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The Honorable Sam Johnson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1211 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Johnson:

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the American Medical Association (AMA), I am writing to offer our support for H.R. 2027, the “Expanding Patients’ Access to Quality Care Act of 2013,” which would lift restrictions on physician-owned hospitals so that they can meet growing patient demand for high-quality care.

Physician-owned hospitals have been shown to provide the highest level of care to the patients they serve. Limiting the viability of physician-owned hospitals will only reduce patient access to care and have a destructive effect on the economy in communities these hospitals serve. The law’s existing restrictions on physician-owned hospitals put them at a competitive disadvantage, making it difficult for these care centers to respond to the health care needs of their local communities.

Your bill would ensure patient access to care by allowing physician-owned hospitals to expand and remain competitive, continue their solid record of providing the highest quality health care to patients, and contribute significantly to the communities they serve. We applaud your leadership on this matter and look forward to working with you to enact H.R. 2027.

Sincerely,

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