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Michael Hurley, Senate Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Steven James, House Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the House
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Clerk Hurley and Clerk James:

Please find enclosed mandated benefit reviews for *S597 An Act providing coverage for hearing aids* and *S540 An Act providing hearing aids for persons with sensory impairedness* filed in the 191st General Court.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 3 §38C the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) evaluates the impact of mandated benefit bills referred by the Legislature for review. The reports are comprised of a medical efficacy analysis and an estimate of the effect that the proposed mandated benefit would have on the cost of health insurance. Additionally, the Division of Insurance (DOI) has indicated that should either of these mandates be passed into law, DOI would consider it to be a new mandated benefit under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and therefore subject to state defrayal as calculated by the Massachusetts Health Connector.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Gary Anderson, Division of Insurance
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