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A national coalition of consumers, government agencies and insurers dedicated to combating all forms of insurance fraud through public information and advocacy.

April 25, 2014

The Hon, Bill Nelson Chair-Special Committee on Aging United States Senate G-31 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

I write to you on behalf of the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud in support of your efforts to strengthen the Health Fraud Prevention Partnership that was established to help the private and public insurance sectors work collaboratively to reduce health insurance fraud.

The Coalition is a broad-based national alliance of insurers, consumer groups and government organizations dedicated to combating all forms of insurance fraud through public eduction, research and advocacy. We are recognized as one of the leading anti-fraud organizations in the nation. The Coalition works closely with legislators, insurance regulators and federal and state agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice. We seek to strengthen efforts to target fraud against America's insurance systems, whether they are private or public programs.

We worked closely with HHS and private insurers to create the Health Fraud Prevention Partnership several years ago. The Partnership brings together the key stakeholders of the health insurance system with CMS and private insurers to help identify fraud schemes that defraud the insurance system, both private and public systems. The Coalition currently serves as the co-chair of the Partnership's Executive Board.

Your bill will help Partnership participants more freely exchange information and better detect fraudulent schemes. This data exchange – while protecting the privacy of patients and medical providers — is essential for the success of the Partnership. We have already seen success with the Partnership in several initial studies that have been conducted. With the enactment of your bill, those successes will be magnified and lasting.

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The Coalition stands with you to continue to strengthen the Partnership and minimize the damaging cost of health care fraud. Its success of these efforts will help our nation fight against those who are scamming the health insurance systems and help keep health care insurance affordable.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition.

Sincerely,

Dennis Jay

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