

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 20, 2013

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro  
Comptroller General  
U.S. Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We, the undersigned Members of Congress, are pleased to endorse the nomination of David Bronson, MD, FACP, for a Commissioner position on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC).

Dr. Bronson's years of practice in internal medicine, years of leadership at Cleveland Clinic, including his current position as President of Cleveland Clinic's Regional Hospitals and Family Health Centers, and years of being at the forefront of national health care policy make him an ideal candidate for the Commissioner position.

As a physician, an administrator and a national health care leader, Dr. Bronson has always been guided by a commitment to respect for the patient in care decision-making. He also is well known for collaborating with other physicians to ensure the best care possible for the whole patient. Finally, Dr. Bronson has always emphasized care management which reduces unneeded hospitalizations and emergency room visits. His service in many roles at Cleveland Clinic has advanced these ideals, helping make Cleveland Clinic one of the leading health care systems in the nation.

Furthermore, Dr. Bronson was a key player in the partnership between Cleveland Clinic and Ohio University that resulted in the creation of the new branch of the Ohio University Heritage School of Medicine which will be based at Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital. This facility will train the next generation of much-needed primary care physicians. Additionally, Dr. Bronson has held a variety of leadership roles in the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Group Association, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Physicians. His engagement in policy matters at the leadership levels of these associations has provided him with a unique understanding of the major issues facing the Medicare program.

We strongly support Dr. Bronson serving as a Commissioner of MedPAC and urge favorable consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,



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Speaker of the House



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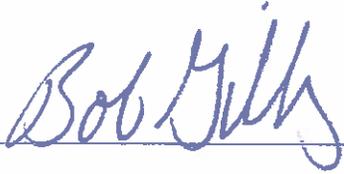
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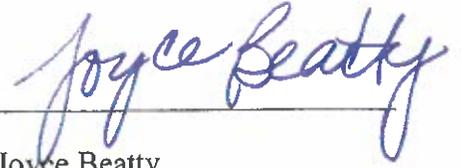
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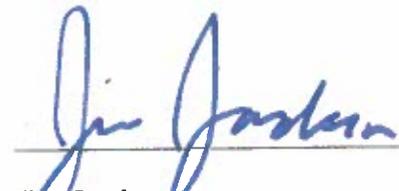
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