“As a result of excellent physicians and innovative medical technology, I am able to enjoy life with my family, always thankful for the medical technology that saved my life. It’s time to repeal the medical device tax so companies can continue investing in R&D and create life-saving technologies for patients who need them.”

In 2014, Preston Anderson was enjoying a day off from work exercising on the elliptical machine at his local gym when he felt a sudden pressure in his chest. Since he was more than 20 minutes into his workout, he initially blamed the chest pressure on fatigue and continued exercising. But after a short while, the pressure and pain were too great. After returning home, he called emergency services and was transported to the hospital. Doctors immediately discovered he was having a heart attack and performed a catheterization procedure to relieve the blockage and insert a stent into his artery.

The surgery was a huge success and after 2 days in the hospital, Preston returned home feeling better than he had in months. He immediately implemented life changes and began cardio rehabilitation to strengthen his heart and his body. Preston is thankful today for the swift action taken by the healthcare providers and the minimally invasive medical technology that saved his life. He is mostly thankful for his friends, his family, and for the second chance at life that he now has thanks to medical technology.

someone you know is counting on research and development to bring to life the next breakthrough in medical progress. With an aging population, people with disabilities living longer lives, and chronic disease rates growing at faster rates, now is the time for more—not less—resources to advance cures and treatments that help people live healthier, longer, and more independent lives.

That’s why patients, patient advocates, leading voices in the disability community, and research organizations oppose the medical device tax. Taxing medical innovation doesn’t make sense, but helping people recover and get back to their home, family, or job does.