

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD
U.S. House of Representatives
2336 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gene Green
U.S. House of Representatives
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Burgess and Green:

On behalf of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), which represents over 18,000 board-certified orthopaedic surgeons, I would like to express strong support for HR 648, The Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act, and HR 647, The Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act. These bills ensure that Americans have access to necessary medical services when they need it the most. The AAOS appreciates how important these bills are to ensuring the availability of needed trauma and emergency care.

The Access to Life Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act will provide critically needed federal funding to help cover uncompensated costs in trauma centers, support core mission trauma services, provide emergency funding to trauma centers, and address trauma center physician shortages in order to ensure the future availability of trauma care for all our citizens. The Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act will reauthorize the programs that provide grants to states for planning, implementing, and developing trauma care systems, and establish pilot projects to design, implement, and evaluate innovative models of emergency care systems. Together, these bills will save lives.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Julie Williams at the AAOS Office of Government Relations at jwilliams@aaos.org or 202-546-4430.

Sincerely,



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