

September 18, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

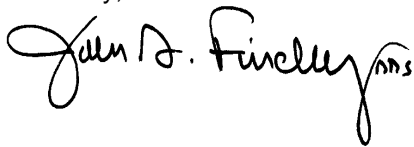
The American Dental Association (ADA) enthusiastically supports your "Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009," which would ensure that health insurance issuers and medical malpractice issuers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers. Please let us know how we can be of assistance in garnering additional support for this important legislation.

In addition, we think that its focus on increasing competition in the health and medical malpractice insurance markets makes it an appropriate component of health care reform. We encourage you to seek to include it in any health care reform measure that moves in the Senate, and we offer our support for that effort as well.

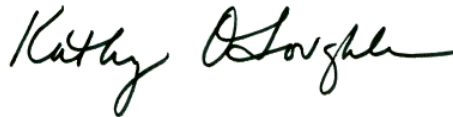
Requiring the health insurance industry to play by the same rules as other industries in our country will promote competition among health and malpractice insurance plans, benefitting both employers and individual consumers. The ADA believes that a fair and open market is the best means of ensuring the delivery of high quality and cost-conscious health care. Your bill effectively addresses the anticompetitive conduct that must be remedied to assure that purchasers of health insurance coverage can receive the full value of the coverage they seek in a fair and open marketplace.

Thank you for your efforts in this important matter. Ms. Jennifer Fisher at fisherj@ada.org or (202) 789-5160 will follow up with your staff to determine how we can support your effort.

Sincerely,



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President



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