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Dear Friends in the Medical Community:

As we begin our work in the 112th Congress, I wanted to update you on the progress of an issue that I know is important to all of you in your professional lives.

As I campaigned over the past year, and as I've transitioned into my new office over the past few months, the state of health care reform continues to be a hot topic. I've spoken at length with medical providers about this issue, and the conversation always turns quickly to Congressional action on modifying the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula—also known as the 'doc fix'.

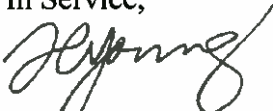
Most of you know that this past Wednesday the U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal the health care law enacted last year. While I voted in support of this repeal (which I also co-sponsored), I have also been a very strong supporter of replacing that law with new reforms. We must enact legislation that would not only lower the cost of health care and expand the number of individuals covered, but also respects the choice of individual patients and protects their relationships with their doctors. We must also address the 'doc fix' *once and for all* to ensure senior citizens still enjoy access to medical care without putting a financial strain on our health care providers.

That's why I'm pleased to report that on Thursday morning, I voted in support of a resolution (*H.Res. 9*) that instructs the House to begin the process of crafting legislative solutions to replace the flawed health care legislation we seek to repeal. These reforms are to focus on a number of areas that were not addressed in the initial law, including medical malpractice reform, lowering the cost of health care premiums, and protecting the sacred doctor-patient relationship.

In addition, we also amended this resolution to instruct the House to construct a plan for permanently fixing the SGR formula so that doctors no longer face uncertainty every few months about their Medicare reimbursements.

As we begin to debate these measures in Congress, I hope to receive input and feedback from many of you. We have some great Hoosier doctors and I look forward to learning more about how these issues affect you as we work through the legislative process.

In Service,



Rep. Todd Young

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