

May 25, 2022

The Honorable Larry Bucshon United States House of Representatives 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Scott United States House of Representatives 468 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Dr. Bucshon and Representative Scott,

On behalf of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) and our 9,000 members across the country, we write to express our strong support for H.R. 5510, the Truth in Healthcare Marketing Act. AAEM is the national organization representing board certified emergency physicians.

Your bipartisan legislation would strengthen the integrity of the medical profession, and increase the level of public trust in the U.S. healthcare system. We have witnessed the growing problem of misinformation in healthcare, many of which can be tracked back to individuals that are lying about their healthcare credentials. Victims of healthcare misinformation often end up in our emergency departments across the country.

In the digital age, the American public has access to an incredible amount of healthcare information. When this information is accurate, it can promote positive health decisions and facilitate productive conversations between well informed patients and their physicians. However, when this information is inaccurate it can have a disastrous impact on public health, particularly in the midst of a global pandemic.

We are confident that your legislation is good public policy that will enhance our healthcare system and help weed out the unprecedented levels of misinformation that exists in our society today. We are grateful to you for introducing this important legislation on behalf of our patients and our fellow medical professionals. We look forward to working with you and your staffs on this legislation, and feel free to reach out to me anytime at jsjonesmd@gmail.com should you be interested in using us as a resource for any further information.

Sincerely.

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