



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

Thank you for your April 4, 2017, and June 30, 2017, letters regarding my discussions with Members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. I appreciate your interest in our efforts to address the rising premiums and limited choices Americans are facing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

As a former Member of the House and a Committee Chairman, I know how invaluable the robust exchange of ideas can be to crafting legislation that provides the public with a sound public policy. I also believe that all Members of Congress would appreciate my willingness to engage with them in a candid and thoughtful manner. To that end, just as I would hold our conversations private, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to share details of the conversations I have had with your colleagues.

However, I welcome the engagement of all Members of the House and Senate. I am committed to always maintaining an open line of communication. If you wish to discuss our efforts to improve the quality and cost of health care available to Americans, please contact Jessica Harrison [REDACTED] with my office to schedule a meeting at your earliest convenience. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation is also available to discuss any matters with your staff at 202-690-7627.

A copy of this response will also be provided to the co-signers of your letter.

Yours truly,

Thomas E. Price, M.D.