

October 22, 2019

The Honorable Richard Neal Chairman Committee on Ways & Means U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kevin Brady Ranking Member Committee on Ways & Means U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Committee Consideration of H.R. 3708, The Primary Care Enhancement Act

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Brady:

I am writing in support of bipartisan efforts to allow Direct Primary Care arrangements to be defined as a "qualified medical expense" under IRS regulations. Expanding the list of medical services that can be paid from a Health Savings Account (HSA) to include these high value patient-doctor arrangements is common sense, cost-effective and part of the innovation other major medical insurance plans are able to implement without having to petition congress.

The HSA Council represents about 94% of the HSAs in the United States and the millions of Americans who finance their health care with these products. For years a large constituency of HSA owners has wanted access to primary care doctors using this unique delivery method but are so far unable to do so absent amendment of IRS rules. This legislation remedies that inequity.

We look forward to working with you to secure its swift passage.

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