May 26, 2015

The Honorable Susan A. Davis  
United States House of Representatives  
1214 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

On behalf of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the more than 110,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students we represent, thank you for introducing the “Medicare Diabetes Prevention Act of 2015” (H.R. 2102). This bipartisan legislation seeks to provide coverage through the Medicare program for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP).

As osteopathic physicians, we recognize the value of nutrition and exercise training and other lifestyle interventions in improving the health of our patients. Originating from a clinical trial at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National DPP can reduce the number of beneficiaries who develop Type 2 diabetes and dangerous and costly complications, including cardiovascular disease, stroke, blindness, lower-limb amputation, and kidney disease. Avalere Health last year estimated the savings from the National DPP over 10 years to the federal government at over $1.3 billion.

Again, thank you for introducing this important legislation. The AOA and our members stand ready to assist you in securing its enactment into law.

Sincerely,

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President