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The Honorable Charlie Norwood
US House of Representatives
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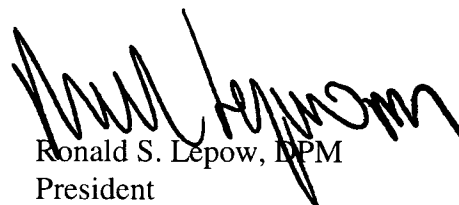
Dear Mr. Norwood:

With regard to HR 2723, the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999, I am pleased to announce our unqualified support of that proposal. Embodying every principle the association has embraced as essential for meaningful managed care reform, we are convinced its enactment is in the best interest of all Americans.

The strong bipartisan support your measure has heretofore generated is compelling evidence that, given a fair hearing by the full House, a comprehensive, patient oriented reform package can prevail. To this end we offer our understanding and enthusiastic support.

Best regards!

Sincerely Yours,



Ronald S. Lepow, DPM
President