



Individual Mandate Working Group

Update

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Summary of Public Comments

Public Comments on Draft Report:

- 18 Public Comments submitted by people or organizations
- Comments could be submitted at each Working Group meeting, by email or by phone
- The Public Comment period on the draft report was September 28 – October 12, 2018

Summary of Public Comments on Draft Report (18)¹:

- Support for maintaining exemption for healthcare sharing ministries (13)
- Support for creating a religious exemption for individuals holding beliefs inconsistent with the requirement to have medical health insurance, and who do not use medical health care during the prior tax year. (1)
- Opposition to a state-based individual mandate/recommendations for alternatives to an individual mandate penalty (4)
 - Of these 4 comments, 2 were opposed due to affordability concerns

Full text of all public comments available [here](#).

¹For the purposes of summarizing public comments, each comment was categorized based on its primary topic.