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November 15, 2012

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I write in support of the attached application from North Carolina for funding through the Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Exchanges.

Under North Carolina Session Law 2011-391, the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NC DOI) and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) are charged with collaborating and planning in furtherance of the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. NC DOI is the lead agency in planning our state's work regarding a Health Insurance Exchange and has worked closely with NC DHHS on all efforts to date and in this grant request.

North Carolina's anticipated Exchange model for 2014 is the State Partnership Exchange. However, it remains the stated intent of the state "to establish and operate a state-based health benefits exchange that meets the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, collectively referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA)."

North Carolina welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with your department and the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight in establishing a Health Insurance Exchange to expand access to health care coverage for hundreds of thousands of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

Beverly Eaves Perdue

c: Governor-elect Pat McCrory
Commissioner Wayne Goodwin

