

*At the heart of the health care problem for small businesses lies the same challenge facing every citizen, family, and community in the country. Health care costs are currently growing faster than the overall economy.*

*Further, small businesses face health care costs that average up to 18% more than their larger competitors. If Congress doesn't act now, the rising cost of health care will cause the small business engine of innovation and job creation to stall. A recent analysis from MIT Professor Jonathan Gruber predicted that by staying on this path could result in the loss of \$844 billion in wages in the small business sector alone.*

*Key to any health reform proposal is whether it offers a better deal to American small businesses. Small businesses are calling on Congress to pass comprehensive healthcare reform now!*

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**Dear Senator:**

**The rising cost of health care threatens the economic future of every American family and business. I urge you to fight for strong health care reform that will:**

- **Cut costs by reducing red tape and overhead through simplified insurance forms, information technology and insurer-efficiency standards,**
- **Stop insurance companies from discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions,**
- **Give doctors the most up-to-date information on which treatments and medicines work best,**
- **Give Americans without job-based coverage the option of a public health insurance plan.**

**To protect our economy and our health, we strongly urge you to support legislation reforming our health care system.**

Sincerely,

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

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