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The Honorable Pete Stark
The Honorable Sherrod Brown
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Dear Congressmen Stark and Brown:

The Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., is pleased to endorse the Medicare Early Access Act.

The bill provides access to high quality health care through the Medicare program at a time when a growing number of individuals aged 55-65 lack health insurance. The bill helps ensure that these individuals will be able to afford the purchase of Medicare through the creation of a refundable, advanceable tax credit to offset the cost of premiums. Finally, the bill protects the solvency of Medicare by creating a separate Medicare Early Access Trust Fund to pay for the Medicare services.

We appreciate your efforts to address the problem of uninsured Americans through this expansion of Medicare. We look forward to working with you on your effort.

Sincerely,
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