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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
SD-340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Collins:

The Partnership for Public Service is very pleased to endorse S. 2657, the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004, that you introduced with Senator Akaka on July 15th.

As you have noted, civil servants are the federal government's most important asset. It is therefore imperative that the federal government take the steps necessary to attract the best and brightest. There are many factors that go into attracting top-notch talent, not least of which is a competitive benefits package. S. 2657 goes a long way to put the federal government on par with the private sector by ensuring that those who do our nation's work receive access to affordable, comprehensive dental and vision benefits.

Your legislation demonstrates that even in this difficult fiscal climate, there remain common-sense reforms that will help the federal government address its human capital challenges. The Partnership is proud to endorse the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act, and we look forward to working with you and your staff to build support in Congress for this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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