

September 17, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

The Alliance to Fight for Health Care urges you to VOTE YES on H.R. 3800, the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act. The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups, and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an available and affordable option for working Americans and their families. As such, the Alliance has been a [long-time supporter](#) of allowing more flexibility to provide chronic disease prevention pre-deductible.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 90% of the nation's \$4.5 trillion in annual health care spending is for people with chronic and mental health conditions. The bipartisan legislation sponsored by Representatives Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) will provide flexibility for employers and health plans covering millions of Americans to offer more drugs and services treating chronic conditions before patients have met their deductibles. A recent [study](#) published by the Employee Benefit Research Institute demonstrated that after the U.S. Department of Treasury issued guidance granting similar flexibility, medication adherence increased for drugs treating diabetes and heart disease. This is an excellent example documenting how small, bipartisan policy changes can help millions of Americans better afford the drugs and services they need to live healthier lives.

Voters agree Congress should enact policies to help Americans with chronic conditions better afford their drugs and services. According to [recent polling](#) performed by the Winston Group for the Alliance, 38% of survey respondents choose as the top priority allowing more preventive care for chronic diseases to be covered by health insurance even before patients meet their annual out-of-pocket deductible – and an additional 43% of respondents listed this as one of the higher priorities. This legislation enjoyed broad, bipartisan support when reported out of the Ways and Means Committee last year and **we strongly encourage all members of the U.S. House of Representatives to vote yes on H.R. 3800, the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act.**

Sincerely,
The Alliance to Fight for Health Care

CC: all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives