

January 17, 2017

Hon. Lamar Alexander, Chairman
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor & Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Patty Murray, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

The Hispanic Leadership Fund is, a non-partisan advocacy organization dedicated to strengthening working families by promoting common-sense public policy solutions that foster individual liberty, opportunity, and prosperity. As president of HLF, I write to express our support for confirm Rep. Tom Price for Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Before serving in Congress, Dr. Price worked in private practice as an orthopedic surgeon for nearly twenty years. While in Congress, Rep. Price has long been an outspoken advocate for healthcare reform that gives more control to individuals and thus increases accountability and transparency while lowers costs. Rep. Price put forth his signature legislation, the Empowering Patients First Act, which is a terrific starting point for sensible reforms that provide access for all Americans to inexpensive, quality health care.

Rep. Price has also been a strong advocate for the expansion of Health Savings Accounts, which allow Americans to save money to pay for health care before taxes. This includes allowing people who are covered by government health programs including Medicare and the Veterans Administration, to contribute to HSAs to pay for premiums, copayments, and other medical expenses.

With his knowledge, experience, and understanding that the competitive free market is the best solution for affordable healthcare, Rep. Price is the right fit to bring much-needed reforms that put patients, families, and doctors back in charge of medical decisions. HLF respectfully urges the committee to take our statement into consideration and vote to confirm Rep. Tom Price as Secretary of Health & Human Services.

Sincerely,



Mario H. Lopez
President