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Hello Senator Johnson,

I see your Bill is running in committee today and believe we plan to be there. DHS has looked at potential impacts of this bill and at this point we do not see a fiscal impact. While we do believe that there may be a slight increase in utilization because of increased access, the cost of the services will not increase. Additionally, all research we've done indicates there should be savings from patients not needing additional surgeries or drugs if they are able to access physical therapy more readily.

Thank you,

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