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The Honorable Paul Ryan
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act

Dear Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer:

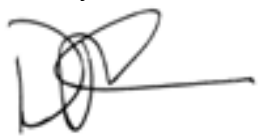
I write on behalf of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) regarding H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act.

AAAAI strongly urges our Federal leaders (both the President and Congress) to implement policies to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health care coverage. AAAAI further notes that protection of the Federal programs of Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) are vitally important in that effort, especially for our patients with chronic illnesses such as asthma, allergies, and primary immunodeficiency diseases.

Established in 1943, AAAAI is a professional organization with more than 7,000 members in the United States, Canada, and 72 other countries. This membership includes board certified allergist/immunologists, other medical specialists, allied health and related healthcare professionals – all with a special interest in the research and treatment of patients with allergic and immunological diseases.

Thank you for your leadership in working to protect Federal health care programs and ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health care. The AAAAI looks forward to working with you and your staff as issues related to the research and treatment of allergic and immunologic diseases arise, and would encourage to you contact Sheila Heitzig, JD, MNM, CAE, AAAAI Director of Practice and Policy, at (414) 272-6071 or sheitzig@aaaai.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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AAAAI President