



August 22, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts
 Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on
 Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
 328A Russell Senate Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael Conaway,
 Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture
 1301 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
 Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on
 Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
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The Honorable Collin Peterson
 Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on
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Dear Chairman Roberts, Chairman Conaway, Ranking Member Stabenow, Ranking Member Peterson and Members of the Conference Committee

On behalf of hundreds of millions of Americans with chronic and serious health care conditions, our organizations urge you as conferees to the Agriculture and Nutrition Act (H.R. 2645) to omit language from the final conference report that would provide \$65 million to establish a loan program and grant program to assist in the establishment of agriculture association health plans (AHPs). Currently section 6004 of the House-passed version of the legislation includes this language. Our organizations oppose this provision because it would impact access to affordable, adequate health insurance coverage for the people we represent.

Together, we represent millions of patients and consumers facing serious, acute, and chronic health conditions across the country. We have a unique perspective on the services and resources that individuals and families need to prevent disease, cure illness, and manage chronic health conditions. Our

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