On March 4, Rep. Waxman, along with Rep. Sherrod Brown, Rep. Pete Stark, Rep. Ben Cardin, and Sen. Dick Durbin, wrote to Secretary Tommy Thompson with concerns about the growing number of "concierge" physician practices that are charging seniors annual membership fees. Secretary Thompson wrote back that these practices do not necessarily violate Medicare billing laws. On May 16, Rep. Waxman became an original co-sponsor of H.R. 4752, which would bar membership fees to Medicare patients. **Documents and Links**

- Letter to Secretary Thompson
- Secretary Thompson's Response
- Bill Text: H.R. 4752