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Hon. Phil Gingrey, M.D.
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Hon. John Fleming, M.D.
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Hon. Phil Roe, M.D.
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Hon. Diane Black, R.N.
Vice Chair, GOP Doctors Caucus
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Dear Reps. Gingrey, Roe, Fleming, and Black:

On behalf of the 110,600 members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), I write to request that the GOP Doctors Caucus formally support H.R. 4015, *The SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014*, and to forcefully advocate for its passage in the House before March 31.

As physicians, nurses and other health-care providers, members of the Doctors Caucus know from experience how disruptive the Medicare SGR formula is and the negative impact it potentially has on seniors' access to physician services. Now that Caucus member Rep. Michael Burgess has introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation that would repeal the SGR and replace it with a workable framework that incentivizes value-based alternative payment methods while preserving fee-for-service medicine, the AAFP asks the Caucus to express its formal support for the bill, and to urge House Leadership to bring the bill to a vote.

In a letter to House Leaders dated December 13, 2013, the Caucus outlined a set of 8 prerequisites for an SGR repeal package. In the AAFP's estimation, H.R. 4015 meets these requirements. In addition to Dr. Burgess, the AAFP understands that the bill is formally co-sponsored by Dr. Boustany and Dr. Buchson.

As we approach March 31 and the 17th SGR cliff in the last 11 years, the AAFP urges the GOP Doctors Caucus to formally support the bill and to push for its passage in the House. If the

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