Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Andrew Boron
Director
Illinois Department of Insurance
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Dear Director Boron:

Over the last several weeks there has been significant coverage of the system-wide failures of the federal health insurance exchange website. While these issues have garnered much attention, we are equally concerned about the millions of individuals and families across the country who are losing their current health insurance coverage as a direct result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

As recently reported by Kaiser Health News and as a direct result of new regulatory requirements in the ACA, nearly 300,000 individual insurance policies have been cancelled in the state of Florida and nearly 280,000 were terminated in California. It has been estimated that millions of individuals who purchase their coverage on the individual market will lose their coverage by the end of the year.

We have all had constituents share with us similar notices they have received from their insurer. Thus, we are concerned these are not isolated incidents outside of Illinois. If the intent of the law was to expand coverage to the uninsured while ensuring those who like their health insurance plan can keep it, we would like to know the impact the ACA is having on individual insurance market consumers in the state of Illinois.

In an effort to better understand the size and scope of those potentially losing their current individual policies or being forced to pay more out of pocket costs to retain those plans, we would request that you provide us with the following information by November 18th as we look to be fully informed to best serve our constituents:

- Similar to reports above, how many plan cancellation notices have been sent to private-individual health insurance policyholders in Illinois this year?
- What was the total number of Illinois residents insured by private-individual insurance policies in the most recent year where data is available?
- According to the most recent data you have available, what was the average year-over-year change in cost, if any, for those private-individual insurance policies?
- What is the estimated average cost increase for a private-individual insurance policy on the individual market in Illinois for 2014?

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We are seeking this information for our constituents who are struggling to understand how the law will affect their ability to keep their current coverage while maintaining access to care from their family physician at a cost within their household budget. We appreciate your prompt response to these questions.

Sincerely,

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