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Ted Cruz Dirksen Senate Office Building, Suite SDB-40B Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination PN33; Thomas Price; Secretary of HHS – Shame on You!

Dear Ted:

DAVID C. RANKIN †‡

When your country needed you – you failed to rise to the occasion. You failed to stand with the people and vote NO against the Price nomination. You wholly violate the trust of the people who elected you when you elevate someone like Price, who has demonstrated putting his *Self-Interest* before the *Public-Welfare*, to a position of power. I, and all Texans, expect an honest vote from you against the nomination of anyone who has demonstrated using his office to advance legislation to benefit his personal portfolio. You cannot squeeze your nose tight enough to avoid the stench of corruption surrounding the Price nomination. When history looks back on those who sewed the seeds of corruption in this country and they look at the enabling vote, history will show:

Cruz (R-TX), Yea

I pray, for the sake of our democracy, you grow the necessary backbone before the Neil Gorsuch vote and vote NO against his nomination to prevent splitting this nation further over disgraceful wedge-issues that have damaged our body politic over the past three decades. Texans deserve better and we will be watching.

Very truly yours,

David C. Rankin, J.D., P.E.