

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 14, 2011

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Later today, the U.S. House of Representatives will consider H. Con. Res 35 which will prohibit any FY 2011 funds appropriated in HR 1473 or any other Act from being used to implement the Affordable Care Act.

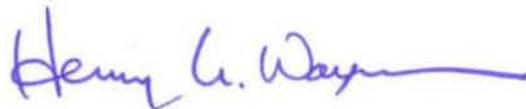
As Ranking Members of the Committees that have jurisdiction over Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, we are gravely concerned about how this legislation will impede your ability to operate Medicare, Medicaid and other health programs at HHS. Should this legislation become law, please tell us what the impact would be on your ability to operate these vital programs.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means



Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce