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Ms. Allison O'Toole
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Dear Ms. O'Toole:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "An Overdue Checkup: Examining the ACA's State Insurance Marketplaces."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

Also attached are Member requests made during the hearing. The format of your responses to these requests should follow the same format as your responses to the additional questions for the record.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, November 9, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Jessica Wilkerson, Oversight Associate, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to jessica.wilkerson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Tim Murphy

Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachments

Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Susan W. Brooks

1. In Indiana we have a significant population below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) enrolled in the Indiana Marketplace, the majority of which – those below 138% FPL – should have moved to the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) once it became available. The Administration, however, maintains a 'passive' re-enrollment where individuals are kept in the Marketplace even if they don't update their financial information; in many cases individuals are not informed that they may actually qualify for the less costly HIP program.

    a. How do you view this omission? Is this a leadership issue? Is it an intentional lack of transparency?

2. In Indiana, initial projections showed that 500,000 Hoosiers were eligible for tax subsidies through the federal marketplace. Instead, recent numbers show that enrollment is less than 150,000.

    a. 350,000 is more than a minor calculation error. In your experience, how would you explain this vast discrepancy?

Attachment 2—Member Requests for the Record

During the hearing, Members asked you to provide additional information for the record, and you indicated that you would provide that information. For your convenience, descriptions of the requested information are provided below.

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. Please provide the committee with a detailed breakdown of the establishment and operational costs for the exchange that you represent.

2. Is the exchange which you represent required to perform an audit examining how grant money was spent, either at the state or federal level? If so, please provide the committee with copies of any and all applicable audits.

3. What does the exchange you represent anticipate future costs to be? How will your state absorb those costs?

The Honorable Bill Flores

1. Upon their release, please provide the committee the results of the rate reviews performed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.