

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 986, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF OHIO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Continuing Coverage
3 for Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENSURING THE PROHIBITION OF PREEXISTING**
5 **CONDITION EXCLUSIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
6 **ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE COV-**
7 **ERAGE AND GROUP HEALTH PLANS.**

8 Part I of subtitle F of title I of the Patient Protection
9 and Affordable Care Act is amended by adding at the end
10 the following section:

11 **“SEC. 1503. SEVERABILITY.**

12 “If subsection (a) of section 5000A of the Internal
13 Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 1501(b), is
14 to any extent illegal, unconstitutional, otherwise invalid,
15 or incapable of being enforced, the validity and enforce-
16 ability of sections 2701 through 2705 of the Public Health
17 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg through 300gg-4), as added
18 by section 1201, shall not be affected.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that preexisting condition exclusions with respect to enrollment in health insurance coverage and group health plans continue to be prohibited.”.

