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AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM PRAISES NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE CHOICE ACT

Assemblyman Jay Webber's A2767 Will Save Taxpayers Across America Billions of Dollars

Trenton, NJ—Americans for Tax Reform, a national advocacy organization which promotes lower taxes and less government, today praised Assemblyman Jay Webber's "New Jersey Health Care Choice Act" (A2767).

The New Jersey Health Care Choice Act would allow residents of the Garden State to purchase individual-market health insurance from any state in the union. Currently, New Jersey residents can only purchase the very expensive health insurance plans offered in New Jersey.

The difference between buying a New Jersey health insurance plan and one offered in even a neighboring state can be stark. A family of four (parents age 35, male and female child each age 13) will pay an average premium of \$18,756 for first dollar coverage in Trenton, NJ. This same family--if they lived across the river in Morrisville, PA—would only pay an average annual premium of \$7524. In other words, moving a few miles south can save a typical family 60% on their health care bill (all numbers obtained from eHealthInsurance.com).

"New Jersey's broken health care market has implications for taxpayers across America," said ATR President Grover Norquist. "When a New Jersey family or small business feels that they can't afford the exorbitant cost of health insurance here anymore, they drop coverage. Many of these newly-uninsured go onto New Jersey Medicaid or NJ Family Care. So, New Jersey's broken health insurance system is bailed out by taxpayers in the other 49 states."

A national version of the Health Care Choice Act has been introduced by Congressman John Shadegg (R-AZ). H.R. 4460 would allow any American in any state to purchase individual market health insurance offered in any other state. The resulting competition and choice is estimated to result in at least a 12% drop in premiums, saving families, small businesses, and taxpayers billions of dollars per year.

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