



## AMERICANS for TAX REFORM

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman, Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Hatch & Ranking Member Wyden,

**I write in support of Congressman Tom Price for the position of Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.** Throughout his career in public office, Dr. Price has proven to be an advocate for pro-growth, fiscally responsible reforms, a champion of patient-centered, free market healthcare, and a supporter of ending Washington dysfunction and gridlock. All Senators should vote to confirm Rep. Price as to lead HHS.

As Chairman of the House Budget Committee, Dr. Price has [released](#) fiscally responsible proposals that address Washington's overspending problem and reduce the deficit without burdening American families and businesses with higher taxes.

Dr. Price has also made it a priority to fix Washington's gridlock and political dysfunction. Dr. Price last year released a detailed [proposal](#) to reform the broken federal budget process by replacing the 1974 Budget Act with reforms to reassert Congressional authority over the federal budget, establish enforceable benchmarks to rein in the deficit, and reverse the bias toward unaccountable spending.

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Dr. Price has advocated for conservative, pro-growth tax reform. Dr. Price is a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a commitment he has made to his constituents to oppose any and all new tax increases.

Over the last eight years, Dr. Price has conducted important oversight over the Obama administration. Most notably, Dr. Price last year led [oversight](#) efforts over Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), which used its broad authority to unilaterally change to healthcare policy despite opposition from doctors, patients, and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

In addition to oversight over Obamacare, Dr. Price has also shown leadership in proposing free market solutions. Rep. Price is the author of the "Empowering Patients First Act," [legislation](#) that replaces Obamacare with a series of reforms that lowers costs, increases efficiency, and empowers patients and doctors across the country.

Congressman Tom Price has a proven record fighting for lower taxes, responsible spending, free market healthcare, and an accountable federal government. Senators should have no hesitation supporting his nomination to lead HHS and should swiftly approve him to this position.

Onward,

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