

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 10, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We are writing to urge you to take action to prevent a substantial jump in health care costs for seniors via increased Medicare Part B premiums for 2022. If no action is taken, the standard monthly Medicare Part B premium will jump from \$148.50 to \$170.10, a nearly 15 percent increase and the largest in Medicare's 56 year history.

Seniors cannot afford these increased health care costs. At a time when costs are increasing in many areas, we should be looking for ways to reduce costs, not add to them – particularly for seniors and others living on fixed incomes.

We request that you take administrative action to address these increases, or work with Congress to develop a legislative solution. We must address this issue as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. We look forward to working with you to lower costs, protect seniors, and improve Medicare.

Sincerely,



Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator

/s  
Jacky Rosen  
United States Senator

/s  
Mark Kelly  
United States Senator

/s  
Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator

/s  
Jack Reed  
United States Senator