

Helping our members protect the public  
from medical identity theft



October 22, 2015

The Honorable Peter Roskam  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
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The Honorable Rodney Davis  
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**RE: Industry Support of Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2015 (H.R. 3220)**

Dear Representative Roskam, Representative Blumenauer, Representative Boyle, Representative Costello, Representative Dold, Representative Davis, Representative Sinema, Representative Connolly, Representative Ribble, Representative Hultgren and Representative Buchanan:

The members of the Medical Identity Fraud Alliance (MIFA) are pleased to support the ***Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2015 (H.R. 3220)***. Your legislation, which would create a pilot program to test the use of a smart card in Medicare, represents an important step towards securing the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Protected Health Information (PHI) of Medicare beneficiaries.

Medical identity theft and fraud exert enormous pressure on our healthcare and financial ecosystems. MIFA's mission is to strengthen the healthcare ecosystem by working to reduce the

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frequency and impact of medical identity fraud. MIFA members are dedicated to building robust prevention and resolution mechanisms to combat this growing epidemic.

We believe that smart card technology is a viable preventative solution with significant potential to protect and secure Medicare beneficiaries' PII and PHI.

At its core, combating medical identity fraud is about protecting beneficiaries from financial and physical harm.

MIFA's members are healthcare providers, health plans and business associates who provide valuable identity management and other related technology or services to the healthcare sector. A full member roster is available at <http://medidfraud.org/membership/members-and-strategic-partners/>.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-407-0958 or [ann@medidfraud.org](mailto:ann@medidfraud.org).

Sincerely,



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Medical Identity Fraud Alliance (MIFA)

#### **MIFA Members and Partners**

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CSID	PatientSecure
Emdeon	Paycasso Verify, Inc.
Europ Assistance USA	Secure ID Coalition
Experian	Smart Card Alliance
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