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The Honorable Bart Stupak
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stupak:

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 2009, requesting inclusion of the Drug Rebate Equalization Act of 2009 in the President's FY 2010 Budget. I appreciate your input.

We agree that enacting this proposal would not only achieve savings for Federal and State Medicaid programs but would also protect the quality and continuity of care for Medicaid beneficiaries. The President's FY 2010 Budget includes a very similar proposal to allow States to obtain the Medicaid prescription drug rebate for those drugs that are provided to beneficiaries through Medicaid managed care organizations.

Thank you again for sharing your perspective. We appreciate your taking the time to communicate your priorities.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Orszag
Director