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The Honorable Phil Roe, Co-Chair, Health Care Task Force
The Honorable Austin Scott, Co-Chair, Health Care Task Force
1030 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Flores, Roe and Scott,

On behalf of the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), I offer my heartfelt thanks to you and the Republican Study Committee for your work on the American Health Care Reform Act.

The American Health Care Reform Act lays out vital ideas and solutions that Congress must draw upon to solve the perverse problems that were created by the so-called Affordable Care Act (ACA). Most importantly, your bill would eliminate the current exclusion from taxable income of employer-based benefits as well as the ACA's tax credits paid through exchanges. Instead, your bill offers a standard deduction to assist Americans who want to buy health insurance.

As each day passes, the ACA inflicts damage on American workers, businesses and the economy. Worse yet, the ACA is becoming more entangled and woven into the day-to-day burdens and frustrations of average Americans. The sooner we can repeal and replace the ACA, the better off America will be. It is unfortunate that the RSC must spend valuable time fixing problems caused by our own government. But I cannot think of a finer group of individuals that are up to the task.

The NCPA does not endorse specific pieces of legislation. But I encourage Congressional committees and Leadership to study the ideas in the American Health Care Reform Act as Congress develops a health reform strategy.

Steadfast and Loyal,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen B. West". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "A" and "W".

Lieutenant Colonel Allen B. West (US Army, Ret)
President/CEO, National Center for Policy Analysis