

December 7, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and McCarthy:

On behalf of the undersigned surgical organizations, we urge Congress to pass the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act to mitigate the 2022 Medicare payment cuts.

The Medicare provisions in the legislative agreement take steps to address the urgent calls from surgeons by minimizing Medicare payment cuts starting in January. Providing relief from these significant cuts will help to stabilize the health care system while policymakers consider solutions to the ongoing structural problems with Medicare's broken payment system.

We urge Congress to follow-up on our earlier requests and take action, including hearings, towards developing a long-term solution in 2022. In the meantime, we urge immediate floor consideration and support for the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act.

Sincerely,

American College of Surgeons
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
American Society for Surgery of the Hand
American Society of Breast Surgeons
American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons