**SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Use this sample letter to the editor to tell Congress it's time to permanently extend the enhanced premium tax credits and help close coverage, access, affordability, and equity gaps. Use the template as is or adjust it to meet your organization's and community’s needs. Send it to your local media outlets, especially [nonprofit newsrooms](https://findyournews.org/) who are often aligned with our views on equity and justice for all.

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* Letters to the editor are usually no longer than 200 words and written in response to recent news articles. Visit your local media outlet’s website to review policies for length, submission, selection and other details before submission.

* Check out this [tipsheet](https://www2.wkkf.org/l/541352/2023-04-19/8m8jzz/541352/1681913171yCzIeBFJ/WKKF_Strategic_Comms_Hub___Topic_5_LTE_Best_Practices.pdf) for letters to the editor best practices.

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Dear **[Name of the Outlet’s Editor]**

As news outlets like **[Name of the Outlet]** have covered, Congressional Republicans, encouraged by President Trump, passed a budget bill in July that prioritized permanent tax cuts for billionaires over ensuring families nationwide, including those in **[City/State],** have access to affordable health care. This includes [neglecting to permanently extend the enhanced premium tax credits](https://familiesusa.org/resources/actions-by-trump-and-congress-are-leading-to-skyrocketing-insurance-premiums-in-2026/), which help 22 million Americans afford their monthly health insurance premiums and are set to expire at the end of this year.

Now it’s September and the clock is ticking**. [Your Member of Congress]** and other Congressional leaders must act immediately without delay or hesitation to extend these enhanced tax credits permanently to avoid further harm caused by the bill’s existing health care cuts. If they don’t, their constituents will see their [premiums and health care costs skyrocket](https://familiesusa.org/resources/august-of-accountability-republicans-actions-in-july-are-causing-insurance-rates-to-skyrocket/). The open enrollment period begins November 1, and many insurers have already increased their rates significantly in anticipation of the credits’ expiring.

[The enhanced credits have been a lifeline](https://familiesusa.org/resources/the-importance-of-premium-tax-credits-affording-health-insurance-coast-to-coast/) for working families, gig workers, and small business owners who lack access to employer-sponsored coverage. Without these credits, premiums will spike dramatically, especially for those who earn just above the traditional subsidy cutoff. Failing to permanently extend these tax credits could lead to premiums doubling for residents in at least twelve states and increasing fivefold for the lowest-income enrollees.

These credits have also stabilized insurance markets by encouraging enrollment among younger, healthier individuals, resulting in lower health care costs across the board. If these subsidies expire, we risk losing that demographic, which would drive up costs for older Americans and destabilize risk pools. Letting these credits lapse would be a self-inflicted wound—not just for families, but for our economy. That’s not “making America healthy again,” it’s economic sabotage.

Sincerely,

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