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May 15, 2018

Via Email (Emily.Felder@cms.hhs.gov)

The Honorable Seema Verma  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
200 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Administrator Verma:

We ask you to testify at a hearing entitled “Medicaid Fraud and Overpayments: Problems and Solutions” before the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 10 a.m. in SD-342 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the Medicaid program’s vulnerability to fraud and overpayments. We ask that your testimony discuss the efforts of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to fight Medicaid fraud and overpayments and how CMS safeguards taxpayer dollars in the Medicaid program.

The Committee has sought your testimony on this subject matter since April 20; however, you have declined repeatedly to confirm that you will testify. The Committee even postponed this hearing from May to accommodate your schedule. Even still, you have declined to confirm your availability and have offered a subordinate CMS official in your place. We believe that you, as the Senate-confirmed leader of CMS, are the best and most-appropriate witness to testify on behalf of the agency about an issue of such importance to the integrity of the Medicaid program.

During your confirmation by the Senate, you promised to “testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress.”<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, please confirm that you will testify at this hearing as soon as possible but no later than 5 p.m. on May 21, 2018. If the Committee does not receive this confirmation, we may be forced to seek alternative means to compel your testimony.

The committee requests that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes or less, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the committee. The Committee requests that your testimony be submitted by 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15. Please send your

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<sup>1</sup> “Hearing to Consider the Nomination of Seema Verma to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services”: Hearing before the S. Comm. on Finance, 115th Cong. (2017).

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written statement and a brief biography via email to the Committee's chief clerk, Laura Kilbride, at [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Jerry Markon with the majority staff at 202-224-4751 or Courtney Cardin with the minority staff at 202-224-2627. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson  
Chairman



Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member