December 4, 2020

U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the more than 1 million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I strongly urge you to co-sign a letter currently being circulated by Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) regarding surprise medical billing and the potential for rate-setting language to be included in must-pass legislation before the end of this year.

We understand the concern many senators have about how best to address the financial liability many consumers face when confronted with surprise medical bills. However, efforts to address this problem should not be included in any last-minute spending bill or other legislation. Instead, the Senate should take careful consideration of every option available to address surprise medical billing, avoid efforts to create a rate-setting regime, and ensure that regular order is used to ensure a full analysis of all options on the table. If language is included in hurried, last-minute spending bills as has been suggested, it will result in reduced healthcare options for all Americans.

For this reason, I urge you to sign onto Senator Blackburn’s letter requesting that the Senate refrain from including surprise billing or rate setting in any legislative package expected to pass before the end of this year.

Sincerely,

Tom Schatz