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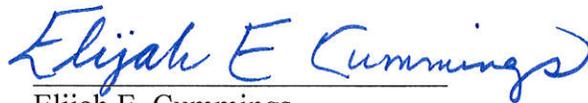
Dear Mr. Isasi:

Enclosed are questions that have been directed to you and submitted for the official record for the hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, titled "The Trump Administration's Attack on the ACA: Reversal in Court Case Threatens Health Care for Millions of Americans."

Please return your written responses to these questions by Friday, August 30, 2019, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Clerk at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member

Questions for Mr. Frederick Isasi
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Questions from Chairman Elijah E. Cummings

July 10, 2019, Hearing on: “The Trump Administration’s Attack on the ACA: Reversal in Court Case Threatens Health Care for Millions of Americans”

1. House Republicans have voted on 69 different occasions to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
 - a. Please provide an assessment of the alternative plans put forward to replace the ACA and whether these plans would ensure equivalent health care coverage to the ACA, as well as protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
2. Some states have taken steps to implement state-level regulatory and/or statutory protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
 - a. Will these state-level protections be effective in the absence of the ACA’s financial assistance to consumers?
 - b. What would be the impact on state-level protections if the entire ACA is struck down?
3. The ACA established new consumer protections for older Americans between the ages of 50 and 64—including those with pre-existing conditions. These protections prevent insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions and limit how much more older Americans can be charged for coverage than their younger counterparts.
 - a. How would eliminating protections for older Americans impact the U.S. health care system?
4. The Trump Administration has issued rules to make it easier for insurers to sell association health plans and short-term, limited duration health insurance plans.
 - a. How do these plans discriminate against consumers with pre-existing health conditions?
5. During the hearing, the panel was asked to indicate support—by a show of hands—for general statements about various health care policies. Some witnesses may have abstained from answering complex policy questions in this manner and were not given the opportunity to make that clear.
 - a. Please provide any additional information you would like in relation to these questions.