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PRESS ALERT VIDEO - Bi-partisan Healthcare Issue That Congress DOES AGREE On. PRESS ALERT

Hello Editor,

I am a kidney dialysis patient and a filmmaker. I am sending this information to you. There is a bi-partisan cause that Congress DOES AGREE on. **Over 200 Congressional members have signed a strong letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), insisting that they stop the proposed 10% Medicare cuts to dialysis patient care. The signatures include Democrats and Republicans.**

These drastic cuts would be devastating to dialysis patients like me. We could lose doctor, nurse and social worker services, dialysis centers would close, costs for care could be passed on to already struggling patients and their families. The honest truth is that some of us would lose our fragile lives. So as a filmmaker, I decided to make a short film that would show CMS and lawmakers that those numbers and figures on their ledger sheets represent real people... and real lives. I interviewed a number of dialysis patients and asked them to tell us what their lives are like and how these cuts would adversely affect their lives. The resulting short film is [The Real Faces of Dialysis](#). It is a short but powerful and touching film that will inform and move you.

The idea was to change minds and reverse the decision to make these cruel cuts. And we know that it is effective. Congressman Brad Sherman, representing California's 30th, 27th, and 24th congressional districts, had previously declined to sign the Congressional letter to CMS. I am told that upon viewing this short film, he was moved to add his signature to the letter. Other lawmakers are following suit. **The announcement of this decision is scheduled for early November, so it is crucial that we make this issue very public to STOP THESE CUTS!**

I have attached PDF copies of the Congressional letter with signatures and an excellent article from The Hill's Congressional Blog, which will explain the issue in more detail. The video and these documents are posted on my website: <http://meltdownfilms.com/realfacesofdialysis.html>

A direct link to the video can be to the YouTube posting of the video is: <http://youtu.be/8koE4pO47ak>
I also just created a Facebook page for this issue just this morning:
<https://www.facebook.com/RealFacesOfDialysis>

Here is the link to The Hill Blog article that I attached: <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/healthcare/321129-cms-proposed-rule-to-cut-medicare-payment-for-dialysis-care-bad-for-patients>

We need your help. Please spread the word about this heartbreaking issue and help save patient lives. Please feel free to contact me if I can help in any way.

Thank you.

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