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The Honorable Keith Rothfus  
Representative, Pennsylvania's 12th District  
503 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kurt Schrader  
Representative, Oregon's 5th District  
108 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Representatives Rothfus and Schrader:

On behalf of the 7.2 million senior citizen activists nationwide that the 60 Plus Association calls on for support, thank you for your leadership in introducing the *Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act*. The 60 Plus Association strongly supports this legislation which would provide seniors with more choice and control of their health care.

Prior to 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 permitted seniors to test out the Medicare Advantage plan they had just selected and change plans if it would better suit their health care needs. This flexibility provided consumer choice and kept seniors in charge of their health care decisions.

Unfortunately, this open enrollment period has been replaced with a forty-five day disenrollment period that only allows a senior to give up Medicare Advantage and return to traditional Medicare. Specifically, the disenrollment period prevents seniors from changing Medicare Advantage plans, forcing them either to stay in a plan that may not work for them, or to return 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 that restores customer choice for seniors and ensures that they have the coverage that best meets their needs.

Thank you for your leadership and efforts to address this important issue. The 60 Plus Association is proud to support the *Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act* and urges its swift consideration by Congress.

Sincerely,

Jim Martin  
Chairman and Founder  
60 Plus Association

*The 60 Plus Association is a 20-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.*