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**COMMUNICATING FOR AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT
FOR SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACT**

FERGUS FALLS, MN – Speaking for farmers, ranchers and the self-employed all across this country, Wayne Nelson, president of Communicating for Agriculture and the Self-Employed (CA), announced CA's support for the Self-Employed Health Care Affordability Act.

“We must correct the inequities now in the Internal Revenue Code as it relates to the self-employed and their health insurance premiums,” said Nelson. “While we have finally reached 100 percent deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed as it relates to income tax, the deduction still does not apply to the self-employment tax – FICA (Social Security and Medicare) taxed at 15.3 percent up to \$86,000 in self-employment income.

“Corporations, on the other hand, receive a deduction for health insurance premiums as an ordinary and necessary business expense. This legislation would remedy that situation.”

Nelson pointed out that while the self-employed now enjoy the 100 percent deduction, individuals who purchase their own health insurance still receive no deduction at all.

“This means that the single mom who works two part time jobs – neither offering health insurance – has to pay for her health insurance but receives no deduction. If General Motors can deduct its health insurance premiums for its workers, why can't the single mom have the same benefit?”

Communicating for Agriculture and the Self-Employed is a 30-year-old national, non-profit, non-partisan organization made up of farmers, ranchers and rural small business members.

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