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## Letters: Petri vote supports better Medicare

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After months of debating how to protect and improve Medicare, the President and Congress have heard from millions of people like me who rely on Medicare for affordable health care coverage, as well as 9 million military families and the doctors who serve all of us.

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Our message to Washington has been loud and clear — it is time to finally act on a bill that would allow us to maintain access to our doctors and improve Medicare.

Thankfully, Rep. Tom Petri heard that message. He joined an overwhelming bipartisan majority to pass the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (H.R. 6331), which would improve low-income, prevention and mental health programs and boost health care quality through

national e-prescribing.

Unfortunately, the President decided to ignore our voices and announced his intention to veto the bill.

We appreciate Rep. Petri and his colleagues from both political parties for passing the bill. We are counting on him to vote the same way next week when Congress votes to override the President's veto.

I have been one of countless people who have been telling my elected officials how important this bill is. On behalf of all of us, we won't stop until Congress gets this done.

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