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**Mayor Muriel Bowser
Mayoral Charge to HBX Board**

The repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) individual mandate will lead to an increase in premiums and loss of coverage for millions across the country and thousands here in the District. While I continue to call on the federal government to expand access to health care coverage, it is clear that the current Congress and administration refuse to show leadership on this issue. I ask that the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Board reconvene the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Working Group, with the charge of recommending actions the District government should take to protect coverage gains and ensure affordable health care coverage for individuals and small businesses. I am requesting that the Working Group consider whether there are actions the District of Columbia should take in light of the repeal of the individual mandate.