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The Honorable Henry Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health
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The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Waxman & Pallone and Ranking Members Barton & Deal,

I am writing to urge your strong support for the public health and prevention provisions included in **America's Affordable Health Choices Act**. This important legislation will provide much needed reform to our healthcare system, not only in preventing many chronic conditions, but also reducing the overall cost of healthcare in the years to come.

It is now clear that prevention must be a major cornerstone of health reform in this country. With 75% of all health care dollars consumed by individuals with chronic diseases, many of which are preventable but growing at a rapid rate, we must do all we can to ensure we have a healthy work force in the competitive global economy. As numerous research studies prove, appropriate wellness programs such as those covered under this legislation will reduce health care costs and improve the productivity of the American work force.

Sincerely,

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