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Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the country's largest and oldest Hispanic organization, I urge you to oppose H.R. 2575, the Save American Workers Act, as it does not have the best interest of workers in mind and is a way for big employers to stop providing needed health care coverage to their hard working employees. The redefinition of a "full time employee" seeks to remove crucial provisions of the Affordable Care Act that would deprive 1 million Americans of their current health plans and increase the deficit by \$74 billion over 10 years.

The Affordable Care Act was hailed by our organization as part of the solution addressing the health care needs of our country. As Latinos are disproportionately affected by a series of chronic preventable illnesses and diseases, creating access to preventative care and treatment through these new health care exchanges, is an integral and important step to reducing health disparities faced by Latino families. These are welcomed solutions to the health care crisis currently being experienced by the millions of Latinos. Marking the 52<sup>nd</sup> attack on the Affordable Care Act, this legislation is not only a waste of scarce legislative time, but derails the House from making decisions on other pending issues that will lead to greater economic growth and progress for the nation. It is important that you understand that these and future attacks on the Affordable Care Act are seen by our organization, as attacks on the Latino community's ability to obtain reasonably priced, and good quality, health care coverage.

With over 7.1 million individuals registered in the last enrolment period, it is clear that the Affordable Care Act is necessity to many Americans and their families. LULAC believes the House needs to strengthen rather than dilute the coverage of the Affordable Care Act in order to develop a healthier and more prosperous society. By raising the requirement for health care coverage of a "full time employee" from 30 hours a week to 40 hours, one million Americans would lose access to their current health plan. The lack of health insurance of these employees will come at a cost for the National Government and tax payers. The Save American Workers Act does not benefit workers, but rather pushes them to be worked more while receiving less of the health care coverage they need. The economic growth of the county will be at risk with the potential deficient caused by insured workers.

The health and well-being of all workers is a priority for LULAC and we feel the House should end its battle against the Affordable Care Act and allow its benefits to reach America's most needed workers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Luis Torres, Director of Policy and Legislation, at 202-833-6130, or by email at [latorres@lulac.org](mailto:latorres@lulac.org)

Sincerely,

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