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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), an organization of approximately 7,000 geriatric health care professionals who are specially trained in the management of care for frail, chronically ill older patients.

The AGS strongly supports the Elder Justice Act. We thoroughly agree with the bill's goal to decrease elder abuse through better coordinated systems, increased resources, and improved quality of patient care.

The AGS is particularly pleased with two important components of the bill. First, the bill develops new programs in forensic geriatrics to improve and expand detection efforts and disseminate expert research. Second, this bill would attempt to alleviate the current geriatric shortage through loan forgiveness programs for geriatric trainees.

We look forward to working with you on this significant issue. If you should have questions or comments, please contact Susan Emmer, Washington Representative with the American Geriatrics Society at 301-320-3873.

Sincerely,



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