



April 13, 2011

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

On March 30, Senators Scott Brown (R-MA) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) announced that they will serve as co-chairs for a new Senate Medical Technology Caucus. As organizations that represent the interests of Indiana's medical technology sector, we encourage you to consider becoming a member of this caucus and to continue to be a supportive voice for growth and progress in this industry.

As you know, Indiana is considered a leading state in the medical technology field with the seventh highest concentration of medical technology employment in the United States. Indiana's medical device and medical technology sector includes more than 300 companies and employs over 20,000 Hoosiers in high-wage/high-skill positions. Employment has grown by nearly 30% from 2005-2007 and the average wage is 42% higher than the state average.

Recently, the medical technology industry has been challenged by changes implemented through health care reform and to the path to regulatory approval through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. We believe that Indiana needs to have a strong and educated voice in the discussions that directly affect so many companies, employees, and patients, across the state.

On behalf of the Indiana Health Industry Forum (IHIF), BioCrossroads, Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council (IMDMC), and OrthoWorx, we ask that you favorably consider participating in this legislative discussion and ensuring that Indiana remains a leading location to create and grow a medical technology corporation. We appreciate the support you have already demonstrated to the industry and our organizations stand ready and willing to support your interests and needs related to participation in the caucus.

Thank you.

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