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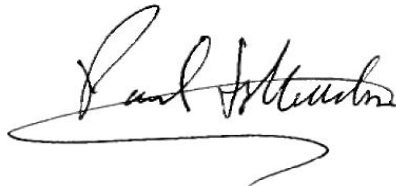
Dear Patients,

As physicians we care about the welfare of people in the communities where we are privileged to live and work. This is why we have been concerned about healthcare reform for several years now. As part of this effort we have been speaking with our elected officials about ways to provide access to healthcare services and achieve good health for everyone. We recognize that this effort will not be an easy task, nor is there any simple answer. It will take all of us working together to find the best way to provide access to high quality cost effective healthcare services for everyone.

We believe that an open and honest dialogue among informed citizens is the best way to achieve a national consensus about the direction of healthcare delivery in our country. We realize that getting at the facts around healthcare reform can be challenging. In spite of (perhaps because of) the abundance of healthcare reform news coverage, it is hard to sift through the claims and counter claims and arrive at the truth. However this issue is too important to sit on the sidelines. We urge you to take the time to learn about the proposed healthcare reform measures and to voice your opinion to your Congressional Representative and our Senators. A good source of general information about healthcare legislation can be found at the Kaiser Family Foundation website, <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/sidebyside.cfm> . If you are looking to check a specific fact the Politifact website at <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/> provides an analysis of some of the common statements being made about the healthcare reform legislation.

We have also provided you with our thoughts about healthcare reform on the [attached document](#). We hope you find it informative.

Sincerely,

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Paul Merrick, M.D.
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian O'Leary", written in a cursive style.

Brian O'Leary, M.D.
Vice President