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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

It has been brought to my attention that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), intends to spend \$8.7 million of taxpayer funds to promote ObamaCare through advertising across the country in coming months. This blatant misuse of federal dollars to promote a fundamentally flawed law is extremely concerning, especially considering the extensive unknowns surrounding the coming launch and implementation of ObamaCare.

Until critical questions can be answered regarding the availability and type of health insurance to be provided by ObamaCare, it is unconscionable to spend taxpayer dollars to promote and advertise ObamaCare plans that have yet to be finalized. While the Administration should be abandoning this disastrous law, instead it is imprudently and blindly promoting poor policies that will harm Americans and American businesses, and misappropriating public funds in an effort to sell bad ideas to good people.

I strongly urge you to halt CMS' upcoming taxpayer-funded advertisement and promotion of ObamaCare. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
United States Senator