

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

December 21, 2017

The Honorable Eric D. Hargan
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Acting Secretary Hargan:

We write to you regarding the Administration's ongoing efforts to sabotage families' health care through executive action. Since the first days of the Trump Administration, the Administration's statements and actions have clearly established its goal to undermine the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and destabilize the health insurance market. Instead of heeding the calls of governors, medical providers, patient groups, business leaders, health insurers, and the public to work together to improve health care, the Administration has taken a host of actions to roll back protections, increase costs, and reduce access to health care.

In April, some of us wrote to then-Secretary Price requesting that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provide a document that was presented to a privileged group of House Republicans in March outlining the insurance regulations the Administration would repeal on its own if House Republicans voted for Republican health care legislation.

It has now come to our attention that HHS has developed a list of hundreds of other actions to sabotage health care for people nationwide. According to press reports, the now-shuttered Office of Health Reform within HHS was at the center of the Trump Administration's efforts to undermine the ACA.¹ This office regularly met with industry representatives to discuss how to roll back regulations and, at one point, the office reportedly maintained a spreadsheet detailing more than 200 planned regulatory actions.²

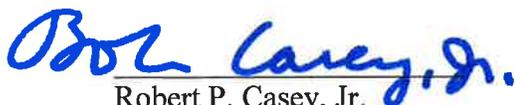
In order to ensure transparency on the Administration's intentions regarding the ACA, as well as the effect Administration actions would have on the health care of millions of patients and families, please provide the spreadsheet referenced above, which lists more than 200 regulatory actions the Administration is planning to take to further undermine health care in our country by no later than January 4, 2018.

¹ *HHS Winds Down Health Reform Office, Sources Say*, Politico Pro (November 29, 2017) (available at <https://www.politicopro.com/health-care/article/2017/11/hhs-winds-down-health-reform-office-sources-say-195015>).

² *Ibid.*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

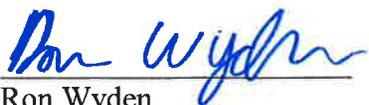
Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
Ranking Member
Senate Aging Committee



Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate HELP Committee



Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee



Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee



Richard Neal
Ranking Member
House Ways and Means Committee