

Mr. President, I ask that these letters be entered into the RECORD immediately after my remarks.

Efforts at further reform of America's health care system have been the source of frustration and division in this chamber. At the same time, many members of both parties are committed to reducing health care costs and expanding access to quality, affordable coverage. The programs adopted by seven pioneering states have a proven track-record in reducing premiums for consumers and would make policies in the individual market more affordable. The bill Senator MANCHIN and I are introducing today would help extend and fund these successful models to every state that chooses to participate, helping to reduce premiums for the 11.5 million Americans who get their insurance in the individual market nationwide. I urge my colleagues to support our bill.

MAY 28, 2019.

DEAR LEADERS MCCONNELL AND SCHUMER, SPEAKER PELOSI AND LEADER MCCARTHY: As providers of health care and coverage to hundreds of millions of Americans, we write to you to urge prompt action to lower health insurance premiums. The individual market is a critical source of coverage for millions of Americans, helping them to access care. Unfortunately, however, individual market premiums are often unaffordable for many middle class families who do not receive any financial assistance. With health insurers finalizing their premium rates for 2020, the time is now for Congress to establish a premium reduction/reinsurance program to help cover the costs of people with significant health care needs and improve the affordability of health care coverage.

A reinsurance program is a commonsense solution to significantly lower premiums, which would greatly improve access to coverage and care. Independent analyses, including ones by Oliver Wyman and Avalere Health, show that a premium reduction/reinsurance program could reduce premiums by up to 20% while preserving the comprehensiveness of coverage, primarily helping those who are not subsidy eligible.

We understand that there are numerous efforts in Congress underway to establish a premium reduction/reinsurance program, and we are happy to work with all parties towards a final bill that will improve the individual market for 2020 and beyond.

We urge you to deliver on the promise to reduce premiums for millions of deserving Americans and their families so they can access the care they need. We look forward to working with you in support of this promise.

Sincerely,

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INSURANCE PLANS.  
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ASSOCIATION.  
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HOSPITALS.  
U.S. CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CENTER FOR INSURANCE POLICY AND RESEARCH,

June 12, 2019.

HON. SUSAN COLLINS,  
Senator, U.S. Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR COLLINS: On behalf of the members of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) we write to express our support for your continued efforts to help improve the individual health insurance markets in our states through the funding of state stabilization programs.

While many states have seen more stable premium rates and carrier participation over the past two years, the fact remains that in all states premiums continue to be significant for those who do not receive federal subsidies. This has resulted in shrinking individual markets and less stable risk pools. Action must be taken to make coverage more affordable or we will see even higher uninsured rates, more people move to less-regulated plans, and sicker individual market pools.

This is why commissioners from across the political spectrum have contacted their congressional delegations, testified before House and Senate committees, and urged federal policymakers to take immediate action to stabilize the individual health insurance market. In particular, we support your proposal to provide federal funding for state stabilization programs, as well as for grants to help states develop innovative solutions through Section 1332 waivers. We also support the creation of a federal program to assist consumers in states unable to implement their own program quickly.

State reinsurance programs and invisible high-risk pools have already proven their effectiveness. According to a recent Avalere study, the seven states that have already implemented a program through a Section 1332 waiver using state funds have reduced premium by almost 20%. Additional federal funding, as outlined in your bill, would provide even more benefit to consumers, and extend the benefits to all states.

Creating a federal market stabilization program is a cost-effective way to significantly reduce individual market premiums, thus making coverage more affordable to unsubsidized individuals and families and growing the individual market pool. We have seen it work in the handful of states that have implemented such programs; it is time to implement it nationwide.

Sincerely,

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Maine Bureau of Insurance.

RAYMOND G. FARMER,  
NAIC President-Elect,  
Director, South Carolina Department  
of Insurance.

DAVID ALTMAYER,  
NAIC Vice President,  
Commissioner, Florida Office of Insurance.

DEAN L. CAMERON,  
NAIC Secretary-Treasurer,  
Director, Regulation Idaho Department  
of Insurance.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2635. A bill to require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

to declassify any and all information relating to whether the government of Saudi Arabia assisted a citizen or national of Saudi Arabia in departing the United States while the citizen or national was awaiting trial or sentencing for a criminal offense committed in the United States, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

S. 2635

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Saudi Fugitive Declassification Act of 2019".

#### SEC. 2. DECLASSIFICATION OF ANY AND ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA TO ASSIST PERSONS IN DEPARTING UNITED STATES WHO WERE AWAITING TRIAL OR SENTENCING IN UNITED STATES.

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, shall declassify any and all information related to whether the government of Saudi Arabia materially assisted or facilitated any citizen or national of Saudi Arabia in departing from the United States while the citizen or national was awaiting trial or sentencing for a criminal offense committed in the United States.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 360—AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO SAFE, QUALITY EDUCATION, INCLUDING PROTECTION FROM ATTACKS ON EDUCATION, FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT SETTINGS

Mr. MURPHY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 360

Whereas providing children with education is critical to the international, humanitarian, and development efforts of the United States;

Whereas 142,000,000 children live in high-intensity conflict zones, according to a February 2019 report from Save the Children;

Whereas grave violations against children, which are defined by the United Nations Security Council as the killing and maiming of children, recruitment or use of children as soldiers, sexual violence against children, abduction of children, and attacks against schools or hospitals, have nearly tripled since 2010;

Whereas attacks on education settings, including targeted killings, sexual and gender-based violence, abduction, child recruitment, intimidation, threats, military occupation, and destruction of property, are common tactics in conflict;

Whereas there were 1,432 verified attacks on schools in conflict contexts in 2017, according to the United Nations Secretary General's annual report on children and armed conflict;

Whereas conflict limits educational opportunities for millions of students worldwide, and regions with low rates of education have a 50-percent chance of experiencing conflict;

Whereas 27,000,000 children of primary and lower secondary school age are out of school