

January 4, 2017

Honorable Orrin Hatch
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

The American Dental Association (ADA) enthusiastically supports the nomination of Dr. Tom Price for Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

As a physician and six-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. Price has an in-depth understanding of the need to protect the doctor-patient relationship, which should serve as the key guiding principle behind any changes to the medical and dental health care delivery systems. He knows firsthand how excessive regulatory burdens can, in many cases, overwhelm medical and dental professionals and impede patient care. Dr. Price also appreciates the need to confer with the associations of healthcare professionals in crafting rules that will benefit both caregivers and their patients.

The ADA urges the Senate to promptly confirm Dr. Tom Price.

If you have any questions or require additional information concerning the above request, please contact Mr. Thomas Spangler at spanglert@ada.org or (202)789-5179.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gary Roberts, D.D.S.
President

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Executive Director

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