



IMMUNE DEFICIENCY FOUNDATION

The National Organization Devoted To Research And Education For The Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases.

July 27, 2001

The Honorable John Dingell
Ranking Member
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Dingell:

Thank you for your leadership in the Congress in support of a strong and enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights.

The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) is the national non-profit, voluntary health organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for primary immune deficient patients through research and education. Primary immune deficiency diseases are inherited disorders in which parts of the body's immune system are missing or do not function properly. More than 45,000 Americans, of all races, ages, and gender are affected by these disorders.

One of IDF's top public policy priorities in recent years has been working to secure passage of the managed care reform legislation that you, Congressman Ganske, Congressman Norwood, and other members of the House of Representatives have championed.

IDF strongly believes that ensuring access to specialty care, clinical trials, emergency room services, and legal recourse for improperly denied coverage are essential to improving the quality of health care for primary immune deficient patients. We look forward to continuing to work with you in support of the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act as the House begins consideration of this important issue next week.

Once again, thank you for your leadership in the House on this and other health care issues effecting the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Moran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Moran
President