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The Honorable Jodey Arrington
Chairman U.S. House Budget Committee
204 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brendan Boyle
Ranking Member U.S. House Budget Committee
507 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Arrington and Ranking Member Boyle:

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is writing to you in support of H.R. 766, the "Preventive Health Savings Act." This bipartisan bill addresses the burden of chronic disease in our country and recognizes that there are long-term economic benefits of legislation that addresses prevention of chronic disease. In particular, this bill would 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 that address chronic disease.

The burden of chronic disease in our country is enormous. Here are some recent statistics:

- Chronic disease is a leading cause of death and disability in the United States.
- 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)

These diseases and many other chronic diseases take a heavy economic toll, accounting for 90 percent of our nation's \$4.1 trillion in annual health care spending (CDC). And as our population ages, we can only expect these numbers to rise. By taking a proactive role in passing legislation that will improve access to prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, Congress can help mitigate these challenges.

Current methods of CBO scoring don't adequately take into consideration the downstream savings. This legislation will help address this gap by allowing Congressional leaders to request an analysis of additional 10-year periods beyond the existing initial 10-year window.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Lo Chin, MD".

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