

February 24, 2017

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary
B-336 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers:

The dental professional organizations listed below, as members of the Organized Dentistry Coalition, are writing to express our strong support of H.R. 372, The Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act.

H.R. 372 would authorize the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department to enforce the federal antitrust laws against health insurance companies engaged in anticompetitive conduct. It would not interfere with the states' ability to maintain and enforce their own insurance regulations, antitrust statutes, and consumer protection laws. Because states vary in their enforcement efforts, the impact of repeal on health insurance companies would differ from state to state. This is no different from the situation faced by other businesses.

The bill is narrowly drawn to apply only to the business of health insurance, including dental insurance, and would not affect the business of life insurance, property or casualty insurance, and many similar insurance areas.

Passage of H. R. 372 would help interject more competition into the insurance marketplace by authorizing greater federal antitrust enforcement in instances where state regulators fail to act. When competition is not robust, consumers are more likely to face higher prices and less likely to and less likely to benefit from innovation and variety in the marketplace.

On behalf of our member dentists and their patients, we urge you to cosponsor H.R. 372, The Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act.

Please contact Ms. Mindi Walker at (202) 898-2404 or walkerm@ada.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

American Dental Association
Academy of General Dentistry
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Association of Endodontists
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Women Dentists
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists