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Dr. Paul A. Stoess
Medical Center
415 West Second
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Dear Dr. Stoess:

Thank you for your letter of September 3 concerning your objections to the compulsory inclusion of physicians under the Social Security program. As passed by the House recently, the bill would include doctors, but the provision was objected to in the Senate and understood it was deleted. Since the bill will no doubt go to a House-Senate Conference Committee to iron out the differences between the House-passed and Senate-passed versions, you may wish to write Congressman Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and also Congressman John W. Byrne, the ranking Republican member of the Committee, who will in all probability be on the Conference Committee, to make your views known to them.

Am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company with respect to pending legislation, and thought it might be of interest.

When I may be of assistance at any time, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE, M.C.

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Enclosure

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3 September 1964

Representative Robert Dole
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Dole:

We are two of the approximately 250,000 physicians in the United States who are quite concerned about the possible amendment to the Social Security act which would make compulsory the inclusion of all physicians to the Social Security system. We should like to make a few points against our being included in this system.

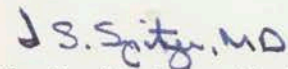
1. One of every eleven physicians in the United States is 65 years or older. This 9% represents about 23,000 practicing physicians. These 23,000 physicians provide the medical care for about 11,000,000 Americans.
2. These 23,000 physicians and the 2,500 who become 65 years of age each year are equivalent to graduating classes from about 120 medical schools.
3. If all physicians in this country were included under the Social Security system and if all physicians over the age of 65 were suddenly to retire, a catastrophic situation would suddenly exist whereby approximately 11,000,000 Americans would be unattended. I am sure that you can see the complete illogic in the perpetration of such a situation.
4. We are two of countless men who NEVER plan on retiring. If we live to the average age of retirement of the American physician, we will be 74 years old and at that time probably will have a very limited need for an income from the Social Security system.

For the above reasons we resolutely reject the inclusion of the American physician in the Social Security system.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul A. Stoesz, M. D.



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