

STATEMENT OF
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, I AM JOHN C. KELLY, A PRACTICING FAMILY PHYSICIAN FROM RENO, NEVADA. I CURRENTLY SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS, WHICH IS THE LARGEST MEDICAL SPECIALTY ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH OVER 37,000 MEMBERS. SEATED WITH ME IS LESLIE HUFFMAN, WHO IS A PRACTICING FAMILY PHYSICIAN FROM GRAND RAPIDS, OHIO. DR. HUFFMAN IS THE SPEAKER OF THE ACADEMY'S CONGRESS OF DELEGATES AND FORMERLY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF OUR COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM.

WE ARE PLEASED TO BE PRESENT TODAY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE REGARDING COMMERCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS AS THEY RELATE TO THE ACADEMY'S LONG-STANDING CONCERN FOR INSURING THE CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PHYSICIANS. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE ACADEMY IS RECOGNIZED AS A PIONEER IN THE AREA OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT, AMONG ALL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING PHYSICIANS, WE WERE THE FIRST TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN ORDER TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP.