

United States Senate

October 6, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that you recently spoke with Governor Mike Pence about the state's application for a Section 1115 waiver to expand Medicaid through the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), a proposal that the state calls HIP 2.0.

I am pleased that the State of Indiana has embraced the opportunity to provide health coverage to vulnerable Hoosiers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148). Indiana's proposal, HIP 2.0, would raise HIP eligibility to include those making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level and, if approved, would provide an estimated 350,000 uninsured Hoosiers with access to health care.

I am committed to working with you and the State of Indiana to expand access to quality and affordable health care for all Hoosiers. I believe the proposal represents a positive step toward our shared goal of expanding access to quality health care and addressing the current coverage gap in Indiana.

As Indiana's waiver application undergoes review, I ask that you continue to work with the State toward a timely and positive outcome.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Sylvia Matthews Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services