

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chair, Finance Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member, Finance Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Alliance of Safety-Net Hospitals is pleased to express our support for the confirmation of Xavier Becerra to serve as the next Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Private safety-net hospitals – large hospitals that serve large numbers of low-income, low-income elderly, Medicaid, and uninsured patients – play a special role in the broader American health care system. That role has always been critical, and it has been magnified during the current COVID-19 crisis. We worked with Mr. Becerra when he was a member of Congress and served on the House Ways and Means Committee and can attest to his understanding of the distinct challenges low-income and underserved communities face and his sincere interest in using public policy to help address those challenges. We would welcome an opportunity to work with a Secretary who understands these challenges and also understands the underlying health equity challenges that we must address as a nation.

For these reasons, NASH enthusiastically support Mr. Becerra's nomination to be Secretary of Health and Human Services and urges you to vote to recommend his nomination to the entire Senate.

Sincerely,



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