

Dear [INSERT STATE SOCIETY NAME] MEMBERS:

The AAOS and [INSERT STATE SOCIETY] urge you to take immediate action on the “**Access to America’s Orthopaedic Services Act Of 2009**” (H.R. 1021) **by writing your Representatives in Congress and asking them to sign on as a cosponsor of this important legislation.** It is vital that the orthopaedic community engage elected officials in order to obtain as many cosponsors as possible and to demonstrate strong support for orthopaedic policy priorities.

H.R. 1021 , “Access to America’s Orthopaedic Services (AAOS) Act of 2009”, was introduced on February 12, 2009, in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Gene Green (D-TX) and Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX). This bipartisan legislation focuses on musculoskeletal diseases and conditions. A summary of the bill as well as the bill itself are attached for your reference.

H.R. 1021 will not only focuses on advancing orthopaedic care, research and public awareness of musculoskeletal health, but by raising the profile of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons on Capitol Hill, it will help us have a stronger impact on other issues, such as Medicare reimbursement and health care reform. Increasing the number of Congressional cosponsors is integral in moving the AAOS Act forward, and we believe you and other state society members will be crucial in accomplishing this goal.

The time to act is now. Absent your efforts to contact your Member of Congress, the AAOS Act will get lost in the legislative shuffle. Only your request will make sure that your Member of Congress considers signing on as a cosponsor of H.R. 1021. [Click here to send a message to your Representative urging them to sign on to H.R. 1021.](#) Your participation counts!

[Click here](#) for more information on the “**Access to America’s Orthopaedic Services Act Of 2009**” or contact the Washington, D.C. office at 202-546-4430.

Sincerely,  
[STATE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR PRESIDENT]