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"I am disappointed that the President vetoed this important bipartisan bill. We have the votes in Congress to override this veto and I am hopeful that we can take it up as soon as possible.

"Signing this bill into law would ensure that Medicare beneficiaries are able to continue to see the doctors that they've grown to trust. It would also lower annual out of pocket expenses for low-income individuals when Maine residents need it most. In addition, the provisions to protect access to care in rural areas mark an important milestone in the health care arena. By improving payments, this bill helps ensure that sole community hospitals, critical access hospitals, and ambulances can continue to provide much-needed services to Maine residents. "

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