

March 16, 2026

The Honorable Jon Husted
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The Honorable Jodey Arrington
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Husted, and Representatives Arrington, Davis, and Allen:

On behalf of the undersigned employer organizations, business coalitions, and associations representing companies of all sizes and industries across the United States, we write to express our strong support for the *Healthy Competition for Better Care Act*. We applaud your leadership in advancing legislation that will increase competition, curb harmful consolidation, promote transparency throughout the health care system, and address health care affordability for the 160 million Americans who receive their health care benefits through their employer. Your legislation is urgently needed to improve patient outcomes and reduce health care costs for employees, retirees, and their families.

Employers have long been concerned about the rapid consolidation of health systems and market distortions. Across the country, provider systems are using their dominant positions to impose restrictive and often unfair contractual terms that limit network flexibility, reduce access to high-value providers, and drive up costs without improving quality. These trends undermine employers' ability to design benefit plans that prioritize value, support innovation, and deliver high-quality care.

Your bill meaningfully addresses these issues by supporting incentives for patients who choose high-quality, lower-cost providers; allowing employers and insurers to contract with hospitals and providers without being required to enter additional agreements with affiliated systems; and permitting health insurance issuers to negotiate their own rates with providers who are not parties to a specific contract.

These provisions would help restore balance to health care markets, strengthen transparency, and improve access to high-value care. They would also empower employers to continue offering affordable, competitive health benefits to millions of Americans facing the health care affordability crisis.

We strongly support this legislation and look forward to working with you to advance it during the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,

American Benefits Council
The ERISA Industry Committee
National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions

Purchaser Business Group on Health
Silicon Valley Employers Forum
Small Business Majority