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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
511 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Todd Young
400 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell and Senator Young:

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) is pleased to offer support for S. 518, the Lymphedema Treatment Act. The Academy applauds the effort of this legislation to ensure access to vital compression garments for lymphedema patients seeking to improve and maintain daily function.

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is the national medical specialty organization representing more than 9,000 physicians who are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R). PM&R physicians, also known as physiatrists, treat a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. Physiatrists utilize cutting-edge as well as time-tested treatments to maximize function and quality of life. With appropriate rehabilitation, many patients can regain significant function, and live independent, fulfilling lives.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Reva Singh, Director of Advocacy & Government Affairs, at rsingh@aapmr.org or 847.737.6030.

Sincerely,



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