



The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Dear Senator Grassley,

The National Physicians Alliance would like to sincerely thank you for continuing to monitor for appropriate implementation of the Physician Payment Sunshine Act after years of working for its passage. We strongly support your letter to the Office of Management and Budget, in which you expressed concern over OMB plans to remove the requirement for a publicly available website that would publish the financial conflicts of interests of federally-funded researchers.

The National Physicians Alliance was founded in 2005 to restore trust in the medical profession by refocusing medicine on our core values: service, integrity and advocacy. The NPA strictly refuses financial entanglements with the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries, and we encourage our members to do the same in their practices. We believe that patients should never have to doubt the motives of their doctors.

Again, we thank you for fighting with us to increase transparency and to reduce conflicts of interest between physicians and drug and medical device manufacturers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie A. Arkoosh".

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