

May 14, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

On behalf of our nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, our clinician partners, including more than 270,000 affiliated physicians, 2 million nurses and other caregivers, and the 43,000 health care leaders who belong to our professional membership groups, the American Hospital Association (AHA) is pleased to support the nomination and confirmation of Melanie Anne Egorin, Ph.D., to serve as Assistant Secretary of Legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Egorin is a nationally recognized expert in federal health programs and the American health system with more than 25 years of health policy experience. She has made critical contributions to numerous federal health care programs during her 15 years in public service, such as Medicare managed care programs for dual-eligible beneficiaries, Medicare payment policy for novel technologies, the Ryan White CARE Act, and veterans' health care services.

In Dr. Egorin's current position as the Deputy Staff Director for the Health Subcommittee and professional tax staff for the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives, she is known for her superior ability to work in a bipartisan manner and solicit the input of stakeholders to thoroughly understand issues and potential solutions.

There are many critical challenges facing the nation and the health care field. Nothing is more critical than the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring that hospitals, health systems and our heroic front-line caregivers have the resources and support they need to care for patients and win the battle against the virus. We also need to make important progress on advancing the transformation of health care, ensuring access to coverage, making health care equitable to all people in America and enhancing the quality of care.



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The AHA strongly supports Dr. Egorin and encourages favorable consideration for her nomination. We look forward to working with her as the next Assistant Secretary of Legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services to achieve our mutual mission of advancing the health of the patients and communities we are privileged to serve.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard J. Pollack
President and Chief Executive Officer