## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

July 11, 2006

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt Secretary US Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201-0004

Dear Secretary Leavitt,

We write in support of the requested extension of Wisconsin's SeniorCare program, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2007.

As you know, SeniorCare is a Pharmacy Plus waiver that provides over 110,000 Wisconsin seniors with their prescription drug coverage. SeniorCare provides participants with affordable prescription drugs, helping them lead healthy lives. Additionally, SeniorCare has been shown to produce significant cost savings to the federal government through reduced Medicaid payments.

We were pleased that, due to your approval, SeniorCare was allowed to continue after the launch of the Medicare Part D program on January 1, 2006. SeniorCare continues to be a popular program in Wisconsin, with enrollment surging by over 25 percent in the last year.

We understand that an extension of the current SeniorCare Pharmacy Plus waiver was requested on June 29, 2006. We urge you to support this request, so that SeniorCare may continue its proven success. Thank you for your attention to this vitally important program.

Sincerely,

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