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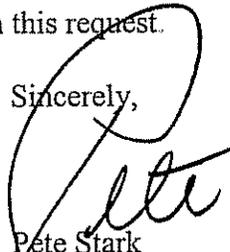
The Honorable Tommy Thompson
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that the Department provide me with an updated and more detailed version of table II.C14 from the 2003 Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Funds (copy of table attached from page 87). In reviewing the 2004 Trustees Report, this table does not appear to be included, although there is an abbreviated discussion of the issues involved on pages 73-75. In recreating the table, please include the effect Part D premiums, co-pays, and deductibles will have on beneficiary income, as well as an estimate of the average Part A cost sharing for beneficiaries.

Thank you for your help with this request.

Sincerely,


Pete Stark
Member of Congress

cc: Mark McClellan
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