October 6, 2014

The Honorable Renee Ellmers  
House of Representatives  
426 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ellmers,

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN), representing more than 28,000 neurologists and clinical neuroscience professionals dedicated to promoting the highest quality patient-centered neurologic care, applauds the introduction of H.R. 5481, the Flexibility in Health IT Reporting (Flex-IT) Act of 2014.

Your bipartisan legislation would adjust the Meaningful Use program reporting timeline to give providers the option to choose any three-month quarter for EHR reporting in 2015 rather than require a full 365-day attestation. This is critical because few eligible healthcare professionals have demonstrated the ability to meet Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements as they currently stand.

Your bill would give hundreds of thousands of providers the time necessary to meet Stage 2 requirements in an effective and safe manner. Your efforts help ensure the long-term vitality of the Meaningful Use program and its goals of enhanced system interoperability and care coordination.

We applaud and thank you for taking a leadership role on this critical issue. Please contact Derek Brandt at dbrandt@aan.com or (202) 506-7477 if you have questions or would like additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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