

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 15, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

As Members of the Florida Delegation, we write to urge you to reinstate the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Enhanced Premium Tax Credits (EPTC) in any future funding vehicles. These credits were unfortunately allowed to expire earlier this year and left millions of Americans without healthcare coverage.

Around 4.7 million Floridians were enrolled in ACA insurance plans before the tax credits expired. Many of our districts had 30% or more residents enrolled. However, as a result of the expired funding, about 443,000 Floridians dropped their ACA plans this year so far, more than in any other state, and the system saw a 13% drop in enrollment from one year to the next.¹

These subsidies bridged a vital gap in access to care for hard-working Americans. Over half of adult marketplace enrollees are small business owners or self-employed—the very backbone of our great country.² Now, many of these individuals are either uninsured or struggling to afford premiums that have risen by more than 58% since last year, a direct result of the expiration of ACA EPTCs.³ Higher uninsured rates lead to increases in preventable ER visits, soaring healthcare costs for individuals across the entire system, and added financial pressure as everyday expenses continue to surge. Ultimately, this places unnecessary strain on individuals, families, and the broader economy.

Congress just voted to pass a Continuing Resolution, keeping the government open through December. As negotiations for the FY27 Appropriations process continue, we must include the reinstatement of the ACA EPTCs in the discussion. With Americans facing rising costs in all aspects of daily life, increases in health premiums could amount to a death blow.

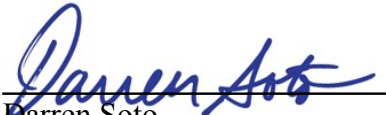
Our constituents can no longer afford to pay for health insurance or for the healthcare that they need. We therefore urge you to reinstate the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits and address the American people's healthcare needs. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

¹ <https://apnews.com/article/affordable-care-act-obamacare-health-subsidies-premiums-3dc9a0cd249a7622ce31e8559bfff729>

² <https://www.kff.org/affordable-care-act/occupations-with-large-shares-of-workers-who-rely-on-individual-market-coverage/>

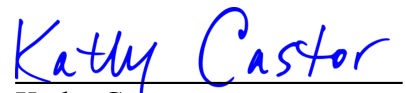
³ <https://www.kff.org/affordable-care-act/what-we-know-so-far-about-2026-aca-marketplace-enrollment-premiums-and-deductibles/>

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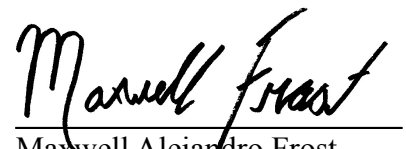

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