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Dear Mr. Novelli, Mr. Castellani, Mr. Stern, and Mr. Stottlemeyer:

I am writing today to express my support for the Divided We Fail campaign joining the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Business Roundtable (BRT), National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), and Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

We must work in a bipartisan fashion to see real reform in health care and fiscal policy. Health care has quickly become one of America's most pressing problems for individuals and families. We need to reform our health care system to manage increasing costs and bring coverage to the millions of uninsured Americans. I believe we can address these difficulties without sacrificing the high quality of care and access that many Americans enjoy. Congress must engage in an earnest debate as to how we can meet these challenges. I am eager to see the division caused by unproductive partisan politics erased by a renewed spirit of cooperation and collective purpose.

Americans should have peace of mind about their long-term financial security. I believe that strengthening Medicare and Social Security should be two of the major priorities addressed in this 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. Both programs represent promises that the federal government has made to the American people and we must honor these commitments. As medicine advances and the needs of our seniors change, Medicare and Social Security must advance as well. Many plans regarding these programs will be circulated and the details of each plan must be carefully analyzed to ensure that, as we strive to strengthen the programs, we do not harm the benefits of seniors now depending on them. You can be sure that I will continue to see that the federal government maintains its commitment to Medicare and Social Security beneficiaries.

I commend the Divided We Fail participants for their commitment to bipartisan cooperation and positive change and I look forward to reviewing proposals supported by the coalition. As always, if I may be of assistance to you on this, or any other issue, please feel free to contact me in my Washington DC office at (202) 225-6365 or online at <http://forbes.house.gov/>. With kind personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

J. RANDY FORBES  
Member of Congress