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Dear Senators:

Our organizations represent more than 415,000 physicians and medical students serving on the front lines of health care. As the nation's frontline physicians, who care for patients in rural, urban, wealthy and low-income communities, and are the foundation of the American health care system, we strongly oppose any political interference in the practice of medicine. To that end, we urge you to oppose cloture on S. 311 and S. 3275.

These bills inappropriately threaten criminal penalties to physicians and jeopardize access to care for our patients. Physicians must be able to practice medicine that is informed by their years of medical education, training, experience, and the available evidence, freely and without threat of criminal punishment.

We call on policymakers to partner with us to advance policies that protect the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship and oppose interference with it. Please vote NO on S. 311 and S. 3275.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American Psychiatric Association