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HEALTHCARE

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Hon. Angus King  
133 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator King:

On behalf of the 45,000 Medicare Advantage beneficiaries we serve at Martin's Point Healthcare, thank you for introducing both the *Medicare Advantage Quality Payment Relief Act* and the *Improving Seniors Access to Quality Benefits Act*. Unlocking quality payments in Medicare Advantage not only incentivizes the highest quality MA plans in the nation to continue to provide top-level care, but will improve benefits for our seniors, particularly in rural areas such as Maine.

Martin's Point Health Care is a forward-thinking, not-for-profit organization providing primary care and health insurance plans to the people of Maine and beyond for over 35 years. We own and operate seven primary care health care centers with over 70 health care clinicians in Maine and New Hampshire. We also administer two health plans: Generations Advantage, the largest Medicare Advantage plan in Maine and the US Family Health Plan (TRICARE Prime®) for military families and retirees in northern Maine. Our Medicare Advantage plans have received the highest quality ratings in Maine by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and our US Family Health Plan is rated "excellent" by NCQA and is the highest rated plan in the country based on CAHPS scores.

Our estimates show America's seniors in 2018 are missing out on over \$820 million in reduced premiums or increased benefits such as hearing, dental and vision services. Maine's seniors are being stopped from receiving \$16.9 million in these benefits, \$9.2 million of which are being kept from over 40,000 Mainers enrolled in Martin's Point Healthcare Medicare Advantage plans.

Congress rightly created the Quality Incentive Payment program to push Medicare Advantage plans to deliver the highest quality care to America's seniors. Thank you for recognizing the importance of this effort and joining with Senator Daines to champion this issue in the Senate.

Sincerely,

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