



November 7, 2009

Re: Thank you for Opposing HR-3962

Dear Representative,

I write to you on behalf of the members of the Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA); including those within your district as well as the thousands of your constituents receiving healthcare coverage through self-insured, employer-sponsored health plans. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to you for taking the principled position against the House Leadership's healthcare reform bill, HR-3962.

While the members of SIIA recognize that there are problems with our healthcare system and that improvements need to be made, we have a strong belief that HR-3962 would move our healthcare system to an even worse position.

We know that your ultimate opposition to the bill must have been a very difficult decision to make, but we believe it was the right one and we very appreciative of it.

As the process to reform our healthcare system continues down its legislative path, we urge you and your staff to use SIIA as a resource to help develop ideas such as: enactment of true cost-containment measures, preservation of the employer-based system and improvements to the quality of our system. Please contact either me or SIIA's Manager of Government Relations, Jay Fahrner at 202-463-8161 if we can be of any assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael W. Ferguson', is written over a light blue, textured background.

Michael W. Ferguson
Chief Operating Officer
Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA)