July 1, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steve Scalise
The Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Emmer
The Majority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman, The Ways and Means Committee
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader, Mr. Majority Whip, and Mr. Chairman:

The HSA Coalition's first rule of lobbying is 'don't say no to yes.' It certainly applies to the Senate version of the One Big Beautiful Bill – and yes, we urge you to vote yes.

When the then Ways and Means Committee Chairman Archer (R-TX) and Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) were negotiating a pilot project for Medical Savings Accounts, I told Pat Rooney, the founder of Golden Rule Insurance and my mentor, that I did not want to support "a deal with Senator Ted Kennedy!" Pat said, "It's an imperfect world," and that we have achieved something that, in the long run, will benefit us all.

When Chairman Archer left the negotiating room with Senator Kennedy having made a deal, I asked Chairman Archer, "Did you make the best deal you could?" "Yes," Chairman Archer said, and we backed him to the hilt. Seven years later, the MSA pilot ended after three members of Congress changed their "no" votes to "yes," following the longest House floor vote in history at that time. As a result, more than 60 million Americans now use an HSA. So, we urge you to take the long view and vote 'Yes.'

Sincerely,

Daniel Perrin
Founder,
HSA Coalition