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Dear Dr. Urban and the ADA Board of Directors:

The American Academy of Audiology ("Academy") Board of Directors congratulates you on your legislative efforts resulting in the introduction of H.R. 5304, the "Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2014". As stated in prior communication with you and your board, the Academy fully supports efforts toward physician status for audiologists as this has been a long range goal of the Academy since its inception.

While the Academy board remains committed to H.R. 4035/ S. 2046 during this congressional session, we continue to evaluate the legislative and regulatory climate for changes that support complete autonomous practice for audiologists. This letter is to offer our endorsement of H.R. 5304.

The Academy board contends the reciprocal endorsement of our respective legislative initiatives sends a strong message to our memberships, the audiology community at large and members of Congress that the profession of audiology will only accept autonomous practice for audiologists. While the Audiology groups legislative discussion on August 14th did not result in a specific collaborative effort by the Academy, ADA and the American Speech Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), our board remains open to further discussion with ADA regarding such a legislative strategy in the future.

Best Regards,



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