Dear Patient:

I’d like to ask your help in getting Congress to pass legislation that will improve the quality of diabetes care delivered in this country. The National Clinical Care Commission Act (H.R. 1192) has the full support of diabetes groups, such as the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and JDRF that are committed to improving the quality and effectiveness of care for patients with diabetes and the complications caused by the disease.

The bill establishes a Commission that will allow experts in the private sector to help the federal government address diabetes, pre-diabetes, and complications from those diseases, as well as metabolic and autoimmune diseases, in an effective and fiscally responsible manner. The Commission will make recommendations to Congress about new approaches to improve patient care and get the most for taxpayer money spent. The bill stipulates that the Commission is time limited and will use existing funds, so it will operate at no additional cost to the government.

Passage of this legislation will be a giant step in addressing the rising rates of diabetes in the U.S. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on November 14th; however, your help is needed to pass the National Clinical Care Commission Act (H.R. 1192). There is only a short time for the Senate to act on H.R. 1192 and it is critical for Senators to hear from constituents that this legislation is a priority and must be passed this year. Please take the following actions:

- Send a pre-written email to your U.S. Senators urging that they contact either the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Senate HELP Committee to quickly move H.R. 1192 to the Senate floor. This will take no more than 5 minutes and can be done by visiting the following link: https://www.aace.com/diabetesbill

- Call the U.S. Capitol (202-224-3121) and ask to be transferred to your two U.S. Senators. Identify yourself as a constituent and request that your Senator send a letter to, or speak directly to, Chairman Lamar Alexander (for Republican members) or Ranking Member Patty Murray (for Democratic members) of the Senate HELP Committee to quickly move H.R. 1192 to the Senate floor for a final vote.

- For more information on this issue, please go to http://www.aace.com

A message from your physician and the
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists