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Senator Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins,

On behalf of the entire membership of the American Association Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), I applaud your introduction of the Dental Health Improvement Act (S. 3067). The AAOMS enthusiastically supports this legislation as we feel it is imperative that we keep the nation's dental workforce strong and increase patient access to dental care.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons complete residency each year with an estimated \$150,000 of debt. Loan forgiveness and faculty recruitment programs funded through the Dental Health Improvement Act will go far in helping to ensure there is a presence of oral and maxillofacial surgeons in underserved areas and in the dental education workforce.

The AAOMS looks forward to working with you to promote passage of the Dental Health Improvement Act. Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your introduction of this vital legislation.

Sincerely,

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President