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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of our three million members and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to VOTE YES on the Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions Act (H.R. 986) to ensure that people with pre-existing conditions can continue to get affordable health coverage.

The [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) analyzed data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and found that 27 percent of adults age 18-64 (more than 50 million people) have a pre-existing condition that would have led to a denial of insurance in the individual market before enactment of the Affordable Care Act. The share of people with pre-existing conditions ranges from 15 percent for 18-24 year-olds to 47 percent for 60-64 year-olds.

Administration guidance on Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act, issued last fall, removes a state requirement that health coverage plans must be comprehensive, affordable, and protect people with pre-existing conditions. Instead, the guidance encourages states to allow junk insurance plans that do not protect Americans with pre-existing conditions.

We urge you to VOTE YES to ensure that Americans with pre-existing conditions can continue to get affordable health coverage.

Sincerely,

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