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Chairman Darrel Issa
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2471 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Cummings:

With one in four Texans -- a staggering 6.4 million people -- lacking health insurance coverage, our state leads the nation in the rate of uninsured. As a result, the need for successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Texas could not be greater. Yet, our state Republican leaders and those on Capitol Hill are doing everything in their power to create barriers for those most in need of health insurance.

Today's hearing is no different. It is my understanding that the purpose of the hearing is not to find ways to increase participation in the Health Insurance Marketplace, but is aimed at vilifying those on the frontlines helping Texans sign up for affordable, comprehensive coverage. It is also my understanding that the hearing will be based on heavily-edited and misleading videos made by a man who has been convicted in federal court for his questionable practices.

Instead of wasting time and taxpayer money on this type of witch hunt, I ask that you focus your efforts on increasing access to health insurance coverage for our neighbors in need, and listen to the stories of those who have and will benefit from the passage of this law.

Thank you for allowing me the ability to comment. If you would like to work in partnership to help the millions of Texans in need of coverage, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Turner".

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