

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Price, M.D.
Chairman
Committee on the Budget
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton, Chairman Brady, Chairman Price, and Chairman Kline:

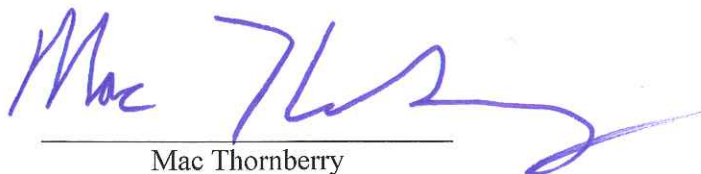
As the Task Force on Health Care Reform develops legislation to modernize American health care with solutions that improve quality and promote innovation, we ask that you consider adding the language of *the Local and Municipal Health Care Choice Act* (H.R.2869). This legislation would allow multistate sales by state authorized, local government pools to local municipal employees, provided that such sales were welcomed by the secondary states.

This legislation would complement many of your key principles for patient-centered health care by improving competition, lowering costs, eliminating unnecessary regulation, and increasing access to coverage. It would provide a uniform set of rules for local and municipal health care pools, and lower health care costs for municipal employees and their families. Many states have allowed these local municipalities to provide health benefits by forming regional or statewide pools. There is now demand for extending such pool coverage across state lines, as small towns and counties seek to provide their employees with alternatives to buying individual plans on the statewide exchanges.

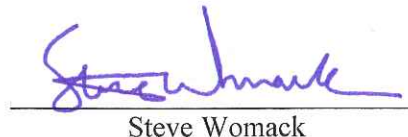
The *Local and Municipal Health Care Choice Act* is consistent with broader proposals to allow for the sale of plans across state lines. We believe this legislation would improve the delivery of health care to local and municipal employees and we therefore, again, request you consider this approach as you develop legislation to provide comprehensive health care reform.

Sincerely,


Kenny Marchant


Mac Thornberry


Rick Crawford


Steve Womack