



North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities

February 5, 2013

The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Ranking Member Committee on Finance
United States Senate
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The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
440 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Joe Pitts
Chairman, Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Health
United States House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Congressman David Price
The Honorable David Price
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Walter Jones
United States House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable George "G.K." Butterfield
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