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The Voice for Health Care Consumers

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The Honorable Fortney (Pete) Stark
Member of Congress
239 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stark:

Congratulations on the introduction of the Medicare Early Access Act. Families USA, the national health consumer advocacy organization, strongly endorses the bill proposed by you and Representative Brown to help individuals 55-64 years of age buy into the Medicare program at an affordable price.

Older Americans not yet eligible for Medicare have a difficult time finding affordable health care and in some cases may find that no insurer will cover them at a time in their life when they most need health insurance protection.

Your bill, which combines the efficiency of Medicare mass market purchasing power with the affordability provided by refundable tax credits, is an efficient and effective way to solve one of our nation's toughest uninsured problems.

We wish you success in this important legislative effort, and we look forward to working with you and your co-sponsors in promoting its passage.

Sincerely,

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