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November 13, 2012

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

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee is investigating the health care exchanges that will be created under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Earlier this year the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it was awarding a contract to Quality Software Services, Inc. (QSSI) for the Data Services Hub for the Federal Exchange. According to reports, QSSI will build and support the operations of a data services hub for the health exchanges created under the PPACA. We write to you today because we believe more information is needed to determine whether QSSI will be able to act effectively in this role in a fair and transparent manner.

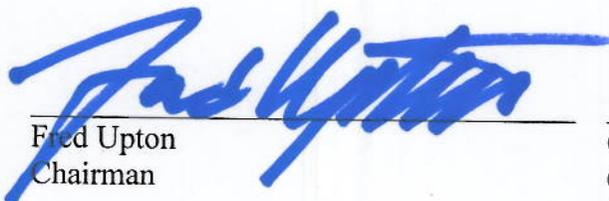
Specifically, please provide answers and/or documents for the following requests:

1. Please describe the work to be performed by QSSI in the exchanges. Provide all contracts, agreements, documents and emails which describe or summarizing their work.
2. Please provide all contracts, agreements, documents and emails which describe the processes and procedures that will be in place to supervise the work and decision-making of QSSI.
3. Please provide all contracts, agreements, documents and emails which describe the process by which QSSI was awarded this contract. Provide a list of the individuals at QSSI and within CMS or the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight that were involved in the contract awarding process.

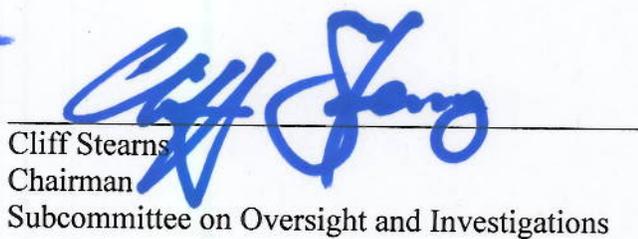
4. Reports indicate that the process of awarding QSSI this contract was delayed due to a protest during the procurement process. Please provide all contracts, agreements, documents and emails regarding that protest and its resolution. Provide a list of the individuals at QSSI and within CMS or the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight that were involved in the protest and resolution process.
5. Reports indicate that QSSI was recently acquired by OptumInsight, a division of United Health Group. As United Health Group's insurance plans will likely try to be named as Qualified Health Plans in the health exchanges, including the Federal Exchange, please describe the processes and procedures that will be in place to guarantee that United Health Group will not receive preferential treatment by its subsidiary QSSI. Please provide any documents or communications describing or discussing the relationship between QSSI, OptumInsight, and United Health Group. Provide all communications between any Department of Health and Human Services or CMS officials discussing the acquisition of QSSI, including communications between those officials and any employee or representative of QSSI, OptumInsight or United Health Group.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please respond by November 27, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



Cliff Stearns
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Ranking Member

The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member
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