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Dear Mr. Boals,

As the U.S. Representative for Arizona's District One, I am writing regarding the recent announcement by Aetna that they will be discontinuing Affordable Care Act health care plans in our state. As you know, this decision means that residents of Pinal County could potentially be left without options for health insurance plans on the federal exchange. Because of this possibility, I respectfully request that Blue Cross Blue Shield reconsider its decision to pull its marketplace plans from Pinal County.

It is critical that affordable, quality insurance plans continue to be available to all of my constituents. The Affordable Care Act has significantly dropped the uninsured rate throughout Arizona, and Blue Cross Blue Shield has been a key leader and partner in that accomplishment. I urge Blue Cross Blue Shield to take action and participate in a solution that would help thousands of Arizonans.

I appreciate your commitment to the health and well-being of Arizona communities, and I urge you to work with our federal and state governments to find a solution and continue the health care plans you currently offer in Pinal County. Please contact my office if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
U.S. Representative, Arizona District One