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The Honorable Rand Paul
United States Senator from Kentucky
295 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
12th Congressional District of Florida
2306 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Paul and Congressman Bilirakis,

On behalf of AMAC Action, the advocacy affiliate of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), with over 2 million members nationwide, I write to express our strong support for the Medicare Audiology Access Improvement Act. Your legislation corrects outdated Medicare rules which currently limit seniors' access to critical hearing and balance care.

Hearing loss is a widespread issue among older Americans, with millions experiencing reduced quality of life due to diminished hearing and balance. Yet, under current Medicare regulations, seniors are denied the ability to fully access audiology services provided by qualified, independent audiologists despite these services being covered under federal law and within the audiologists' professional scope of practice. This bureaucratic barrier not only restricts patient choice but delays care and unfairly burdens both seniors and providers.

The Medicare Audiology Access Improvement Act rightly addresses these concerns by empowering licensed audiologists to directly bill Medicare for covered services without the need for a pre-treatment order, a requirement not found in any other federal or commercial insurance program. Furthermore, the bill appropriately extends these services to Rural Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers, improving access for seniors in underserved and rural areas, where choices are already limited.

By allowing audiologists to fully participate in Medicare, the bill will increase competition, streamline access to care, and help prevent costly complications such as falls and cognitive decline, ultimately improving lives while also potentially reducing long-term Medicare expenditures. We commend you for your leadership in reintroducing this important legislation. America's seniors deserve timely, high-quality care and the freedom to choose the providers they trust.

Sincerely,

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