

December 19, 2013

The Honorable Jack Kingston
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kingston:

The Private Practice Section (PPS) of the American Physical Therapy Association writes to commend you for the introduction of HR 3419, Small Business Fairness in Obamacare which is also known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

PPS represents over 4200 members nationwide who own and operate private practices that operate as small businesses providing rehabilitative therapy to patients across the spectrum of impairments and functional limitations secondary to neurologic and/or musculoskeletal conditions. Our members are clinicians and small business professionals who are restoring function to America one patient at a time. The PPS endeavors to foster the growth, economic viability, and business success, of physical therapist-owned physical therapy services provided for the benefit of the public.

PPS is proud to lend its support to HR 3419 which would make reasonable and rational changes to the PPACA.

As you know, under the health reform law, businesses with 50 or more full time equivalent employees are required to offer health insurance to their workers, or pay a penalty. This provision, originally scheduled to take effect January 2014 has been postponed one year by the Obama administration to be effective January 2015. HR 3419 would classify small businesses in accordance with Section 3 of the Small Business Act (SBA). This section, which has been in effect for decades, defines a small business by industry rather than with a one-size fits all definition based on an arbitrary number of employees.

The SBA Size and Standards Table defines an Office of Physical Therapists as a small business until revenues exceed \$7 million annually (Code 621340, p 36). Thus, if this standard were to be employed, a PT business would be exempt from the employer mandate as long as annual revenues are less than \$7 million.

The PPS commends you for your leadership in introducing HR 3419 and thanks you for this important and practical legislation. It makes much more sense to use time-proven standards and definitions when applying PPACA to small businesses. We stand ready to support this bill in every way.

Sincerely,



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