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## **Patients Need a Path Forward: 40 Patient Advocacy Orgs Urge Senate to Extend ACA Tax Credits**

Washington, D.C. — 40 non-partisan, nonprofit organizations representing millions of patients with serious and chronic health conditions applaud the House for advancing a clean three-year reauthorization of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)'s enhanced advance premium tax credits. This vote marks an important first step for millions of people who rely on the exchange for high quality health insurance, but who have already seen their premiums spike.

"Thursday's bipartisan vote in the House underscored a shared recognition that access to quality, affordable health insurance is essential for millions of families and individuals across the country — including those with serious and chronic health conditions. After months of Congressional inaction,

patients have already run out of time and are looking to the Senate to swiftly follow suit and vote to reauthorize the enhanced tax credits.

“Our organizations continue to hear from families and individuals worried about their ability to afford skyrocketing premiums and some who are walking away from critical coverage entirely. Congress must intensify its efforts and reach an agreement before open enrollment closes on January 15.

“We appreciate that lawmakers from both parties recognize the urgency of extending the enhanced tax credits now that the 2026 plan year has begun but there is no time for further delays. We strongly caution against any proposals that would increase costs, reduce access to comprehensive coverage or create new financial barriers to care. These approaches are not adequate solutions and would only deepen affordability challenges.

“Time has run out for rhetoric without action. Patients living with serious and chronic conditions have already started the year with delays in care, higher costs, and increased uncertainty. The Senate must act now to restore the enhanced tax credits before more individuals also walk away from high-quality coverage.”

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