

The Council for Affordable Health Insurance



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The Honorable Mike Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
133 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Rogers:

On behalf of the Council for Affordable Health Insurance (CAHI), we are writing to express our support for H.R. 5475, the HSA Accessibility & Portability Act of 2006. CAHI was organized in 1992 as a research and advocacy organization devoted to positive, market-based health care reforms that preserve freedom of choice for individuals and encourage a competitive health insurance market.

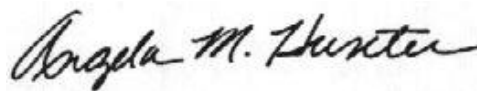
H.R. 5475 adds a new option for Health Savings Account coverage in the small group market. Under current law, when a worker leaves or changes jobs, they can't take their health insurance plan with them. Today an employee's HSA account is completely portable, but the high deductible health plan is not. This bill would give a departing employee the option to continue their HSA high deductible coverage through the same insurance carrier that provided their coverage under their former employer. As a result, the HSA and the insurance policy are *both* portable.

We commend Rep. Rogers for introducing legislation that creates the option for a completely portable HSA and high deductible health plan policy while giving the small group market a needed boost of market competition. We look forward to working with you for the bills passage.

Sincerely,



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Director



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