

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
Office of the Democratic Leader
H-204, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear House Minority Leader Pelosi:

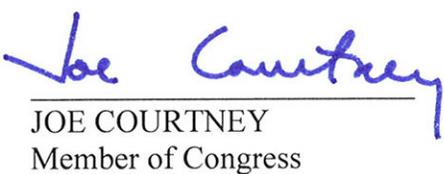
We write to recommend Judy Stein, the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy, to the Commission on Long-Term Care created by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. Judy has been a pioneer and national leader on long-term care issues for nearly three decades and is an ideal candidate for the Commission.

As you know, the Commission is responsible for establishing a long-term care system for those with long-term care needs in light of repeal of the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Program. Appointments to the Commission are required to represent the interests of consumers of long-term care services, older adults, and individuals with cognitive and functional limitations, among other demographics. For the past three decades, Judy has been a fierce advocate for these constituencies.

Since the Center for Medicare Advocacy was established in 1986, Judy has transformed the Center into an unparalleled, national education and advocacy organization that supports the needs of Medicare beneficiaries. Just recently, the Center settled a landmark national case that clarified a long-disputed issue regarding coverage for patients with chronic conditions on the so-called "Improvement Standard." This case received front page coverage in the New York Times on October 22, 2012. Judy's work as the counsel for the plaintiff received wide accolades from patient's rights groups from across the country.

Judy's longstanding advocacy on behalf of those with long-term care needs underscores her potential for achieving the Commission's statutory goals. Her unique experience and understanding of Medicare, Medicaid, and private long-term care insurance makes her the perfect candidate for the Commission. It is with great enthusiasm that we recommend her for appointment to Commission on Long-Term Care.

Sincerely,



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