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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, urges you to support S.J. Res. 39, a resolution of disapproval that would repeal the onerous grandfathering regulations promulgated pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The President and many other proponents of the new health care law repeatedly promised, "if you like the plan you have, you can keep it," and the grandfathering provision was meant to ensure this promise. The statute contained a few short paragraphs specifying that a plan operating when the bill was enacted could continue to operate as before; new employees and dependents of employees could also be added to the plan. The provisions demonstrate Congress clearly intended to preserve maximum flexibility for employer plans and those currently in operation.

However, the Administration released an extremely complex regulation that makes it virtually impossible for plans to maintain grandfathered status, instead subjecting them to many expensive and burdensome new requirements. Rather than allowing plans to continue operating in the manner they are accustomed to, the regulation specifies numerous ways by which such plans would lose grandfathered status. Thus, many existing plans would be forced to change in order to comply with an array of new mandates. In our view, this regulation violates Congressional intent, and does not live up to the promises of proponents of the new law.

Due to the critical importance of this issue to the business community, the Chamber strongly urges you to support S.J. Res. 39. The Chamber may consider votes on, or in relation to, this issue in our annual *How They Voted* scorecard.

Sincerely,

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