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Dear Members of Congress,

As the 116th Congress begins, 224 patient organizations have joined together to express our concerns with proposals that would repeal the non-interference (NI) clause in the Medicare Part D program. As you may know, the non-interference clause helps maintain Part D's competitive market structure that ensures the lowest possible prescription drug prices with the maximum amount of patient choice.

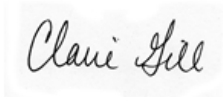
Please read our letter: <https://www.nof.org/news/protecting-patient-access-to-medication/>

In the past, proposals to repeal NI have suggested that Medicare beneficiaries could benefit if the government was able to play a role in Part D negotiations. However, the Congressional Budget Office has consistently found that government negotiation in the Part D process would have a negligible impact unless it is also paired with limitations on access to certain medications.

For the last 15 years and counting, the Medicare Part D program has delivered successes on behalf of more than 43 million seniors. Restricting access to vital medications may significantly affect patients' health outcomes and undermine this essential program.

We strongly urge you to stand with the patient community by declining to cosponsor any bills that would undermine the successful Part D program and threaten access to care for millions of beneficiaries who rely on it.

Thank you for your support,



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On behalf of the Letter Cosigners

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