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To the Georgetown University Community:

We strongly endorse the sentiments expressed by our students in welcoming Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius to speak at Georgetown Public Policy Institute's Tropia ceremony.

Our institute and university have been proud to welcome speakers from a variety of points of view. Recently, we hosted Representative Paul Ryan to give our most important lecture. We strongly affirm our commitment to free speech and open debate on our campus. A university cannot permit outside protests to dictate who will and will not be allowed to address our community. Speech should be answered by speech, not by efforts to shut down discussion and free exchange.

Secretary Sebelius joins a long list of distinguished speakers at Georgetown University who have devoted their lives to public service. We appreciate her willingness to share the lessons of her experience with our students.

Sincerely,

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