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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi,

On behalf of the Digestive Health Physicians Association (DHPA), a professional association comprised of 48 independent gastroenterology (GI) physician practices in 28 states across the country, I want to commend you for the historic, bipartisan legislation (H.R. 2) to permanently repeal and replace the ineffective Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula.

DHPA's member medical practices include more than 1,200 physicians who are the front lines of our health care system caring for over two million patients every year. However, for more than 12 years, we have faced the annual risk of a de-funded Medicare program.

The *SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2015* is important and historic legislation that will protect our seniors' access to vital health care services and protect the health of DHPA's member practices. Importantly, it will also help our physician members to continue to provide the best care possible for our patients.

Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi, we strongly support your efforts to pass fiscally responsible reform legislation that will improve health care delivery for patients, and hope your colleagues will do the same.

Sincerely,

Scott Ketover, MD
President and Chairman of the Board
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