

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Attn: Health Legislative Assistant

Re: Medicare access to surgeons

Dear Senator Inhofe:

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