Amendment to H.R. 240 Offered by Mr. Salmon of Arizona and Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. ____. (a) The Congress finds that—

2 (1) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
3 Act (Public Law 111-148), many individuals and busi4 nesses are required to purchase health insurance coverage
5 for themselves and their employees;

6 (2) individuals who were unlawfully present in the
7 United States who have been granted deferred action
8 under policies recently undertaken by the Executive
9 Branch and who then receive work authorization are ex10 empt from these requirements;

(3) many United States employers hiring United
States citizens or individuals legally present in the United
States are required to either offer those persons affordable
health insurance or pay a penalty of approximately \$3,000
per employee per year; and

16 (4) an employer does not have to provide insurance,17 or in many instances pay a penalty, if they hire individuals

who were not lawfully present but who have been granted
 deferred action and work authorization.

- 3 (b) It is the sense of the Congress that—
- 4 (1) this disparate treatment has the unacceptable ef5 fect of discouraging the hiring of United States citizens
 6 and those in a lawful immigration status in the United
 7 States; and

8 (2) the Executive Branch should refrain from pur-9 suing policies, such as granting deferred action and work 10 authorization to unlawfully present individuals, that dis-11 advantage the hiring of United States citizens and those 12 in a lawful immigration status in the United States.

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