

July 22, 2020

The Honorable Mike Simpson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Simpson:

On behalf of our 163,000 members, the American Dental Association (ADA) is writing to thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of your fellow dentists in urging the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to open the Provider Relief Funds more broadly to dentists and not just those who participate in federal health programs.

As you know, dentists were severely impacted and are still recovering from this spring's pandemic-related restrictions and closures. The ADA, as one of the first to make the difficult choice at the onset of the pandemic, recommended a postponement of all elective procedures. Since then, we've seen the vast majority of dentists get back to work and re-open their practices in a safe and responsible way. Please also thank your hardworking staff for their efforts on this matter as well.

We again thank you for leading outreach efforts on this issue and in reaching out to HHS. Please contact Chris Tampio at [tampioc@ada.org](mailto:tampioc@ada.org) or (202) 789-5178 to facilitate further discussions.

Sincerely,

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