

July 21, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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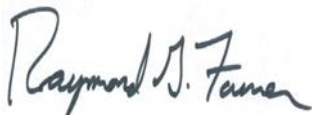
Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Chairman Shelby and Vice Chairman Leahy:

On behalf of the membership of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), we write today to express our support for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). We urge the Senate Appropriations Committee to back the increase in SHIP funding for FY 2021 already approved by the House and continue to support these important resources for our citizens.

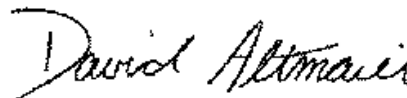
The primary goal of SHIPs is to advise, educate and empower individuals to navigate Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap and long-term care insurance and to help beneficiaries make choices that best meet their needs from the vast array of options. SHIP assisters are well trained and are able to address consumer 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 urges the Committee to provide SHIPs with the necessary full FY 2021 funding to continue this important work.

Sincerely,



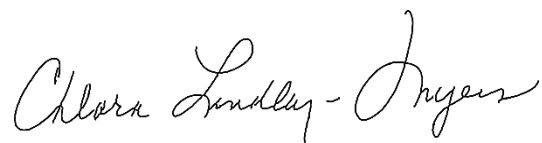
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