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The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Secretary Burwell:

I am writing to follow-up on my June 19 letter regarding unaccompanied alien children. My letter asked eight specific questions about the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) plans to house and care for these children.

I write today to not only request a response to my initial letter, but to seek answers about conflicting news reports in my home state of Wisconsin. According to these reports, HHS, through its grantees, is currently seeking space in the Milwaukee area to house potentially hundreds of children who have illegally crossed our southern border from Central America through Mexico. To date, I am not aware of your agency relaying this information to any of Wisconsin's elected representatives.

The federal government, and more specifically HHS, should be transparent about its intentions. The agency should fully inform Members of Congress, along with state and local leaders, of its intentions to house these children in facilities within their communities. Therefore, I ask you to reply with answers to the following questions.

- Can you state conclusively that HHS, or other federal agencies, is not considering locations in Wisconsin?
- If not, what locations are currently being considered?
- Will Members of Congress be notified as soon as a decision has been made?

I respectfully ask that you respond to these questions, along with the questions in my June 19 letter, before you continue any efforts to relocate unaccompanied alien children, or any other illegal immigrants to Wisconsin.

A timely and complete response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. James Sensenbrenner".

F. James Sensenbrenner
Member of Congress