

**Opening Statement**  
**The Honorable Marsha Blackburn**  
**Energy and Commerce Committee**  
**Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Hearing**  
**“PPACA Enrollment and the Insurance Industry”**  
**May 7, 2014**

- Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this hearing so that we might have some clarity about the Obamacare Enrollment numbers.
- The rollout of HealthCare.gov was abysmal. In addition, the administration has unilaterally issued numerous delays. I believe that we are not finished with very unpleasant surprises with this law. The American people deserve answers to many questions and we intend to get those answers.
- In March of this year, Secretary Sebelius told us that she could not tell us how many people who had enrolled in plans had actually paid their first month premiums. She was asked if she had asked for that information from insurers, she admitted that she had not.
- The former director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at CMS, Gary Cohen also said that he did not know.
- I don't know, but I think when you have a name like “oversight” you should have an idea about what is going on.
- Since the Administration was unable, or unwilling to provide the information to Congress, we requested this information from the insurers that the administration lists at participants in the Federally Facilitated Exchanges.
- As we continue to work to I am looking forward to hearing from each of the witnesses today as we continue to shine a very bright light on Obamacare.