

Letter to 48 Senators re: Medicaid Cuts

January 12, 2005

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
703 SHOB
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman,

Thank you very much for co-signing the Bingaman-Murray letter to President Bush opposing Medicaid cuts and capping or otherwise ending the Medicaid entitlement.

We deeply appreciate your support for this program that is so vitally important to America's lowest income and most vulnerable citizens, including over a million senior citizens in nursing homes and many others receiving assistance in the home.

We understand that the Federal budget faces enormous pressures, but we appreciate your willingness to oppose deep cuts in essential services to the sickest and lowest income in our society.

Sincerely,

AFSCME Retiree Program
Alliance for Retired Americans
Alzheimer's Association
American Association for International Aging
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
American Geriatrics Society
Association for Gerontology and Human Development in Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Catholic Health Association of the United States
Families USA
Gray Panthers
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
National Association for Home Care and Hospice
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs
National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.
National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
National Council on Aging
National Hispanic Council on Aging, Inc.
National Senior Citizens Law Center
Service Employees International Union Retired Members Program