



# AMERICANS for TAX REFORM

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The Honorable Michael C. Burgess  
United States House of Representatives  
2336 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Burgess:

**I write in support of H.R. 35, the Health Savings Act of 2017.** This legislation will make important improvements to Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to allow individuals and families greater freedom to finance their individual medical needs.

The incoming Congress has signaled their commitment to repealing and replacing Obamacare with patient-centered, fiscally responsible healthcare reforms. The Health Savings Act should be one proposal that is included in these reform efforts. ATR supports this legislation and urges all members of Congress to co-sponsor and support H.R. 35.

HSAs are tax-advantaged accounts used to pay for routine, out-of-pocket medical expenses. They are commonly used in conjunction with specific insurance plans to cover large and/or unexpected health events and allow individuals to make choices that best fit their needs. Expanding and protecting HSAs is one component to ensuring Americans have access to patient centered health care that best fits their needs and keeps costs down.

Your legislation would make several commonsense improvements to HSAs. For one, this bill creates child HSAs to help parents meet the costs of caring for young children. If your legislation became law, parents would be able to set aside a portion of their paycheck tax-free toward the wellbeing of their children.

The Health Savings Act also raises the contribution limit that individuals are permitted to contribute to their HSAs to equal the annual out-of-pocket maximum, giving families greater ability to finance medical costs. Lastly, H.R. 35 protects individuals from losing money in HSAs in the event they declare bankruptcy. Under your reforms, the money in an HSA is protected in the same manner as retirement accounts.

**The Health Savings Act should be a key component in replacing Obamacare with patient-centered healthcare reforms.** ATR supports the Health Savings Act and urges all members of Congress to support and vote for this bill.

Onward,

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