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*Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Inc.*  
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Dear Senator:

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, a national, nonpartisan professional association of physicians in all specialties founded in 1943, opposes S. 2408, Medicare Electronic Medication and Safety Protection (E-MEDS) Act of 2007.

E-prescribing should be a matter of patient and physician choice. Only they can decide whether the benefits outweigh the risks and costs, and whether privacy protections are adequate. The federal government has no constitutional authority to dictate forms of communication between medical professionals.

Therefore we strongly encourage you to vote against S. 2408, Medicare Electronic Medication and Safety Protection (E-MEDS) Act of 2007.

Sincerely,

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