February 28, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Reid, Leader McConnell, and Leader Pelosi:

For the first time since 1997, a bicameral, bipartisan solution to the challenges posed by Medicare’s Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) has been presented to members of Congress. Members and staff of the House Energy and Commerce, House Ways and Means, and Senate Finance Committees are to be commended for their work on H.R. 4015/ S. 2000, the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act. After taking time to review the legislative framework, the House GOP Doctors Caucus has agreed to the policies contained within this compromise proposal.

It is our hope that leaders in the House and Senate will move as expeditiously as possible to negotiate acceptable offsets that we can support. Our approval of a final package would be subject to an evaluation of the totality of the legislation including the offsets. With physicians and patients facing a March 31 deadline before the current patch expires, we must act now to repeal a flawed policy that threatens patients’ access to care.

We look forward to working with you and members in both chambers to pass a law that will improve the health care system for millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

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