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Congressman Michael C. Burgess 2336 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC20515-4326

Dear Congressman Burgess:

USPI supports H.R. 3120 as the increasing requirements of Meaningful Use continue to create barriers for our patients and physicians for high quality and low cost care. Meaningful Use currently is more focused on physician practices and acute care hospitals. There are many providers included in the longitudinal process of caring for patients that are significantly impacted by Meaningful Use but the current state does not adequately address the full scope of care. USPI operates surgical hospitals that must each year find increasingly costly workarounds to meet new requirements that apply to acute care hospitals and are not applicable in our environment. We are increasing our cost of care, impacting the quality and efficiency of care in order to check boxes that are not appropriate in our setting. MACRA is bringing a new set of needs for physicians practicing at our facilities that are not in alignment and are competing for resources with inpatient Meaningful Use. While we see the benefits of Meaningful Use there needs to be time to re-evaluate the requirements from a full scope of care perspective and the future of Meaningful Use should align for a complete longitudinal patient record.

Sincere Regards,

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