

November 18, 2010

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Begich
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Thune and Begich:

The 30 organizations listed below write in strong support of your proposal to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act regarding the applicability of identity theft (Red Flags) guidelines to creditors.

On November 9, 2007, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a final regulation implementing the FACT Act, which requires financial institutions and creditors to develop and implement written identity theft programs (Red Flags program). Neither the FACT Act nor the final rule issued by the FTC specifically mentions health care professionals as creditors. Nonetheless, the FTC has determined that health care professionals should be covered under this law and must implement a Red Flags program by January 1, 2011.

We look forward to working with your offices to pass legislation before January 1st, thereby reversing the negative impact this regulation would have on thousands of small health care providers nationwide.

Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry
Ambulatory Surgery Center Association
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Periodontology
American Association of Endodontists
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

American Association of Neurological Surgeons/
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Orthodontists
American Chiropractic Association
American College of Prosthodontists
American College of Radiology Association
American Dental Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Optometric Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Psychological Association
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
National Association of Social Workers
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Dental Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce