



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Assistant Secretary for Legislation
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

AUG 30 2016

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Sander M. Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
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Ranking Member
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