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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about health care. Our country has many of the best doctors, hospitals and pharmaceuticals but we have long had a problem with access. Uneven access is unethical in its condemnation of some to death, including a family friend, who died a decade ago after being unable to afford a prescription. It is damaging to public health, with outbreaks harder to detect and control. It is also damaging economically, with more people focusing on caring for friends and relatives, unable to work themselves and holding onto unsuitable work for the health benefits. This has improved substantially in the past few years through a system of regulated and subsidized insurance exchanges. The Senate budget reconciliation bill will eliminate the insurance mandate and thereby deprive millions of insurance. This will break your campaign promises and weaken our country.

Please assure me that you will keep the individual mandate.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our health society.

Sincerely, Eric Babson