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The Honorable Sam Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
2304 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Walberg
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Johnson and Walberg:

The undersigned groups thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 1101, the Small Business Health Fairness Act. This legislation allows small businesses an option to access affordable health insurance coverage through Association Health Plans (AHPs) and is a step towards building a more competitive market.

The rising cost of health insurance has

dropped 20 percent fewer small businesses offered health insurance than when the Affordable Care Act (ACA) passed in 2010, a significant drop in small business coverage. As health insurance costs continue to increase, fewer employers and working families can afford coverage.

We believe AHPs will help lower the cost of health insurance by a

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. As congressional action takes place to replace the ACA with market-based solutions, we look forward to working with you to improve the health insurance markets where small businesses and employees purchase coverage. Small business needs legislative solutions that lower health insurance costs and increase flexibility to maintain a competitive workforce.

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