

June 12, 2020

The Honorable Phil Roe, M.D.
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lou Correa
1039 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 7059, the *Coronavirus Provider Protection Act*

Dear Representatives Roe and Correa:

On behalf of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), we are writing you in support of H.R. 7059, the *Coronavirus Provider Protection Act*, which will protect physicians from COVID-19 related medical liability lawsuits. As the largest association of plastic surgeons in the world, representing more than 7,000 members and 93 percent of all board-certified plastic surgeons in the United States, it is our responsibility to advance quality care and promote public policy that protects patients. Our top priority is to ensure that patients receive necessary services wherever and whenever they need our care.

Physicians across the country are putting themselves under increased risk during the public health emergency due to workforce shortages, limited access to medical supplies, and inconsistent clinical practice guidance from local, state, and federal agencies. Despite this, they continue to prioritize the care of their patients' health and well-being over their own. Your critical legislation would provide immunity from liability to health professionals and facilities for care provided in good faith during the public health emergency, covering acts or omissions that occurred while providing or arranging care, and for services that were within the physician's scope of licensure/certification, without regard as to whether the service fell within the usual scope of practice. H.R. 7509 will also provide a federal solution that will protect physicians from the patchwork of state medical liability laws.

ASPS strongly supports providing this targeted immunity to physicians caring for patients during the current public health emergency. We appreciate the continued efforts made by Congress during these challenging times, and thank you for your continued efforts to support physicians in serving our nation's patients to their fullest ability. Please don't hesitate to contact Patrick Hermes, Director of Advocacy and Government Relations, at phermes@plasticsurgery.org or (847) 228-3331 to request any additional information or with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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