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Dear Marc:

As a doctor and Member of Congress, I often see the need for long-term care impact individuals and families. As Americans live longer lives, we need adequate coverage in this area if we want to protect our family's retirement security, receive high quality care and avoid emotional anguish.

American adults owe it to themselves, their families and their loved ones to consider and plan for the potential need for long-term care. Most experts agree that the best time to start planning is when you still have the most options, generally in your 50s.

Private long-term care insurance provides individuals with better choices and more control. When more individuals take responsibility for their own long-term care planning, fewer Americans will be forced to depend on government programs, enabling those programs to really focus on those who are most in need of assistance.

Long-Term Care Awareness Month is the perfect occasion to focus attention on the importance of this issue, and we salute those members of the Center for Long-Term Care Reform who will play an important role in educating individuals and employer groups this year.

The cost of long-term care is high in dollar terms. But, that doesn't compare to the financial and emotional cost of not planning.

I encourage everyone to get the information they need to make an informed decision for their future quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. W. Boustany, Jr." in a cursive style.

Charles W. Boustany, Jr., M.D.
Member of Congress