



August 10, 2026

The Honorable John Boozman, OD
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Peter Welch
United States Senate
115 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Marshall, MD
United States Senate
479A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Boozman, Marshall and Welch:

On behalf of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and our more than 60,000 cardiovascular clinicians and team members, I write to express our strong support for the ***Provider Reimbursement Stability Act*** (S. 5180).

The ACC is grateful for your bipartisan leadership in addressing the long-standing instability of the Medicare reimbursement system. The physician community has faced persistent Medicare payment cuts for years. In fact, when adjusted for inflation, Medicare physician reimbursement has fallen by more than 33 percent since 2001, while practice expenses have risen by more than 60 percent during the same period.

This bill would raise the existing \$20 million budget neutrality threshold to \$54.3 million, a threshold that has not been updated or adjusted since its creation in 1989. Equally important, this legislation would ensure this number is increased by the cumulative Medicare Economic Index no less frequently than every five years to keep pace with inflation. This would greatly enhance the ability for Medicare pricing adjustments for services without triggering across-the-board cuts.

Additionally, the ACC applauds your forward-thinking approach in requiring the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to update the direct cost inputs for practice expense relative value units at least every five years, while also limiting year-to-year changes to the Medicare conversion factor to no more than 2.5%. Together, these provisions promote greater stability for clinicians and help ensure continued access to high-quality patient care without the need for burdensome annual legislative intervention.

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Thank you for your bipartisan and thoughtful efforts to bring meaningful reform to the Medicare payment system for clinicians and patients alike. The ACC stands ready to assist you in advocating for this essential legislation. For any questions or additional information, please contact ACC's Associate Director for Legislative Affairs, John Kristan, at JKristan@acc.org.

Sincerely,



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April 10, 2026

The Honorable Greg Murphy, MD
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Suozzi
203 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Joyce, MD
2102 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bob Onder, MD
1113 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brad Schneider
300 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
200 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kim Schrier, MD
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robin Kelly
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Murphy, Suozzi, Joyce, Onder, Schneider, Panetta, Miller-Meeks, Schrier, and Kelly:

On behalf of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and our more than 60,000 cardiovascular clinicians and team members, I write to express our strong support for the ***Provider Reimbursement Stability Act*** (H.R. 8163).

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