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Chairwoman Karen E. Spilka  
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Boston, MA 02133

Chairman Brian S. Dempsey  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
State House, Room 243  
Boston, MA 02133

Secretary Kristen Lepore  
Executive Office of Administration and Finance  
State House, Room 373  
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Dear Chairwoman Spilka, Chairman Dempsey, and Secretary Lepore:

Outside Section 166 of the Fiscal Year 2016 General Appropriations Act (GAA) requires, in part, that MassHealth shall, "file a report with the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means identifying savings initiatives and cash management strategies that the executive office will pursue in fiscal year 2016 in order to operate the MassHealth program within the amounts appropriated in items 4000-0430, 4000-0500, 4000-0600, 4000-0700, 4000-0870, 4000-0875, 4000-0880, 4000-0885, 4000-0940, 4000-0950, 4000-0990 and 4000-1400 of the act."

To comply with this requirement, the attached document lists nineteen savings initiatives in progress and provides a brief description of each initiative. We view achievement of these many savings as a critical part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of the MassHealth program. We are working hard to realize these savings, and are presently on track to achieve them.

I look forward to an ongoing dialogue with you and your staffs as we continue to implement these needed initiatives.

Sincerely,

Daniel Tsai  
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cc: Marylou Sudders, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services