



September 1, 2020

The Honorable John Hoeven
Senator from North Dakota
338 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Doug Jones
Senator from Alabama
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Cc: Representative Jim McGovern (MA-02)

Dear Senators Hoeven and Jones,

On behalf of the 2.2 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, I write to offer our support for S. 4151, the *Sustaining Outpatient Services (SOS) Act* and its bipartisan House companion, H.R. 4838.

As many AMAC members are also Medicare beneficiaries, we make it a priority to safeguard this important benefit. It is vital that all beneficiaries have access to the care they require, particularly those suffering from cardiovascular events.

S. 4151 corrects the unintended consequences that limit specialty care by a previous budget bill and establishes financial thresholds under which certain low-cost outpatient services, such as cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, would be exempt from lower Medicare reimbursement. Cardiac and pulmonary care are not usually offered in a physician office setting, and your bill would greatly benefit patients by promoting the use of these treatments which are currently underutilized, particularly by women.

Thank you, Senators Hoeven and Jones, and your bipartisan colleagues, for sponsoring legislation that focuses on expanding access to essential healthcare for seniors. With nearly one million Americans experiencing heart attacks each year, your bill works to advance the rehabilitative care they need for recovery, and AMAC is pleased to offer our organization's full support for S. 4151, the *Sustaining Outpatient Services (SOS) Act* and its companion, H.R. 4838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlston".

President, AMAC Action