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Governor

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-107, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Majority Leader,

Thank you for your letter soliciting feedback on health policy that you sent to our nation's Governors and Insurance Commissioners, as well as your request for increased participation from the state level. Further, thank you for recognizing that leaders at the state level must play an important role in reforming our broken healthcare system.

I have had the pleasure of talking with Vice-President Elect Mike Pence on several occasions and am happy to share my thoughts with you as well. We look forward to working collaboratively with Congress on bipartisan reforms that strengthen our nation's healthcare system.

The problems with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are plentiful and well known. From rising healthcare costs to burdensome regulations and beyond, the ACA has been disastrous at the national and state level. We have a unique opportunity to recognize what has worked and what has failed, and to act accordingly.

As you gather feedback from many stakeholders, I urge you to please consider the following guiding principles:

- We urge Congress to untie the hands of the States. Let us have the flexibility to design a New Hampshire system for New Hampshire citizens.
- We urge the creation of narrowly focused market-based solutions, rather than onerous regulations. Let us regulate our own marketplace and then hold ourselves accountable.

My brevity is intentional. These are incredibly important guideposts that should be considered at every step as the process moves forward. Let New Hampshire have the ability to do it New Hampshire's way, because when given that opportunity, we can deliver best for the people of our state.

We look forward to working with the President and with Congress to provide feedback and assistance in designing a system that works. Together, we can achieve a healthcare system that lowers costs, improves outcomes, and promotes greater freedom and flexibility to people throughout the country.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christopher T. Sununu'.

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor of New Hampshire