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The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman  
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Dear Senator Lieberman:

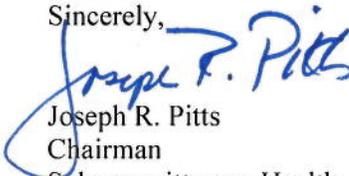
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "A Permanent Solution to the SGR: The Time is Now."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, March 13, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Adrianna Simonelli, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Adrianna.Simonelli@mail.house.gov](mailto:Adrianna.Simonelli@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph R. Pitts  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health

cc: Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

## Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts

- 1) In your testimony you said you “did not believe tax dollars should be used to pay premiums for those who can afford to pay on their own.” You also mentioned that, according to Social Security Administration data, there are thousands of seniors with annual income more than \$1,000,000. Some would say wealthier Americans have already paid more into Medicare over their careers through higher payroll taxes. I know a traditional liberal worry is that greater income-relating of premiums would “turn Medicare into Medicaid” inasmuch as it would effectively make Medicare a means-tested entitlement.
  - a. Please explain why you think it’s reasonable to charge the wealthier more?
  - b. What do you think of the concern over eroding Medicare as an entitlement?