

OPEN LETTER TO FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

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Donald H. Polk, DO
Chairman
Federation of State Medical Boards

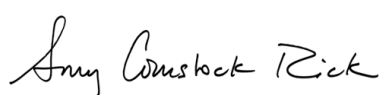
Dear Dr. Polk:

Last weekend, over the objections of dozens of patient groups, employers and telemedicine companies, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), under the leadership of your predecessor, approved a flawed model telemedicine policy that was drafted by a limited group of stakeholders involved in this important issue.

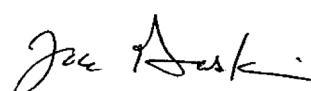
We are writing today to request that in your new role as the Chairman, you appoint another working group to review FSMB's model telemedicine policy. This time, we hope the FSMB will invite patient and employer groups like ours, who are the users of telemedicine, to express our views on its regulation.

We respect the FSMB's role as regulators and understand you seek to protect patients. However, we believe the policy approved last Saturday did not account for many of the safe, secure ways patients are accessing health care today, including "audio-only" telephone. We hope we can come together to help you and your members understand these important technologies and their impact on patients' lives. Our mutual goal is patient access to safe, secure telemedicine and this may be thwarted if the existing policy is allowed to stand.

Sincerely,



Amy Comstock Rick, J.D., CEO
Parkinson's Action Network



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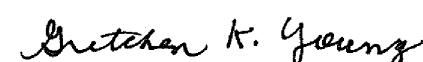
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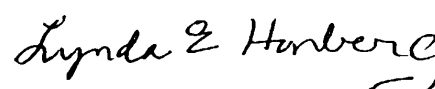
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