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Nearly 200 Companies and Organizations Urge Congress to Help Americans Keep their Health Insurance by Passing COBRA Funding Relief

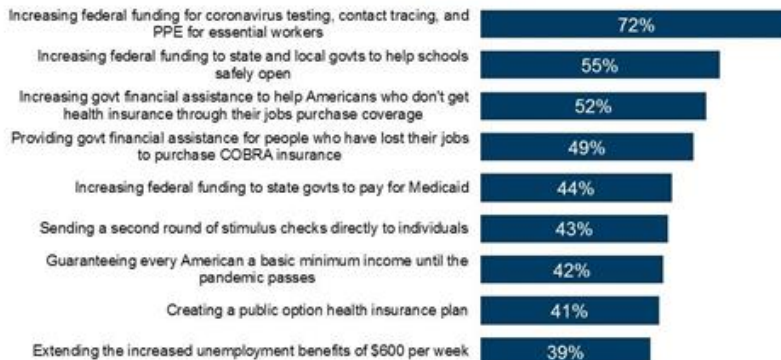
Washington, DC— Today, nearly 200 companies and organizations including public and private sector employers, nonprofits, chambers of commerce, patient advocacy groups, insurers, brokers, unions, and multinational companies signed a letter urging Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) to include COBRA funding in the next COVID-19 relief package to help Americans that have lost their jobs or been furloughed to keep their job-based health insurance coverage.

The letter, signed by 196 stakeholders including the **Alliance to Fight for Health Care**, urges Senate Leadership 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.”

Families need the security and peace of mind that they can depend on their health care coverage—even if they have lost their job. Recent [polling](#) shows fully **90% of voters support Congress taking immediate action to help Americans maintain coverage and continuity of care if they lose their job** (71% strongly), including 86% of Republicans (59% strongly), 87% of Independents (64% strongly), and 94% of Democrats (84% strongly). In addition, the latest [Kaiser Family Foundation Tracking Poll](#) identifies providing COBRA funding as one of the top five priorities for Congress.

Increasing Federal Funding For Coronavirus Testing, Contact Tracing, And PPE Seen As Top Priority For Congress

Percent who say each of the following should be a **top priority** for Congress:



SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted July 14-19, 2020). See [topline](#) for full question wording.



As the letter states, “Let’s work together to keep health care affordable and available.”

Text of the letter and full list of signers:

August 4, 2020

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

*The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. The Alliance is committed to ensuring that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families, especially during times of global health and economic crisis. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% “Cadillac Tax” on health care coverage.*

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