

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

June 22, 2004

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

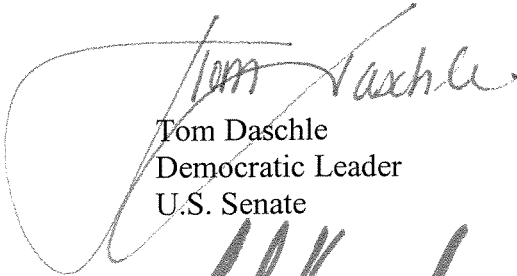
On March 12, Senators Daschle and Kennedy wrote to you expressing concern that your Administration had withheld information about its cost estimates for the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act while the legislation was pending in Congress last year. In the letter, they asked you to answer questions about the extent of your knowledge of your Administration's cost estimates for the bill, and who in your Administration was aware of threats to dismiss the Medicare Chief Actuary if he released the Administration's cost estimates to Congress.

On May 10, Senators Daschle, Kennedy, and ten additional Senators sent a followup letter to you asking again that you answer the questions in the March 12 letter. On May 25, Secretary Thompson replied on your behalf, but his letter did not respond to any of the specific questions in the original letters. A majority of those questions related to your personal knowledge and actions or actions by members of your White House staff, and therefore require a response from you and your staff.


We are writing to request that you respond to these letters by providing complete answers to the straightforward questions the Senators raised about your role in this important Medicare issue.

We look forward to a full and timely response.


Sincerely,




Tom Daschle  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. Senate



Edward M. Kennedy  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
U.S. Senate



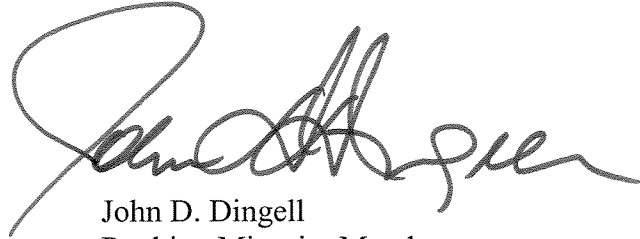
Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives



Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives



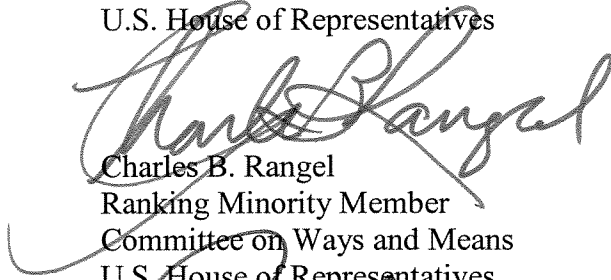
Bob Graham  
Senator  
U.S. Senate



John D. Dingell  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives



Frank Lautenberg  
Senator  
U.S. Senate



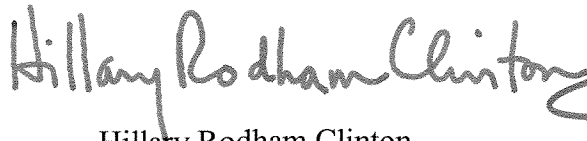
Charles B. Rangel  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives



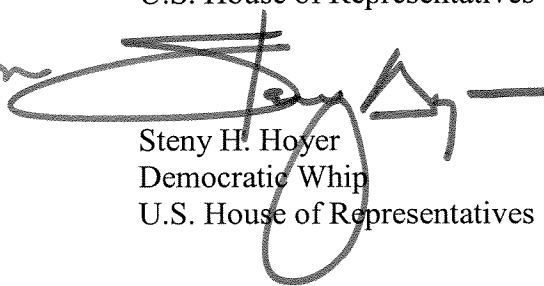
Debbie Stabenow  
Senator  
U.S. Senate



Fortney Pete Stark  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Health  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives



Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Senator  
U.S. Senate



Steny H. Hoyer  
Democratic Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherrod Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

Sherrod Brown  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Health  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives

Paul J. Sarbanes

Dick Johnson

Mark Dayton

John D. Relyea