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October 23, 2017



*The Honorable Lamar Alexander
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Senate of the United States of America
Washington, D.C., 20510*



CC: The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader; the Honorable Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives



Dear Sens. Alexander and Murray:



We applaud the bipartisan effort of the Senate to advance a bill that seeks to address the desperate need for short-term stability to our health insurance markets. We applaud your attention to this issue and believe this bill goes a long way towards providing the stability and certainty needed to help the 18 million consumers across America that rely on the individual market and improve our insurance markets for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

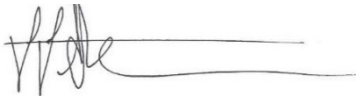


As executives from the state-based health insurance marketplaces (SBM), and SBMs operating through the federal platform (SBM-FPs), we work every day to ensure that our consumers have access to quality, affordable coverage options. As we quickly approach the 2018 coverage year, we support maximum flexibility for our states to implement any changes that may affect our 2018 markets. This will enable states to provide the greatest value to our consumers, responsive to both consumer and market needs. Many of our states have already begun negotiations for our 2019 insurance products and swift action on this bill would provide timely information to help ensure lower rates and broaden choice for our consumers.



We would be pleased to provide you with any data or information that may be helpful to you. We look forward to additional opportunities to work with you to develop solutions that address our healthcare challenges and provide stability across all markets.

Sincerely,



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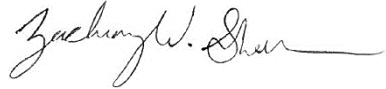
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