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Dear Dr. Madara,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we thank the American Medical Association (AMA) for its opposition to tap the Prevention and Public Health Fund (Prevention Fund) to help pay for the cost of repealing the Independent Payment Advisory Board as included in H.R. 1190. We are pleased to work in partnership with the AMA to protect the Prevention Fund from efforts to re-direct its resources from activities that support disease prevention and health promotion programs.

The Prevention Fund is the first mandatory federal funding stream dedicated to public health and prevention. This year, the Prevention Fund will invest nearly $1 billion in communities across the country to help advance proven, effective ways to keep Americans healthy and productive. The Fund supports services and programs that improve health at the population level by supporting healthier lifestyles and eliminating obstacles to healthy life choices.

The Prevention Fund provides opportunities to integrate medicine and public health to create supportive environments for patients to act on the recommendations from their health care providers. States, communities, and tribal organizations have relied on the Prevention Fund for the resources required to implement population-based programs that prevent diabetes, lung disease, heart disease and stroke, among others. Through our collective support, the Prevention Fund can continue to support programs that improve our nation’s health and enhance the quality of care delivered to patients.

Sincerely,

Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Public Health Physicians
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Heart Association
American Lung Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
American Thoracic Society  
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
    National Council on Aging  
    Public Health Foundation  
    Prevention Institute  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Respiratory Health Association  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society of Public Health Education  
Southern Nevada Health District  
    SPARK & Sportime  
    Trust for America’s Health