

**Opening Statement of Representative Susan W. Brooks**  
**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**  
**Hearing on “Sabotage: The Trump Administration’s Attack on Health Care”**  
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Thank you, Ranking Member Guthrie. Welcome Administrator Verma. Seema has been a dear friend throughout the years and is a constituent of mine. Seema and I served together in Mayor Goldsmith’s office in Indianapolis in the late 90s.

She was instrumental in our home state of Indiana in making Health Care work for patients. She is the architect of the Healthy Indiana Plan, Indiana’s popular bipartisan Medicaid program.

HIP requires individual responsibility through small member contributions utilizing POWER accounts that function like a traditional HSA. And HIP incentivizes preventative care to drive costs down and keep patients healthier.

We are proud to have a Hoosier working for the American people at CMS. We look forward to working with you to continue to improve health care for all Americans.

Thank you and I yield back.