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VIA Email

The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt
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Dear Governor Stitt:

Thank you for your letter regarding President Trump's nationwide audit of state Medicaid Fraud Control Units. On the principle behind it—that every Medicaid dollar must be protected from fraud, waste, and abuse—we are in complete agreement, and you will find no more aggressive ally in that fight than this office. What I cannot accept is the suggestion that runs through the rest of your letter: that an Attorney General oversteps when he insists that out-of-state insurance conglomerates keep the promises they made to the people of Oklahoma.

I welcome the federal review, and I welcome it without reservation. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit housed within my office is precisely the kind of aggressive, professional enforcement operation the administration is championing nationwide. Oklahoma leads the nation in Medicaid fraud enforcement; in the last sixty days alone, this office has filed more than twenty enforcement actions. That record has not gone unnoticed in Washington: Vice President Vance, who leads the administration's national anti-fraud effort, has invited me to a roundtable next week to discuss Oklahoma's success as a model for the rest of the country. This office does not wait to be told to chase down fraud—it does the chasing. My office welcomes the federal auditors; they will find a unit that built its record the hard way, by pursuing the wrongdoers others were content to ignore. I am eager for the comparison.

Which is exactly why the balance of your letter is so difficult to square. You applaud federal scrutiny of fraud and accountability with one hand, and with the other you attack an independent state audit aimed at precisely the same thing. An audit is not the enemy of accountability—an audit is accountability. A leader who genuinely believed in rooting out waste would be demanding this review and helping to lead it, not straining to discredit it before the Auditor has examined a single record.

Let me correct the record without ambiguity. The audit request does not "unwind" managed care, and it returns Oklahoma to no "blank-check model" of anything. It poses a single question the people of this State are entitled to have answered: Is SoonerSelect actually delivering on the promises that were made for it? If the program is performing as you describe—transparent,

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accountable, and catching fraud early—then an independent audit will prove it, and this office will say so first and loudest. The only officials who fear an honest audit are those who fear what it will uncover.

And consider what this audit would in fact uncover. Among the questions placed squarely before the State Auditor is whether the managed care companies operating under your administration's program have approved claims—and authorized the payment of Oklahoma taxpayer dollars—for gender-transition procedures and the drugs used to carry them out. One would expect an Oklahoma Governor to be first in line demanding that answer. That expectation is hardly mine alone: President Trump—whose agenda you invoke in the very first line of your letter—has made it the declared policy of the United States that federal health programs, Medicaid expressly among them, will not fund the gender transition of a child. You cannot claim the President's mantle of accountability in one breath and, in the next, demand that I abandon the very audit that would reveal whether Oklahoma's Medicaid dollars have done precisely what his order forbids. Instead, your letter omits the subject entirely and asks that the audit be called off. I will not omit it, and I will not call it off. The people of Oklahoma have every right to know whether their tax dollars have paid for gender-transition drugs and surgeries—including for minors—and your letter offers them no answer, only an instruction to stop asking. I will leave Oklahomans to draw their own conclusions about why their Governor is so determined that they never learn the answer.

Your letter also insinuates that this office is "aligned with the interests of major donors." Let me be blunt: the only out-of-state corporate interests at this table are Humana, Aetna, and Oklahoma Complete Health—billion-dollar conglomerates banking Oklahoma taxpayer dollars while Oklahoma providers go unpaid and Oklahoma patients are denied the medically necessary, life-sustaining equipment they are legally entitled to receive. The question is not whose donors this office serves. The question is why the Governor of Oklahoma has appointed himself the spokesman for three out-of-state insurance companies.

You call this "political theater." Governor, let us be candid about where the theater actually lies. There is nothing theatrical about a lawful audit request, directed to an independent constitutional officer and built on more than six months of documented failures. The performance is a letter that races to the defense of three out-of-state insurers and a faltering state program while the providers who actually care for Oklahomans plead for relief. My office demanded corrective action from OHCA's leadership in writing on three separate occasions. The agency's answer was not a plan to fix anything—it was a defense of the conglomerates and a recitation of approval percentages, even as it conceded that "issues need to be fixed" and that systems built for a fee-for-service world were never fully transitioned to managed care. That is not theater. That is the record. And it is the reason this audit will proceed.

Finally, a word on authority. The Attorney General is an independently elected constitutional officer, charged by the people of Oklahoma with protecting them and the public treasury. The audit request is a lawful exercise of that charge under Oklahoma Title 74, Section 18f, and it is directed not to me but to another independent constitutional officer—the State Auditor

and Inspector—whose office will conduct the review free of influence from yours or mine. I am grateful for your encouragement to cooperate fully with the federal audit, and I will. But the duties of this office are exercised at its own direction, in service of the people who elected it. They are not yours to call off.

We share the same destination, Governor: a Medicaid program that protects taxpayers, roots out fraud, and faithfully serves Oklahoma's most vulnerable citizens. An independent audit is how we reach it. I would welcome your support in seeing it through—and frankly, from a Governor who professes to believe in accountability and in protecting Oklahoma taxpayers and Oklahoma children, I would have expected it. That invitation stands. But let there be no misunderstanding: with your help or without it, this office will see this audit through to the end. The taxpayers are watching, the providers are waiting, and Oklahoma's most vulnerable cannot afford for either of us to blink.

Sincerely,

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