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The Honorable John Kline  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education and Labor  
2101 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Ranking Member Kline,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a hearing with Richard Foster, the Chief Actuary at the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for the Department of Health and Human Services.

It has been three months since Congress passed and President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. This legislation makes critical improvements to this nation's health care system. For the first time, families and small businesses will be in control of their own health care and all Americans will have access to quality, affordable, secure health insurance. While the law includes significant reforms that will be implemented this year, many of the bill's reforms are phased-in between now and 2014.

Prior to the law's enactment on March 23, 2010, Congress spent over a year examining health care reform legislation. Nearly 46 bipartisan hearings were held on the issue of health care reform, mark-ups were held in five congressional committees and weeks of debate were held on the House and Senate floor. Congress spent an unprecedented amount of time debating this legislation. We were advised throughout this process of the bill's effects on a variety of economic indicators including, national spending, private expenditures, and deficit reduction, by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the Chief Actuary and many other leading economic analysts.

We will keep this request under advisement as we monitor implementation in the coming weeks and months and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**GEORGE MILLER**  
Chair