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In summary, there is no practicable or affordable way of implementing the MAC proposals without jeopardizing the quality of patient care. The MAC concept rests on a miscalculation of costs, benefits, and risks. For these reasons, NPC has urged the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to withdraw its MAC proposal and seek other ways to carry out the Department's responsibility for cost containment and assurance of quality health care for the American public.

Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the invitation to present our views on the MAC proposal. The National Pharmaceutical Council would welcome any opportunity to work constructively with legislative or executive bodies toward a program to provide improved health care to all Americans at reasonable cost.