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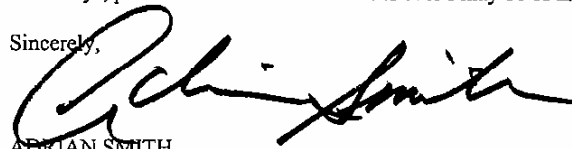
Dear Ms. Plasari:

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to Retiresafe and the hundreds of constituents who participated in Retiresafe petitions. Our nation is now faced with an entitlement spending crisis, and I understand the urgent need to reach across party lines and develop solutions which will lower the cost of prescription drugs for seniors and health care coverage for working families.

As a member of the House Budget Committee, I have had the opportunity to participate in committee hearings, examine expert witnesses, and offer motions to amend the funding framework for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Rest assured, I will continue to work with my colleagues to provide all Americans access to quality, affordable health care and a financially secure retirement while strengthening these programs for future generations.

As a member of this committee, I will do my part to ensure Congress continues to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare to ensure a secure future for all Americans. As always, please feel free to contact me if ever I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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