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Dear Representative:

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National Community  
Pharmacists Association*

On behalf of the independent pharmacists through out the country, I would like to express our endorsement of the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999, HR 2723.

We deeply appreciate your leadership and perseverance along with Representative Dingell in continuing to seek congressional approval of real patient protections through a genuine bipartisan effort.

Your bill contains the critical patient protections that consumers so desperately need. Especially paramount are the provisions on out-of-network care, prohibition of discriminatory practices against health care professionals and your provisions that require timely independent due process procedures and hold health plans accountable for their medical decisions.

We look forward to continued work with you to ensure the enactment of HR 2723.

Warm regards,

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