

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

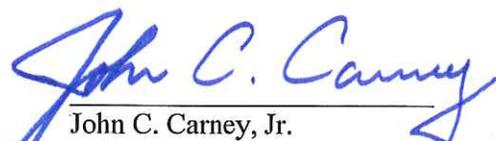
Dear Secretary Sebelius,

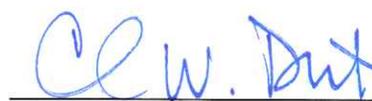
We are writing to request that you make necessary changes to the Federal healthcare exchange website to ensure individuals maintain their access to insurance coverage. Presently, several flaws in the healthcare.gov website and the hotline prevent this from happening. There is an important role for the state health officials, agents and brokers, and individuals assisting in marketplace enrollments to help guide consumers through this important but complicated process.

- First, we are writing to request that your Department create a dedicated call line for certified agents and brokers, navigators, marketplace assistors, and state health officials to ensure that problems with enrollment are addressed quickly and effectively. Currently, these individuals are limited in their ability to trouble-shoot on behalf of consumers. If they were given easy access to enhanced customer-service support via a dedicated call line, they would be better positioned to help individuals proceed to enrollment.
- Second, we are writing to request that the Department add an edit function to healthcare.gov that would allow individuals to make changes and fix mistakes with their application without having to restart the process. Individuals who make input errors on their healthcare.gov applications are currently limited in their ability to correct the problems without deleting their account and starting over.
- Third, we believe the edit function should be changed to enable consumers to add multiple assistors to their account at any stage in the enrollment process. Beyond ensuring that these assistors are compensated for their work, the ability to track who has assisted a consumer with their decision provides accountability and, in the event of any errors or issues with the application, provides important consumer protection.

Implementing the changes outlined above would fully leverage the expertise of insurance agents and brokers, state health officials and other individuals assisting in marketplace enrollments. Taking these steps as soon as possible will assist in easing some of the frustrations felt by individuals attempting to sign up for healthcare. Thank you for your attention to these issues. We look forward to continuing to work with you on these and other matters.

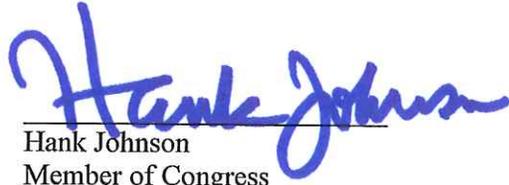
Sincerely,


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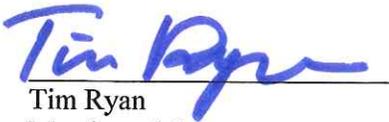
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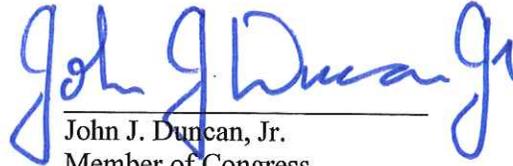
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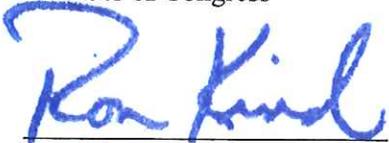
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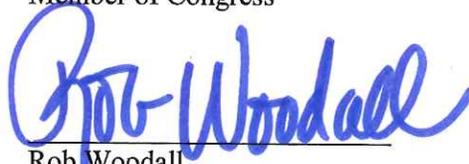
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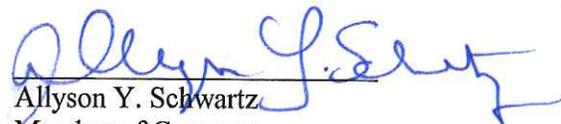
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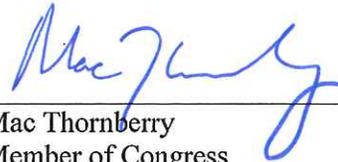
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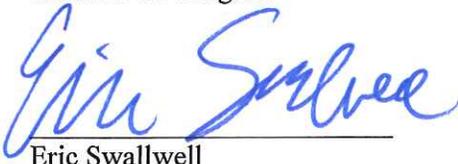
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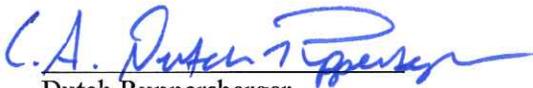
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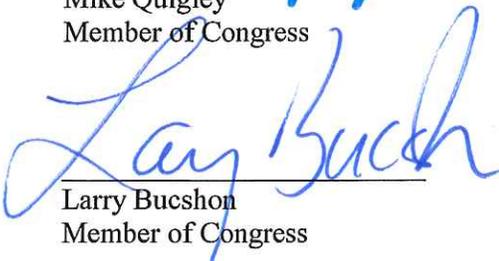
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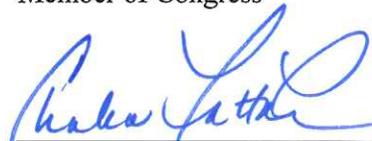
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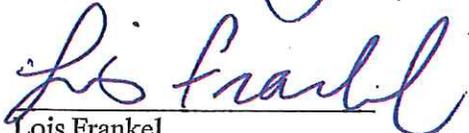
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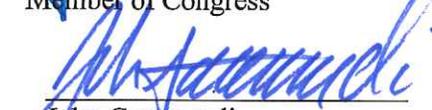

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