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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers:

On behalf of the more than 7,300 elected legislative members of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), **we write to express our opposition to HR. 372, the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2017.**

State legislators are committed to state regulation of the business of insurance and oppose any proposal to establish either a federal or a dual system of regulation of insurance, to cede any state authority to regulate the business of insurance or other efforts that preempt state regulation of insurance. Further, NCSL urges Congress to avoid any efforts to federally mandate the sale of insurance across state lines. To do so preempts states in their ability to appropriately regulate the business of health insurance, affects consumer protection measures, and disrupts current interstate compacts. State legislators and insurance commissioners have made significant reforms in critical areas of health insurance and to disrupt these reforms ultimately hurts consumers.

As Congress considers proposals with regard to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), we urge you to work with state legislators and regulators to ensure input from all stakeholders is taken into consideration. We are prepared to dialogue with you and share our expertise and experiences so that any decisions that are ultimately made will be well informed and researched.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. Should you have questions regarding NCSL's position, please contact Rachel Morgan (202-624-3569 / Rachel.morgan@ncsl.org) or Neal Osten (202-624-8660 / neal.osten@ncsl.org).

Sincerely,

Senator Wayne Harper, Utah

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