October 11, 2017

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6250

Dear Senator Johnson:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 27, 2017 requesting information pertaining to the New Hampshire Health Protection Program, which currently ensures some 50,000 persons in commercial Qualified Health Plans on the Federal Marketplace in New Hampshire.

While New Hampshire’s distinctive Medicaid expansion structure has not been without its challenges and requires reform, your letter made several problematic conclusions concerning the expenditures and costs of the program and its enrollment. Since this program was crafted by our previous governor, we shared your committee staff analysis with Milliman, which serves as the actuary for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, including for the New Hampshire Health Protection Program.

We have enclosed Milliman’s evaluation of the committee staff analysis, which concludes that the growth rates and costs of the program identified in the September 27th letter and associated spreadsheets are not supported by the actual experience of the Health Protection Program. We hope that the Milliman letter responds to your questions and concerns, as well as sets the record straight the assumptions within your inquiry.

Your letter also includes a broad request for documents that, as stated, would involve the production of many thousands of documents related to the establishment and operation of the program, which is principally served by four commercial insurance carriers. Should you have questions about the Milliman letter or wish to refine your request for documents, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Governor

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill, USS
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