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The Honorable Tim Walberg
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Dear Chairman Walberg:

As we approach the release of the Administration's budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year, we write to request that the Committee recommit to holding our routine annual budget oversight hearing with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The annual budget oversight hearing is a longstanding and essential component of the Committee's responsibility to review federal spending, assess program performance, and ensure accountability in the programs within our jurisdiction. In 2025, the Committee held annual budget hearings that provided the opportunity to hear from both the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education to discuss key priorities and oversight matters related to their respective Departments. The Committee is usually afforded the opportunity to hear from the HHS Secretary during an annual budget hearing. Unfortunately, to date, and despite our repeated urging,¹ our Members have had no such opportunity to hear from Secretary Kennedy on the various actions taken over the past year that impact the lives of all of our constituents.

¹ Scott Letter to Walberg re HHS Oversight Hearing Follow-Up (Aug. 20, 2025), https://democrats-edworkforce.house.gov/imo/media/doc/scott_letter_to_walberg_re_hhs_oversight_hearing_follow-up.pdf; Letter to Chair Walberg re: HHS Hearing (Apr. 8, 2025), <https://democrats-edworkforce.house.gov/download/2025-04-08-dem-com-letter-to-chair-walberg-re-hhs-hearing>.

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We respectfully ask that you schedule the hearing shortly after the budget's release and coordinate with minority Committee staff to finalize the necessary logistics and preparations. Holding this hearing in a timely manner will allow Members on both sides of the aisle to evaluate the Administration's priorities and consider their implications for children, students, workers, and families across the country.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to working with you to ensure the Committee fulfills its oversight responsibilities.

Sincerely,



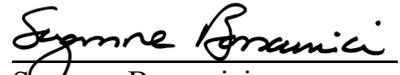
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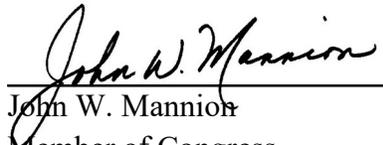
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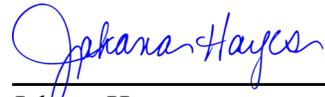
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