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## **UAHU & NAHU Statement on Legislation to End Government Shutdown**

(Salt Lake City, UT) — The Utah Association of Health Underwriters (UAHU) along with the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) applauds congressional leaders and the Administration for passing legislation to end the government shutdown and continue to provide federal funding through February 8, 2018.

H.R. 195 includes several major legislative priorities. The legislation delays the effective dates for the detrimental healthcare taxes included in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). H.R. 195 includes a two-year delay for the Cadillac Tax, which pushes the effective date to 2022, and implements a one-year moratorium on the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) for 2019. The package also includes renewing funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for six years. UAHU and NAHU continues to support this critical program that provides health insurance coverage for more than 8 million children.

These ACA-related taxes have increased healthcare costs and reduced choices for American families and businesses. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with members of Congress and the Administration on the need for a complete repeal of the Cadillac Tax and HIT. Repealing these inequitable taxes will help make health insurance more affordable for families and protect employer-sponsored health coverage. Our goal is to help all Americans receive the coverage they deserve at a price they can afford.

The Utah Association of Health Underwriters (UAHU) is a state chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters and represents more than 2,000 health insurance professionals through 3 local chapters across Utah. UAHU members service the health insurance needs of large and small employers as well as people seeking individual health insurance coverage.

The National Association of Health Underwriters represents more than 100,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. NAHU is headquartered in Washington, DC. For more information, visit our web site at [www.nahu.org](http://www.nahu.org).

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