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Submission:

My principal concern is the removal of calcium supplements from the PBS. I was diagnosed with Osteoporosis about 18 months ago. As a result I take a weekly FOSAMAX tablet and daily calcium tablet supplements. I am also on a calcium-enriched diet, such as more fish, cheese a "Point One" milk. As an example, the milk is much more expensive than standard milk.

I consider the decision to remove calcium tablets to be very short-sighted. If I break a bone, not only will the government be paying for my medical expenses, but my community will be deprived of a very active citizen who has been repeatedly recognised for his contribution over the years. I don't believe the government has really considered the consequences of this decision.

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"Whom we elect is important, but what we make them do is even more so!"