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**STATEMENT ON THE CONFIRMATION OF SYLVIA MATHEWS BURWELL
AS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY**

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Sylvia Mathews Burwell is an excellent choice to head the Department of Health and Human Services. Her experience at the Office of Management and Budget in navigating the complexities of the federal budget will be critical to leading a department that touches the lives of almost all Americans. The support of both Democrats and Republicans for her nomination is a clear indication of her ability to work with a variety of health care stakeholders. Her previous service as a hospital board member gives her a background that will help her deal with important issues facing the health care field. We look forward to working with her to advance better health for the patients and communities we serve.

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