



January 7, 2026

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Public Health Association, I write in strong support of legislation the House will consider this week to extend the enhanced Affordable Care Act premium tax credits that expired at the end of 2025. APHA calls on all members of the House to support this critical legislation to extend these subsidies that have helped more than 22 million Americans afford their health insurance coverage. The enhanced premium tax credits have more than doubled the number of Americans who can access comprehensive coverage through the ACA Marketplace. Congress must immediately pass an extension of the enhanced tax credits.

It is completely unacceptable that Congress is neglecting its duty to improve the health of the American people. Last year, rather than renewing the enhanced premium tax credits, Congress passed legislation to gut the Medicaid program and make additional changes to the ACA that will result in nearly 16 million Americans losing their health coverage. Failure to extend the enhanced premium tax credits will cause approximately 4 million individuals lose their health insurance coverage and result in skyrocketing premiums for Marketplace enrollees.

Congress must work in a bipartisan manner to address this immediate and solvable problem. Additionally, we urge members of the House and Senate to come together to discuss and develop additional proposals that would further strengthen the ACA, reduce healthcare costs, and provide comprehensive and affordable health insurance coverage to all Americans.

Sincerely,

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