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Dear Dr. Harvey:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Thursday, June 12, 2014, to testify at the hearing entitled "The President's Health Care Law Does Not Equal Health Care Access."

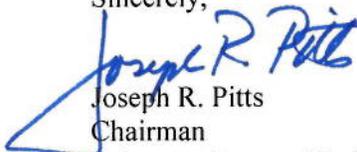
Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose 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 Wednesday, July 16, 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 e-mailed 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

Attachments

Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Renee Ellmers

1. Everyone knows that we are facing a shortage of primary care doctors, but many do not realize that the shortage extends to cognitive providers like rheumatologists and neurologists. It is my understanding that Obamacare provides a bonus to primary care providers but fails to include other physicians that bill the identical evaluation and management codes. This impacts really sick patients, those with severe arthritis or even diseases like MS. How is that impacting the recruitment of cognitive physicians to specialties like yours?

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 Gene Green

1. Would you provide the committee with some specific changes or reforms you would recommend making to the ACA to improve the law?