

March 25, 2019

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The Honorable Larry Bucshon, MD, FACS
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The Honorable Scott Peters
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
U.S. House of Representatives
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representatives Bera, Bucshon, Peters, and Mullin:

On behalf of the more than 80,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), I write in support of the *Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act*, H.R.

Increasing evidence indicates there is a current and growing shortage of surgeons available to serve our nation's population. This shortage of general surgeons is a critical component of the overall crisis in health care workforce. The ACS believes that Congress should recognize that only surgeons are uniquely trained and qualified to provide certain necessary,

to quality surgical care.

The ACS strongly supports the *Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act* and believes that determining what constitutes and defines a surgical shortage area is an important

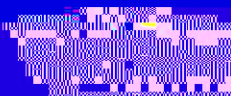


first step in ensuring access to high quality surgical care. Thank you for your efforts and continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



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