

March 23, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Request for Relief for Nonprofits and Other Tax-exempt Healthcare Organizations in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act):

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the undersigned osteopathic specialty and state organizations, and the more than 151,000 osteopathic physicians and medical students we represent, thank you for the steps you have already taken and will continue to take in order to protect Americans during the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Osteopathic physicians (DOs) are caring for patients on the frontlines of this pandemic. Our organizations work to support these physicians and their patients, not just during this unprecedented time, but throughout the year. We are writing to request the inclusion of financial relief for nonprofits and other tax-exempt healthcare organizations adversely impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Our associations provide Continuing Medical Education (CME), which ensures that physicians are providing high-quality evidence-based care at all stages of their careers, and is necessary for maintaining state medical licenses. We support medical students and physician practices, and serve as trusted resources for patients and policymakers. Unfortunately, many of our programs have been impacted by COVID-19.

While we are continuing our efforts to support physicians across our states and medical specialties, we are also navigating the impact of canceled meetings, conventions, and educational conferences.

This has led to the cancellation of numerous contracts, incurring potential financial penalties and revenue losses. All the while, we are continuing our efforts to support the healthcare community during this critical time.

As you complete your work on the CARE Act, we respectfully ask that the sections of the legislation which provide relief for small businesses include nonprofit and other tax-exempt organizations. Beyond the challenges associated with meeting cancellations and lost revenue, described above, our organizations also want to be able to provide any necessary sick leave for employees impacted by COVID-19 and also request inclusion in related provisions.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

American Osteopathic Association

Alabama Osteopathic Medical Association

American Academy of Osteopathy

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians

American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

American College of Osteopathic Internists

American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists

American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians

American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics

American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine

American Osteopathic Association of Prolotherapy Regenerative Medicine

American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine

American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Osteopathic College of Proctology

American Osteopathic College of Radiology

American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery

American Osteopathic Society of Rheumatic Diseases

American Osteopathic Society of Rheumatic Diseases

Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association

Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association

Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons

Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

Idaho Osteopathic Physicians Association

Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association

Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine

Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association

Louisiana Osteopathic Medical Association
Maine Osteopathic Association
Maryland Association of Osteopathic Physicians
Michigan Osteopathic Association
Minnesota Osteopathic Medical Society
Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association
Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
Montana Osteopathic Medical Association
New Hampshire Osteopathic Association
New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association
New York State Osteopathic Medical Society
North Carolina Osteopathic Medical Association
Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation
Ohio Osteopathic Association
Oklahoma Osteopathic Association
Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon
Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association
Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association
Texas Osteopathic Medical Association
Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association
Washington Osteopathic Medical Association
West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association