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Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Madam Secretary:

In complete contradiction to every promise made by the President with regard to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA"), insurance companies in Georgia have filed rate plans increasing health insurance rates up to 198 percent for some individuals.

Georgia consumers cannot afford these massive rate increases. For their protection, I am requesting that you grant an emergency 30 day delay of the July 31, 2013 deadline for our department to approve these increases. In addition, I am requesting that your Department show cause why these massive requested rate increases are not justified under PPACA.

I am asking that you answer this emergency request by close of business tomorrow, July 30, 2013. My office will be open until 7:00 p.m. tomorrow to give you additional time to respond to this emergency request. Please call (404) 656-9140 prior to 7:00 p.m. with your response.

Sincerely,

Ralph T. Hudgens
Insurance Commissioner