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Mr. Carl Schmid  
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Dear Mr. Schmid:

Thank you for your letter to Administrator Verma regarding the Request for Information (RFI) seeking recommendations and input on creating a more flexible, streamlined approach to the regulatory structure of the individual and small group markets. I appreciate receiving your comments and feedback on the RFI.

Our goal in the RFI you referenced is to identify and eliminate or change regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective; impose costs that exceed benefits; or create inconsistencies that otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies. We appreciate hearing your views and we will consider your feedback and the comments of your constituent, and input from all stakeholders, as we work to advance a new era health care that secures Americans' liberty, makes our system more responsive to the needs of patients, and increases access to high-quality, affordable care.

We look forward to working with the I Am Essential coalition and other stakeholders to provide every American with access to affordable coverage choices. Thank you again for taking the time to provide your comments on the RFI. We appreciate hearing from you on these crucial issues. Please share this response with the entire I Am Essential coalition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Pate", is written over the typed name.

Randy Pate  
Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight  
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Carl - Hope you're doing well.  
Randy