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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senate  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Doug Jones  
United States Senate  
330 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Capito and Jones,

On behalf of the more than 82,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), I write in support of S. 3067, the *Non-Opioids Prevent Addiction in the Nation (NOPAIN) Act*. This legislation will incentivize the use of non-opioid alternatives and local infusion techniques used prior and during operative procedures, therefore allowing surgeons to improve pain control for their patients.

The use and abuse of both prescription and illicit drugs has increased dramatically in recent years and has become a major public health concern. Given the inherent risks of opioids, including dependence and other adverse drug events, surgeons have a responsibility to minimize their patients' postoperative pain while addressing the societal imperative to avoid overprescribing. There is strong support for the increased use of opioid alternatives, but the lack of financial coverage inhibits routine use. This legislation removes the financial barrier by raising the payment for non-opioid pain treatments.

ACS believes this legislation will improve patient safety, quality of care, and continue to counter the opioid epidemic. Thank you for your efforts and leadership on this issue, ACS strongly supports the *NO PAIN Act*.

Sincerely,

David B. Hoyt, FACS  
Executive Director