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The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
United States House of Representatives
2466 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Velazquez,

We are writing today on behalf of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) to commend your introduction of H.R. 6582, the Small Business Cooperative for Healthcare Options to Improve Coverage for Employees Act of 2008 (CHOICE).

The NGLCC is the business advocate and direct link between LGBT business owners, corporations and government. As the umbrella organization for 47 state and local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) chambers of commerce and business organizations, the NGLCC represents the interests of the more than 1.4 million LGBT owned businesses in the United States.

As you know, CHOICE will allow LGBT and allied businesses in states across the country to band together for the benefits of lower healthcare costs; thus allowing the more than 1.4 million LGBT owned businesses across the country to then provide healthcare benefits to their employees and their families.

Again, we commend your introduction of H.R. 6582 and look forward to its bi-partisan passage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Warm regards,

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