

July XX, 2015

The Honorable Diane Black (TN-06)
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Thompson (CA-05)
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Black and Thompson:

On behalf of the undersigned businesses, national, state and local trade associations, and organizations representing millions of American workers and their families, and hundreds of thousands of job creators, we write in support of H.R. 2712, the Commonsense Reporting and Verification Act of 2015. We appreciate your leadership in introducing H.R. 2712 to help reduce confusion surrounding the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Exchange tax credit eligibility, and provide businesses and insurance carriers with regulatory relief under the law's reporting requirements.

Under the ACA's reporting requirements (Code sections 6055 and 6056), employers and insurance carriers are required to gather numerous pieces of data on a monthly basis and report them annually to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and individuals. The information reported is intended to verify compliance with the individual and employer mandates, and administer advanced premium tax credits and cost sharing subsidies under the state and federal-facilitated insurance Exchanges. Unfortunately, the information currently required is unnecessarily complex for employers and individuals and must be reported to the IRS at the end of a tax year, not during the Exchange enrollment process when it could provide more clarity on which individuals are eligible for tax credits.

H.R. 2712 is a first step in providing individuals, employers, insurers, states, and the federal government with more clarity about who may be eligible for premium tax credits, and potentially minimizing the prospects of individuals being subjected by the IRS to repayment of advanced premium tax credits or cost sharing subsidies in cases in which Exchanges made an incorrect eligibility determination. The bill creates a voluntary prospective reporting system to make available important data during the Exchange enrollment process, rather than at the end of a tax year, and streamlines the reporting requirements for employers and insurers. H.R. 2712 also protects the privacy of individuals' Social Security numbers, allows for electronic transmission of reporting information, and requires Exchanges to review the most recent tax filing for individuals who are automatically re-enrolling in coverage and adjust credits accordingly. These are commonsense changes that help individuals, employers and insurers.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in Congress to enact H.R. 2712, the Commonsense Reporting and Verification Act of 2015, this year.

Sincerely,