



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

September 29, 2009

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

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The criteria and findings upon which this designation is based are provided in the enclosed report.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary

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The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

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