



October 27, 2017

The Honorable Rob Portman
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Portman and Warner:

The National Business Group on Health strongly supports the Commonsense Reporting Act of 2017, which would establish a much-needed, streamlined, and less burdensome alternative to the current employer reporting system under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The National Business Group on Health represents 421 primarily large employers, including 73 of the Fortune 100, who voluntarily provide group health plan coverage and other health programs to over 55 million American employees, retirees, and their families. Our members are committed to maintaining comprehensive health coverage and complying with applicable legal requirements, including those under the ACA. However, our members' primary concerns remain repeal of the ACA's excise tax on employer-sponsored coverage and minimizing the administrative and cost burdens associated with ACA compliance.

We therefore welcome your legislation's approach, which would reduce costs and administrative burdens by:

- Creating a voluntary, prospective system that would reduce employers' reporting burdens under section 6056 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Allowing for electronic transmission of employee and enrollee statements; and
- Allowing the Internal Revenue Service to streamline the process of collecting taxpayer identification numbers.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Please contact me or Steven Wojcik, the National Business Group on Health's Vice President of Public Policy, at (202) 558-3012 if you would like to discuss our comments in more detail.

Sincerely,

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