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June 15, 2021

The Honorable Bob Casey  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Children and Families  
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Casey:

This letter is to request our Subcommittee on Children and Families hold a hearing with Secretary Miguel Cardona regarding the Biden Administration's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Most authorizing committees hold budget hearings with their respective cabinet agencies so that the members of the authorizing committee can better understand the proposed budget request. Such a hearing is at the heart of our role in oversight of the agencies under our jurisdiction and helpful to the American people for whom we work to know what our government proposes to spend and do with their taxpayer funds.

Because current and recent Chairs of the HELP Committee, U.S. Senators Murray, Alexander, and Harkin, have also served on the Senate Appropriations Committee, holding a budget hearing for HELP's cabinet agencies has fallen out of practice. This is a huge disservice to the rest of the members of the HELP Committee.

As Chair of the Subcommittee on Children and Families it would be appropriate for you to hold a hearing with Secretary Cardona and would be good for the integrity of our Committee.

My office is ready to work with yours to schedule this hearing and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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