



January 17, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-7010

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

I write on behalf of the Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC) to support the nomination of U.S. Representative Tom Price as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). HLC members, leaders from every sector of American healthcare, have had the opportunity to meet and work with Dr. Price during his tenure in Congress, discussing his positions and ideas on a wide range of health policy issues, and we believe he is eminently qualified to lead the effort to strengthen our nation's healthcare system and improve the accessibility, affordability, and quality of care for the American people.

Dr. Price has earned respect and praise for his work as both a physician and a lawmaker. In his six terms in the U.S. House, his expertise and leadership won the respect of his colleagues as exemplified by his role as chairman of the House Budget Committee and as one of the leaders in constructing the House Republican "Better Way" health reform proposal.

The breadth and detail of this proposal underscores Dr. Price's capability to lead HHS. Creating an optimal healthcare system to meet our current and future challenges is a multi-faceted undertaking. Through his work, Dr. Price has demonstrated himself to be a champion of wellness and chronic disease prevention, expanded use of health information technology, investments in medical research, and health coverage that Americans can afford and can carry with them wherever they live or work.

And, importantly, at a time in which we need to approach health reform with a spirit of bipartisanship and collaboration, Dr. Price has repeatedly worked with his colleagues across the aisle in the House on legislation intended to improve the lives of patients and healthcare consumers.

We are entering an important juncture in healthcare policymaking and it is critical that we have an expert hand at the helm of one of the nation's most important cabinet departments. Dr. Price has demonstrated the knowledge and solid judgment to lead the Department of Health and Human Services. On behalf of HLC's members from every health sector, we strongly recommend his swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary R. Grealy".

Mary R. Grealy
President