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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**SUBJECT: Rep. Tom Price Nomination for HHS Secretary**

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), representing more than 4,000 practicing neurosurgeons in the United States, we are writing in strong support of Rep. Tom Price, MD (R-Ga.) to become the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Throughout his time in Congress, Dr. Price, an orthopaedic surgeon, has been a staunch advocate for the preservation of the doctor-patient relationship, a fierce protector of private practice, and a stalwart supporter of academic medicine. As a practicing physician, and because of his work on key congressional committees with jurisdiction over health care issues, he understands all aspects of the health care system, which is essential to run HHS effectively.

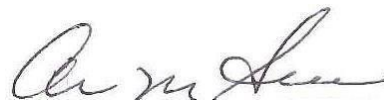
We have every confidence that Dr. Price will work tirelessly to create a health care delivery system that promotes high-quality, high-value, and better-coordinated care for our nation's patients and we urge the Senate to confirm him to this important position.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,



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