

The Honorable (full name)
(U.S. Senate or U.S. House)
Office address
The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

Dear (Senator or Representative),

I am a nurse practitioner serving older adult and I am writing about an urgent issue - the return of the Tax on Health Insurance in 2018. If Congress fails to act immediately, the Affordable Care Act's health insurance tax, or HIT, will take effect January 1, 2018 and negatively impact over 100 million American's, including nearly 20 million seniors.

The return of this harmful tax means higher costs for seniors. Nearly 20 million Medicare Advantage beneficiaries and over 40 million Part D beneficiaries will be negatively impacted. Throughout the U.S., seniors will see premiums increase by \$490 per couple in 2018 alone, according to a recent Oliver Wyman analysis. Seniors rely on Medicare Advantage because of the high-quality, coordinated care it provides American's as they age. The return of the tax could jeopardize the stability and quality the Medicare Advantage beneficiaries ' depend on.

Half of the seniors impacted have incomes of less than \$26,000 a year. This unexpected rise in costs could be devastating for seniors who have carefully planned and budgeted for their retirement. Nationwide, the toll of this tax will be \$22 billion in higher premiums for the more than 100 million Americans in 2018.

Congress, in a bipartisan effort, delayed the tax for 2017, lowering premiums by 3 percent and saving the health care system \$21.4 billion. It's time for lawmakers to act again. Seniors are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Put your name and credentials