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NEW HOUSE BILL WOULD SECURE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY FOR AMERICA'S FAMILIES

Today, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Committee Chairmen Henry Waxman, Charlie Rangel, and George Miller introduced their unified health care reform bill. The following is the statement of Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA, about this development:

“The House health care reform bill provides the right prescription for America’s ailing health care system. It offers an effective set of remedies to ensure that virtually all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health coverage and care.

“The bill effectively delivers the needed changes that families need:

- improved **affordability** so that no one is priced out of coverage and care;
- **choice** of health plans, including one’s current plan as well private plans and a robust public plan option;
- **stability** so that coverage can’t be lost or taken away; and
- **accountability** by insurance companies so that they don’t continue to deny or charge enormous premiums to people with pre-existing health conditions.

“This bill deserves to be enacted promptly, especially because more than 6,000 people are losing health coverage every single day.

“Families USA endorses the newly introduced House health care reform bill, and we will work tirelessly to see that it is enacted into law this year.”

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Families USA is the national organization for health care consumers. It advocates for high-quality, affordable health coverage for everyone.