

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 28, 2013

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

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

We write to ask that you give timely and speedy consideration to a request announced today by Governor Bill Haslam to provide health care coverage to 175,000 Tennesseans by leveraging available federal dollars in the new exchange. Nashville is the health care services capital of the country and if your Department would support Tennessee in doing what the state does best, Tennessee will continue to find innovative ways to provide better care for its citizens. We urge you to work with Governor Haslam to implement his vision for achieving quality health care for Tennesseans by Tennesseans, particularly for those who currently do not have health insurance.

Last week, we introduced a bipartisan amendment to the budget which would help ensure a smooth timeline for states and the federal government to decide on Medicaid waiver requests. In this time of state budget constraints it is more important than ever that states have the necessary flexibility to determine how best to care for its citizens.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should your staff have questions please have them contact our staff, Alicia Hennie at [REDACTED] or Mike Bassett at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander  
United States Senator



Bob Corker  
United States Senator