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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 6199, Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018, introduced by Representative Lynn Jenkins (R-KS).

In response to rising health care costs and premiums that stand in the way of increasing wages, hiring new employees and making other needed investments, manufacturers have increasingly offered consumer-driven high-deductible health plans that are paired with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Since HSAs were established 15 years ago, there have been significant advancements in health benefits outside of traditional medical insurance policies. As the demand for HSAs continues to grow, greater flexibility is needed to ensure that manufacturing employees and other consumers can take full advantage of changes and innovations in the health care delivery system.

H.R. 6199 would allow employees to use their HSAs to pay for direct primary care clinics, more robust wellness programs, and remove restrictions for certain over-the-counter medications and health care items for all tax-favored health accounts. Finally, HSAs would further incentivize the use of telehealth and other innovative primary care offerings by allowing the HSA to cover a portion of the employee's deductible in an HSA-eligible high-deductible health plan.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 6199, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 115th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote