



January 26, 2020

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 Home Care Association of America (HCAOA) 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. HCAOA urges his swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

The Home Care Association of America (HCAOA) represents over 3,000 home care providers across the nation that provide personal care services in the homes of millions of older Americans, individuals with disabilities and children with special needs. Our members and their staff enter the community each day to provide care that will enable seniors to remain in their homes and prevent further spread of COVID-19.

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-related issues impacting U.S. citizens as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

As a Congressman, Xavier Becerra was a staunch advocate for access to health care services. Personal care and companionship services provided by qualified home care providers play an important role in protecting seniors and individuals with disabilities. Access to these services diminishes the likelihood of costly hospitalization by ensuring seniors have appropriate nutrition and by helping prevent falls.

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.

Finally, the nominee brings to the agency knowledge of the disparities in access to health services in the U.S. He is well positioned to address these disparities, including workforce disparities, to ensure the improving health of the nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicki Hoak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vicki Hoak,  
Executive Director, HCAOA