

Senator Max Baucus
511 Hart Senate Office Building
District of Columbia
20510-2602
(202) 224-2651

The Honorable Max Baucus,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to ask you to cosponsor the Athletic Trainers' Equal Access to Medicare Act (H.R. 1137). This bill acts to repeal an unfair rule implemented by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in July 2005. Without this legislation, the CMS policy is a threat to me and my ability to have a voice in my medical care. CMS is unwilling to reverse this rule so federal legislation is the only option.

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I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 1137 to correct this harmful federal policy. Without this legislation, the CMS policy is a threat to me and my ability to have a voice in my medical care. This CMS policy has a negative effect on the choice for quality, affordable, accessible medical care. The choice of health care professionals must be in the hands of physicians and patients, not insurance companies and CMS.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Senator Jon Tester
204 Russell Senate Office Building
District of Columbia
20510-2603
(202) 224-2644

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Representative Dennis Rehberg
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
District of Columbia
20510-2601
(202) 225-3211

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