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Washington, DC - Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) kept his campaign promise of improving access to quality, affordable health care by cosponsoring H.R. 6210, the bipartisan Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Act.

"I believe that Mississippians have a right to quality health care they can afford and I have made it a top priority in Washington to protect this right," said Congressman Childers. "Employees of small businesses deserve the same health care that those of large corporations receive. I am proud to co-sponsor the SHOP Act, which will help bring down the cost of health care for small businesses struggling to cover their employees."

Congressman Childers signed onto the legislation on Thursday, June 19, reaffirming his commitment to fighting to ensure the health of his constituents. The SHOP Act would provide relief to employees of Mississippi's estimated 216,700 small businesses, which employ more than 51 percent of the state's non-farm workforce.

By offering incentives such as tax credits to small business owners and self-employed individuals, as well as the option for small businesses to form statewide or nationwide purchasing pools, the act provides ways for these businesses to decrease costs and increase the accessibility of health care coverage.

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