

## United States Senate

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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden,

Congratulations on your new position as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. I look forward to working with you in this role. I was pleased to hear your recent comments regarding the impact the medical device tax has had on jobs and innovation. As you may know, repealing the 2.3 percent excise tax on medical devices is one of my top priorities.

Already, the tax has negatively impacted innovation and has limited job creation at a time when we should focus on protecting American jobs and strengthening the recovering economy. Some have argued that the tax has already cost the United States as many as 165,000 direct and indirect jobs connected to the device industry. Indiana is home to many innovative medical device companies, which collectively employ 20,000 Hoosiers. I have seen first-hand the effects of the tax on my state, where a number of companies have foregone expansion and others have contemplated moving jobs outside the United States.

I support tax policies that promote American jobs and innovation, and I look forward to working with you and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address this important issue.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly  
United States Senator