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The Honorable Mike Kelly
1707 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Ron Kind
1502 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressmen Kelly and Kind:

On behalf of AMGA, I am writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 4952, which would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the impact of lifting the Medicare Advantage (MA) Benchmark Cap. AMGA strongly endorses this legislation, as it's an important first step toward addressing the MA Benchmark Cap.

Under current law, MA plans in certain counties that demonstrate quality under the Medicare Star Rating System are not eligible for bonus payments which can be used for offering reduced beneficiary cost sharing or additional supplemental benefits like vision, dental, wellness, and hearing. AMGA believes that Congress should remove the cap for 4+ Star rated MA plans so that patients can fully realize the benefits of high-quality MA plans (today, around one-third of Medicare beneficiaries are in an MA plan).

We appreciate that the House Ways and Means Committee advanced this bipartisan legislation in a unanimous voice vote and, once again, thank you for your efforts on this important legislation. We look forward to continuing to work with you to pass H.R. 4952.

Sincerely,

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