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The Honorable Randy Forbes
U.S. House Representatives
2135 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Forbes:

You recently received a letter from Fred Lampropoulos, Chairman & CEO of Merit Medical Systems encourage your support of efforts to repeal the 2.3% medical device tax. In that letter, Mr. Lampropoulos indicated that I would be contacting your office to request your assistance in encouraging your colleagues to support repeal of this tax.

I appreciate your help in this matter and your support for repealing the tax.

In working with other U.S. device manufacturers and industry representatives, we have identified a number of your colleagues who are on the fence about their support of HR 160 by Congressman Paulsen. These include a number of your colleagues with whom you serve on the **House Armed Services**:

Rep. Jim Bridenstine (R-OH)
Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL)
Rep. John Fleming (R-LA)
Rep. Chris Gibson (R-NY)
Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC)
Rep. Richard Nugent (R-FL)
Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA)
Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA)
Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)
Rep. Gwen Graham (D-FL)
Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)
Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ)
Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)
Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA)
Rep. Mark Takai (D-HI)
Rep. Timothy Walz (D-MN)

Because of Merit's limited reach into states in which we have facilities (Utah, Texas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts), your assistance will be critical in helping us secure the support necessary on HR 160.

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping build support for HR 160!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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