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**Via Electronic Delivery**

The Honorable Jodey Arrington  
Chairman  
House Budget Committee  
204 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Brendan Boyle  
Ranking Member  
House Budget Committee  
204 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Arrington and Ranking Member Boyle,

I am writing to you on behalf of the [Coalition Against Socialized Medicine](#), a project of the Conservative Political Action Coalition, to express my deep concern about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and its devastating impact on Medicare ahead of today's hearing with Mr. Paul Spitalnic and Mr. Stephen Gross.

It is crucial for the Committee to consider this fact when discussing Medicare's solvency or budget: the passage of the IRA in 2022 diverted nearly [\\$280 million](#) in Medicare savings toward entirely unrelated political pet projects and "green energy" policies like the \$7,500 Section 30D electric vehicle tax credit. This is directly contrary to American voters' wishes, as shown in recent polling by America's New Majority Project, which concluded that [83 percent](#) of respondents support requiring any savings allocated in Medicare to stay within Medicare.

Politicians should not, under any circumstances, chip away at a taxpayer-funded program aimed at helping seniors access their medication to prop up one party's to-do list. Congress should require that savings found by making changes to Medicare *stay* in the program, lest the administration uses them across the government for whatever policies the party feels will give them the most political clout.

The IRA enshrined a sweeping set of provisions that, in sum, represent a singular and egregious form of government overreach, including socialist drug price controls that have already curbed innovation and provide big-insurer PBMs with a financial windfall. Worse yet, the AARP, which claims to advocate for seniors, lobbied heavily for the IRA's passage, and the trail is easy to follow: UnitedHealth Group, the largest health insurer on the market. AARP earns [billions](#) in "royalty fees" via its financial partnership with UnitedHealth Group, likely informing why the organization spent over [\\$60 million](#) in advertisements supporting the IRA, despite the fact that the law robbed a program critical to older Americans.

Congress *must* take the first step in fixing these issues and immediately addressing Medicare's solvency. The IRA raided savings designed for Medicare beneficiaries and distributed them to fit

political agendas by executive fiat. I thank the Committee for taking the time to discuss the pressing issues within our healthcare system, including Medicare. Now, I urge this Committee to work to reverse the IRA's negative impacts on the healthcare sector to ensure that future Medicare savings found in the program remain there where they can help patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew M. Langer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "L".

Andrew Langer  
Executive Director  
Coalition Against Socialized Medicine (CASM)