

Draft Phone Script
Small Business Coalition for Affordable Healthcare

Hello, my name is _____, I am a constituent and small business owner in (State/Congressional District). I'm calling today to ask (Senator/Representative Name) to listen to the small business community as Congress refocuses its attention on healthcare reform.

We have fought for reforms that lower costs, increase competition, and expand choice. But the House and Senate-passed bills don't add up because any benefits of reform are immediately erased with new taxes, fees and mandates – all of which would raise my cost of doing business. This is the exact opposite of what I need - or can afford.

Small businesses and the self-employed individuals need help and we encourage our (Congressman/Senators) to *listen* to what the Small Business Coalition for Affordable Healthcare already has offered as solutions. We ask that you work to enact the reforms that help, not harm, our nation's small businesses, including provisions such as: (pick two from list below)

- New opportunities for small businesses to pool together and purchase private insurance across state lines
- Balanced and responsible insurance market reforms that help young and old afford insurance
- Tax equity for our nation's self-employed
- Meaningful liability reform

I hope (Senator/Representative Name) will support these small business reforms and oppose approaches that would increase costs to us and expand federal government budget deficits. I also urge (Senator/Representative Name) to resist efforts to jam through just "any" bill using a simple majority, as some Members of Congress have proposed. Instead, we need a bill that really can make a positive difference for men and women like me who have seen our company's healthcare insurance premiums skyrocket year after year.

Thank you for taking my call – have a good day.

Don't forget to ask when you will hear back from your lawmaker's office and be sure to leave your name, full address and telephone number.