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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chair
U.S. Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

On behalf of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), the national representative for over 1,000 leading tax-paying hospitals and health systems throughout the United States, I would like to express our strong support for the nomination and confirmation of Melanie Anne Egorin, PhD to serve as the next Assistant Secretary for Legislation (ASL) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

FAH members provide patients and communities with access to high-quality, affordable care in over 1,000 hospitals across 46 states in both urban and rural America. Our members include teaching and non-teaching, acute, inpatient rehabilitation, behavioral health, and long-term care hospitals and provide a wide range of inpatient, ambulatory, post-acute, emergency, children's, and cancer services.

Dr. Egorin is particularly qualified to serve as HHS Assistant Secretary for Legislation. She has worked on Capitol Hill and in the federal government for over 15 years and in health policy for over 25 years. Her experience combines a deep knowledge of federal health programs and she has a well-deserved reputation for her bipartisan spirit. Her expertise, experience, and goodwill will enable her to foster strong working relationships and communications between the Department of HHS and Congress.

Dr. Egorin's broad-based understanding of health policy will be very helpful in supporting President Biden's health care legislative agenda, which includes strengthening the *Affordable Care Act*, achieving health coverage for all Americans, reducing health disparities, and reducing the cost of prescription drugs.

As the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Deputy Staff Director, Dr. Egorin proved her collaborative approach and her willingness to work across the aisle on the key issues of importance to American's health care. Her long track record of strong bipartisanship includes playing a key role in crafting the Congressional response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, an effort which she will undoubtedly continue to champion in her role as HHS Assistant Secretary for Legislation.

Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Egorin has continuously been a champion of policies that bridge partisan divides to give Americans better access to high quality and affordable health care.

It is for these reasons, and many other qualities, that we urge the Senate Finance and full US Senate to approve and confirm Dr. Egorin's nomination expeditiously.

If you have any questions or wish to speak further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 202-624-1534.

Sincerely,

