THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Kay A. Johnson, M.Ed., M.P.H.
Acting Chairperson
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 13-91
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (Committee) in support of the importance of the Affordable Care Act in reducing infant mortality.

As highlighted in the programs and opportunities outlined in your letter, the Affordable Care Act will increase the number of women who have affordable health coverage and help ensure that women and children receive the preventive services they need to lead healthy lives. The Affordable Care Act will also improve health equity by giving millions of additional women, children, and families greater access to affordable health coverage with essential health benefits and patient protections across their lifespan.

I appreciate the contributions of the Committee to assist in the Department's efforts to optimize birth outcomes and the health of all infants born in the United States. I will continue to look to you for future guidance and support as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sebelius

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