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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 9:27 AM
To: Martel, Richard, CTR, OASD(HA)/TMA
Subject: TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits

Dear Mr. Martel- I read, not only with interest but with great concern, the article about how the co-pay cost of several medicines may be increased. I urge the panel to do everything they can to keep this from happening.

As the spouse of a Superintendent for a Recruiting Squadron, I can assure you that although this may seem like a small change, many of our families can not afford the increase. We have many young families that are struggling just to make it from paycheck to paycheck. They depend on the lower cost of their prescriptions to help them make ends meet. In addition, of all medications to make more difficult to get- antidepressants! Are we trying to make things as difficult as possible for those who are already having trouble coping!

Please urge them to reconsider. There must be another way to cut costs besides penalizing our military members for having health issues.

Respectfully, [redacted]

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