



The Honorable Ron Wyden
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510-6200

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Dear Senators Wyden and Crapo,

The Urgent Care Association (UCA) strongly supports the nomination of Xavier Becerra to be the next Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Attorney General Becerra served as a member of Congress for over 20 years and as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee with jurisdiction over important health care legislation. While in that role, he assisted in drafting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and developed partnerships with national healthcare associations. As Attorney General in California, he also led efforts to improve access to affordable health care for all Americans.

UCA provides assistance to over 10,000 centers and professionals in one of the fastest growing healthcare sectors – urgent care. We are recognized as the largest, most notable trade and professional association in urgent care representing both medical and business professionals from the United States and abroad. Urgent care centers (UCCs) treat more than 130 million patients annually, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic these centers have remained open and provided continual access to testing. UCCs are participating in vaccine administration and we are in the process of expanding the role of urgent care in outpatient COVID therapies.

UCA leadership has worked effectively with HHS (specifically the CDC, CMS, ASPR and the HWRG) through COVID and our ongoing engagement with these agencies is critical to health care delivery in the US. The HHS Secretary must work collaboratively across many organizations, including associations like UCA, to ensure integrity and effective cooperation. In

addition, the Secretary should have an expansive perspective on all aspects of healthcare delivery including scopes of care, an understanding of business, legal and regulatory requirements and barriers. Attorney General Becerra is uniquely qualified and experienced in all of these areas.

UCA and over 10,000 urgent care centers stand ready to work with the Biden Administration and this Committee to mitigate our current health care crisis and to develop emergency preparedness plans for future pandemics. We urge the Senate to promptly consider and confirm Attorney General Becerra to this important role.

Sincerely,



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