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Representative Charles Rangel, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Henry Waxman, Chair
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Rangel and Waxman,

The Alliance for Retired Americans, on behalf of its more than three million members throughout the nation, supports your legislation, the Medicare Premium Fairness Act, H.R. 3631, and we urge its prompt passage by the House of Representatives.

Your legislation will protect members of the Alliance and all older Americans from unfair increases in their 2010 Medicare Part B premiums. Without enactment of this legislation, more than 10 million Medicare Part B beneficiaries will see their premiums increase even though they will not receive a Social Security cost of living increase in 2010. Many of those affected by this change are low income beneficiaries who would be particularly hard hit without this legislation. In addition, Alliance members who are new enrollees to Medicare would also be adversely affected as well.

Passage of the Medicare Premium Fairness Act is necessary to protect older Americans from unfair Medicare Part B premiums. If we can be of assistance, please contact Richard Fiesta, Director of Government and Political Affairs, at the Alliance. The Alliance for Retired Americans is committed to enacting legislation that improves the quality of life for retirees and all Americans.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward F. Coyle".

Edward F. Coyle
Executive Director