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Dear Judith,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and Center for Medicare Advocacy for all of your hard work and tremendous efforts throughout the year on Medicare. While the outcome of the prescription drug debate was disappointing, together we put up a great fight and let America's seniors and disabled know that we continue to be committed to a guaranteed, defined benefit under the trusted program of Medicare.

Instead of putting seniors and the disabled first, this Republican hoax tries to destroy Medicare with a voucher program that pushes seniors into HMOs. It does nothing to reduce costs. It serves special interests. Your efforts in getting the message out to lawmakers, the media, and most importantly, to Americans affected by this flawed bill are unmatched.

We have more work to do in the next session of Congress and I look forward to our continued partnership. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to meeting the needs of seniors and the disabled.

Best regards,


NANCY PELOSI
Democratic Leader

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