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American Academy of Audiology
Attn: Deborah Carlson, Ph.D.
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Dear President Carlson and Board of Directors,

This letter is intended to support the American Academy of Audiology Direct Access Initiative and is written on behalf of the members of the Alabama Academy of Audiology (ALAA). Per the board of directors of ALAA, our academy strongly supports this policy which would allow for audiologists to complete diagnostic assessments without the need for a physician's order to do so.

This year's annual ALAA convention is slated for October 10 -12, 2013 and we fully intend to encourage our members to become in involved in advocacy of this initiative and the legislation once it has been introduced.

We thank you for your continued perseverance of enhancing the profession of Audiology as well as providing more accessible quality audiologic services to our patients.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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