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The Honorable John Boehner Speaker of the U. S. House U.S. House of Representatives H232 Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515-3508 The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader of the U.S. House U.S. House of Representatives H204 Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515-3508

October 29, 2014

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi,

Earlier this year, Congress demonstrated strong bipartisan support for the permanent repeal of the harmful Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. We believe the time for final action on this critical issue is now; before the conclusion of the 113th Congress.

For a decade, the fundamentally unsound physician payment system has created uncertainty and instability in the healthcare system and our economy as a whole. Every year, physicians face the threat of reimbursement cuts, which hinders their ability to provide the level of care that their patients need. The ineffective SGR formula, which was intended to contain healthcare costs, has instead been a threat to the medical community as well as individuals who rely on consistent care.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is home to the second largest population of Americans who are 65 and older. Our delegation recognizes the importance of making sure that Medicare is working for seniors and their healthcare providers. We respectfully ask that you strongly consider prioritizing action on the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Senate Finance SGR reform deal struck earlier this year so that our legislative body can remain accountable to the American people.

Sincerely,

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