



October 4, 2023

The Honorable Ritchie Torres
1414 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nicole Malliotakis
351 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Torres and Malliotakis:

AARP, which advocates for more than 100 million Americans age 50 and over, is pleased to endorse the Right to Medicare Act. We commend your bipartisan leadership to help ensure that all seniors preserve their choice of health insurance coverage in retirement.

The availability of health benefits is a key factor in retirement decisions for most workers. For those offered coverage through a former employer or other association, the promise of consistent and quality coverage is vital to a healthy retirement. There are many choices available to people: traditional Medicare plans, supplemental coverage options, Medicare Advantage, and Employer Group Waiver Plans (EGWPs). Different options have pros and cons that potential retirees need to evaluate to select whatever works best for them. And those decisions should be made by the individuals themselves.

Your legislation would prevent employer retiree health coverage sponsors from involuntarily forcing seniors to shift away from traditional Medicare coverage in favor of Medicare Advantage and instead allow seniors to opt into that coverage change if they choose. This ensures that beneficiaries have control over their own health plan coverage while expanding options that may not have previously been available.

AARP appreciates your efforts to preserve beneficiary choice in retiree health care coverage decisions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Brendan Rose on our Government Affairs team at brose@aarp.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Sweeney
Senior Vice President
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