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On behalf of the National Association of Dental Plans (NADP), I write to share our support for your introduction of H.R. 7216, the Small Business PPE Tax Credit Act. NADP is the largest non-profit trade association focused exclusively on the dental benefits industry. Our members provide dental HMO, dental PPO, dental indemnity and discount dental products to more than 200 million Americans.

NADP members are committed to assisting providers in the delivery of essential services and ensuring continuity of care in a safe manner for all dental consumers. To provide economic assistance to dentists, support the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and meet CDC guidance, carriers have implemented programs such as advance claims payment programs, provider relief and recovery funds, temporary PPE courtesy payments per patient visit, or increased reimbursement for certain procedures. This is often in addition to financial and other support programs carriers have implemented for employers who offer dental benefits coverage and individuals and families enrolled in benefits. Despite these efforts by the dental benefits industry to support providers and the resumption of dental care, some dentists continue to feel the economic impact of the pandemic on their businesses and experience difficulty finding and affording PPE.

We believe this bipartisan legislation will offer small businesses, such as dental practices, the ability to obtain PPE that is crucial to protecting themselves, their staff, and their patients against COVID-19 transmission. By providing a tax credit of up to \$25,000 to cover the cost of PPE, your bill will allow dental practices across the country to safely keep their doors open and provide oral health care to patients in a safe setting. We understand the financial difficulties dentist have faced this year, and H.R. 7216 will help lessen the burden.

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We appreciate your leadership on this issue to assist in the access of affordable PPE for dentists and their patients and stand ready to further these efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Teresa Cagnolatti at 972-458-6998 x111 or tcagnolatti@nadp.org.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

NADP Description:

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