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Subject Re: Comments on Empire Healthchoice HMO Health
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Mr. Charles Lovejoy
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New York, NY 10004

October 26, 2011

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

Can you explain to me why you have constantly raised Healthy New York insurance premiums each year? Every year I see that you ask for consumer comments. However, you seem not to listen to NYS taxpayers state the obvious that they cannot afford such huge premium rate increases. I have Oxford Health Plans, and want to know why they deserve a 17% rate increase for 2012?

Sincerely,



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Proposed increase of Empire's premiums are outlandish. The company cites increases in health care costs, while they have instituted substantial health provider fee reductions. Further their profit from health care provider fee cuts has increased, while patient medical care has suffered.

Please do not allow these increases.