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Dear Member of Congress,

The March of Dimes, a unique partnership of scientists, clinicians, parents, members of the business community and other volunteers affiliated with chapters in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, **urges you to oppose H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015, because it would rescind \$8.85 billion in funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund.**

As an organization committed to the health and wellbeing of women, infants, and children, the March of Dimes recognizes the vital importance of the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The Fund is an essential part of our nation's public health infrastructure, and over its first six years, has invested nearly \$5.25 billion in support of community-based models of prevention, including tobacco use cessation, breastfeeding promotion and support, obesity reduction, and childhood immunizations. These programs are central to ensuring that women experience healthy pregnancies and give birth to healthy babies, and they improve the nation's overall health, reducing national health expenditures. Prevention saves lives, and it also saves money.

In the best interest of the health of our nation's women, infants, and families, please preserve the Prevention and Public Health Fund and vote no on H.R. 1190. If we can provide more information, please contact James Gelfand at [jgelfand@marchofdimes.org](mailto:jgelfand@marchofdimes.org) or 202/659-1800.

Sincerely,



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