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The Honorable Sylvia Burwell  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell,

Thank you for your assistance with Vermont's application for a section 1332 State Innovation Waiver under the Affordable Care Act. As mentioned in my letter dated July 5, 2016, we were reconsidering reapplying for a section 1332 State Innovation Waiver given that CCIIO had produced transitional guidance giving states the opportunity to extend direct enrollment for plan years beginning in 2017 and 2018.

Since that time, your Department has come out with a proposed rule seeing comment on whether enrollment through a SHOP Web site should be optional at the election of the Exchange. Given this latest development and Vermont's administration change in January, we have determined that the best course of action is to allow the new administration to determine whether or not Vermont should reapply for a section 1332 State Innovation Waiver.

Again, thank you for providing the opportunity for states to extend direct enrollment for the next two plan years and inquiring whether enrollment through SHOP Web sites should be optional in the future. These actions will provide the next administration with the flexibility needed to best address enrollment through SHOP Web sites for small businesses while ensuring that Vermonters continue to have quality health care coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin".

Peter Shumlin  
Governor