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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear President Obama,

I write to you to express my deep concerns about the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

As I write, my office is receiving phone calls, letters and e-mails from constituents in Bucks and Montgomery counties who are being negatively affected by both the technological “glitches” and the policy flaws of the law. These shortcomings are not unique to my district, and overall, people meant to be helped by this law are instead being hurt – losing jobs, hours, doctors and insurance they like.

In July, following your administration’s unilateral delay of the business mandate associated for the ACA for big business, the House Republicans along with 22 Democrats passed legislation that would have delayed the individual mandate – avoiding this debacle.

I ask you today, joining members from both parties in both chambers, to delay the individual mandate of the ACA. Doing so would be a step in the right direction for American families and businesses being harmed by the rocky rollout of this legislation.

There is bipartisan agreement regarding the need to reform, replace or repeal major pieces of the ACA. The initial launch has demonstrated that the law is simply not ready to be implemented and I stand ready and willing to work for American families who cannot afford it.

Earlier this month, I voted with Republicans and Democrats to re-open the doors of government and make sure our nation was able to pay its bills. You said you would negotiate once government was fully funded and operational - now is the time to address bipartisan ideas for improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Fitzpatrick", written over a white background.

Michael G. Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress