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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Robert Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Leahy, Chairman Goodlatte, Ranking Member Grassley, and Ranking Member Conyers:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 115,900 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write to express our support for the *Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act* (H.R. 4771/S. 2012). Furthermore, we call on Congressional leaders to bring this legislation swiftly to the Senate and House floors before the end of the year so that these needed reforms may be signed into law and implemented as soon as practicable.

This legislation is an important step in preventing anabolic steroids from being sold as legitimate dietary supplements. The AAFP recommends the use of drugs, including anabolic steroids, for intended medical purposes and not for the enhancement of athletic performance. So called “designer steroids” are created so that they are not on the DEA’s current list of controlled substances, and can be “legally” sold to the public. This legislation gives the DEA the tools it needs to stop this practice and protect the health of the public.

Family physicians are committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of our patients. We are ready to work with you to help move this important legislation to passage. If the AAFP can be of assistance, please have your staff contact Mark Cribben at [mcribben@aafp.org](mailto:mcribben@aafp.org) or 202-232-9033 ext. 2532.

Sincerely,

Reid B. Blackwelder, MD, FAAFP  
Board Chair

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