

April 19, 2023

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Chairman, Senate HELP Committee
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member, House Ways & Means
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member, House Energy &
Commerce Committee
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Ranking Member, House Education &
Workforce Committee
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairmen Wyden and Sanders and Ranking Members Neal, Pallone, and Scott:

We write in response to your letters of April 12th to our associations regarding the recent district court order in *Braidwood Management Inc. v. Becerra*. **By responding together, we wish to make clear our strong support for continued access to preventive health care for millions of Americans who rely on it.**

Preventive care is effective. The employer and health insurance provider members of our associations promote preventive health care because it is good for patients, our health care system, and our economy. Preventive care saves lives, saves money, improves health outcomes, and enables healthier lifestyles. Preventive care also promotes the peace of mind that consumers deserve.

Preventive care is popular. More than 150 million Americans benefited from no-cost preventive care in 2020 alone.¹ Polling consistently shows clear majorities of the public of every political persuasion support no cost sharing for preventive care.²

We know last month's district court decision has caused some uncertainty among Americans who rely on their current healthcare coverage. That decision represents an early step in what will likely be a long legal process to determine the future of select recommendations under a provision of the Affordable Care Act. Our associations have long supported preventive care and continue to do so. Moreover, our sense from our members, who ultimately make coverage

¹ ASPE Issue Brief: "Access to Preventive Services without Cost-Sharing: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act" (January 11, 2022)

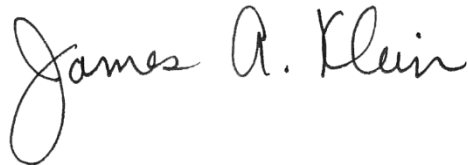
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/786fa55a84e7e3833961933124d70dd2/preventive-services-ib-2022.pdf>

² Kaiser Family Foundation Tracking Poll (July 18-23, 2019) <https://www.kff.org/health-reform/poll-finding/5-charts-about-public-opinion-on-the-affordable-care-act-and-the-supreme-court/>

decisions, is that the overwhelming majority do not anticipate making changes to no-cost share preventive services, and do not expect disruptions in coverage of preventive care, while the case proceeds through the courts. Preventive care services remain an important way health insurance providers and employers help keep people healthy and well.

Our goal is to make health care better, more affordable, and accessible for everyone. We are committed to ensuring that all Americans have comprehensive, affordable coverage and health care, including preventive care and services that help avoid illnesses and other health problems.

Sincerely,



James A. Klein
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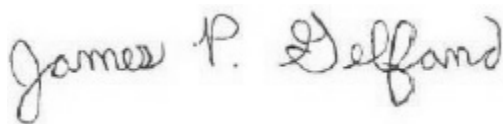
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