



September 24, 2012

The Honorable Peter Roskam
United States House of Representatives
227 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Leonard Lance
United States House of Representatives
426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representatives Roskam and Lance:

As Executive Director of AdvaMedDx, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for introducing legislation that would take an important first step in modernizing the diagnostic payment system.

With over 75 member companies represented, AdvaMedDx represents one of the most dynamic and innovative sectors in the health care system. Diagnostics influence as much as 70 percent of health care decision making, and a new generation of diagnostics tests that provide insights at the molecular level is delivering on the promise of personalized medicine.

Your bills, H.R. 3497, the Modernizing Our Drug and Diagnostics Evaluation and Regulatory Network Cures Act, and H.R. 6446, Improving Diagnostic Innovations Act, both recognize the importance of diagnostic tests and their role in critical aspects of health care, including development of personalized medicine. Current Medicare payment policies for diagnostics need significant improvement, and these bills would modernize Medicare reimbursement to better recognize the contribution of modern diagnostics to quality of patient care and better health outcomes.

Both bills support further discovery and innovation in diagnostics and more timely access for those in need by streamlining the inclusion of new diagnostics in Medicare, and ensuring appropriate reimbursement for diagnostic tests.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that both bills gain wide support in Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fish'.

Andrew Fish
Executive Director