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Dear Ms. Corlette:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on May 11, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "Health Care Solutions: Increasing Patient Choice and Plan Innovation."

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 July 1, 2016. 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 Chris Collins

In your series of recommendations you highlighted the fact that many eligible consumers are not being reached by current exchange structures and suggested that the shopping experience should be made easier. While you focused on increasing the government's role and spending for these activities, I'm curious as to whether you have considered the fact that many private entities would be interested in investing heavily in this space to target populations that are being missed and compete for their business. Many private websites have experience targeting consumers and helping them with plan selection through "smart shopping tools." All of this is being done without additional government funds.

1. Should we consider removing restrictions on the private sector to providing these benefits to aid consumers?

The Honorable Lois Capps

As of June 2015, 1.3 million people in California are actively enrolled in health insurance, and our uninsured rate has been cut in half. Our state exchange has required health insurance companies to build consumer tools that encourage participation and transparency. In using all the tools at our disposal to regulate the market, and be active purchasers of health care, California has emerged as a leader in this space and has succeeded in providing important health care services to citizens.

1. Ms. Corlette, how do these state tools and others protect consumers? Should other states adopt these practices? For states who don't take these steps, what are consumers faced with? And further, should the federal exchange be doing anything like this?