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The Honorable Haley Barbour
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Dear Governor Barbour:

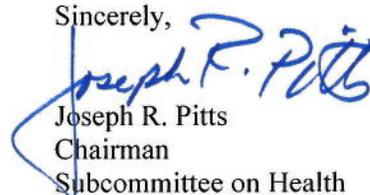
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on June 24, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining the Administration's Approval of Medicaid Demonstration Projects."

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.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on August 4, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to graham.pittman@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 Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Representative Pitts

1. As you know, Florida recently had to call a special session of its legislature because the state was unable to pass a budget, in large part because of CMS's failure to provide the state with a timely response on the renewal of its Medicaid waiver to implement an uncompensated care pool. Given your experience as a Governor, do you have any sense of how much such a special session costs tax payers?
2. What do you think are the key things this Committee should do to better position ourselves and our colleagues to legislatively adopt more meaningful changes and improvements for Medicaid?

The Honorable Representative Blackburn

1. One of the big themes behind 1115 waivers is state innovation. Yet, under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, this committee has been informed of multi-million dollar lottery winners who are enrolled in Medicaid and still receiving services. Yet, because of how income is counted under Obamacare, states cannot disenroll these lottery winners. My friends on the other side of the aisle on this Committee have repeatedly rebuffed efforts to address this issue. So, do you, as a former governor, think it is fair the states are forced to pay for lottery winners?