

The Council for Affordable Health Insurance



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The Honorable Lee Terry
U.S. House of Representative
1524 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Terry:

Many people put off buying LTCI until it is too late or too expensive. The key is to buy coverage at younger ages when premiums are quite affordable. The Long-Term Care Act of 2004 (H.R. 4502) would allow individuals to use their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), 401(k) and 403(b) plans to purchase long-term care insurance (LTCI) with pretax dollars without penalty. Allowing taxpayers to use funds from these plans to buy LTCI can encourage its purchase at younger ages, when premiums are more affordable, provide an attractive motivation for consumers to take personal responsibility for their long term care needs and reduce the crushing Medicaid costs on future taxpayers.

We commend the sponsors of H.R. 4502 for introducing important legislation that will give Americans an incentive to purchase LTCI and help millions of families protect their retirement and financial security.

Sincerely,

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American Family Business Institute
Americans for Tax Reform
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