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The Honorable Tom Coburn
United State Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Coburn:

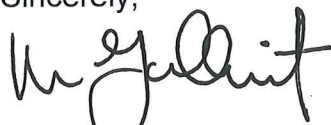
On behalf McBride Orthopedic Hospital in Oklahoma City, I would like to thank you for introducing the Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013. As a medium sized, physician-owned facility, we are all too aware of the costs that would come with HHS' mandated change from ICD-9 to ICD-10, and appreciate your support in fighting additional burdensome practices that will in no way improve patient care.

McBride Orthopedic Hospital serves a diverse community of Oklahoma City and its surrounding rural areas. We are proud to have received top rankings both state and nationwide for joint replacement surgeries and care, and have received the Press Ganey Summit Award for ranking in the top 5% for patient satisfaction 3 years in a row.

As you can imagine, our resources are strained as we work to keep up with changing federal rules regarding coding, electronic health record implementation, as well as the Medicare auditing process. The transition to ICD-10 is a considerable undertaking. It would mean new training for our staff, and changes in the way claims are processed for our patients. The Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013 will save facilities like ours significant financial resources (estimates for the cost of transitioning from ICD-9 to ICD-10 start at more than \$80,000), and will allow us to devote more time and effort to our ultimate mission—outstanding patient care.

Again, we thank you for your interest in this issue and offer you our assistance and support as the Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013 moves forward. We appreciate the work you continue to do on behalf of the people of our great state.

Sincerely,



Mark Gallart
Chief Executive Officer
McBride Orthopedic Hospital