

February 13, 2025

Representative Mina, Chair
Health & Social Services Committee
State Capitol Room 416
Juneau, AK 99801
Representative.Genevieve.Mina@akleg.gov

RE: AHHA Supports House Joint Resolution No. 9

Dear Representative Mina,

For over 70 years, the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) has served as a non-profit trade association representing Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and a growing number of healthcare partners across the continuum of care. AHHA members play an invaluable role, both as community providers and essential employers, in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska.

AHHA strongly supports House Joint Resolution No. 9, which urges Congress to extend the enhanced tax credits for health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act, and calls on the state's congressional delegation to champion the extension of the tax credits. These refundable tax credits are critical for making health insurance more affordable and accessible for thousands of Alaskans purchasing coverage through the federal Marketplace.

House Resolution Joint Resolution No. 9 perfectly articulates what is at stake here—affordable health care is a fundamental need and access to care is essential for the well-being, economic stability, and dignity of all Alaskans. If Congress does not extend the enhanced tax credits, we are gravely concerned there will be a significant increase in the uninsured population, which will complicate access to care, leave people untreated, and ultimately lead to a greater reliance on emergency rooms.

We also believe allowing the enhanced tax credits to expire will destabilize an already volatile insurance market in Alaska. This undoubtedly will negatively impact small businesses and their ability to provide independent, more affordable healthcare options for employees.



Like many others in our state, AHHA will continue to communicate the importance of this issue, and we thank you for your leadership in prioritizing access to quality, affordable, sustainable healthcare for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Kosin', is positioned above the printed name.

Jared C. Kosin, JD, MBA
President & CEO