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The Honorable Andy Barr  
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RE: H.R.2603– Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) is the world's largest association of plastic surgeons. Our over 7,000 members represent 94 percent of Board-Certified Plastic Surgeons in the United States. ASPS promotes not only the highest quality in patient care, but also in professional and ethical standards. Our members are highly skilled surgeons who improve both the functional capacity and quality of life for patients, including treatment of congenital deformities, burn injuries, traumatic injuries, hand conditions, and cancer reconstruction.

We thank you for introducing the Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act and for championing this important legislation which will improve the current medical liability climate in the United States. Medical liability reform will help achieve health system savings by reducing the incentives for defensive medicine, and it will also protect physicians from unaffordable liability premiums. Medical liability reform efforts in states such as California and Texas have shown that changes to the medical liability standards can help improve access to health care for patients, reduce runaway insurance premiums, and create a stable, predictable liability system.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on H.R.2603, the Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act, and looks forward to working with you to advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Hermes, Senior Manager of Advocacy and Government Affairs, with any questions – [Phermes@plasticsurgery.org](mailto:Phermes@plasticsurgery.org) or (847) 228-3331.

Sincerely,

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