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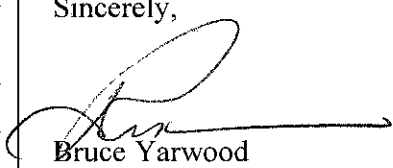
Dear Chairman Levin and Chairman Waxman:

On behalf of the 11,000 member nursing facilities of the American Health Care Association (AHCA), whose dedicated caregivers deliver professional and compassionate care daily to more than 1.5 million of our nation's older Americans, the medically frail, and people with disabilities, thank you for your enduring commitment to post acute and long term care.

Specifically, we commend your steadfast leadership recently displayed through the introduction of H.R. 5712, *the Veterans', Seniors', and Children's Health Technical Corrections Act of 2010*. AHCA strongly supports this legislation as it contains a significant technical correction, Section 3, to the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* eliminating the one year delay of the implementation of RUG-IV, allowing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to fully complete this transition as originally intended by October 1, 2010.

Thanks again for your efforts and those of your staff to address this issue.

Sincerely,


Bruce Yarwood
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