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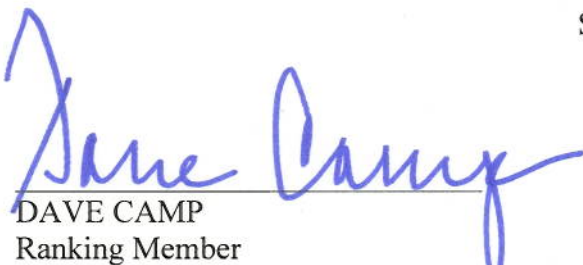
The Honorable Sander M. Levin
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Committee on Ways and Means
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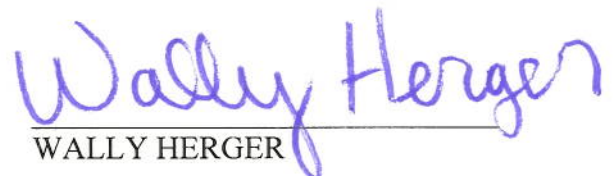
Dear Chairman Levin,

As you know, the independent, nonpartisan actuaries at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released their analysis of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (P.L. 111-148) and the "Health Care Education Reconciliation Act" (P.L. 111-52). We are particularly concerned that they predict the bill will increase – rather than decrease – national health spending, the \$575 billion in Medicare cuts could jeopardize access to care for beneficiaries, millions of Americans will lose their current health plan, and long wait lines could result from a shortage of doctors and hospitals.

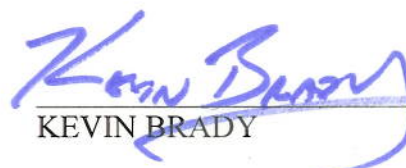
We respectfully request that the Full Committee hold a public hearing to allow Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary at CMS, to testify and be questioned about the analysis. There is ample precedent for the CMS Actuaries to testify before the Committee about their analysis of major pieces of legislation. You may recall that Mr. Foster testified in 2004 about the Office of the Actuaries' cost estimate for the Medicare Modernization Act after it had become law. Given the importance of this report, we urge you to hold this hearing before Congress breaks for the Memorial Day Recess.

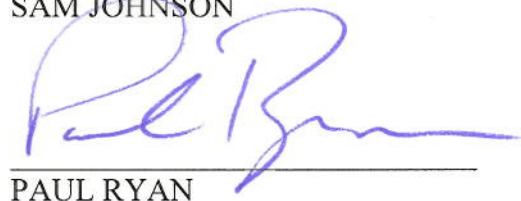
Sincerely,


DAVE CAMP
Ranking Member

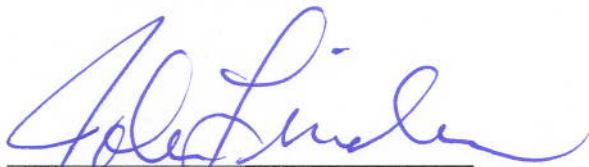

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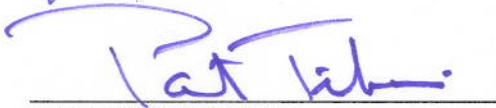

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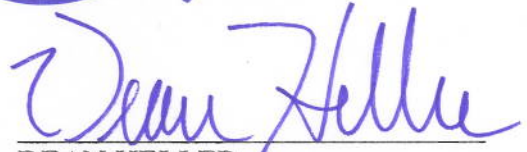
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