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Dear Mr. Roberts:

The American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) is pleased to endorse two key legislative initiatives in the United States House of Representatives and Senate aimed at protecting patients' access to diabetes test supplies and other vital Medicare Part B Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) and related services. S. 511, H.R. 616 and H.R. 1970 will allow community pharmacists to continue to serve their Medicare patients with diabetes by removing potential new barriers to pharmacists' participation in the Medicare program.

Community pharmacies are a major source of prescription medications and other health care products and services, such as diabetes test supplies, to Medicare beneficiaries. The loss of pharmacy participation in the program would force many beneficiaries to have to travel longer distances and to more locations to obtain not only their DMEPOS, but also their Medicaid and their Part B and Part D prescription needs.

S. 511, H.R. 616 and H.R. 1970 are necessary for patients to have continued access to quality health care. AADE is pleased to provide this endorsement of your legislative efforts and look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer