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To: Members of the Special Investigative Committee

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Re: Follow-up Testimony

We are in receipt of invitation letters from the Honorable House Majority Leader, Barbara Flynn Currie, requesting our appearance before the Committee on December 22 at 12:00 p.m. to provide follow-up testimony to support documents requested by the Committee and supplied by HFS on December 18. We are also in receipt of an additional list of questions to which you are requesting answers or elaboration.

As you know, we appeared voluntarily to address the Committee on Thursday, December 18, with less than 24 hours notice, where we were questioned at length on issues pertaining to the Family Care expansion. As a result of those hearings, HFS then submitted more than 70 pages of follow-up documentation as requested by Committee members in response to detailed questions to which we were unable to adequately respond at the hearing.

While we respect the responsibilities of the Committee and have voluntarily complied with your previous request to appear, we are unavailable for testimony on December 22 due to previous commitments and out of state travel through the end of the year. In regard to the formal invitation letter, a phone call was received from a House attorney on Friday morning relaying informally that we were being asked to return to testify before the Committee on Monday, December 22. During many conversations that morning, Director Maram clearly indicated that it would not be possible for either he or Tamara Hoffman to attend. Furthermore, inasmuch as formal notice was not sent at that time, it was clearly understood that we were unable to appear until after the holidays. Our office received a fax letter after the close of business on Friday which was not received until today. I was surprised and dismayed that the conversations and agreements during the day on Friday were disregarded. I again reiterate the content of those conversations that we are unable to attend hearings until after the holidays.

We are compiling responses to your list of questions and will supply that information to you as early as possible on Monday, December 22.