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The Honorable Keith Rothfus  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1205 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kurt Schrader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2431 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Rothfus and Schrader,

On behalf of more than seven million senior citizen activists, the 60 Plus Association applauds you for your strong leadership on introducing H.R. 588, the Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2015. Seniors certainly need more choice and control of their health care and this piece of legislation will help to ensure that.

Up until 2011, once the Medicare Advantage annual election period ended, seniors were able to make a change to their coverage during the open enrollment period. This three month window was essential for seniors who were able to see if the plan they chose was the right plan for them and allowed them to change plans to better suit their health care needs if necessary. The flexibility this provided was vital to keeping seniors in charge of their health care decisions.

Unfortunately that flexibility and choice that the ninety days allowed was replaced with a forty-five day disenrollment period. This forty-five day period no longer permits seniors to switch Medicare Advantage plans. It not requires them to either stay in their current plan or switch back to traditional Medicare.

Given the complexity of selecting a health care plan, seniors should have the opportunity to switch plans and make a decision about which plan works best for them. Reinstating the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period is a common sense solution and one that has worked before. The old adage of ‘if it ain’t broke don’t fix it’ really does apply here.

We truly appreciate your efforts and the 60 Plus Association is proud to support the Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act.

Sincerely,



James L. Martin  
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*The 60 Plus Association is a 23-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security and Medicare, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a limited government, less taxes approach as well as a strict adherence to the Constitution. 60 Plus calls on support from over 7 million citizen activists. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a Scorecard, bestowing awards on lawmakers of both parties who vote “pro-senior.” 60 Plus has been called “an increasingly influential senior citizen’s group” and the acknowledged conservative alternative to the liberal AARP.*