

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Vicki/Kerry

RE: COALITION TO SAVE MEDICARE

*Rally of 250-300 members of organizations supporting efforts to preserve, improve, and protect Medicare.

*Program is as follows

- *Brief remarks from Gingrich
- *Brief remarks from Dole
(You and Gingrich depart)
- *Frank Luntz discusses poll results
- *David Walker, Medicare Trustee
- *Former Congressman Tim Penny
- *Panel discussions

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Coalition to Save Medicare Steering Committee

- Healthcare Leadership Council, **Chair**
- The Seniors Coalition, **Chair**
- Alliance for Managed Care
- Citizens Against Government Waste
- Citizens for a Sound Economy
- Communicating for Agriculture
- Council for Affordable Health Insurance
- National Association of Manufacturers
- National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
- National Taxpayers Union
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

• The Seniors Coalition, Chair • Healthcare Leadership Council, Chair •

P.O. Box 75085, Washington, D.C. 20013

Speak

Aug. 3
11:45am

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July 27, 1995

Ms. Mo Taggart
Scheduler
Majority Leader Robert Dole
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Taggart:

As we discussed by phone, the Coalition to Save Medicare is holding a rally of organizations and individuals from around the country who support steps to simplify, strengthen, and preserve Medicare.

The purpose of the meeting is twofold: to dramatize the substantial public support for change to Medicare so as to afford citizens more choices in their type of health plan, and to rally these groups and individuals to carry the reform message to grassroots America.

Speaker Gingrich will be kicking off the event at 10:30 a.m. He will be followed by Frank Luntz, providing information on public opinion research on the issue, and by presentations from representatives of seniors, youth, rural America, and taxpayers. We would very much like it if you could close the event at 11:45 a.m. with a 15 minute wrap up presentation.

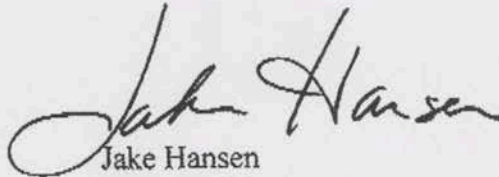
The meeting will be held in Russell 325. It will be open to the press, and we believe there will be a substantial press turnout.

Attached is a short description of the Coalition and the members of the Steering Committee. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Pam Bailey
President
Healthcare Leadership Council



Jake Hansen
Vice President
The Seniors Coalition

cc: Vicki Hart
Kyle McSlarrow

**TALKING POINTS
COALITION TO SAVE MEDICARE
AUGUST 3, 1995**

**THIS GATHERING IS A LOT DIFFERENT
FROM THE ONE THE PRESIDENT ATTENDED
LAST WEEK. WE DON'T HAVE A 30TH
BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR MEDICARE. WE
DON'T HAVE CANDLES. WE WON'T HAVE
SINGING.**

**AND WE DON'T HAVE ALL THAT
BECAUSE EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM**

**UNDERSTANDS THAT OUR JOB ISN'T TO
CELEBRATE MEDICARE'S PAST. INSTEAD,
OUR JOB IS TO ENSURE THAT MEDICARE
HAS A FUTURE.**

**SINCE THE TRUSTEES OF MEDICARE
ISSUED THEIR REPORT TO CONGRESS
EARLY IN APRIL, STATING THAT MEDICARE
WILL BE COMPLETELY INSOLVENT BY THE
YEAR 2002, REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS
HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO**

**PRESERVING, IMPROVING, AND
PROTECTING MEDICARE.**

**AND WE HAVE REPEATEDLY INVITED
THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEMOCRATIC
LEADERSHIP IN CONGRESS TO WORK WITH
US TO DO JUST THAT.**

**THE PRESIDENT, INSTEAD, HAD
CHOSEN TO SIT THIS ONE OUT. SO FAR
WHAT WE HAVE SEEN FROM THE WHITE
HOUSE IS ONLY AN ONSLAUGHT OF SCARE**

TACTICS. THAT MAY BE GOOD POLITICS.

BUT IT'S NOT LEADERSHIP.

**I KNOW A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT
LEADERSHIP, BECAUSE THAT'S JUST WE
WE PROVIDED IN 1983, WHEN SOCIAL
SECURITY WAS IN TROUBLE.**

**AT THAT TIME, PRESIDENT REAGAN
APPOINTED A BI-PARTISAN COMMISSION
TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY. I WAS A
MEMBER OF THAT COMMISSION, AS WERE**

**TIP O'NEILL, SENATOR MOYNIHAN, LANE
KIRKLAND, AND CLAUDE PEPPER TO NAME
A FEW.**

**AND IT WAS VERY TOUGH WORK.
FOR A WHILE, IT APPEARED THAT WE
COULDN'T REACH AN AGREEMENT. AND
THEN SENATOR MOYNIHAN CAME UP TO
ME ON THE FLOOR AND SAID, "ARE WE
GOING TO LET THIS COMMISSION GO**

**DOWN THE TUBES WITHOUT GIVING IT ONE
MORE TRY?"**

**SO WE GAVE IT ONE MORE TRY, AND
WE GOT THE JOB DONE. WE SAVED
SOCIAL SECURITY. AND WE CAN
PRESERVE, IMPROVE, AND PROTECT
MEDICARE, AS WELL.**

**WHEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNED
MEDICARE INTO LAW 30 YEARS AGO, IT
WAS CONSIDERED A STATE-OF-THE-ART**

**PROGRAM. BUT, A LOT HAS HAPPENED
SINCE THEN, AND FRANKLY, MEDICARE
HASN'T QUITE KEPT PACE.**

**THERE ARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN
THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT SIMPLY DO
NOT EXIST FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.
WE NEED TO GIVE OUR SENIORS THE SAME
RANGE OF CHOICES THAT ALL OF US WITH
PRIVATE INSURANCE HAVE. AND, WE NEED
TO MAKE SURE THAT MEDICARE IS A**

**PROGRAM THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE
THERE.**

**SO OUR WORK OVER THE NEXT
MONTHS WILL BE TO ACCOMPLISH JUST
THAT. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THIS IS
AN EXTREMELY COMPLEX SUBJECT THAT
WILL AFFECT SOME OF OUR MOST
VULNERABLE CITIZENS. SO WE BETTER
GET IT RIGHT.**

**AND WHEN WE GET IT RIGHT... WHEN
WE PRESERVE, IMPROVE, AND PROTECT
MEDICARE... THEN AND ONLY THEN WILL
AMERICANS HAVE SOMETHING TO
CELEBRATE.**