



January 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Crapo,

On behalf of the Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA), we congratulate you on assuming the chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee. We are grateful for your longstanding support of trauma centers, including 29 in Idaho, and look forward to working with you in the 119th Congress.

Trauma centers are specialized facilities equipped to treat critically injured patients from a wide range of incidents, including motor vehicle crashes, falls, gunshot wounds, and assaults. As you know, Levels One and Two trauma centers require substantial infrastructure, including operating rooms ready within minutes and 24/7 coverage by specialized trauma teams. The cost of maintaining this capacity is significant, but the life-saving care provided is indispensable.

In addition to treating patients, trauma centers also stabilize and transfer critically ill patients to higher-level facilities when needed. Lower-level centers must be well-equipped to handle these situations, ensuring that no patient is left without appropriate care.

I encourage you to support policies that ensure trauma centers, especially those at higher levels, continue to receive the federal funding and resources they need to save lives. We will be in touch with your staff in the coming weeks to share our priorities and greatly appreciate your support.

Thank you for your service, and I look forward to the positive impact your leadership will have on healthcare in our country.

Sincerely,

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