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The Hon. Bob Goodlatte, Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States House of Representatives  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

On behalf of the more than 50 domestic medical and healthcare professional liability (MPL/HPL) insurer members of PIAA, I am writing to commend you for your efforts to move the Protection Access to Care Act (H.R. 1215) through the Judiciary Committee.

PIAA is the insurance industry trade association that represents a full range of entities doing business in the MPL/HPL arena, including insurance companies, risk retention groups, captives, trusts, and other entities. PIAA members include MPL/HPL enterprises owned and/or operated by physicians, hospitals, health systems, dentists and oral maxillofacial surgeons, podiatrists, chiropractors, and healthcare providers such as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, CRNAs, and many others, as well as insurance carriers with a substantial commitment to the MPL/HPL line. PIAA members insure more than two-thirds of America's physicians in private practice, as well as dentists, nurses and nurse practitioners, and other healthcare providers, and they insure more than 2,500 hospitals nationwide.

We appreciate your willingness to continue working for much needed MPL/HPL reforms. H.R. 1215 adopts many of the time-tested reforms which have proven so effective in the states (including reasonable limits on incalculable non-economic damages, limitations on how much of a victim's award personal injury lawyers may claim, and periodic payment of future damages). These reforms produce tangible benefits for both healthcare professionals and the patients they serve. Furthermore, as the Congressional Budget Office has reported on many occasions, MPL/HPL reforms such as those included in the Protecting Access to Care Act will produce significant federal budgetary savings which will help reduce the federal deficit and thus benefit all taxpayers.

We thank you for your leadership and support of medical liability/healthcare liability reform, and, again, express our wholehearted support for passage of the Protection Access to Care Act by the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

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