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Dear Secretary for Food and Health,

Today is the last day to submit the views on the consultation document of the Health Care Reform. Actually, I was caught in a dilemma between submitting and not submitting my views, but I know that it is a very important policy to the future HK citizens, therefore, I decide to express my views on it!

As the Financial Secretary mentioned before, he expected that our public health expenditure is projected to increase from some \$38 billion in 2004 to about \$78 billion in 2015 and about \$127 billion in 2025. For the several Financial Budgets prepared by our Financial Secretaries in the past few years, none of the Budgets was accurate and have a good forecast to the condition of HK. And I think the Financial Secretary must forget one important outcome which will be greatly deduced in about 30 years later. It is the medical expenses of the pensionable retired civil servants. The last log of the pensionable civil servants were employed in 1999. Supposing 40 years serving live in the government, there should be no pensionable civil servants serving in the government in 2039. For the newly recruited civil servants starting from 2000, all of them are under the MPF Scheme, it means that after their retirement, the government bears no responsibility on their medical expenses, they will be no longer entitled to possess the medical benefits provided by the government. I use the present figure of the total civil servants to have a simple calculation: 160, 000 civil servants, each civil servant may have a wife/husband with 2 children in addition, 160, 000 times 4 is 640, 000; and each person only spends \$1, 000 in the medical expenses provided by the government, the annually reduced medical expenses will be **\$640, 000, 000**. It is only a very rough calculation. I really hope the Financial Secretary could correct me faithfully. The horrible figure is useless to the HK people because we are not children actually.

Apart from that, the present 5 % MPF contribution plus the future 5 % MMF contribution is really a heavy burden to the middle-level citizens. And the 5% MMF contribution is not enough for the expenses of their whole life in medical treatment. Furthermore, I can't see the government bears any responsibility on this issue as the same as the MPF Scheme. I truly believe that "*it's not the time for change* "!

As a result, I sincerely object to reform the healthcare market structure this time, I do not support the whole consultation document on the Health Care Reform.

Thank you very much for your attention and advice!

Yours sincerely,

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