

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3962**  
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Base text: HR 3962 as introduced

In title IX of division B, add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1910. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Medicare Trustees project that, under  
4 intermediate assumptions, the Medicare Trust Fund  
5 will become insolvent in 2017, two years earlier than  
6 last year's projection.

7 (2) On July 28, 2009, President Barack Obama  
8 stated that, “[U]nless we act, within a decade, the  
9 Medicare Trust Fund will be in the red.”.

10 (3) Medicare's financial outlook has further de-  
11 teriorated as a result of the current economic reces-  
12 sion.

13 (4) Between 2010 and 2030, the number of  
14 people on Medicare is projected to rise from 46 mil-  
15 lion to 78 million.

16 (5) Medicare expenditures are expected to in-  
17 crease in future years at a faster pace than either  
18 workers' earnings or the U.S. economy overall.

1           (6) Without timely and effective action to ad-  
2           dress Medicare's financial challenges, this situation  
3           will only become more unstable and insecure for our  
4           seniors, leaving drastic tax increases and benefit  
5           cuts as the only solutions.

6           (7) Saving Medicare for our seniors and ensur-  
7           ing its financial stability for future generations  
8           should be a top priority for this Nation.

9           (8) Members of Congress on both sides of the  
10          aisle have debated, in good faith, about ways to save  
11          money in Medicare, and have proposed specific pol-  
12          icy changes to eliminate waste and improve the pro-  
13          gram.

14          (9) With the future of Medicare in jeopardy,  
15          money saved from changes to the Medicare program  
16          should not be taken away from Medicare to be spent  
17          on other programs.

18          (b) COST SAVINGS.—No cost savings derived from  
19          the implementation of changes to the Medicare program  
20          under this Act may be spent on any program other than  
21          the Medicare program.

22          (c) MEDICARE PROGRAM DEFINED.—For purposes  
23          of this section, the term "Medicare program" means the  
24          program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

