



July 14, 2010

The Honorable Mary Landrieu  
United States Senate  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Landrieu:

The Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC) supports the inclusion of the provision, in the "Small Business Jobs Act of 2010" (H.R. 5297), to extend parity for healthcare costs to the self-employed for one year.

HLC is a not-for-profit membership organization comprised of chief executives of the nation's leading healthcare companies and organizations. HLC is committed to advancing a consumer-centered healthcare system that values innovation and provides affordable, accessible, high-quality healthcare to all Americans. A list of our members is enclosed.

As you know, self employed individuals are allowed to deduct a portion of health insurance from their personal taxes; however, they cannot deduct the cost of health insurance for themselves and their family members for purposes of calculating the self-employment tax. While other corporations are able to deduct health insurance premiums as a business expense and forego Social Security and Medicare taxes on these expenses, self-employed individuals are not allowed to deduct health premiums as a business expense and are required to pay an additional 15.3% self-employment tax on premiums.

Self-employed individuals should be able to exclude health insurance premiums from the self-employment tax. HLC continues to support the "Equity for Our Nation's Self Employed Act of 2009" (S. 725), which would remove the requirement for self-employed individuals to include health insurance premiums when determining their self-employment tax. While the provision included in H.R. 5297 is not a permanent fix to the solution as provided by S. 725, we nevertheless believe it is an important step to providing relief and affordable healthcare to our nation's self-employed. HLC has long supported parity for the self-employed who represent a significant portion of the American workforce and those struggling to afford insurance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary R. Greal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary R. Greal  
President  
The Healthcare Leadership Council

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