



**PARTNERSHIP FOR
EMPLOYER-SPONSORED COVERAGE**

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The Honorable Mark Warner
U.S. Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman
U.S. Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Warner and Portman:

On behalf of the Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage, we write with our strong support for the Commonsense Reporting Act of 2017 (S. 1908). We are grateful for your continued leadership on this important effort to streamline the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reporting process under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Under the ACA's reporting requirements (Code sections 6055 and 6056), employers and insurance carriers are required to report numerous data points annually to the IRS and individuals. This data is used to verify compliance with the individual and employer mandates and administer tax credits and cost sharing subsidies under the state and federal insurance Exchanges. Unfortunately, the information currently required is unnecessarily complex for employers and individuals and must be reported to the IRS at the end of a calendar year, not during the Exchange enrollment process when it could provide more clarity on which individuals are eligible for tax credits.

S. 1908 is an important first step in providing individuals, employers, insurers, states and the federal government with more clarity about who may be eligible for premium tax credits and minimizing the prospect of individuals being subjected to the repayment of a tax credit or subsidy in cases in which Exchanges made an incorrect eligibility determination. The voluntary prospective reporting system created under S. 1908 would make important data available during the Exchange enrollment process, rather than after a coverage year has ended, and streamlines the reporting requirements for employers and insurers. Additionally, S. 1908 protects the privacy of individuals' Social Security numbers, authorizes the electronic transmission of reporting information, and establishes oversight of reporting verification. These are commonsense changes that help individuals, employers and insurers.

Again, thank you for leadership on this critical issue. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in a bipartisan manner to enact S. 1908.

Sincerely,

American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Staffing Association
American Rental Association
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Auto Care Association
International Franchise Association
National Association of Health Underwriters
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Retail Federation
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Society of American Florists
Society for Human Resource Management