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Dear Ms Lee:

I strongly support H.R.676. The US has some of the world's best doctors and hospitals. Access to these services has been a problem for decades but Medicare has been a particularly effective approach. The House has just passed a bill which will seriously damage access as well as Medicare in particular. This will leave millions without insurance, tens of thousands to die early, less control of public health crises, many hospitals no longer viable and the fastest growing sector of our economy in shambles. Your committee is also looking at ways to damage the ACA through instructions to the IRS. California has just tabled a universal health care proposal, but there has been some state level discussion even though this is clearly a problem historically and more effectively within the federal purview.

Thank you for your co-sponsorship of Medicare expansion.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian society.

Sincerely, Eric Babson