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The Honorable Jason Smith, Chair  
The Honorable Richard Neal, Ranking Member  
Ways and Means Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1129 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Neal,

The Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation (BHOFF) is the nation's leading organization dedicated to preventing osteoporosis and broken bones, promote strong bones for life and reduce human suffering through programs of public and clinician awareness, education, advocacy, and research. We are writing to express our appreciation to the U.S. House Committee on Ways & Means for supporting legislation that works to expand coverage for obesity treatments to Older Americans.

Through H.R. 4818, the "Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2023" Medicare will enhance access to treatment and expand providers of intensive behavioral therapy to fight this chronic disease. Obesity has a detrimental impact on bone quality for older Americans and can lead to debilitating osteoporotic fractures.

We urge the Ways and Means Committee to prioritize activity to improve the future health of older Americans. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this letter of support, please feel free to contact me at [amedeiros@bonehealthandosteoporosis.org](mailto:amedeiros@bonehealthandosteoporosis.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A Medeiros'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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