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Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Thursday, January 9, 2014, to testify at the hearing entitled "The Extenders Policies: What Are They and How Should They Continue Under a Permanent SGR Repeal Landscape?"

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open 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.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Your responses should be mailed to Sydne Harwick, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515 and emailed in Word format to Sydne.Harwick@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Pitts
Chairman
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts

1. Since the Subcommittee and ACF rely on the results of the evaluations conducted on the PREP program to make decisions about legislation and funding, it is important to understand how long these programs impact adolescent decision-making and behavior related to sexual activity over the long term. Would you provide a chart that includes the number and timing for the post tests for each of the evidence based PREP programs? For example, are the participants tested upon completion of the program or are there follow-up tests as well? If you do not do follow-up testing beyond six months, how do you measure the sustainability of the results?

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman

1. Chairman Pitts raised the topic of technical assistance (TA) provided to Administration for Children and Families (ACF) grantees during the hearing. How does ACF define TA and what types of TA activities does the agency engage in with PREP grantees?
2. Chairman Pitts mentioned a July 2012 Energy and Commerce Majority Report that discusses “abstinence or sexual risk avoidance programs” and their impact. How does ACF define and make determinations regarding evidence-based programs? Do the programs cited in the July 2012 report meet ACF’s evidence-based criteria?

The Honorable Lois Capps

1. The Affordable Care Act established several new programs that you described in your testimonies: the Personal Responsibility Education Program; the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program; and the Health Workforce Demonstration Project for Low-Income Individuals. You mentioned that comprehensive evaluations of these programs are ongoing. From your testimony, even as we await results of the comprehensive evaluations, early indications are these programs have been successful. And, importantly, these programs are grounded in sound evidence. Would you please elaborate on the successes of these programs thus far and how these three programs are informed by available evidence?