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Mr. Andrew Slavitt  
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Dear Mr. Slavitt:

I write today to inform you of my recent Golden Fleece Award to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the distribution of \$750 million in tax credits to unproven citizens and/or unlawfully present individuals in the United States. This mismanagement of taxpayers' dollars was recently highlighted by a report from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on the Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credits.

There is an old adage that CMS would be wise to follow: "measure twice; cut once." However, time and time again, those responsible for the implementation of the President's failed health care law have further contributed to its harmful effects through their rushed efforts at the expense of the hardworking American taxpayers and the U.S. economy.

We continue to hear of the failures that have plagued this inherently defective health care law, including the failed state exchanges, the broken website, soaring premium costs, and now nearly \$1 billion in tax credits to potentially illegal immigrants due to the lack of an effective verification system. Worse even, the Senate report found that CMS and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have no effective plan in place to recoup these improper payments.

While Congress still must work to enact necessary reforms to ensure the further protection and proper utilization of federal tax dollars, CMS must be accountable for implementing common sense policies to ensure the proper verification of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States before awarding tax credits. I am committed to eradicating this type of inefficient and ineffective policy at our federal agencies, and today's Golden Fleece highlights the current waste of federal dollars at the expense of hardworking taxpayers and needs of our families.

I urge you to implement changes in the governance of this program and request that you provide my office with an update on any progress you make throughout the rest of this Congress to accomplish this goal. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

French Hill  
Member of Congress