March 8, 2017

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chairman  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

The Honorable Richard Neal  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
1106 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Neal:

On behalf of the 161,000 members of the American Dental Association, thank you for your efforts to include the repeal of the Medical Device Excise Tax in the “American Health Care Act”.

Dental practices are primarily solo or small group practices. Not only are these practices economic engines for their communities, dentists and their employees are integral parts of their communities. This tax would have increased the cost of dental care in excess of $160 million. While the intent of the tax was to offset any windfall profit to device manufacturers, in fact, the tax was passed along to the dental office either directly as an additional tax itemized on the invoice or hidden in the base cost of equipment or supplies.

Please contact Mr. Chris Tampio in our Washington, DC office at 202-789-5178 or tampioc@ada.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Gary Roberts, D.D.S.  
President  

/s/  
Kathleen T. O’Loughlin, D.M.D., M.P.H.  
Executive Director

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