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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

We are aware that Serco, Inc. currently is receiving a \$1.2 billion contract from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to assist with implementing Obamacare, while its parent company is under investigation by the British government. We require a response as to the reason taxpayer dollars are being used to fund a company under investigation for fraud.

Recently, the President proclaimed that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) is "working the way it's supposed to" and HHS is about to embark on a public relations campaign to travel around the United States to convince Americans to enroll in the Exchange. However, while the Administration attempts to portray the ACA with a public image of confidence, the reality is a stark contrast.

The actions taken by your Department and the Administration only further counters the false notion that, "if you like your health care you can keep it." We are starting to witness the full impact of this legislation with significant rate increases – high enough that even the Exchange subsidies will not offset surges. Meanwhile, the Administration has spent billions in soliciting help to implement the ACA.

For example, Serco Inc., the Virginia-based branch of the British company, has been awarded a \$1.2 billion federal contract to assist in tax credit and health insurance applications. While this company has extensive experience working with defense and intelligence agencies, its familiarity with the American health care system is questionable. Currently, the British health care system is witnessing the effects of a government-run system, including low access to care and an exhaustion of resources. These effects were prophesied by myself and other opponents of the ACA, leading us to question why we would allow a British company to have a hand in overhauling our own health care system.

Last week, we were informed that the Serco Group, the parent company of Serco Inc., currently is under investigation by the United Kingdom for overcharging the government by tens of millions of pounds. This is yet another bad investment of taxpayer dollars by the federal government. It is reprehensible to contract a company currently under investigation for fraud to help implement U.S. law, and we ask what safeguards are in place to ensure that the federal government is properly billed by Serco.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was tasked with implementing this legislation, but chose to outsource private companies and solicit help from citizens to do its job. We ask you to cease from using taxpayer funds to pay outside companies to implement the ACA. This legislation already has a price tag of over \$1.6 trillion; increasing the cost of legislation that a majority of the country opposes is irresponsible and unacceptable.

Sincerely

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