Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Marilyn Tavenner
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Dear Administrator Tavenner:

Thank you for your March 10, 2014 letter informing Members of Congress of your decision to hold back several concerning policies in the Medicare Parts C&D proposed rule from January. We were pleased to see the administration join us in hailing the successes of Part D program, with due credit given to the competitive nature of the program. We look forward to continuing to work with the administration on ways to improve, where necessary, the Part D program for America's seniors.

While your letter provides a temporary reprieve, the release of the proposed 2015 Parts C&D Call Letter and Rate Notice has also raised renewed concerns. Part D bids for 2015 are due in just over two months, and it is likely that seniors' access to much needed medications will suffer with the uncertainty caused by this proposed Call Letter.

The proposed Call Letter has several provisions that will cause just as many problems as those controversial provisions in the proposed rule. In particular, updated requirements for enhanced alternative plans may force Part D sponsors to eliminate plans, with the likely consequence that many seniors will lose the health care plan they currently have and like.

The first step in averting this uncertainty is to ensure that the previously-rejected provisions in the original rule are not *de facto* finalized through provisions in the 2015 Medicare Parts C&D Call Letter.

As shown with our previous correspondence to you and Secretary Sebelius, we will continue to stand up for America's seniors to protect the Part D program from alteration through unnecessary and intrusive changes made by the administration. We ask that you provide us with additional clarity on the policies from the Call Letter you

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plan on finalizing and what policies you will withdraw in conjunction with your March 10 letter.

Thank you in advance for your timely and prompt response.

Sincerely,

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