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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of Congress should have the opportunity to offer an amendment striking an employer mandate in any legislation to reform our health care system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 1994

Mr. TAUZIN (for himself and Mr. HASTERT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of Congress should have the opportunity to offer an amendment striking an employer mandate in any legislation to reform our health care system.

Whereas small businesses are the engine of job creation in our economy—generating some 95 percent of all new jobs;

Whereas jobs should not be pitted against health care reform;

Whereas an employer mandate is a tax on jobs that must be paid regardless of a firm's financial health;

Whereas extensive, complex, and costly reporting and record-keeping would be required under an employer mandate;

Whereas independent studies show that employer mandates would result in the loss of between 850,000 and 3.8 mil-

lion American jobs, causing millions of Americans to be laid off or left without work;

Whereas another 23 million American workers would see reductions in their wages, benefits, and/or hours worked, as a result of employer mandates, according to independent studies;

Whereas small businesses and their employers are among those impacted most severely by the shortcomings of our health insurance system;

Whereas the shortcomings in our health care system can be fixed without the additional burden of an employer mandate;

Whereas access to affordable health care insurance for all Americans can be achieved without an employer mandate;

Whereas a reasonable, affordable, comprehensive health care reform bill could be enacted this year without an employer mandate; and

Whereas the insistence on requiring an employer mandate impedes a reasonable, affordable, comprehensive health care reform bill from being enacted this year: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that Members of Congress should have the op-
3 portunity to offer, debate, and vote on an amendment
4 striking any employer mandate in any legislation to reform
5 our health care system.

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