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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Tavenner as CMS administrator

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents more than 105,900 family physicians and medical students nationwide, I write in full support of President Obama's re-nomination of Marilyn Tavenner to serve as Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Since she became acting administrator at the end of 2011, Ms. Tavenner continues to demonstrate strong leadership in shaping policy that will build and sustain the primary care physician workforce and that promises to improve the quality of care through models such as the patient-centered medical home.

The AAFP also supports her nomination since Ms. Tavenner brings a wealth of experience in public and private health care sectors, direct patient care and the administration of that care. Her expertise in both state and national health issues and her strong working relationship with the medical community promise continued progress in establishing a health care system that serves patients' needs, improves access to care and addresses costs without threatening quality.

We feel that CMS and the millions of Americans that receive health insurance through Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program will be very well served to have Ms. Tavenner as a confirmed administrator. The AAFP urges the Senate Finance Committee to support her nomination and to strive for a quick confirmation in the U.S. Senate.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and make ourselves available for any questions you might have or clarifications you might need. Please contact Kevin Burke, Director of Government Relations, at 202-232-9033 or kburke@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen Stream MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with "Glen Stream" on the top line and "MD" on the bottom line.

Glen Stream, MD, MBI, FAAFP
Board Chair