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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Joint Resolution)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the joint resolution, in line 2, strike “Protection” and substitute “Improvement”; in line 3, strike “sharp disagreement” and substitute “agreement”; in line 4, strike “repeal of” and substitute “need to repeal or repair”; in lines 5 and 7, in each instance, strike “protect certain provisions of” and substitute “repeal or repair”; and in line 8, strike “repeal” and substitute “improvement”.

In the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations Amendment (HJ0009/953620/1), in line 3, strike “24,000,000”.

On pages 1 and 2 of the joint resolution, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 1 through line 13 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act has led to a decrease in the number of insurance choices in Maryland with 43% of all counties having two or fewer insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, average family premiums have soared by \$4,300 per year and deductibles have increased by as much as 60%; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act contained \$1 trillion in new taxes, the burden of which mostly fell on families and job creators; and

WHEREAS, 4.7 million Americans lost their health care plans because of the Affordable Care Act; and

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WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 billion for the 18 failed Affordable Care Act cooperatives, including Evergreen in Maryland, forcing patients to find new insurance at the last minute and resulting in many rural areas in Maryland having only one insurance provider; and

WHEREAS, Five states and nearly one-third of all counties in the United States now have only one insurance provider because of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, In the recently completed Maryland Health Benefits Exchange open enrollment period, the individual market shrank by 3,000 policyholders because they chose to discontinue their coverage; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that members of the U.S. Congress set aside their partisan differences and begin to work together to fix the health care system; now, therefore.”

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the joint resolution, in line 15, strike “sharply disagrees with the repeal of” and substitute “agrees that”; in the same line, after “Act” insert “must be repealed or repaired”; in lines 16 and 20, in each instance, strike “protect provisions of” and substitute “repeal or repair”; strike beginning with “that” in line 16 down through “policies” in line 18; and strike beginning with “that” in line 20 down through “policies” in line 22.