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To whom it may concern:

Existence of private and public health care has been around HK for a long time. To me, it has been working well until people started to abuse the public system. I don't even talk about the non-locals using public health services without paying and the government can't seem to do much about it. These non-locals seem to be able to leave HK freely without being detained at the border because of hospital bills owed. For local people, I know many people who can afford private health care, but still insist to use the public health system because they think they deserve to take back from the government after paying tax.

I have my own medical insurance and also insurance from my employer. And my husband and I haven't used the public health system for over 20 years. I don't see myself wanting to contribute anything more than paying tax for other people in the public health system. I take care of myself quite well, so I will be very very very angry if the government makes me pay more money from my pay cheque for some medical system I don't care to have. To help the people in real need of cheap health care, the government can set up a system like the welfare one, low income people can get subsidy for medical care. And the government needs to fix the abuse problem.

I want status quo: I contribute to my own medical insurance of my own choice and I DON'T want to chip into the Social Health Insurance nor paying reluctantly to the Mandatory Private Health. My way of medical care is working, so I don't want the government to interfere with what I'm doing. I choose not to have children, so is the government going to give me a break for myself not imposing more cost on education, health care and other aspects needed for raising a child?? And one more advice: whatever health care reform should consider imposing heavy fee on smokers. I don't think it's really fair for me as a non-smoker to subsidize people indulging themselves in an activity that will eventually cause many chronic diseases (eg. cancers, respiratory problem, etc). Insurance companies charge higher premium for smokers!!

Thank you very much.

Best regards,
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