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December 17, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), which represents the 629 Area Agencies on Aging and 244 Title VI Native American aging programs in the U.S, thanks you for your leadership—as well as the tremendous efforts of Senators Baucus and Dodd, among others—to advance comprehensive health care reform legislation in this Congress.

As we outlined in our December 3 [letter](#) to you, n4a believes that the Patient Protection and Affordability Act (H.R. 3590) represents significant progress in enhancing access to and affordability of health care for all Americans, containing health care costs and improving quality. We particularly appreciate the inclusion of several provisions—long-term services and supports, prevention and wellness programs and Medicare Part D improvements, among others—in your bill.

Therefore, **n4a supports your efforts to obtain cloture and ensure timely Senate passage of the bill**, and we look forward to working with you during the conference process to further strengthen the bill for older adults and their caregivers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Markwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandy Markwood
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Max Baucus
The Honorable Christopher Dodd

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