

August 4, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer,

The undersigned organizations —a diverse group of employers, industries, health care stakeholders, unions, patient and disease groups and health care advocates — urge you to take immediate action to protect the health care of the millions of Americans who have lost their health care coverage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are asking you to help the 30+ million recently unemployed Americans afford to stay on their employer-provided health care for a temporary time during this unprecedented public health and economic crisis.

The U.S. economy has suffered great losses because of COVID-19 and Congress has already taken steps to support business and provide stimulus checks to some Americans. But Congress must act swiftly to support health care coverage for workers who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19.

Employer-provided coverage has been the backbone of our health care system for decades. Before COVID-19, the employer-provided health care system protected more than half of all Americans and their families. With millions of Americans losing their jobs every week, we urge Congress to step in and provide additional COBRA support and similar continuation coverage to help people pay for health insurance, as you did during the 2009 recession and for workers losing coverage due to trade adjustments in 2019. This would allow millions of Americans to stay on the plans they like and want to keep.

Americans do not want to lose access to their doctor and they can't afford brand-new deductibles that would come with a new plan.

We want to get America's economy thriving and our workers back to work. But until we are safe from the public health and economic threats of COVID-19, it's time to give Americans the peace of mind that comes with maintaining affordable health insurance.

Let's work together to keep health care affordable and available.

Sincerely,

Advanced Disposal  
Alliance to Fight for Health Care  
Alternative Benefit Concepts  
America's Health Insurance Plans  
American Auto Shield  
American Benefits Council  
American Conference of Cantors  
AMERICAN EAGLE

Aon  
Architectural Nexus, Inc.  
Arizona Association of Health Underwriters  
Associated General Contractors  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
AssuredPartners of NJ  
BALANCED ROCK INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.  
Barnes & Noble, Inc.  
BioBridge Global  
Blasingame Insurance  
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association  
Blue Earth County  
Bluegrass Hearing Clinic, LLC  
Brighthouse Financial  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
California Association of Health Underwriters (CAHU)  
California Schools VEBA  
CAPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM  
Carey International, Inc.  
Carson City Chamber of Commerce  
Central Illinois Assoc of Health Underwriters  
Chamber630  
Charlotte Association of Health Underwriters  
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce  
Children's Hospital Association  
Church Alliance  
Church of God Benefits Board, Inc.  
Cigna  
City of Central Point  
City of St. Louis  
CMA CGM (America) LLC  
Colorado State Association of Health Underwriters  
Converge Retirement Plan  
County of Johnson, Kansas  
Croley Insurance and Financial  
CVSHealth  
Deaconess Health System, Inc.  
Delaware Valley ACO  
DigiCert  
DuPage Association of Health Underwriters  
DuPont  
Employers Health Purchasing Corporation  
Equity-League Health Fund  
Everence Financial  
Eversource Energy  
Families USA  
Fidelity National Financial, Inc.  
Freeman Heyne Schaller  
Frisco Chamber of Commerce  
Golden Gate Association of Health Underwriters  
Greater Cincinnati Health Underwriters Association

Greater Philadelphia Association of Health Underwriters  
Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health  
Greater Phoenix AHU Legislative Chair  
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce  
Growth Management Group  
GuideStone Financial  
Gulf Coast Health Underwriters  
Gulley & Larsen Insurance Services LLC  
Hardenbergh Insurance Group  
Healogics  
Health Action Council  
HealthEquity, Inc.  
Hebert Inc  
Homesnap  
Houston Methodist  
Huttig Building Products, Inc.  
Idaho Insurance Specialists  
IKEA Purchasing Services (US) Inc.  
Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives  
Illinois State Association of Health Underwriters (ISAHU)  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Insurance Professionals, Inc  
Insurance Specialties, Inc.  
Intel Corporation  
InteliSecure  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)  
Iron Workers International Union  
Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
iTHINK Financial  
JRM & Associates Agency, Inc.  
Kaiser Permanente  
Kansas Chamber  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc.  
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)  
Lakeshore Employee Benefits  
Lakewood Chamber of Commerce  
Laura Drake Insurance  
LifeCare, Inc.  
Lincoln Association of Health Underwriters  
Lockton Companies  
Lone Star Benefits, Inc.  
Marsh & McLennan Companies  
Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)  
Mercer  
Merrick & Company  
Michigan Association of Health Underwriters

MidAtlantic Business Group on Health  
Midwest Business Group on Health  
Monmouth Ocean Association of Health Underwriters  
Monon Telephone Company  
National Association of Colleges and Employers  
National Association of Health Underwriters  
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors  
National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
NCARA  
Nevada Association of Health Underwriters  
New Castle - Henry County Chamber of Commerce  
New England Carpenters Health Fund  
New York State Association of Health Underwriters (NYSAHU)  
NJAHU  
North Carolina Association of Health Underwriters  
North East Ohio Health Underwriters Association  
Northwest Permanente  
OCA  
Ohio Association of Health Underwriters  
Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce  
Omni  
Orange County Business Council  
Partner Communications  
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage  
PayFlex Systems USA, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association  
Penske Transportation Solutions  
Peterson & Associates PS  
Phoenix Insurance Group  
Plan IV  
Pomptonian Inc.  
Portico Benefit Services - A Ministry of the ELCA  
Power Systems Mfg., LLC  
Princeton HR Solutions, LLC  
R. M. Palmer Company  
Reformed Church in America  
RHSB  
Sage Benefit Advisors  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
SC Association of Health Underwriters  
Schechner Lifson Corp.  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
Segal  
SEIU  
SEIU Local 26  
Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA)  
Semper Smart Games  
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association  
Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance (SWACCA)

Soledad Deferrari  
South Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Southern Arizona Association of Health Underwriters  
Southwest Florida Association of Health Underwriters  
Southwest Michigan Association of Health Underwriters  
Sperry Rail, Inc.  
Spika Design & Manufacturing, Inc.  
T Force Holdings US Inc.  
The Association of Union Constructors  
The Broadway League  
The Business Council of NYS, Inc.  
The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers  
The Dental Care Plus Group  
The Joint Retirement Board for Conservative Judaism, Amutah  
The Willamette Valley Company LLC  
Tommy Bahama  
Toyota of Irving  
Treasure Valley Health Underwriters  
Tri County Association of Health Underwriters  
Tulsa Association of Health Underwriters  
UNITE HERE  
United Association of Plumbers & Fitters  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America  
Upsala Cooperative Telephone Assn.  
Upshaw Insurance Agency  
Utah Association of Health Underwriters  
ViacomCBS Inc.  
Vox Media, LLC  
Wahl Clipper Corporation  
Washington Association of Health Underwriters  
Watkins Group  
Wespath Benefits and Investments (The United Methodist Church)  
West Coast Insurance Services, Inc.  
Willis Towers Watson  
World Fuel Services  
Zeller Insurance, LLC

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