



April 10, 2019

The Honorable Pat Toomey
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Toomey and Klobuchar:

On behalf of the Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), I am writing to express our strong support for S. 692, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act” which seeks to permanently repeal the medical device excise tax. Thank you for introducing this important legislation.

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 Witchev at (202) 449-3435 or dwitchev@hlc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary R. Grealy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" being the most prominent.

Mary R. Grealy
President

cc:

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
The Honorable Roy Blunt
The Honorable Bob Casey
The Honorable Mike Crapo
The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
The Honorable Deb Fischer
The Honorable Cory Gardner
The Honorable Chuck Grassley
The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
The Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
The Honorable James Inhofe
The Honorable Johnny Isakson
The Honorable Doug Jones
The Honorable Martha McSally
The Honorable Rob Portman
The Honorable Jacky Rosen
The Honorable Marco Rubio
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
The Honorable Tina Smith
The Honorable Thom Tillis
The Honorable Todd Young
The Honorable Roger Wicker