



To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to urge you to cosponsor legislation introduced by Senator Enzi and Representative Walberg that would help millions of American workers gain needed access to affordable, quality healthcare coverage. Specifically, the bill codifies the Trump Administration's proposal to expand the availability and use of Association Health Plans (AHPs).

iPSE-U.S. is a not-for-profit association that advocates for America's independent workers – consultants, freelancers, and the self-employed. We are passionate about giving independent workers a more powerful voice, removing policy barriers and biases against the independent workstyle and creating access to benefits that help our members protect their families and their finances.

There is no denying that the Administration's new rule is a step in the right direction – the guidance allows for greater flexibility and provides new opportunities for smaller employers, including self-employed workers, to have more healthcare choices and coverage. iPSE-U.S. is committed to ensuring that independent workers, who represent a growing segment of the labor force as more and more Americans choose this style of work, are not left behind. Codifying the rule – as the legislation calls for – would provide independent workers with greater certainty and access when it comes to their health care. It would also ensure that the rule is applied consistently across state lines and would provide clarity as to how the regulation is applied.

Independent work has long been a key part of the American labor market. Today, more than 40 percent of U.S. workers are consultants, freelancers, or self-employed – 80 percent by choice. Recent technology breakthroughs and app-based employment models have only increased the interest in Americans choosing to make work fit around their lives, making it a workforce that's now 68 million strong.

Thank you very much for considering this request. We would be happy to discuss this matter further with you or your staff. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, Carl Camden, at carl.camden@ipse-us.org or 248-894-5653.

Sincerely,

Carl Camden
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