

June 14, 2010

The Honorable

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator,

The undersigned organizations write to you as members of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC). We represent a diverse group of over 700 stakeholders on the front lines of health care delivery, including business, consumers, insurers, and clinicians. PCPCC has a number of principles including that primary care and the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) are the foundations of a high performing health care system.

We are writing to support President Obama's nomination of Donald Berwick, M.D., as Administrator for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Dr. Berwick's career and work at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement illustrates the drive to provide patientcentered care, patient safety, quality improvement, and care coordination in health care. He is well respected in the health care community and known for his desire to bring constructive change to health care delivery. We share these objectives and believe Dr. Berwick would be an able Administrator and partner for change.

## Sincerely,

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