

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
H-323, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
H-204, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Democratic Minority Leader Pelosi:

As budget negotiations continue, we urge you to keep in mind the fourteen million Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and oppose further cuts to the program.

Medicare Advantage serves our constituents well, particularly those with high rates of chronic disease. MA plans are proven to contain costs and improve enrollee health outcomes by focusing on prevention and disease management, which reduces the need for unnecessary hospitalizations.

We are concerned that recent policy changes have jeopardized the stability of Medicare Advantage. The MA program faces cuts of \$25.4 billion in 2014 alone due to:

- Over \$200 billion (over ten years) in Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicare Advantage rate cuts;
- \$2.5 billion in cuts as a result of the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA) of 2012;
- A 2 percent cut as a result of sequestration;
- A 2.4 percent cut due to the ACA health insurance tax;
- Additional impact from cuts due to the MA risk adjustment changes in CMS' 2014 final rate notice

These cuts are already resulting in fewer benefits and plan options, higher premiums and co-pays, and more limited provider networks. The outlook for the MA program looks worse in 2015 and beyond as the phase-in of the ACA's funding cuts continues and the Quality Bonus Demonstration Program ends.

Medicare Advantage beneficiaries should not be forced to shoulder any further funding cuts to the program. We respectfully ask you to join us in working to protect the seniors and individuals with disabilities who are enrolled in MA plans from additional cuts.

Sincerely,

  
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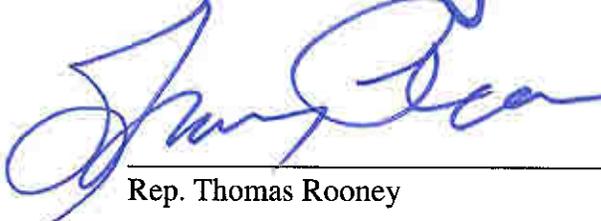
  
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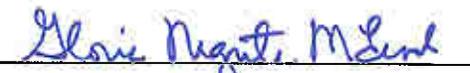
  
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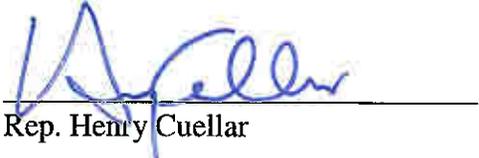
  
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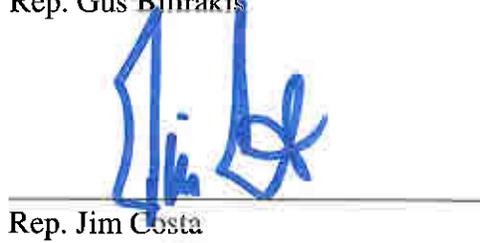
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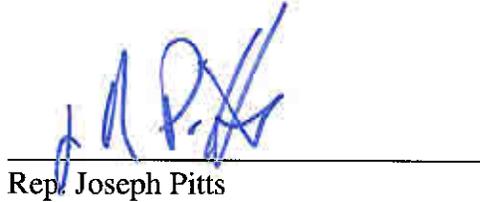
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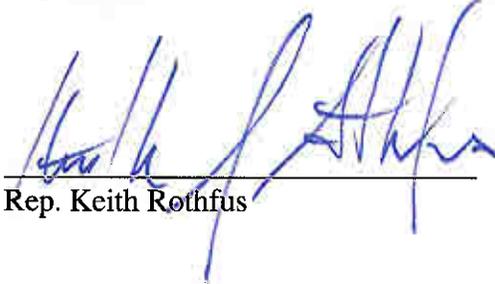
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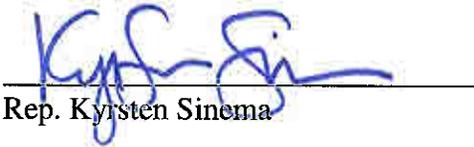
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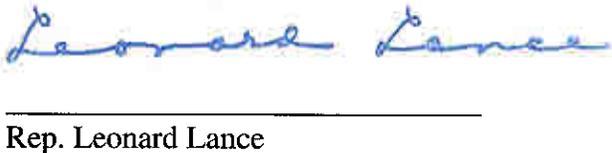
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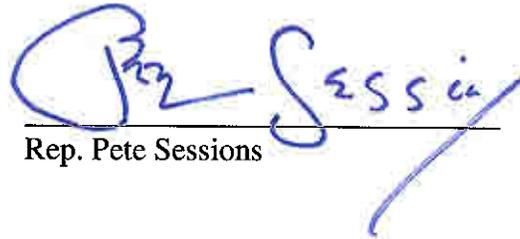
  
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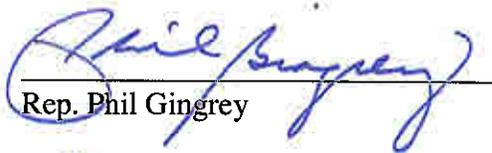
  
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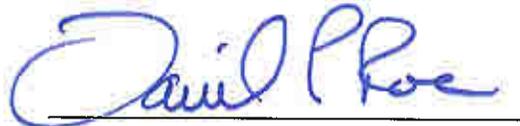
  
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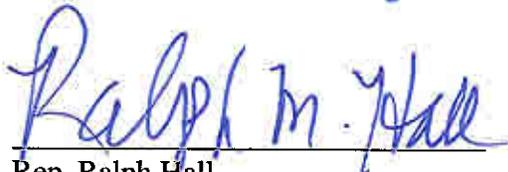
  
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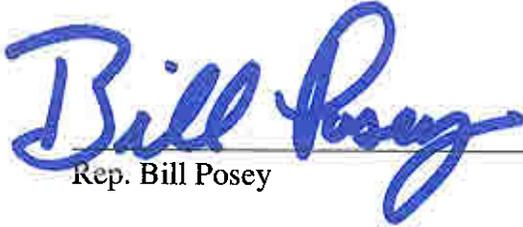
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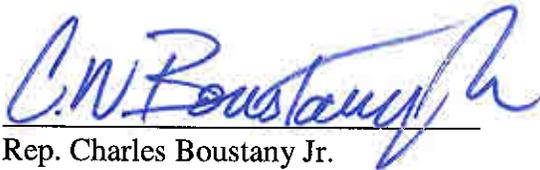
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