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Dear Commissioner,

Please consider seriously these suggestions for how to invest \$56 million in excess surplus:

- lower premiums and related healthcare costs for low income residents, particularly residents who do not qualify for medicaid but still struggle to get by, particularly in a city with a housing crisis. Which brings me to my second suggestion:

- use this surplus to support/create TRUE affordable housing. When faced between the cost of housing and the cost of healthcare, most choose housing and risk neglecting other aspects of their health. By supporting affordable housing, healthcare is supported in turn. "Affordable" is a relative term -- DC is in great need of housing that falls below 30-50% of the area medium income. Currently, DC residents with full-time jobs cannot afford this city's rising cost of living. Please invest in the basic need of housing for residents of ALL income levels and in turn, make it possible for lower income residents to focus on utilizing healthcare.

Thank you,
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