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Dear Sir,

I appreciate and support the Government's effort in carrying out Healthcare Reform. Among the six proposals, I think proposal six, Personal Healthcare Reserve, is the best (although I, being in the middle class, will probably need to pay.).

Hong Kong is now spending a huge amount of money, which is over \$30 billion a year, in the provision of health service and the spending level will certainly be on an increasing trend. It is of utmost importance for the Government to carry out a healthcare reform as soon as possible or the quality of healthcare service will be scarified. I hope political parties will support the proposal for the real benefit of Hong Kong in the long run. In the past, they simply played the role of opposers for the only purpose of objecting the government. With the improvement in economic and social condition, more people adopt a pragmatic approach nowadays. If political parties continue to use the opposing approach, I am afraid they will lose votes in the coming election.

Finally, I would like to make one suggestion. If the government is to implement proposal six, I suggest those with dependent child should be required to pay a lower percentage. This would mean that the payers need to save less money in the deposit of their own accounts, which are reserved for their own healthcare expenses after retirement. Being a father of two sons, my first priority is to invest more on my children's education, which in turn is beneficial to them and to the society as a whole. I am willing to pay more after my children grow up. I hope the government will take the burden of parents into account in making its policy.

(Please do not disclose my name and e-mail account.)