



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20515

January 27, 2017

Joe Kiani
Founder and Chairman
Patient Safety Movement
52 Discovery
Irvine, California 92618

Dear Joe:

I am sorry I could not join you at the Fifth Annual World Patient Safety, Science and Technology Summit. I would like to thank you and commend all of the ongoing work of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation toward the goal of eliminating preventable deaths in our hospitals by 2020.

Patient safety is a critical, bipartisan issue and I believe that with increased transparency in the health care marketplace, as well as a constructive dialogue in Congress, we can improve the quality of care for all Americans. This includes the goal of eliminating preventable deaths caused by medical errors. I share your belief that errors are a part of human nature but it should not stop us from putting in place processes that can help prevent errors from becoming fatal. By continuing to work together with hospitals, health care professionals, technology companies, and patient advocates we can develop and implement new processes to reach the goal of zero preventable deaths in hospitals by 2020.

I wish you a successful upcoming summit and look forward to working with you to advance patient standards for Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik Paulsen".

Erik Paulsen
Member of Congress