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**BIPARTISAN GANG OF 6 CALLS FOR REPEAL OF THE SGR**

**(Washington, DC)** – The undersigned organizations, representing over 700,000 physicians, commend the Senate Bipartisan “Gang of 6” for recognizing that reform of the Medicare physician payment formula – specifically a full repeal of the sustainable growth rate formula – must be included in deficit reduction legislation. Failure to recognize the impact of the SGR on the long-term financial health of the Medicare program would be to ignore one of the most pressing financial and health care policy issues facing our nation.

We look forward to learning more details of the proposal in the coming days and continuing to work with the many members of Congress from both chambers and both parties who are committed to resolving this issue once and for all.

American Academy of Dermatology Association (12,000)  
American Academy of Family Physicians (100,300)  
American Academy of Ophthalmology (18,000)  
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (18,000)  
American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery (11,000)  
American College of Cardiology (39,000)  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (21,000)  
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (2,500)  
American College of Physicians (132,000)  
American College of Surgeons (76,000)  
American Medical Association (220,000)  
American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (1,400)  
American Osteopathic Association (78,000)  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (10,000)  
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (2,800)  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons (6,000)  
American Urological Association (10,000)