

January 20, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden Chairman Senate Finance Committee Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mike Crapo Ranking Member Senate Finance Committee Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

The Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) would like to express its support for Xavier Becerra as the Biden Administration's nominee for the position of Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The DTA represents dental product distributors, dental laboratories and manufacturers. By providing the best equipment, materials and services to dentists and oral care professionals, we are partners in improving the oral health of all Americans.

President-Elect Biden made a wise choice in the selection of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to lead the department at this time as the country continues to address the array of challenges the pandemic presents. During his twelve terms in Congress, Attorney General Becerra spent much of his time working on health care issues impacting U.S. citizens as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

In addition to his experience on health care matters, Attorney General Becerra brings his experience as an administrator having run the California Department of Justice since 2017. In this position he addressed an array of health and other matters that prepare him well to handle the significant challenges of running an agency as large and diverse as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Should you have any questions please contact Patrick Cooney, DTA Federal Affairs Representative at 202-413-2629 or via email at <u>Patrick@federalgrp.com</u>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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