

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 16, 2017

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Thomas E. Price, M.D.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Mnuchin and Secretary Price:

We write to request that the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant expedited consideration to Minnesota's application for a Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver. With your approval, Minnesota will be better positioned to fund and implement the Minnesota Premium Security Program (MPSP), a state-based reinsurance program designed to stabilize its individual health insurance market.

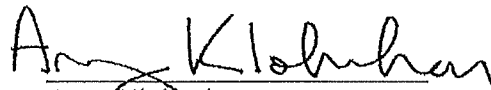
This year, the Minnesota Legislature voted to establish MPSP with bipartisan support from the Governor and Democratic and Republican Leadership to address premium increases in the individual market. This is particularly important to our rural and underserved areas, where it is critical that we reduce future rate increases, encourage consumer enrollment, preserve insurer participation, and expand access to affordable healthcare.

Minnesota's waiver application is increasingly time-sensitive as health plans prepare to propose individual market rates for 2018. On behalf of our constituents, we encourage you to consider and approve the application as soon as possible and keep our offices apprised of any developments.

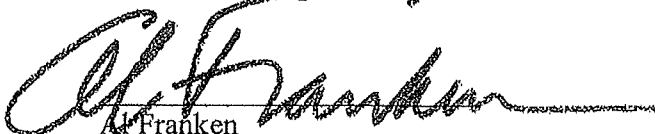
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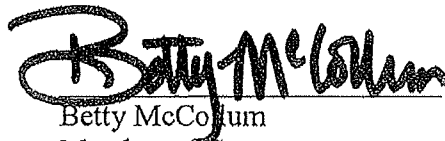
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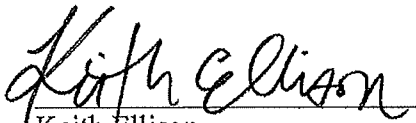
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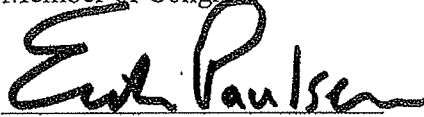
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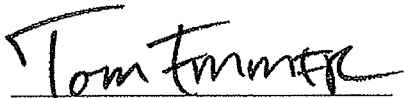
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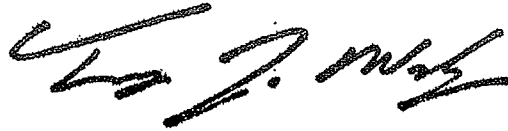
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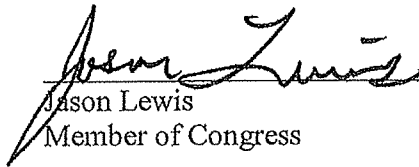
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