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To: House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairman Wally Herger (R-CA) and Oversight Subcommittee Chairman Charles Boustany, Jr, MD (R-LA)

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Subject:

Hearing on AARP's Organizational Structure and Finances

Dear Sirs,

I want to thank you so much for holding this hearing. As a retired health care executive, I say that it is about time that someone got the facts and looked into this organization.

I was a member from when I turned fifty in 1996 until their support for Obama Care. I cancelled my membership after this support, as I became convinced that their purported reason for being "supporting and advocating for seniors" was not in fact what they were doing.

It was obvious, at least to me, that there is a substantial conflict of interest in their stand and support for health care reform and that the use of the funds that I was paying in dues were being used for reasons other than supporting seniors. As I looked further into their operations from my limited point of view, it is clear that they are supporting socialist agendas that have nothing to do with an aging population. I feel as if I was misled about their stated goals all of these years. I admit to being naive for having blindly subscribed to an organization that so blatantly is a for profit organization whose agenda is clearly profits. They have lied to the public with their advertizing and do not clearly identify and explain in advance their true mission. Further, it appears that spending in this organization is out of control and far exceeds both in salaries, benefits and expense reimbursement what you would expect from a non-profit organization. I hope that you will delve deeply into where all these funds are going and expose this organization for what they really are.

I can only hope that if they get any tax dollars that it be stopped and at the very least that their tax exempt status is revoked.

I am not the only person I know who has cancelled their membership. It would be nice to know exactly how many seniors they lost as a result of what was their partisan support for President Obama and his progressive agenda. It is bad enough the financial burdens we seniors as well as others have had to endure during the last several years without having an organization like this, who are supposed to watch out for our interest turn against us.

Thanks again for looking into this matter and really protecting the interest of seniors.

Respectfully,

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