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Representative Tom Price
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Dear Congressman Price,

On behalf of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), I would like to congratulate you on your recent selection to be appointed Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Founded in 1964, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 7,400 surgeons, researchers, and allied health care professionals worldwide who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for surgeries of the heart, lung, and esophagus, as well as other surgical procedures within the chest. The mission of the Society is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education, research, and advocacy.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on evidence-based reforms to health care delivery that demonstrate that improving quality of care will lower health care costs. We sincerely appreciate your leadership in these areas during your tenure in Congress and hope to help you achieve these lofty goals when you become Secretary.

Again, we offer our most profound congratulations. Please contact Courtney Yohe, Director of STS Government Relations (202-787-1222 or cyohe@sts.org) if you have questions about STS, or if we can be of any help in the future.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Bavaria, MD
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