use to evaluate claims, and their compensation structure—could potentially affect the outcome of claims decisions, notwithstanding that the WISeR Model Notice does not purport to change substantive Medicare eligibility, coding, coverage, or payment requirements. Accordingly, we conclude that the Notice substantially affects the rights and obligations of non-agency parties and does not fall within the third CRA exception.

CONCLUSION

The WISeR Model Notice is a rule for purposes of CRA because it meets the definition of a rule under APA and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, the Notice is subject to CRA's requirement that it be submitted to Congress and the Comptroller General before it can take effect.

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General Counsel.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SARGENT CORPORATION

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Sargent Corporation on 100 years of exceptional business growth and development. From a humble beginning in Alton, ME, the general contracting company has grown significantly, continuing to work with and for Mainers to better our State, one project at a time.

In 1926, Herbert E. Sargent set out to make a living, purchasing a used dumptruck for hauling in the summer and plowing in the winter. Through honest, hard work, Herb offered high-quality services for his community, and demand quickly grew. Just 4 years later, he ambitiously acquired a fleet of trucks and a bulldozer, taking on many more projects. Herb's son Jim took over the family's business in 1957, aiding his father and building on his reputation as an honest, reliable contractor. Two decades later, Jim became company president. In the 1990s, after some very successful projects near Baltimore, Sargent expanded beyond New England to the Mid-Atlantic region.

In 2013, the company's employees acquired 100 percent of the stock from Herb R. Sargent, the founder's grandson. Since then, the company has been entirely employee-owned. Today, more than 500 employee-owners throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic remain invested in and supportive of the success of Sargent.

Sargent Corporation has bettered communities across the State through various projects, such as recent work at Eastport Airport, the Downeast Wind Farm, the Maine Turnpike, and many more. Through these public and private projects, Sargent's work has improved environmental health, energy production, and transportation infrastructure across the State. Due to the high quality of performance and record of safety at Sargent, the company has won a plethora of awards in my home State, including the Build Maine Award 16 times since 2010. These rewards affirm what I know firsthand about Sargent: The company has maintained their priorities in performance and safety.

Sargent Corporation was built on integrity, reliability, and hard work 100 years ago, and as they adapt with the times, these values hold true. Today, I thank Sargent for its tremendous impact on our communities and congratulate it on its milestone anniversary.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAPPI NORTH AMERICA'S SOMERSET MILL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Sappi North America, Inc., on 50 years of operations at the Somerset Mill in Skowhegan, ME. Since opening in 1976 on the banks of the Kennebec River, the Somerset Mill has grown into one of the most technologically advanced paper mills in North America. Today, the mill manufactures high-quality paper products from trees harvested in Maine and is known for its longstanding commitment to its employees and the surrounding community.

The Somerset Mill employs approximately 780 skilled workers, making it one of the largest employers in Maine. The facility operates three state-of-the-art paper machines, with a total annual production capacity of 1.25 million tons. The mill produces coated freesheet paper commonly used for magazines, brochures, and direct mail advertising. It is also a leading producer of paper and paperboard used in packaging, labels, graphic papers, and grease-proof paper for food packaging.

Project Elevate, a $500 million modernization investment completed last year, doubled the production capacity of Paper Machine No. 2. These recent investments in the Somerset Mill reflect the steadfast devotion Sappi holds to producing quality products and responding to market demands, further strengthening Sappi's position as a leader in sustainably manufactured paperboard.

Sappi North America has undertaken significant efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Somerset Mill generates much of its energy onsite using biomass from papermaking byproducts, namely bark and wood chips. Sappi also has an approved Science Based Targets Initiative goal to reduce its carbon emissions by 41 percent by 2030. Additionally, the Somerset Mill holds triple certification from the Forest Stewardship Council, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification. These accolades reflect Sappi's continued effort to maintain the long-term well-being of Maine's invaluable natural environment.

Sappi's Somerset Mill has been recognized for its attention to the safety of its employees. In 2023, for the first time in its 50-year history, the pulp mill completed the fiscal year without a recordable injury. The mill also achieved 1 million hours without a Lost Time Injury and received a Gold Award through Sappi's global Safety Recognition Awards program.

The mill's impact extends beyond its operations and into the surrounding community. In 2026, Sappi's Somerset Mill leadership was named Large Business of the Year by both the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2025, Sappi North America CEO Mike Haws was recognized as the MaineBiz Leader of the Year. In 2023, the Somerset Mill received the Somerset County Champions Award at the Heart of Maine United Way campaign kickoff event after raising 30 percent of the county's total United Way workplace campaign contributions.

I congratulate Sappi North America and all the employees of the Somerset Mill on this milestone anniversary and thank them for their continued contributions to Maine's economy, paper industry, and communities.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN RAYMOND

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. John Raymond, one of Wisconsin's most distinguished physicians, educators, researchers, and institutional leaders. Serving as president of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) since 2010, Dr. Raymond will be stepping down as President and transitioning to a faculty role in June of 2026.

The career of Dr. Raymond is marked by his exceptional commitment to public service and the well-being of not only Milwaukee, but the entire State of Wisconsin. For 16 years he has worked extensively with my office to ensure we create the best possible health legislation for our constituents, while deftly navigating numerous challenges, including the COVID–19 pandemic.

A native of Akron, OH, Dr. Raymond graduated from Ohio State University in 1978 and earned his medical degree there in 1982. He began his career as a faculty member at the world-renowned Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Raymond later became the associate chief of staff of the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, SC, before moving into academic administration as vice president for academic affairs and provost of the Medical University of South Carolina. Eventually, Dr. Raymond came to Wisconsin, assuming his tenure as president of MCW in 2010.

Dr. Raymond arrived at MCW with a mandate and a vision he articulated clearly in his installation address: ''Strength Through Collaboration.'' That phrase, far more than mere rhetoric, proved to be the guiding principle of 16 transformational years. Under his stewardship, MCW, Wisconsin's only private medical school, grew from a $798.4 million institution into a $1.61 billion enterprise, more than doubling its top-line revenue and reflecting the profound expansion of MCW's reach, capacity, and national stature.

Today, in partnership with Froedtert Health, Children's Wisconsin, and the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, MCW contributes $5.82 billion annually in direct operational impact to

our Nation's economy. During his tenure, philanthropic support to MCW increased by 400 percent, research expenditures doubled, and patient visits tripled. These are metrics that speak not merely to institutional scale, but to the depth of public trust Dr. Raymond has cultivated.

Among the most consequential contributions of Dr. Raymond's presidency has been his recognition that a great medical institution must serve all corners of the State it calls home. Wisconsin has long faced a serious and growing physician shortage, particularly in its rural communities. Dr. Raymond addressed this challenge head-on. Under his leadership, MCW established regional medical school campuses in Green Bay and central Wisconsin, extending access to world-class medical education beyond Milwaukee and into communities that had long been underserved. Additionally, in August 2017, MCW launched its School of Pharmacy, broadening the institution's scope and training the pharmacists who will serve Wisconsin patients for generations to come.

Dr. Raymond's contributions to the Milwaukee community include the ThriveOn King collaboration, a partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Royal Capital Group. MCW built the ThriveOn King building to address social determinants of health and bring economic and social benefits to one of Milwaukee's most historic neighborhoods.

The full weight of Dr. Raymond's character and leadership was perhaps most vividly demonstrated during the COVID–19 pandemic, when Wisconsin, along with every other State, faced an unprecedented public health crisis. Dr. Raymond emerged as one of the State's most trusted and authoritative voices, providing regular briefings to area business executives and the public alike, communicating with clarity, calm, and scientific integrity at a time when both were desperately needed. His service during the pandemic earned him the Milwaukee Business Journal's recognition as Executive of the Year in 2020 and Health Care Leader of the Year in 2021. These awards reflect not only professional achievement but the public's genuine gratitude for steady, principled leadership in a time of crisis.

Taken together, Dr. Raymond's accomplishments reflect a commitment to Wisconsin that has never been confined to the lecture hall or the laboratory. Rather, he has been a tireless champion of community engagement and health equity.

As Dr. Raymond now transitions from the presidency of the Medical College of Wisconsin to a faculty position, we are reminded that the truest measure of an institution-builder is not the scale of what they construct, but the permanence of what they leave behind. Dr. Raymond leaves behind a stronger, more expansive, more equitable, and more deeply woven institution than the one he inherited.

For all his contributions to the health of Wisconsin's communities, to the vitality of its medical workforce, and to the strength of its institutions, I wish to express my deepest gratitude and most sincere admiration for Dr. John R. Raymond. As a direct result of his service, the great State of Wisconsin has been made immeasurably better.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING ALLTERRA ARMS

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am proud to honor AllTerra Arms in Boise as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2026.

AllTerra Arms began in 2015 when Drew Foster took a pen, a napkin, and his engineering expertise and set out to correct the shortcomings he saw in traditional hunting rifles. His original idea to modify existing models quickly led to the patenting of Drew's own bolt action rifle designs. After 2 years of research, development, prototyping, and testing, Drew and his team created an outdoorsman's dream: a rifle that combines the precision of a benchrest rifle and the reliability of a hunting rifle.

Drew's passion lies in the engineering process, and he is delighted to watch his work come to life in AllTerra's rifles. The business designs and manufactures everything in-house, where a commitment to quality and precision shines through. The AllTerra team continues working to perfect the rifle, a task large companies rarely take on. While their unique reinvention has come with challenges, it has also piqued interest and turned many heads in the industry. More than a decade later, Drew and the team pride themselves on never giving up and are confident that their experience and expertise will enable them to conquer anything, no matter what firearm they decide to redesign next.

The team at AllTerra Arms is full of outdoorsmen who enjoy Idaho's public lands. They prioritize giving back to community organizations that support and maintain our lands for all to enjoy, including the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation, Safari Club International, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Congratulations to Drew and the AllTerra Arms team on being recognized as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2026. Your dedication to excellence makes Idaho proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.•

RECOGNIZING POCATELLO-CHUBBUCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representative MIKE SIMPSON to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce.

The history of Pocatello and Chubbuck begins with the Oregon Trail, which ran through the Portneuf Gap just south of the two cities, drawing pioneers, gold miners, and settlers to the region. The city of Pocatello was founded in 1889 and quickly became a hub for transportation and agriculture. This traffic was followed by stage and freight lines, then the railroad. Pocatello was aptly named the Gateway to the Northwest, as it quickly grew into a trade center and transportation junction. Chubbuck, named after railroad conductor Walter Chubbuck, was incorporated in December 1949. The towns, separated only by a city limits sign, are joined together through the Chamber of Commerce, which works for both communities.

The chamber originally began in 1893 as the Pocatello Commercial Club and formally became a chamber of commerce in 1901. What started as a booster-style club quickly expanded in influence to support the construction of the American Falls dam. Then, in 2014, after a few name changes, the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce came into being, with a mission of representing trade in Pocatello, Chubbuck, and the surrounding area.

The creation of the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce aligned with the region's early boom period. This marked a busy time for early members tasked with recruiting and representing new businesses, coordinating civic improvements, and promoting downtown commerce. Now, 125 years later, the chamber advocates for local businesses at the State and Federal level, promotes tourism, and runs community campaigns, including the Leadership Pocatello-Chubbuck Program, the Youth Pocatello Leadership Program (LEAP), the Chamber Young Professionals, the Chamber Champions Committee, and beautification programs.

For more than a century, the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role in shaping the region from a railroad town to one of the largest communities in Idaho. Home to Idaho State University, major corporate headquarters, and multinational companies, the area has emerged as a hub for the Gem State. The chamber has been a driving force in this effort and, more importantly, preserving the heart and soul of Pocatello and Chubbuck.

Congratulations to the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce on 125 years. Today, we proudly recognize the chamber's hard work and continued dedication to driving economic growth in Idaho. •