



February 26, 2019

ODC Members,

We wanted to check in about the reintroduction of the RAISE Health Benefits Act, which has been a primary legislative objective of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) for the past two Congresses. The legislation was first introduced in the 114th Congress as a result of conversations that the AAO had with several Representatives, and has enjoyed bipartisan support in both the 114th and 115th Congresses. This RAISE Act would give families more control of their medical spending by making three key changes to flexible spending accounts: (1) increase the cap on annual contributions from \$2,700 to \$5,000; (2) allow families with more than two dependents to save an additional \$500 per dependent; and (3) eliminate the use-it-or-lose-it rule, so that families can roll over the entire amount of their FSA year over year.

Yesterday (Feb. 14), Sens. Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) reintroduced the bill. We expect Reps. Steve Stivers (R-OH) and Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX) to follow with House reintroduction in the coming days. We are encouraged that elements of the RAISE Act passed the House during the 115th Congress, and are hopeful that we can make it across the finish line during this Congress.

We have been asked to reach back out to all of you and seek your endorsement for the bill (draft letter attached). Please let us know if we can list your group as a supporter by February 21.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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