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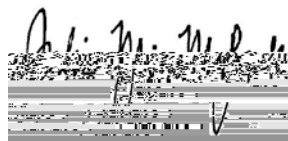
Mick Mulvaney
Director
Office of Management and Budget
301 G Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Director Mulvaney Your action is critical to the
of the individual health insurance markets in a significant number of states across the

we have had numerous discussions with insurance carriers in their states about rates and
individual market in 2018. As you know, there is increasing concern that more carriers will
exit and rates will continue to rise, leaving consumers with few more expensive options,
options at all. This is not a theoretical argument – carriers have already left the individual market
and too many counties have only one carrier remaining. The one concern carriers consider
whether to participate and how much to charge in 2018 is the uncertainty surrounding the
reduction payments.

the case of *Price v. Price*, remains unresolved and federal funding assured, carriers will be
hesitant about participating on the Exchanges. Even if they do decide to participate, state regulators
are concerned that rates could increase by 10% to 15% or more.

Carriers are currently developing their rates for 2018 and making the decision whether to
participate on the Exchanges, or even off the Exchanges, in 2018.



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