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September 12, 2013

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

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

The Committee on Education and the Workforce is conducting oversight to ensure federal agencies are providing interested stakeholders with ample opportunity to be informed about and provide comments on regulations being proposed by federal agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has a number of initiatives within the committee's jurisdiction, including implementation of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (PPACA), providing benefits under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs, and administering the Head Start program. We are seeking a better understanding of HHS's processes for providing notice and communicating with stakeholders about its regulatory proposals.

Please contact our staff **no later than September 19, 2013** to discuss your agency's work to provide a written response to the following requests relating to each regulation issued by HHS since January 20, 2009:

1. The number of days the public was initially allowed to make comments on each regulation;
2. The date upon which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) received informally and formally each regulation;
3. The date upon which OMB returned each regulation to HHS;
4. An explanation of how HHS determined the length of its period for public comment for each regulation; and

5. An explanation of any extensions of the period for public comment granted for each regulation.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Mandy Schaumburg or Joe Wheeler of the committee staff at (202) 225-4527.

Sincerely,




JOHN KLINE  
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Enclosure

CC: The Honorable George Miller, Senior Democratic Member, Committee on Education and the Workforce