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NAHU Welcomes Opportunity to Propose New Health Care Reform Ideas

(Arlington, VA) – Janet Trautwein, CEO of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU), made the following statement today in response to President Obama’s State of the Union Address:

“We applaud President Obama for acknowledging that the current health care reform proposals lack broad appeal and are encouraged by his request for new bipartisan ideas. We have long advocated for members of Congress to work together in a bipartisan fashion to develop an affordable and responsible means of achieving the needed reforms to our nation’s health care delivery system.

“Our health care system and the consumers who depend on it are facing an unprecedented crisis of rising costs, resulting in reduced access to both quality health care and affordable health insurance. Unfortunately, in his speech last night President Obama did not address the fundamental reason why many Americans lack health insurance—soaring health care costs. NAHU will continue to promote sensible solutions that rein in health care costs, provide better access to care, improve quality, create better efficiency, and put our health care system on an affordable and sustainable path.

“NAHU believes competitive market forces will have the greatest positive impact on the cost of health care. Our private health insurance market is innovative, flexible and efficient, and, most important, up to the task of responding to well-structured reforms.”

An American Solution – NAHU's Vision for Affordable and Responsible Health Reform can be viewed here: http://www.nahu.org/legislative/healthyaccess/an_american_solution.pdf.

NAHU represents more than 100,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. For more information, please contact Kelly Loussedes, vice president of public relations at 703-276-3835 or kloussedes@nahu.org.

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