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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

The Campaign for Sustainable Rx Pricing writes to express our strong support for the nomination of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to serve as the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

CSRxP is a nonpartisan coalition of organizations committed to fostering an informed discussion on sustainable drug pricing and to developing bipartisan, market-based solutions that promote competition, transparency, and value to improve affordability while maintaining patient access to innovative prescription drugs that can improve health outcomes and save lives. Our members represent organizations including consumers, hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, employers, pharmacy benefit managers and insurance providers.

Throughout his extensive career in public service, Attorney General Becerra has demonstrated a robust commitment to standing up for consumers and making healthcare more affordable and accessible for all. While in Congress, then-Representative Becerra worked diligently to enact to make health care more affordable and later, as Attorney General of California, continued that work. As part of his determined efforts on behalf of consumers, Attorney General Becerra has taken important actions to thwart egregious anti-competitive activity by the pharmaceutical industry aimed at protecting monopolies and keeping prescription drug prices needlessly high and unaffordable for far too many U.S. patients and their families.

People across the Nation are experiencing significant health and economic hardships today due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Improving healthcare affordability for all, including reining in out-of-control and unsustainable prescription drug prices, is therefore now more imperative than ever. As a dedicated public servant with a long history of advocating tirelessly on behalf of patients and consumers, CSRxP strongly believes that Attorney General Becerra will provide the leadership necessary to combat this national crisis and advance the public health of our Nation. We look forward to working with Attorney General Becerra and the Department to advance our mutually stered goals of lowering drug prices, improving affordability, and advancing the health of the patients we serve.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aronson
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The Campaign for Sustainable Rx Pricing