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Dear Dr. Schwartz:

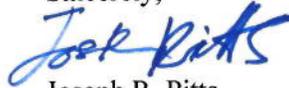
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on November 3, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining Legislation to Improve Medicare and Medicaid."

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 December 21, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 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 G.K. Butterfield

1. Ms. Schwartz, thank you for your testimony on the importance of the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act. I am especially interested in the expansion of the collaborative activities related to maternity and infant care quality. The Perinatal Quality Collaborative of North Carolina is currently a partner of the Centers for Disease Control on a wide number of initiatives related to postpartum health. Can you describe the impact of partnerships like that on public health in our country?
2. Can you highlight some of the innovations which have come about through existing perinatal collaborations?
3. Can you describe how the provisions of the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act will expand those partnerships and how that expansion would benefit millions of people across the country?
4. With nearly one out of every two births covered by Medicaid, it seems that the Quality Care for Moms and Babies act has an opportunity to benefit millions of people across the country. Can you describe some potential quality measures and how they would directly benefit beneficiaries?
5. Can you discuss how national evidence-based measures can benefit providers and potentially lead to better health outcomes for mothers and babies?
6. Can you describe the projected financial impact that quality measures would have for Medicaid and CHIP programs?
7. Would you agree that investing in this legislation will benefit patients and also reduce the likelihood of costly or potentially dangerous medical procedures?