

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 1, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eric Cantor
Majority Leader
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Whip
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
341 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, Whip McCarthy and Chairman Camp:

As the newest Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives, our constituents sent us to Congress to limit the size and scope of the Federal government. We support reducing government spending, lowering high unemployment, easing excessive regulatory burdens, and simplifying a tax code that discourages American businesses and manufacturers from creating jobs. We are especially concerned that the medical device tax included in the Affordable Care Act will make accomplishing these goals more difficult.

This tax, which will increase the total amount of Federal taxes paid by the medical device industry by 30 percent, already has caused medical device manufacturers to cut jobs, halt hiring, and delay or eliminate facility expansion, all to subsidize the President's health care law. There are over 8,000 medical device manufacturers in the United States, employing over 420,000 Americans. This tax, which took effect in January 2013, will raise nearly \$30 billion from America's medical device manufacturers, putting up to 43,000 high-paying U.S. jobs at risk.

The tax is severely hampering medical device innovation and patient access to new therapies and treatments. New diagnostic and treatment tools have increased life expectancy over past decades. That trend is in jeopardy as new investments in innovation will be limited due to the impact this tax will have on R&D budgets. As a net exporter of medical devices, this tax could cause America to lose its global leadership in the development of medical technology. We should not force Americans to look beyond our shores for life-saving and life-enhancing devices and therapies when those made by American manufacturers are the best in the world.

Representative Erik Paulsen of Minnesota has introduced H.R. 523, the Protect Medical Innovation Act, which would repeal this tax. To date, there are 259 bipartisan cosponsors of the bill, including 35 Republican freshmen. As the majority of Republican freshmen in the 113th Congress, we believe this is exactly the kind of bill we were elected to pass.

Chairman Camp has repeatedly identified the medical device tax repeal as something that he expects to include in tax reform. We strongly support repealing the medical device tax as part of that effort. We stand ready to work with House Leadership and Chairman Camp to repeal this tax this year and protect medical innovation, preserve patient access to care, and save American jobs.

Sincerely,



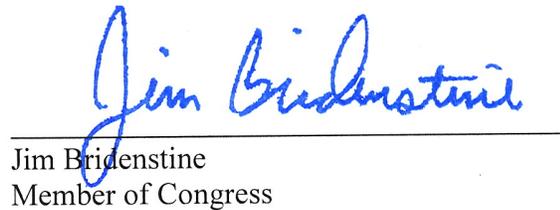
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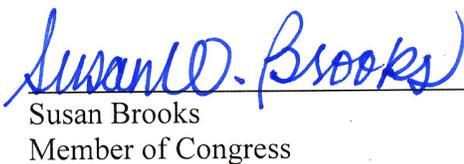
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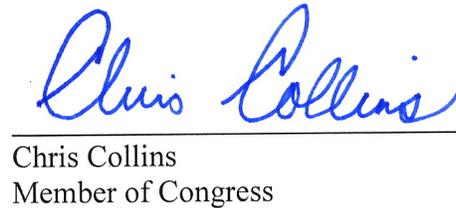
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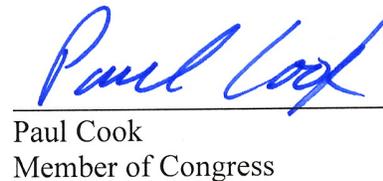
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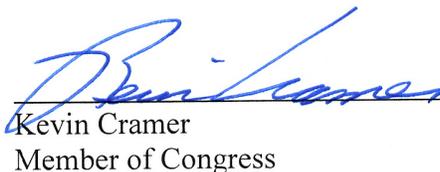
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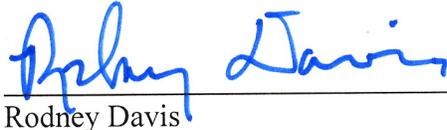
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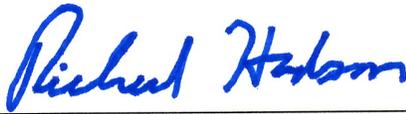
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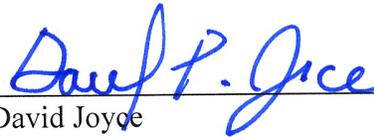
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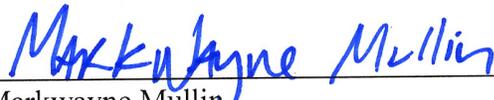
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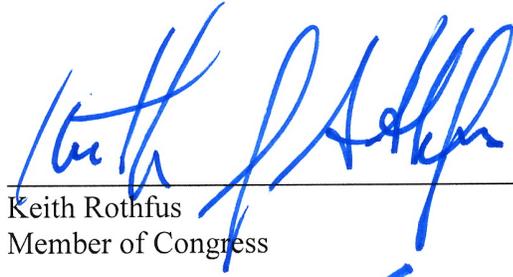
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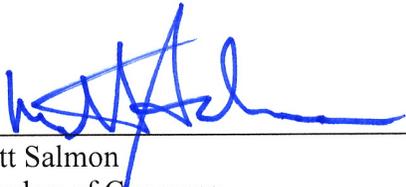
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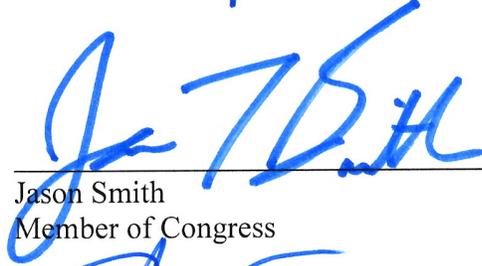
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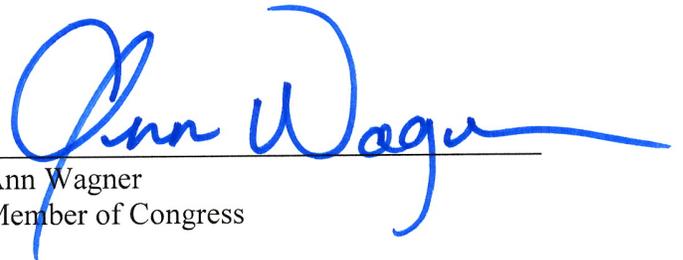
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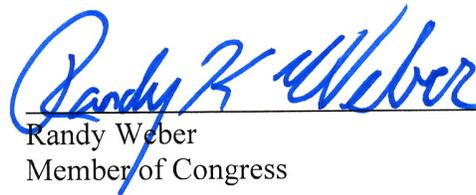
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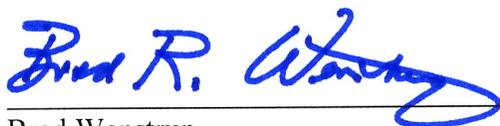
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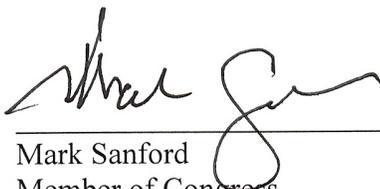
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