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The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker U.S. House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries Democratic Leader U.S. House of Representatives H-204, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable John Thune Majority Leader U.S. Senate S-221, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Minority Leader U.S. Senate S-230, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Democratic Leader Jeffries, and Minority Leader Schumer,

I write to you today regarding the fast-approaching sunset of the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* Enhanced Premium Tax Credits (EPTCs), which have led to lowest ever uninsured rate in modern history. Congress must act immediately.

With under two months until ACA open enrollment, tens of millions of Americans will be hit by higher health care costs. Without immediate congressional action, ACA plan premiums for 2026 will increase an average of 20 percent nationwide, and 4.2 million Americans will be kicked off their health insurance.

Last year, 160,000 Kansans – including more than 40,000 of my constituents – relied on these tax credits to lower their health care costs, saving around \$700 that year. If these savings expire, a family of four in my district earning \$130,000 a year could see a \$7,000 increase in their premiums; a 60-year-old couple earning \$82,000 could see a nearly \$17,000 increase each year.

President Trump ran on a promise to lower costs for Americans, and that's exactly what these health care tax credits have done. Yet when Republicans had the chance to extend them in their budget this July, they refused — leaving millions of families facing higher costs while giving billionaires tax breaks. Additionally, the extreme law also added more hurdles for the marketplace, including shortening the open enrollment period.

I've heard directly from Kansans who are counting on these savings to afford their care, and they deserve certainty, not last-minute political games. We cannot wait until the end of December to act on this pressing matter. Any plan to fund the government for fiscal year 2026 ahead of October 1, 2025, *must* include the extension of these soon-to-expire savings.

While I support the permanent extension of these tax credits, I stand ready to work with both sides of the aisle to pass any feasible extension. We cannot allow the expiration of these EPTCs to burden millions of American's budgets come 2026. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharice L. Davids

Member of Congress