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Dear Sirs,

I refer to the Consultation Document on Health Care Reform and would like to offer my feedback as follows:

1. Whilst we understand the need for increasing the charges for public hospital, health care is undeniably a responsibility of the government which should not be shifted to the general public, especially the tax payers. As health care is almost the only benefit that the tax payers will get from the Hong Kong government (when compared with overseas government which offer comprehensive social protection schemes), there is no point in the government retreating from offering such health care benefit.

2. I strongly oppose the idea of compulsory contribution by the work force as this will unnecessarily increase the burden of the work force, especially the middle class. Besides, such arrangement which requires the setting up an authority to administer such scheme will only lead to unnecessary administration work and costs which will ultimately be borne by the paying employee. Any idea of having an organization which does nothing but administer such scheme and being paid by the money contributed by the work force is strongly opposed.

3. If there is any reform needed, I would prefer the option that the charges of public health care be increased to such extent that the government can at least recouped the costs BUT at the same time, free services should be provided to the poor who cannot afford such charges.

Thank you for your attention.

Best Regards,
Elizabeth Lam