

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 17, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

As we approach the impending expiration of the Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credits, we, as members from the San Joaquin Valley, urge you to keep the House in session until a vote can be held on a three-year extension of the ACA enhanced premium tax credits. With these tax credits set to expire at the end of this month, 22 million Americans¹ including 5 million small-business owners² will see their premiums more than double. In addition, up to 2.2 million³ Americans will lose healthcare coverage altogether. This vote would avert a needless disaster by enacting a three-year extension of the tax credits and buying Congress time to come to a sustainable, bipartisan, long-term solution to rising premiums. It is unconscionable that the House would break for December recess without addressing this crisis.

The stakes are especially high for our constituents in California's Central Valley. Across the region, nearly 85,000 people will see their health care costs rise if the credits expire, and an estimated 172,000 people could lose coverage altogether, driven largely by cuts to Medicaid (known in California as Medi-Cal).

A group of 218 bipartisan Members of Congress have signed the discharge petition to force a vote on this issue. There are enough days left on the calendar for Congress to vote before millions of Americans lose coverage on January 1, 2026. You have an obligation to the American people to honor the will of their representatives and schedule that vote as soon as is reasonably possible.

We look forward to your swift action on this urgent matter.



Adam Gray
Member of Congress



Jim Costa
Member of Congress



Josh Harder
Member of Congress

¹<https://www.kff.org/affordable-care-act/aca-marketplace-premium-payments-would-more-than-double-on-average-next-year-if-enhanced-premium-tax-credits-expire/>

²<https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/5-million-small-business-owners-and-self-employed-workers-likely-enrolled-in-aca>

³https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/2025-06/Wyden-Pallone-Neal_Letter_6-4-25.pdf