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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Representative Pelosi:

On behalf of the American Medical Association (AMA), I am writing to profess our profound disappointment that a strong bipartisan, bicameral effort to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR) has become a victim of partisan approaches to resolve budgetary issues.

The AMA continues to strongly support the physician payment and delivery system reform policy contained in H.R. 4015/ S. 2000, the *SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014*. Congress is closer than ever to enacting legislation that would repeal the dysfunctional Medicare physician payment system because it has worked in a bipartisan, bicameral manner for over a year. This policy will only become law if Congress collaborates in a bipartisan manner to resolve the fiscal matters associated with this legislation.

An overwhelming majority of the House and Senate support repealing the SGR. Short-term remedies that continue to support a failed policy are no longer acceptable. We renew our call for all parties to engage in good faith, bipartisan efforts to address the budgetary implications of this bill and enact it. We stand ready to work with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

James L. Madara, MD

cc: U.S. House of Representative