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The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Secretary
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Solis:

I am writing to you regarding the interim final rules for group health plans and health insurance coverage relating to their status as a grandfathered health plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

I have been contacted by constituents who have expressed their frustrations in attempting to make relatively minor changes to their preexisting health insurance coverage. These constituents have been told that any minor change to their preexisting health insurance coverage could revoke their grandfathered plan status.

I am writing to ask that as the Department issues its final rules on this subject, that health insurance policy holders be allowed the maximum flexibility to make minor changes that do not affect the overall value of their plan. Particularly, should policy holders wish to change the amount of their monthly premiums as compared to their deductible, I would ask that the Department allow policyholders maximum flexibility for these potential changes.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and I look forward to your reply. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Kenny Marchant
Member of Congress

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