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December 14, 2011

Ms. Marilyn Tavenner
Acting Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Tavenner:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee is examining the efforts of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to identify Medicare fraud and collect overpayments. We are specifically interested in CMS oversight of Zone Program Integrity Contractors (formerly referred to as Program Safeguard Contractors [PSC]) which are tasked with identifying Medicare fraud, and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) tasked with processing claims and collecting overpayments.

To help the Committee better understand the ZPIC and MAC efforts to combat fraud and collect overpayments, we ask that you provide the Committee, by January 3, 2012, the following:

1. For the period from 2007 to present, a summary of each ZPIC's/PSC's annual performance, including the total number of investigations initiated, investigations initiated in response to complaints, investigations initiated as a result of proactive analysis, referrals to law enforcement agencies, requests for information, provider suspensions, overpayments identified, overpayments recovered by each MAC, analysis of uncollected overpayments identified by each PSC/ZPIC.
2. For the period from 2007 to present, copies of CMS performance evaluations of each ZPIC/PSC.
3. Copies of CMS policies concerning the evaluation of the ZPICs/PSCs.

Please contact Majority Committee staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2011, to discuss a schedule for production. This schedule should provide for production of the

documents by the deadline set forth above. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Committee's request.

Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact Ryan Long, Sean Hayes or Stacy Cline of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927, with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



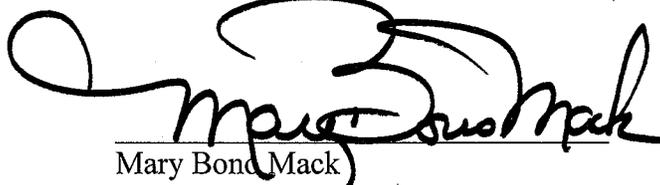
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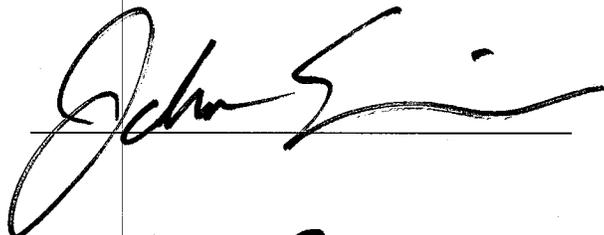


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