



COUNCIL FOR



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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman, House Ways and Means
Committee
1102 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Roskam
Chairman, House Ways and Means
Health Subcommittee
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Dear Chairman Brady & Chairman Roskam:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in support of your Committee's efforts to expand tax-advantaged Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). HSAs promote consumer driven healthcare, reduce taxes for families, and encourage lower healthcare spending.

There are numerous important pieces of legislation that your Committee is considering that will improve HSAs including proposals to double the contribution limit, end the prohibition on purchasing over-the-counter medications, expand access to HSAs, and allow HSAs to be used by working seniors.

Since they were created in 2004, HSAs have become a popular and successful vehicle that promotes patient choice in health care. HSAs are used in conjunction with low premium, high deductible health insurance plans and provide a vehicle for individuals to spend and control their own money on their own health needs. Today, HSAs are used by over [25 million](#) American families and individuals.

HSAs contribute to lower healthcare spending by [promoting](#) consumer driven healthcare. HSA funds are completely controlled by the individual and follow them between jobs creating an incentive to spend funds wisely.

Research shows that families and individuals that utilize HSAs [spend less](#) on health care and use fewer medical services without forgoing necessary primary and preventative care.

HSAs are already a significant vehicle to pay for healthcare expenses. An HSA user can accumulate as much as \$360,000 after contributing to an account for 40 years assuming a rate of return of just 2.5 percent, according to the [Employee Benefit Research Institute](#). With a rate of return of 5 percent, an HSA user can accumulate \$600,000 over 40 years.

HSAs also reduce taxes for American families. HSAs offer triple tax benefits to users – contributions made are tax free, interest and investment is earned tax free, and payments made to qualifying health expenses are tax free. Expanding HSAs will provide additional tax reduction for American families and will promote saving and investment.



Since they were created almost 15 years ago, HSAs have proven successful in promoting healthcare choice, lowering taxes and lowering healthcare costs. Expanding HSAs will build on this success.

Sincerely,



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