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## General Comment

I am 100% behind any change in the federal law that would allow Association Health Plans. I am a member of the National Speakers Association (NSA), and a solo practitioner. My monthly premium has risen to over \$1,700 for just my wife and I. Our children are grown, we are both in good health, but this amount of money is almost the same as my mortgage. The escalating premiums will become unsustainable and people in my type of business will resort to drastic measures as no coverage or only catastrophic coverage. If the NSA could offer it's members a health plan at a lower price, I would definitely participate.