



November 25, 2024

**The Honorable John Thune**  
Senate Majority Leader Elect  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Subject: Regulatory Relief Coalition Offers Heartfelt Congratulations on Leadership Election**

Leader Thune:

On behalf of the Regulatory Relief Coalition (RRC), a coalition of national physician organizations and our allies seeking to reduce regulatory burdens that interfere with patient care, we are pleased to extend our heartfelt congratulations on your election to Senate Majority Leader. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your years of leadership, strategic vision for our country, and commitment to serving your constituents and the American people.

As Senate Republican Whip, you have demonstrated remarkable skill in navigating complex legislative landscapes and uniting your caucus around shared goals. Your ability to foster collaboration while addressing the challenges facing our nation has set a high standard for leadership in Congress. Our coalition is particularly grateful for your continued leadership on the bipartisan, bicameral *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* (H.R. 8702/S. 4532) which has overwhelming congressional and stakeholder support.

As you assume the duties of this new role, we look forward to continuing our work together to pass meaningful legislation that enhance the health and wellbeing of all Americans. Your leadership will guide Senate towards tackling the urgent issues of our nation with resolve and collaboration.

Once again, congratulations and thank you for your leadership in advancing patient-centered improvements to prior authorization in Medicare Advantage. We stand ready to work with you and your exceptional staff to secure passage of the *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* this year. If you have any questions or would like to follow up, please contact Peggy Tighe at [Peggy.Tighe@PowersLaw.com](mailto:Peggy.Tighe@PowersLaw.com) or Natalie Keller at [Natalie.Keller@PowersLaw.com](mailto:Natalie.Keller@PowersLaw.com).

Sincerely,

**RRC Members**

American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

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RRC Allies

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