



March 17, 2017

Representative Dave Reichert
22605 SE 56th Street Suite 130
Issaquah, WA 98029

Dear Representative Reichert,

We, the undersigned business owners, **urge you to oppose the American Health Care Act** or any proposed legislation which slashes Medicaid's budget, destabilizes the private market, or threatens to take away quality, affordable health coverage from the millions of Americans insured through the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medicaid, or Medicare.

The ACA works for small business owners through:

- **Stabilizing health care premiums**, helping us to better plan out our finances, manage our businesses, and invest money otherwise spent on health care costs into our company.
- **Expanding coverage** to millions of Americans, meaning more financial stability for our customers.
- **Fostering entrepreneurship** among lower-income business owners by creating new, portable insurance options for small business owners and eliminating the job-lock.

The Republican's American Health Care Act is a disaster for U.S. small businesses. If enacted, the bill would:

- **Increase health care costs for small business owners** and our employees. The proposal eliminates the ACA tax subsidies and small business tax credit, as well as community ratings or uniform risk pools--key provisions that have kept costs under control for small business owners. By 2020, annual health care [costs](#) in Washington State would increase by \$1,929 for low income individuals and \$3,632 for low income families.
- **Collapse the private market**, escalating health care costs for small business owners. Over 7 million people with private insurance would lose coverage, many of whom are small business owners.

- **Squash entrepreneurship and stall job growth** - higher cost of coverage for small business owners would mean less money to hire new employees, making it harder to create jobs.
- **Cripple the economy** - cuts to ACA, Medicaid, and Medicare would syphon billions of dollars out of local economies, harming state budgets, and destroying vital programs that small business rely on. Over **2.6 million jobs would be lost**, gross state products would **fall by \$1.5 trillion** between 2019 and 2023, business output would **drop \$2.6 trillion**, resulting in **\$48 billion lost in state and local tax revenues**.
- In Washington, that would mean business output would **drop \$2.6 trillion**, state and local tax revenue would **decline by \$48 billion**, and **state products would fall by \$27 billion**.
- In 2019, over 2.6 million jobs (mostly in the private sector) would be lost. **In Washington, that would translate to 49,000 jobs lost.**

The Republican plan does nothing to strengthen the quality, cost or coverage of health care. **It rolls back the most important protections, returns us to the time when small business owners paid more for less coverage, got charged twice as much in administrative costs as larger groups, and small business owners had no leverage and no real choices.**

As small business owners, we experience these effects firsthand. Don't play politics with our livelihood. We urge you to protect our businesses, communities, and economies, **and to reject any plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act and dismantle our current health care system.**

For any questions or concerns, please contact Fernando Mejia-Ledesma, Main Street Alliance of Washington State Director, at 206-556-1934 or fernando@mainstreetalliance.org.

Signed,

4 Elite Hair Studio	Auburn, WA
4 Smokers	Auburn, WA
A Fur Affair Inc.	Sammamish, WA
A Little Knitty	Auburn, WA
AB Vacuum & Sewing Center	Auburn, WA
ADW Truck & Trailer Repair	Auburn, WA
Alice Octavia Floral Shoppe	Auburn, WA
Angel's Spirits	Auburn, WA
ArtEast	Issaquah, WA
Auburn Avenue Dental	Auburn, WA
Auburn City Imports Auto Repair	Auburn, WA
Auburn Law Offices PLLC	Auburn, WA
Beauty Blvd.	Auburn, WA
Café 101	Auburn, WA

Cecile Gagner Massage Therapist	Auburn, WA
Colortronics	Auburn, WA
Ebon Clothing	Buckley, WA
Experience Tea	Issaquah, WA
Fast & Fair Repair	Auburn, WA
Fowler Chiropractic	Auburn, WA
Front Porch Quilts	Buckley, WA
Front Street Market	Issaquah, WA
Front Street Salon	Issaquah, WA
Golden Shears Stylish Salon	Auburn, WA
Green River Cyclery and the Busted Bike Café	Auburn, WA
Hair of the Dog Pet Grooming	Auburn, WA
Hidden Entity Tattoo & Body Piercing	Auburn, WA
Himitsu Teriyaki	Sammamish, WA
I Vape Store	Auburn, WA
Jason's Coffee Shop & Fine Baked Goods	Auburn, WA
K Barber Hair Salon	Auburn, WA
Khon-Kaen Thai Cafe	Auburn, WA
La Petite Belle Nail Spa	Issaquah, WA
Laptop Geniuses	Auburn, WA
Logo Girlz	Auburn, WA
Los Amigos Used Cars	Auburn, WA
Main Street Barber Shop	Auburn, WA
Mint Salon & Spa	Issaquah, WA
Nail Bar & Lashes	Auburn, WA
New To You	Auburn, WA
Pelage Medi Spa	Issaquah, WA
Precision Custom Cabinets	Auburn, WA
Rowing Training	Covington, WA
Salon 074	Sammamish, WA
Salon Soiree	Issaquah, WA
Shake N Go	Auburn, WA
Shannon's Place Hair Salon	Auburn, WA
Shear Attitude Hair Design	Issaquah, WA
Shelly Shear Styles	Issaquah, WA
Skagen Boots	Auburn, WA
Sky Nails Spa & Tanning	Auburn, WA
Skyline Automotive	Auburn, WA
Small Cakes Issaquah	Issaquah, WA
Superior Roofing & Siding	Issaquah, WA
The Academy of Ballet	Buckley, WA
The Beau Barbershop	Auburn, WA
The Keimig Associates Architects	Auburn, WA

The Mane Team Salon
Threadneedle Street
Tiger Mountain Center for Acupuncture
Tiki Tails Dog Salon
V Happy Cherry De Pon LLC

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