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## **Reid Statement On Resignation Of Kathleen Sebelius And Nomination Of Sylvia Mathews Burwell**

*Washington, D.C. – Nevada Senator Harry Reid today released the following statement after President Obama announced the resignation of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and the nomination of OMB Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell as the next Secretary of HHS.*

"Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' legacy will reside in the millions of uninsured who are now able to access affordable health insurance. And it will reside in those who will receive better, more affordable care than they did in the days when insurance companies could deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions or charge women more than men for the same care. Secretary Sebelius' strong leadership strengthened Medicare for our nations seniors while reducing costs and closing the donut hole for seniors. I commend Secretary Sebelius for her unwavering commitment to improving the health of all Americans.

"I strongly support the President's choice of Sylvia Mathews Burwell to lead the Health and Human Services Department. She was unanimously confirmed last April to head the Office of Management and Budget, where she has proven to be an extremely effective leader who is able to work constructively with both Democrats and Republicans.

"Director Burwell deserves timely confirmation, and I hope my Republican colleagues will work with us to ensure we fill this important position without unnecessary obstruction and delay."

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