



January 6, 2015

Honorable Paul Ryan
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) have completed an estimate of the budgetary effects of H.R. 22, the Hire More Heroes Act of 2015. CBO and JCT estimate that enacting H.R. 22 would reduce revenues, and thereby increase budget deficits, by \$858 million over the 2015-2025 period (see attached table).

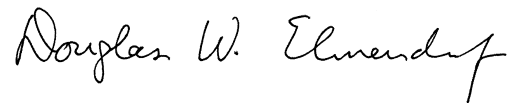
The Hire More Heroes Act of 2015 would amend section 4980H(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide that employees who have medical coverage under TRICARE or certain programs administered by the Veterans Administration would not be taken into account for purposes of determining whether the employer is large enough to be subject to employer responsibility payments under the Affordable Care Act.

CBO and JCT expect that enacting the bill would reduce the number of employers that would be required to make such employer responsibility payments, thus reducing federal receipts. Because the bill would not affect individuals' eligibility for any type of health insurance coverage or the costs of that coverage, CBO and JCT anticipate that it would have a negligible effect on the number of people without health insurance and the sources of coverage for people who will be insured.

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If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Sarah Masi and Kate Fritzsche.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas W. Elmendorf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Douglas W. Elmendorf
Director

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Sander M. Levin
Ranking Member

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ESTIMATE OF THE IMPACT OF H.R. 22, THE HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

													2015-	2015-
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020	2025	

CHANGES IN REVENUES

Estimated Revenues	0	-64	-68	-72	-77	-82	-88	-93	-99	-104	-110	-364	-858
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Sources: Congressional Budget Office; staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Notes: Numbers may not sum to totals because of rounding.
