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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Brady:

We write to you today in support of H.J. Res. 42, your legislation that would disapprove of the United States Department of Labor's recent regulation regarding states' ability to drug test individuals who apply for unemployment insurance (UI).

Congress authorized the Labor Department to craft a rule that would provide states the option to drug test unemployment insurance applicants. Unfortunately, the Obama Administration drafted the rule too narrowly, undermining the intent of Congress and permitting drug testing in too few instances.

Drug testing UI applicants can help individuals suffering from substance abuse to access necessary care and treatment so they may re-enter the workforce as healthy and productive members of society. We believe this rule should be replaced with a new rule that allows increased flexibility for states to implement UI drug testing that best fits the needs of each state.

Thank you for introducing this important legislation and we look forward to working with Congress on this issue going forward.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas

Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah

Phil Bryant
Governor of Mississippi