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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and their families, I urge you to oppose the American Health Care Act (AHCA) when it comes to the floor. The Teamsters have long opposed proposals to tax worker health benefits and this legislation retains the 40 percent excise tax on high quality health care plans which would ultimately reduce the health benefits that hard working Americans receive and increase out of pocket costs.

Congress should be looking for ways to strengthen the middle class instead of promoting policies that will ultimately take money from their hard earned paychecks and reduce, and make more costly, the health care benefits they receive.

The AHCA repeals all of the other taxes that were included in the Affordable Care Act, but not the so-called "Cadillac Tax." It is unconscionable that hardworking Americans will continue to have this 40 percent penalty on benefits they've fought hard to receive looming over them, while insurers, corporations, and the wealthy see their taxes repealed immediately. Indeed, employers are already scaling back their health care benefits and offerings, and/or increasing workers out of pocket costs.

Accordingly, I call on you to oppose the American Health Care Act when it comes to the floor this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Hoffa".

James P. Hoffa  
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