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# Minnesota House of Representatives

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HOUSE DFL LEADER

Governor Mark Dayton  
State of Minnesota  
116 Veterans Service Building  
20 West 12<sup>th</sup> St  
St Paul MN 55155

Governor Dayton:

Thank you for your letter articulating the urgency of addressing the premium increases faced by Minnesotans in the individual insurance market. We stand ready to engage in discussions to reach a solution.

As you know, ten days ago, the House DFL offered a concrete, practical short-term solution that provides immediate relief to Minnesotans facing the premium increases. The proposal would cap premiums at 10% of individual income and provide a prospective rebate to Minnesotans who must pay premiums in excess of that. It is similar to a proposal that Senator Schmidt and Representative Davids introduced last year (although that was a tax credit). Senator Schmidt carried the proposal into the tax conference committee but it stalled there. The proposal is also very similar to the Senate DFL proposal made last Thursday.

Since we introduced our proposal, I've directed several members of our caucus who work on health care and insurance issues to continue to develop the proposal and reach out to the administration, agencies, and other caucuses. They are doing so. I've spoken with Majority Leader Bakk and other Senators to work toward a resolution. And I've called Speaker Daudt and we've spoken about some potential next steps which would include other members of his caucus as well.

I look forward to continuing these discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Thissen".

Paul Thissen  
House DFL Leader

