



President
Barbara J. Easterling

Secretary-Treasurer
Ruben Burks

January 14, 2011

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the four million members of the Alliance for Retired Americans, we are writing to urge your vote against H.R. 2, which would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The health reform law has already begun to provide important benefits to older Americans. Extinguishing its provisions will be detrimental to the health and well-being of all Americans.

Specifically, repealing the law will negatively impact America's seniors in the following ways:

- Revokes significant drug discounts for Medicare beneficiaries who fall in the Part D doughnut hole
- Revokes free annual check ups and preventive screenings;
- Revokes subsidies for employers who provide health care coverage for their retirees; and
- Revokes Medicaid options that allow older Americans with chronic conditions to live at home rather than institutions.

In addition, H.R. 2 would also end the following protections and benefits for all Americans:

- dependent coverage for children up to age 26;
- the elimination of pre-existing condition for children;
- the elimination of lifetime limits on health insurance coverage;
- protection from the practice of rescission and other insurance company abuses; and
- tax incentives to small businesses that offer coverage to their employees.

Furthermore, PPACA extends Medicare solvency by 12 years and cuts the federal deficit by \$230 billion the first ten years and more than \$1 trillion in the next decade. Repealing the new law will be detrimental to Medicare's finances and add to the nation's deficit.

Once again, we urge you to vote against H.R. 2. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Alliance Department of Government and Political Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Barbara J. Easterling in black ink.

Barbara J. Easterling
President

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Ruben Burks
Secretary-Treasurer

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Edward F. Coyle
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