



March 20, 2017

## **Key Vote YES on the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act, H.R. 372, and the Small Business Health Fairness Act, H.R. 1101**

On behalf of our activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to vote YES on the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act, H.R. 372, and the Small Business Health Fairness Act, H.R. 1101. These bills will help lower the cost of health insurance coverage for Americans.

Introduced by Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act would eliminate the antitrust exemption the health insurance industry currently has under the McCarran-Ferguson Act of 1945.

One of the main problems with the health care system today is the protections put in place by the federal government that cater to special interest groups. The Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act promotes the free market and competition by changing a law put in place nearly 70 years ago to reflect the current market we have today. It would also ensure that the health insurance industry complies with the same laws other businesses do.

Legislation similar to the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act passed the House in February 2010 and in March 2012.

The Small Business Health Fairness Act, H.R. 1101, sponsored by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Texas), would allow small businesses to join together through association health plans (AHPs) to provide employees with more affordable health insurance coverage.

ObamaCare has caused the cost of health insurance coverage to rise, making it difficult for small businesses to continue offering health insurance coverage to employees. The Small Business Health Fairness Act would help level the playing field for small businesses, which don't have the negotiating power of larger firms and exemptions under Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and lower administrative costs related to health insurance.

FreedomWorks will count the votes for the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act, H.R. 372, and the Small Business Health Fairness Act, H.R. 1101, when calculating our Scorecard for 2017 and reserves the right to score any related votes. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon  
President  
FreedomWorks