Meaningful Use program as a condition of licensure. Health care providers must be able to have the freedom to make choices about the way in which they run their practices without fear of losing their licensure. To allow increased government intrusion into health care and the enforcement of such requirements would almost certainly diminish the quality of patient care.

Passage of the “Medical Practice Freedom Act of 2015” is an important step towards protecting health care providers, including OMSs, from unwarranted government intrusion into their practices. The AAOMS endorses this measure and we look forward to working with your staff to advance HR 3100. Please contact Ms. Jeanne Tuerk of the AAOMS Governmental Affairs Department at 847/678-6200 or jtuerk@aaoms.org if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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