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Dear Dr. Gottlieb:

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

Major insurers are dropping out of insurance marketplaces all over the country, and beneficiaries are being left with fewer choices and increasing costs. Your written testimony states that we should focus our reform efforts around, “increasing choice and competition as a way to give consumers more options, and more opportunities to access affordable coverage.”

1. Do you think that removing the current government monopoly on operating health insurance exchanges and allowing subsidy portability could help these efforts?

2. Do you think it would make sense to create a new portal for plan shopping that would allow private entities to take on more functions and compete for consumers, provide consumers with greater flexibility, and at the same time, allow the government to outsource activities that the private sector excels in?