

Senator Melissa Murray, Chair
Senate Health & Human Services Committee
RE: Support for S2465

May 5, 2026

Dear Chairwoman Murray and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,
I am writing in support of S2465, calling upon Congress to protect patients and traditional Medicare from Medicare Advantage.

The resolution contains vital information, not just for Congress but for all Americans. Among the many troubling facts is “Estimated amounts overpaid to MA (between \$83 billion and \$127 billion in 23 2024) are more than the amounts needed to totally eliminate Medicare Part B premiums, or fund the entire Medicare Part D prescription drug program...”

The economic term *rent seeking* characterizes such private enrichment at public cost. Politically powerful interests find ways to skim profits from public programs. Some might call it pillage.

It’s not simply an economic drain, it carries a substantial human cost. These funds should have been spent on medical care for our nation’s seniors. As the resolution notes, the funds overpaid to MA could have enabled Medicare to “establish dental, hearing, and vision coverage.”

The resolution provides critical recommendations to Congress, including:

- Work with the Justice Department to prosecute and recover improper payments;
- Redirect funds that currently go towards enriching MA plans to instead go towards protecting and expanding traditional Medicare

I urge this Committee to recommend S2465 for passage in the Senate.

Sincerely,
Kate McGovern
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