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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Andy Slavitt as CMS Administrator

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 120,900 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write in full support of President Obama's nomination of Andy Slavitt to be the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The AAFP believes Mr. Slavitt's leadership experience in both CMS and the private sector make him well suited to oversee programs that provide health coverage to over 140 million Americans in the Medicaid, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance Program, and Health Insurance Marketplaces.

Though Mr. Slavitt is serving admirably so far as acting administrator, the AAFP believes prompt and bipartisan confirmation will better position CMS to implement the sweeping reforms to Medicare physician payment authored by your committee, including the development of Alternative Payment Models (APMs) and the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). We continue to enjoy productive conversations with him and CMS staff regarding physician payment and health care delivery issues. We look forward to continuing these dialogues as the agency implements the bipartisan *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015*.

The AAFP urges the Senate Finance Committee to support Mr. Slavitt's nomination and to strive for a quick confirmation in the U.S. Senate. For any questions you might have please have your staff contact Andrew Adair, Government Relations Representative, at aadair@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP
Board Chair

Cc: Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader

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