

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 24, 2019

The Honorable Alex Azar  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

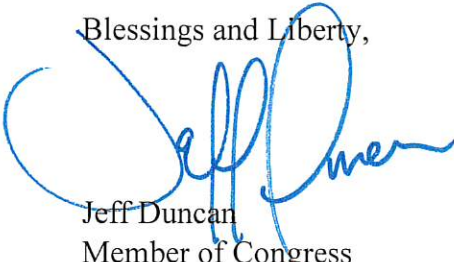
Thank you for your leadership promoting pro-life policies across the agencies at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We commend you for taking actions to address the sale of illegal mail-order abortion drugs, as well as the implementation of the Protect Life Rule to stop taxpayer funded facilities from referring for abortions. Building on the Administration's accomplishments, we write today to inquire on the status of proposed rule, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange Program Integrity.

As stated in congressional letters sent to HHS in January and July, we are concerned that the prior Administration's illegal actions to combine the hidden abortion surcharge with the underlying premiums, which requires enrollees to unknowingly subsidize elective abortions against their own consciences, will result in continued non-compliance with ACA Section 1303.

With only days left to the 2020 Open Enrollment period – beginning November 1, 2019 – we are concerned over the delay of finalizing this policy. Please update us on your progress in isolating abortion funds – both in what Section 1303 refers to as the “separate payments” and the “separate accounts” that would be used to pay for those abortions.

Thank you again for your leadership and guidance on advancing pro-life policies across your agencies. We look forward to your prompt attention to this request.

Blessings and Liberty,




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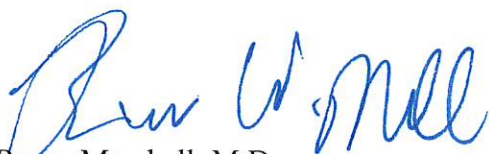


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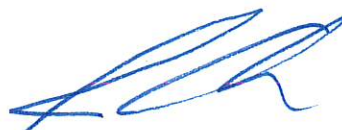
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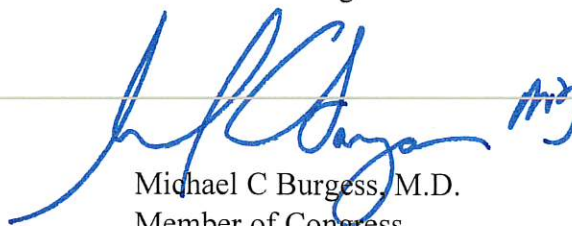
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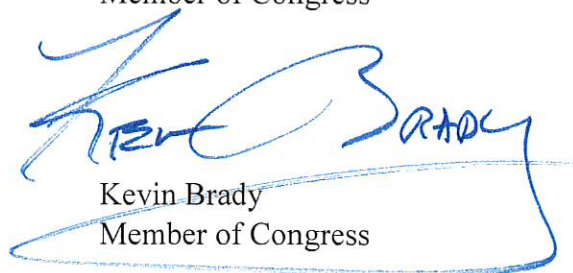
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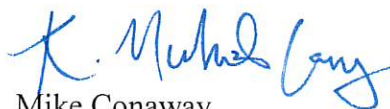
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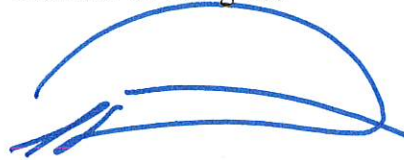
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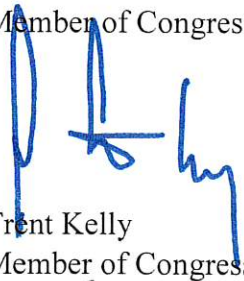
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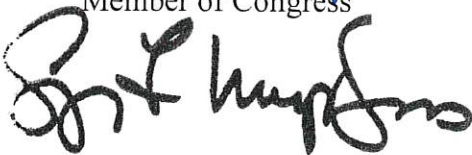
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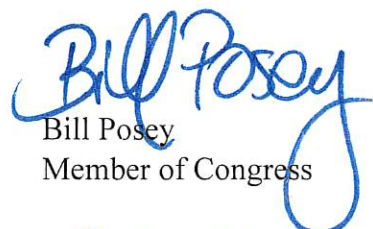
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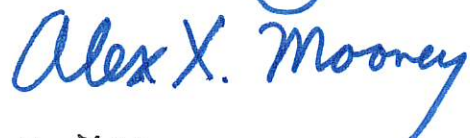
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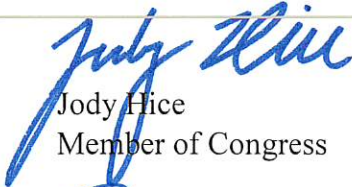
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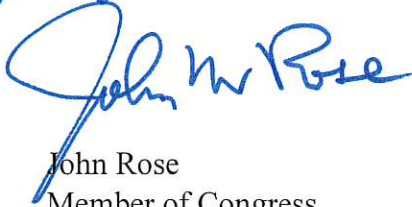
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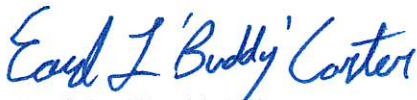
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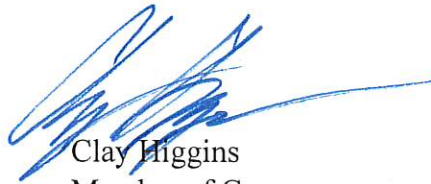
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