



June 17, 2015

The Honorable Tom Price, MD  
100 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Dr. Price,

On behalf of the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), I extend to you my sincere thanks for your work on the Empowering Patients First Act. Above and beyond others in the House, you were one of the first members to introduce a bill that repeals and replaces the so-called Affordable Care Act (ACA). And you've stuck with it, updating and reintroducing the Empowering Patients First bill in every Congress since then.

The most important idea in your bill is the tax credit, adjusted by age, for every American who chooses to buy health insurance. Instead of the bizarre system of subsidies in the ACA, your bill gets it right by providing assistance where needed, without mandates or penalties or a complex set of rules and regulations. Your bill also restores the responsibility for health insurance regulation to the states, which is where it belongs. The Empowering Patients First Act lays out other critical ideas and solutions that Congress must draw upon to solve the perverse problems that were created by the ACA.

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.

The NCPA does not endorse specific pieces of legislation. But I encourage Congressional committees and Leadership to study the ideas in the Empowering Patients First Act as Congress develops a strategy to repeal and replace the ACA.

Steadfast and Loyal,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen B. West". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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