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Via Email: [Ryan.loke@georgia.gov](mailto:Ryan.loke@georgia.gov)

Honorable Governor Brian P. Kemp  
206 Washington Street  
111 State Capital  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**Re: Support for House Bill 888 (Out-of-Network Payment) and HB 789 (Health Plan Network Adequacy Disclosure)**

Dear Governor Kemp:

On behalf of the Georgia Association of Pathologists (GAP) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP), I am writing in strong endorsement of House Bill 888 and House Bill 789.

As a long time Georgia licensed physician (pathologist), and as the current President of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), I want to express my personal satisfaction that these important issues have reached legislative fruition and are ready for your signature. These bills are critical to ensuring a robust health insurance plan market with equitable payments for physicians. Importantly, both bills will help ensure that Georgia patients have access to in-network physicians, as transparently encouraged and induced under HB 789, and should patients still lack access to in-network physicians they will be financially protected under HB 888. These bills have the full support of the pathology community and merit your approval.

Thank you for your consideration of our position in support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Patrick Godbey, MD, FCAP  
President

cc: Matthew Fries, MD, FCAP, President, Georgia Association of Pathologists