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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 21 March and putting forward the industry's views on the proposed Health Protection Scheme (HPS). As we have explained in our meetings, we would endeavour to reflect the industry's views as well as other stakeholders' views in the Public Consultation Document where appropriate. Our aim is to give the public a balanced view on the concept of HPS and the reasons for Government to launch this proposal as well as the justifications and arguments for the proposed implementation details. We will of course set out the possible concerns from various parties, if appropriate, and relevant international practice and experience, in order to engage the community in an objective discussion and an informed choice.

I am sure the insurance industry, represented by the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI), will be one of the major parties responding to the public consultation exercise. We look forward to receiving the HKFI's views and submission when we publish the Public Consultation Document. In accordance with usual Government practice, after the completion of the public consultation exercise, we will prepare and produce a Public Consultation Report, summarizing the views of all those who have made submissions to the exercise and set out the Government's proposed way forward. Any public submissions which we receive in the public consultation exercise, including

that from the HKFI, will be published in full in the Consultation Report if consent is given by the contributors.

I wish to thank the HKFI for its support and assistance in the process and we look forward to receiving its views again in the public consultation exercise.

Yours sincerely,



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