

Congressional Progressive Caucus

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

The Congressional Progressive Caucus urges you to immediately drop demands to pay for the Sustained Growth Rate fix through cost increases to seniors and people with disabilities.

While we support updating the outdated Medicare providers' payment formula and extending other important provisions, it is unnecessary and harmful to pay for nearly half of the offsets in the legislation by increasing costs for Medicare beneficiaries.

The responsibility of offsetting this legislation should not come at the expense of our seniors and most vulnerable. There are more equitable ways to pay for a permanent solution for the Sustainable Growth Rate, such as restoring pharmaceutical drug discounts for dual eligibles. Republican majority insistence that the bill is paid by seniors and people with disabilities should be immediately withdrawn.

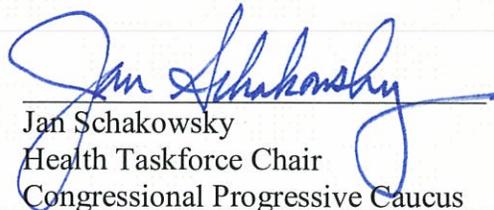
Sincerely,



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