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The Honorable Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Administrator
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&ear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

(-rite to e.'ress my outra*e - ith re'orts that a*ents and brokers are submittin* 'lan !han*es and enrollments in the /ederal market'la!e - ithout the !onsent o the 'eo'le - ho rely on these 'lans\ These 'lan !han*es and enrollments result in tan*ible harm to 'eo'le in!ludin* un!o#ered medi!al e.'enses, loss o !o#era*e, and disru'tions in !are, and an une.'e!ted ta. liability that !ould be thousands o dollars out o their o-n 'o!kets\ A!!ess to a ordable health !o#era*e is ne!essary or *ood health and should not be e.'loited by raudsters to !olle!t illi!it !ommissions at the e.'ense o -orkin* Ameri!ans\ There ore, (ur*e you to hold brokers - ho submit raudulent enrollments a!!ountable to the ull e.tent o your authority by im'osin*!i#il monetary 'enalties and to take additional ste's to 'rote!t !onsumers\

(kno - you and (both !are dee'ly about the su!!ess o the ACA market'la!e% (n my #ie - , the brokers, a*en!ies, and lead *enerators 'arti!i'atin* in raudulent enrollment s!hemes should be held !riminally res'onsible%) hile CMS does not ha#e this authority today, (intend to introdu!e le*islation shortly to *i#e you this authority%

Oe'orts o bad a!tor a*ents and de!e'ti#e marketin* 'ra!ti!es are not ne - \" The Trum' Administration1s o!us on 'ri#ati2in* the ACA market'la!e introdu!ed these enhan!ed - ebbroker 'lat orms allo - in* brokers to by 'ass the bene its and 'rote!tions o the ACA market | a!e\" Stakeholders ha#e in ormed my sta that this 'roblem has be!ome - ides'read and more so'histi!ated in the ACA market'la!e as bad a!tors - ith a!!ess to a !onsumer1s eli*ibility in ormation throu*h - eb-broker 'lat orms !an make 'lan and a*ent-o -re!ord !han*es - hile kee'in* 'eo'le and their le*itimate brokers in the dark\"





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