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The Honorable William Thomas
Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1136 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Thomas:

On behalf of the National Orthotics Manufacturers Association, the national association representing the interests of manufacturers of high quality orthotics and orthopedic devices, we support Medicare competitive bidding only as it relates to orthotics defined as "off the shelf" in the House GOP Medicare Outpatient Drug Benefit Bill.

Very truly yours,



W. Jim Johnson III
President