

July 21, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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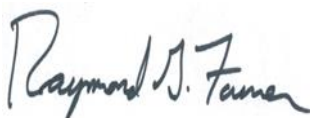
Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Chairwoman Lowey and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the membership of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), we write today to thank the House Appropriations Committee for the funding increase for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for FY 2021. We urge Congress to retain this funding increase in the final bill and continue to support these important resources for our citizens.

The primary goal of SHIPs is to advise, educate and empower individuals to navigate Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap and long-term care insurance and to help beneficiaries make choices that best meet their needs from the vast array of options. SHIP assisters are well trained and are able to address consumer questions and complaints quickly and effectively.

The nation's state insurance regulators recognize the valuable role that the SHIPs have played in helping America's seniors, people with disabilities and their families through consumer education. The NAIC thanks the Committee for the increased FY 2021 funding so SHIPs may continue their important work.

Sincerely,



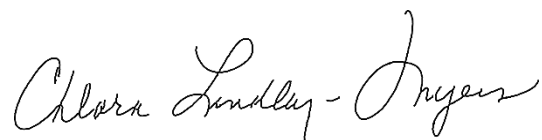
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