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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Reid:

On behalf of AARP's more than 40 million members, I congratulate you for merging the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committees' bill for consideration on the Senate floor. This comprehensive, health reform legislation moves us one important step closer to enacting historic legislation to control skyrocketing costs, improve quality and expand access to affordable care. We strongly urge the Senate to vote for cloture this Saturday to begin debate on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Americans have waited far too long for comprehensive health care reform. The time for health action is now. We again congratulate you for the substantial progress being made. After further analysis, we will send you a more detailed letter of our views of the legislation. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve the legislation as the debate moves forward to enact strong, comprehensive health reform legislation this year.

Sincerely,



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