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Congressman Michael C. Burgess, MD  
2161 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Burgess,

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is writing to you to thank you for your sponsorship of H.R. 766, the "Preventive Health Savings Act." We are excited that this bipartisan bill will help address the burden of chronic disease in our country and recognize the fact that there are long-term economic benefits of legislation that addresses prevention of chronic disease. For this bill to enable leaders in Congress to request that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provide an estimate of the long-term health savings that could result from more effective preventive health measures is a big step forward.

As you know, the burden of chronic disease in our country is enormous and is a leading cause of death and disability.

- Each year more than 877,500 Americans died of heart disease or stroke (CDC)
- Each year, more than 1.7 million people were diagnosed with cancer (CDC)
- Each year, more than 37.3 million Americans have diabetes (CDC)
- The U.S. 2017-2020 obesity prevalence rate is 41.9 percent (CDC)
- In 2020, 5.8 million people were living with Alzheimer's Disease, and that number is expected to triple by 2060 to 14 million (CDC)

The heavy economic toll of these and other chronic diseases accounts for 90 percent of our nation's \$4.1 trillion in annual health care spending (CDC), a figure which will only rise as our population ages. Thank you for supporting legislation that will improve access to prevention and treatment of chronic diseases and being a physician voice in Congress.

If there is anything more that AMWA can do to be of help, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eliza Lo Chin, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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