



April 10, 2019

The Honorable Ron Kind
1502 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jackie Walorski
419 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Scott Peters
2338 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Hudson
2112 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Kind, Walorski, Peters, and Hudson:

On behalf of the Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), I am writing to express our strong support for the repeal of the medical device excise tax. Thank you for introducing H.R. 2207, the "Protect Medical Innovation Act" which seeks to permanently repeal the medical device excise tax.

HLC is a coalition of chief executives from all disciplines within American healthcare. It is the exclusive forum for the nation's healthcare leaders to jointly develop policies, plans, and programs to achieve their vision of a 21st century healthcare system that makes affordable, high-quality care accessible to all Americans. Members of HLC – hospitals, academic health centers, health plans, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, laboratories, biotech firms, health product distributors, post-acute care providers, home care providers, and information technology companies – advocate for measures to increase the quality and efficiency of healthcare through a patient-centered approach.

HLC supports healthcare innovation and believes that American ingenuity is critical to achieving a healthcare system that is more efficient, more effective, and of the highest quality. The medical device tax impedes America's leadership in healthcare. There is broad, bipartisan consensus among stakeholders that the medical device tax is harmful to medical innovation, patient care, and job creation. Full repeal of the device tax – instead of continued short-term suspensions – will unleash the potential of medical technology innovators to revolutionize the treatment of disease, better manage chronic health conditions, and improve the quality of life for millions.

Thank you again for your work on medical device tax repeal. HLC looks forward to continuing to collaborate with you on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Witchey at (202) 449-3435 or dwitchey@hlc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary R. Grealy".

Mary R. Grealy
President