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As long as these patients are showing objective improvements, insurance companies should not dictate when he/she should be done with their treatments. Please take my concern and request into consideration and repeal the cap on Medicare outpatient therapy services by supporting the HR 748 bill. Please do what's best for our senior citizens!

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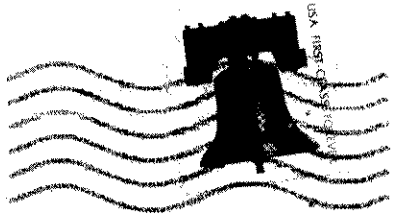
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