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June 28, 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office provide a legal opinion on the Department of Health and Human Services' use of its communications channels to promote healthcare legislation currently pending before the Congress.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Ms. Susan Poling, General Counsel, and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Ms. Poling or a member of her office will be in contact with your office to discuss your request.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Poling at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], or Mr. David Lewis, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katherine Siggerud'.

Katherine Siggerud
Managing Director
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