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Elaine Kaplan
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Dear Acting Director Kaplan:

It has been widely reported that a ruling is imminent from the Office of Personal Management (OPM) that would exempt Members of Congress and their staff from the requirements of the President's health care law. I am writing to urge OPM to refrain from issuing any such regulatory exemptions for Members of Congress and their staff.

Members of Congress and their staff should not receive preferential provisions not made available to the general public under the President's health care law. Members of Congress and their staff are required under present law to exit the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) and enroll in the newly-created health care exchanges or obtain other accepted insurance by January 1, 2014. I am strongly opposed to OPM attempting to make a regulatory change to a statutory requirement of the law. I believe that OPM should not erode the intent of this provision when it was enacted to ensure that Members of Congress and their staff do not benefit from any preferential provisions not made available to the general public.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence and I look forward to receiving your prompt reply. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


Kenny Marchant
Member of Congress