



February 3rd, 2014

The Honorable Peter Roskam
6th District, Illinois
U.S. House of Representatives
227 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Roskam,

On behalf of the more than 1.1 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing to offer our strong support for H.R. 2305, the "Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures Act," or "PRIME Act." This important piece of legislation seeks to reduce the rampant waste, fraud, and abuse within Medicare and Medicaid in order to enhance the overall integrity of the programs.

Each year, Medicare and Medicaid lose tens of billions of dollars to fraud and unnecessary spending. The PRIME Act takes a number of appropriate, responsible measures to minimize wasteful spending and to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid for current and future beneficiaries. For instance, this bill enacts stronger penalties for Medicare fraud and works to prevent improper payments from happening in the first place by requiring the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to track overpayments and to implement solutions to address them. AMAC believes these particular provisions are essential to closing loopholes and stopping patterns of double billing so that taxpayer dollars can be used more efficiently and effectively.

Additionally, the PRIME Act takes steps to protect seniors from heinous crimes, such as identity theft and fraud. To reduce instances of fraud and theft, this bill expands and builds upon the work of the Senior Medicare Patrol – a team of volunteers and staff that service Medicare beneficiaries by identifying and reporting cases of fraud. Through the PRIME Act, the Senior Medicare Patrol would be more equipped to improve outreach to seniors and to better engage Medicare beneficiaries in the effort to curtail wasteful spending and fraud.

As the fastest-growing conservative seniors organization in the country, AMAC remains very concerned with the waste, fraud, and abuse that continues to typify Federal government programs. The PRIME Act is an essential first step in solidifying the future of these important programs. Thanks to your concern and attention for this significant issue, AMAC is pleased to support H.R. 2305, the "PRIME Act."

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC