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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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The Honorable John Boehner  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Boehner:

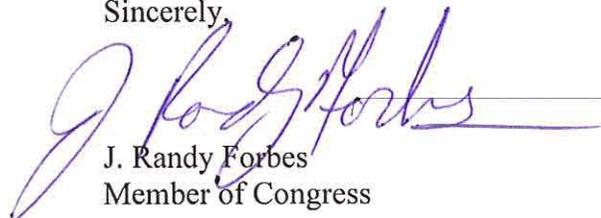
I write to express my support for the House to address the important issue of reforming the Medicare physician payment system. I ask for your support in ensuring that we preserve Medicare beneficiaries' access to physician services by enacting into law a fix to the physician payment system before Congress adjourns for the year.

Medicare physician payments are scheduled to be reduced by 10.1 percent on January 1, 2008 and by an average of 5 percent per year between 2009 and 2016. These cuts are a result of Medicare's flawed method of calculating physician reimbursement, known as the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR).

Earlier this year Congress attempted to address Medicare reimbursement. I ask that you work with the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee to pass legislation that corrects any reduction in Medicare reimbursements and reforms the payment model.

Congress needs to preserve Medicare beneficiaries' access to physician care and to reform the broken Medicare physician payment system. Therefore, I ask that before Congress adjourns in 2007, we enact legislation that will increase Medicare physician payments in 2008 and 2009 and will initiate significant reform of the SGR.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress