

Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ to Support the President's Medical Malpractice Reform

WHEREAS, A fair and efficient legal system free from frivolous and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant economy and access to affordable healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Rapidly increasing medical malpractice awards are driving up malpractice insurance premiums, reducing access to healthcare, and fueling the rapid growth in healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, frivolous medical lawsuits lead to hospitals closing their doors, doctors refusing to see new patients, and in some cases, forcing doctors to leave for other states; and

WHEREAS, Reasonable caps on damages protect patients from the rising costs of and diminishing access to healthcare that results from lawsuit abuse; and

WHEREAS, Victims who suffer losses -- not their attorneys -- should receive the majority of damage awards, and

WHEREAS, Lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote fairness for all parties; and

WHEREAS, Medical malpractice reforms enacting caps on damages, allowing for the inclusion of collateral source payments in jury considerations, and imposing time limits on filing of lawsuits will enhance access to healthcare, lower medical premiums, and lower the cost of healthcare; therefore be it resolved

RESOLVED, That the _____ (House/Senate) of the State of _____ requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United State Congress to support meaningful medical malpractice liability reform.

If you have any questions about this sample resolution, please contact Amanda Hydro at Americans for Tax Reform (202) 785-0266.