



March 2, 2018

The Honorable Lynn Jenkins
United States House of Representatives
1526 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jenkins:

I write in support of H.R. 4618, legislation that pauses Obamacare's medicine cabinet tax for 2018 and 2019.

The medicine cabinet tax prohibits Americans with a health savings account or flexible spending account from purchasing over-the-counter medication. The tax hits the 20 million Americans with an HSA, and 35 million Americans with a FSA.

HSAs and FSAs allow individuals to set aside pre-tax dollars that they can later spend on their own healthcare expenses. These accounts encourage a consumer driven healthcare model that empowers American families and small businesses to make their own healthcare decisions, without government interference.

However under Obamacare, individuals are not able to use the tax benefits associated with HSAs or FSAs to purchase over-the-counter medications unless they have a prescription for this medication from a doctor. This regulation needlessly complicates the decision-making of millions of HSA and FSA users, creates an unnecessary bureaucratic burden for doctors, and restricts access to commonly used medication.

By forcing families to use post-tax dollars to purchase over-the-counter medication, Obamacare raised taxes on these households by \$5.6 billion over ten years.

By supporting H.R. 4618, lawmakers can deliver temporary relief from the Obamacare medicine cabinet tax. While it is imperative that Congress repeals all of the Obamacare taxes, H.R. 4618 is a good step towards comprehensive health care reform in 2018. As such, all member of Congress should support this important legislation.

Onward,

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