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Dear Friends,

During the recent election, one thing became increasingly clear: The push to privatize Medicare is growing fast, fueled by an ideological view that is not limited to a single candidate. Nor is it based on what's best for Medicare or for those who depend on it. Instead, it's based on an unyielding, philosophical commitment to the private market, despite evidence that private plans have been more expensive and less efficient than traditional Medicare. **Please make your donation to the Center for Medicare Advocacy and help the millions of Americans for whom this debate is not merely philosophical, but rather deeply personal and important.**

People like Mrs. Cliff, an 81-year-old woman living with Multiple Sclerosis. With an income just above the Medicaid eligibility level, she relies on Medicare to provide the critical home health coverage and services that allow her to remain at home. Mrs. Cliff has frequently been told that her Medicare coverage and home health services are being discontinued because her MS "is not improving." Each time, she has called on the Center to fight for her to ensure her care continues; each time the Center has successfully advocated to keep her Medicare and home care in place. **Under plans to privatize Medicare, however, Mrs. Cliff could not only lose coverage but would also face greatly increased out-of-pocket costs, jeopardizing her ability to remain at home.**

In addition to helping the Center protect Medicare and people like Mrs. Cliff, you will also help ensure we can continue the broad range of programming and services for which the Center is well known:

- Informing people about Medicare laws, regulations, and changes;
- Advocating for equitable policies;
- Fighting on behalf of whole classes of people at risk.

Since 1965, Medicare has successfully provided guaranteed benefits and enhanced people's health and financial security when they need it most. And since 1986, the Center for Medicare

Advocacy has successfully worked to advance fair access to Medicare and health care – and protect Medicare for future generations.

**Today we need your support more than ever!**

Together, we can we fight for Medicare, support beneficiaries, and improve access to health care for older and disabled Americans and their families.

**Thank you for your donation at this critical time.**

Sincerely,

Judith Stein, Esq.  
Founder and Executive Director

**PS: The effort to end Medicare is already under way. Please mail your support today in the enclosed postage paid envelope or donate at [www.MedicareAdvocacy.org/SaveMedicare](http://www.MedicareAdvocacy.org/SaveMedicare). Thank you.**