(Washington, DC) – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) released a letter sent to the House Ways and Means Committee that calls for further extension of the Health Coverage Tax Credit. Beneficiaries stand to lose their benefits if Congress does not pass an extension by February 13, 2011. The full text of the letter is attached to this release.

"As many Americans continue to struggle in this economy, continuing the Health Coverage Tax Credit will provide security for thousands of families that are experiencing difficulty through no fault of their own," said Congressman Tim Ryan. **"Extending these benefits is a fiscally and socially responsible action that will provide affordable and continuous health coverage to families from whom benefits have been stripped – while preventing increased Medicaid caseloads."**

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