

November 19, 2003

The Honorable Bill Frist  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Dr. Frist,

On behalf of the **Polycystic Kidney Disease [PKD] Foundation**, the only organization, worldwide, solely devoted to programs of biomedical research, patient education, public awareness and advocacy for 600,000 Americans who suffer from polycystic kidney disease, we commend you for your efforts to forge a bi-partisan agreement on legislation that takes an important first step in modernizing the Medicare program and gives Medicare beneficiaries access to needed outpatient prescription drugs.

While we look forward to reviewing the details of the House/Senate conference agreement, based on our understanding, this legislative package will provide Medicare beneficiaries much needed prescription drug coverage under the new Part D prescription drug program, including coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for elderly and disabled transplant patients.

We encourage the Members of the House and Senate to vote for this legislation, which is important to many, who are afflicted with PKD, and we look forward to helping you achieve passage of the conference report.

Sincerely,

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