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July 12, 2013

The Honorable Howard A. Shelanski  
Administrator  
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Dear Administrator Shelanski:

We are pleased to invite you to testify before a joint hearing of the Subcommittees on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions and Workforce Protections entitled, "The Employer Mandate: Examining the Delay and Its Effect on Workplaces," to be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2175 of the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

On July 2, the Obama administration announced through a blog post on the website of the Department of Treasury that it was delaying enforcement of the penalties imposed on employers that do not provide government-approved health insurance as required by the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. The administration's unilateral delay of the employer mandate has created a host of new questions and concerns that need to be addressed.

In a letter to President Obama, House Republican leaders recently noted:

*"We recognize that the decision to delay the employer mandate was likely not a decision you made in only a day and necessarily required substantial review by analysts at the Department of the Treasury, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, as well as the Office of Management and Budget."*

As a senior leader at the Office of Management and Budget, you are uniquely qualified to respond to questions regarding the decision-making process that led to the unilateral delay of the employer mandate. We understand you assumed the responsibilities of your office this week. Therefore, we are happy to consider requests for special accommodations you may need to ensure a productive hearing.

The House Education and the Workforce Committee shares jurisdiction over the 2010 health care law, and maintains broad oversight responsibilities of federal policies governing the nation's

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workplaces. We look forward to your participation in this hearing and expect it will help provide much needed transparency over a decision that has impacted the lives of millions of American workers and job creators.

At the hearing, you will be given five minutes to present your oral testimony. You are welcome to submit a longer statement in writing that will be included in the hearing record. After all witnesses have finished their oral testimony, each member of the subcommittees will have five minutes to comment and ask questions of witnesses.

Please review the enclosed documents and submit any requested information at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Todd Spangler, Senior Health Policy Advisor, at (202) 225-7101. Thank you for your important contribution to the committee's work. We look forward to hearing your testimony.



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DAVID P. ROE  
Chairman  
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Enclosure

CC: The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Director, Office of Management and Budget