

Commonsense Reporting Act – S. 1908

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The Honorable Mark Warner (VA)
U.S. Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman (OH)
U.S. Senate
448 Russell House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Warner and Portman:

On behalf of the undersigned businesses, national, state and local trade associations, and organizations representing millions of American workers and their families, and hundreds of thousands of job creators, we write in support of S. 1908, the Commonsense Reporting Act. We appreciate your leadership in introducing S. 1908 to streamline the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reporting process under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

S. 1908 is an important first step in providing individuals, employers, insurance carriers, states and the federal government with more clarity about who may be eligible for premium tax credits and streamlining the costly and complex compliance burden. Under the ACA's reporting requirements (Code sections 6055 and 6056), employers and insurance carriers are required to report numerous data points annually to the IRS and individuals. This data is used to verify compliance with the individual and employer mandates and administer tax credits and cost sharing subsidies under the state and federal insurance Exchanges. Unfortunately, the information currently required is unnecessarily complex for employers and individuals and must be reported to the IRS at the end of a calendar year, not during the Exchange enrollment process when it could provide more clarity on which individuals are eligible for tax credits.

The voluntary prospective reporting system created under S. 1908 would make important data available during the Exchange enrollment process, rather than after a coverage year has ended, and streamlines the reporting requirements for employers and insurers. Additionally, S. 1908 protects the privacy of individuals' Social Security numbers, authorizes the electronic transmission of reporting information, and establishes oversight of reporting verification. These are commonsense changes that help individuals, employers and insurers.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. **The Commonsense Reporting Act provides individual consumers with much-needed safety nets, employers with relief from the burdensome reporting requirements, and Exchanges with an additional tool to verify tax credit and subsidy eligibility.** We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in a bipartisan manner to enact S. 1908.

Sincerely,

Aetna
Agricultural Retailers Association
Albertsons Companies
America's Health Insurance Plans
American Eagle Outfitters
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Rental Association
American Staffing Association
American Supply Association
American Veterinary Distributors Association
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Associated General Contractors of America
Auto Care Association
Beauty Express Salons & Stores, Inc. of Minnesota

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BrandsMart U.S.A
CarMax
Council for Affordable Health Coverage
The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers
DHI – Door Security + Safety Professionals
Food Marketing Institute
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association
Heating, Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International
HR Policy Association
Hy-Vee, Inc.
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
J.C. Penney Corporation, Inc.
JOANN Stores
Metals Service Center Institute
National Association of Health Underwriters
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Business Group on Health
National Club Association
National Federation of Independent Business
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage
Pet Industry Distributors Association
PetSmart, Inc.
Power Transmission Distributors Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Rite Aid
Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association
Self-Insurance Institute of America, Inc.
Society of American Florists
Society for Human Resources Management
Textile Care Allied Trades Association
Tommy Bahama
W.S. Badcock Corporation

Automotive Aftermarket Association of the Mid-South
Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast
Midwest Automotive Parts & Service Association
Alabama Association of health Underwriters
Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance
Alabama SHRM State Council
Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant & Retailers Association
Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association
Alaska SHRM State Council
Arizona Association of Health Underwriters
Southern Arizona Association of Health Underwriters
Greater Phoenix Association of Health Underwriters
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association
Arizona Restaurant Association
Arizona SHRM State Council

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Arkansas Hospitality Association
Arkansas SHRM State Council, Inc.
California Hotel & Lodging Association
California, Nevada, Arizona Automotive Wholesalers Association
California Restaurant Association
California State Council of SHRM
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association
Colorado Restaurant Association
Colorado Retail Council
Colorado SHRM State Council
Connecticut Lodging Association
Connecticut Restaurant Association
Connecticut SHRM State Council
Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington
Delaware Association of Health Underwriters
Delaware Hotel & Lodging Association
Delaware Restaurant Association
Delaware SHRM State Council
Hotel Association of Washington DC
Washington Maryland Delaware Service Station & Automotive Repair Association
Florida Association of Health Underwriters
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
Florida Retail Federation
HR Florida State Council, Inc.
Georgia Association of Health Underwriters
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association
Georgia Restaurant Association
Georgia Retailers Association
Georgia SHRM State Council
Pacific State Council (Guam)
Hawaii Restaurant Association
Hawaii SHRM State Council
Idaho Association of Health Underwriters
Idaho Lodging & Restaurant Association
Idaho SHRM State Council
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association
Illinois Restaurant Association
Illinois SHRM State Council
Indiana Association of Health Underwriters
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association
HR Indiana SHRM
Iowa Association of Health Underwriters
Iowa Restaurant Association
Iowa SHRM State Council
The Kansas State Council of SHRM, Inc.
Kentucky Restaurant Association
Kentucky SHRM State Council
Louisiana Hotel & Lodging Association
Louisiana Restaurant Association
Louisiana Retailers Association
Louisiana SHRM State Council
Maine Association of Health Underwriters
Maine Innkeepers Association

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Maine Restaurant Association
Maine SHRM State Council
Maryland Association of Health Underwriters
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association
Restaurant Association of Maryland
Maryland SHRM State Council, Inc.
Massachusetts Lodging Association
Massachusetts Restaurant Association
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
Massachusetts SHRM State Council
Michigan Association of Health Underwriters
Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association
Michigan Restaurant Association
Michigan SHRM State Council
Minnesota Lodging Association
Minnesota Restaurant Association
Minnesota SHRM State Council
Mississippi Hospitality & Restaurant Association
Mississippi State Council of SHRM
Missouri Restaurant Association
Missouri Retailers Association
Missouri State Council of SHRM, Inc.
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association
Montana Retail Association
Montana SHRM State Council
Nebraska Association of Health Underwriters
Nebraska Hotel & Lodging Association
Nebraska Restaurant Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Nebraska SHRM State Council
Nevada Association of Health Underwriters
Nevada Hotel and Lodging Association
Retail Association of Nevada
Nevada SHRM State Council
New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association
New Hampshire SHRM State Council
New Jersey Association of Health Underwriters
New Jersey Gasoline, C-Store, Automotive Association
New Jersey Hotel & Lodging Association
New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association
Garden State Council SHRM, Inc.
New Mexico Restaurant Association
New Mexico SHRM State Council
New York State Association of Health Underwriters
New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association
New York State Restaurant Association
New York State SHRM, Inc.
Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.
Independent Garage Owners of North Carolina
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
North Carolina SHRM State Council
North Dakota Hospitality Association
North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association

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North Dakota Propane Gas Association
North Dakota Retail Association
North Dakota SHRM State Council
Ohio Association of Health Underwriters
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Ohio Restaurant Association
Ohio SHRM State Council
Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association
Oklahoma Restaurant Association
Oklahoma SHRM State Council
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
Oregon SHRM State Council
Pennsylvania Association of Health Underwriters
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association
Pennsylvania SHRM State Council
Puerto Rico Restaurant Association – ASORE'
Rhode Island Hospitality Association
Rhode Island SHRM State Council
South Carolina Association of Health Underwriters
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
South Carolina SHRM State Council
South Dakota Retailers Association – Restaurant Division
South Dakota SHRM State Council
St. Louis Area Hotel Association
Tennessee Association of Health Underwriters
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association
Tennessee SHRM State Council
Texas Association of Health Underwriters
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
Texas Restaurant Association
Texas Retailers Association
Texas SHRM State Council
Utah Hotel & Lodging Association
Utah Human Resource State Council
Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Vermont SHRM State Council
Virginia Association of Health Underwriters
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, & Travel Association
Virginia Retail Merchants Association
Virginia SHRM State Council
Washington Hospitality Association
Washington State SHRM
West Virginia Association of Health Underwriters
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association
West Virginia SHRM State Council
Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association
Wisconsin Restaurant Association
Wisconsin SHRM State Council
Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association
Wyoming SHRM State Council