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The Honorable Michael Capuano  
1414 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2108

Dear Representative Capuano:

I am writing on behalf of the 23,000 physicians, student and residents of the Massachusetts Medical Society to thank you for your tireless and successful advocacy on behalf of Massachusetts patients and physicians throughout this historic health care debate. In what may have been the single most important, albeit difficult, health care vote of our lifetime, we knew that you were always fighting for the people of Massachusetts.

There is no question that your vigorous efforts to oppose amendments which would have harmed our Commonwealth, based on geographic variations and other variables, led to the development of a much improved bill and one which will benefit us overall. Although much of the public discourse focused as such issues as the public plan, your efforts to defeat amendments which literally would have taken millions of Medicare dollars away from Massachusetts were crucial to our Medicare patients and our state's overall economy. This fact no one can deny as our state now looks to receive billions of dollars.

As a physician who works in the center of our health care system every day, I believe that this bill will make health care in America better. Insurance company abuses will be curtailed and – most important- millions of previously uninsured citizens will now have coverage. That will lead to better preventive care and ultimately better health. We thank you for your courageous vote in support of passage and your fervent advocacy to protect and promote health care for the citizens of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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