



American Association of Oral  
and Maxillofacial Surgeons

9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue • Rosemont, Illinois 60018-5701 • 847/678-6200 • 1/800/822-6637 • FAX 847/678-6286 • www.aaoms.org

**Ira D. Cheifetz, DMD**  
**President**

**Robert C. Rinaldi, PhD, CAE**  
**Executive Director**

December 11, 2009

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and our 9,000 members, I urge you to oppose the proposed compromise to The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590), that would allow uninsured Americans from ages 55 to 64 to buy into the Medicare program.

AAOMS supports reform that creates a health care system that is accessible, affordable and provides the finest quality of care for all Americans. However, expanding Medicare is not the solution and will only add to the program's current instability.

Without a permanent solution to address the flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula that determines provider reimbursement rates, this proposed expansion will hurt provider participation, patient access to care, and place the fiscal solvency of the program in jeopardy.

I urge you to consider the concerns of the health care providers in your state and oppose the proposed expansion of Medicare.

Sincerely,

Ira D. Cheifetz, DMD  
President