The Task Force has been very mindful about including many constituencies in the work that is to be done, however, we would encourage broader inclusion of information from business groups. Business owners who do and do not provide health insurance for their employees should have input into the plan design as well as the revenue options. Hospitals and care providers should be brought into the conversation with all of the technical advisory groups. Overtures to these important groups should be made at this time to be sure that their concerns are addressed in the creation of the plan. It is vitally important to the credibility of the work of creating a plan to hear these voices now, and not at the end of the process. Thank you for considering this input.

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