

Constituents Support McCaul's Push To Repeal Obamacare

Texas Congressional District Ten: Voices On Obamacare

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"I own a small rental property management business. Our operating margins are small. Any increased expenses can easily put us out of business. I don't know how much longer we can hold out anyway."

Earl

"As a small business owner with fewer than 10 employees, it would seem beneficial to us to support the legislation; however, we know that after a short period of time the costs to us would become untenable."

Linda Dalton
Austin, TX

"I have made a conscious decision to provide health care to my employees. The health care bill is doing nothing but raising our costs, making me charge more to my employees."

Mike
Houston, TX

"Just last year we added a High Deductible / HSA option to our plan. The current law penalizes us when we do make a change for the good. I suspect that we will just end up "opting in" and stop trying to provide superior healthcare and just pay the "tax". This will hurt us as we will not be able to attract the very best new employees since we compete with very large companies that are going to figure out a way to differentiate their benefits."

Scott
Houston, TX

"We provide health insurance for all of them at a cost of only \$50 per month to the employee. We pay the rest, at a very significant cost. The last thing we need is more government control. Every area of business government meddles with becomes more expensive. Often seems there is no benefit to continuing."

Carol
Brenham, TX

"Please vote against the Obama Health Care Bill on Wednesday. We are a very small Mom and Pop C-store, we employee people who only want to work part time as not to interfere with the entitlement benefits. We would not be able to maintain additional help if we are required to pay for some type of

Medicaid...these people would not work if they have to pay anything. Congressman entitlement folks feel as if all benefits are due them.”

“Thank You for being our eyes and ears...we have been in business 29 years.”

Marshall
Brenham, TX

“Obamacare has thrown sand in our gears. We are not hiring until we fully understand the cost of the healthcare mandate. Moreover, we are deeply concerned about the national debt and the potential for a second dip. Sure, the US stock market is doing better, but from a fundamental standpoint, our economy is in far worse shape since Obama took office. Moreover, an unexpected shock, or an international downgrade of our debt, could unwind the little progress we have made so far, or worse, cause a global depression. Never before has the US economy been in such a precarious state.”

William
Bastrop, TX

“As a small business owner, health care is a major concern to me. I am happy to provide medical coverage to my employees IF I can afford to. However, I do not believe it is a constitutional right to have health care. The health care reform passed by President Obama last year will bankrupt many small business owners and create even more unemployment in this country. It is absurd to force any size business owner to provide this benefit to their employees. As American's we have the right to make our own choices.”

Angela
Bellville, TX

“THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE BILL. YES, WE WANT IT REPEALED!

MY BUSINESS IS IS LIKE MANY SMALL BUSINESSES ESPECIALLY IN OUR INDUSTRY IS STRUGGLING TO REMAIN VIABLE WITH THE ECONOMY AS IT IS TODAY. THE HEALTH CARE BILL, IF IT REMAINS AS IS, WILL CAUSE A TREMENDOUS BURDEN. NOT SURE WE CAN SURVIVE THE CRISIS IT WILL BRING.

IF THIS IS SUCH A GOOD BILL WHY AREN'T OUR SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES, PRESIDENT, AND ALL THEIR STAFFS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS BILL???? ALL BILLS AND REGULATIONS SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL AMERICANS, NO EXCEPTIONS EITHER WAY. THIS COUNTRY IS NOT A MONOARCHY WITH ROYALTY.

WE DO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONSERVATIVE STANCE, REPRESENTATIVE MCCALL. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!”

ELLEN
BRENHAM, TX

“Last year during one of your meetings here in Brenham, I pointed out how the onerous 1099 issue would affect my business. I would go from generating 2-3 1099’s at the end of the year to over 60. The more we find out about all the “hidden” taxes and tax issues that were buried in the Health Care Bill, the more the reason for a full repeal of this bill so a more sensible approach to improving healthcare can be taken. The supporters of the health care bill point to the few “good” things in the bill and cry it will all go away if the bill is repealed. But the reality of the situation is there is so much more bad things, and we’re still finding out what’s really there, that the only rational approach is a full repeal and start over. This bill cannot be fixed and must be repealed.”

Barry
Brenham, TX

“I’m looking forward to expanding my small business in the future if the economy grows and allows. In doing so, I anticipate the need for additional personnel requiring me to hire qualified candidates (adding jobs). My fear is that between the typical tax burdens on small businesses and the expected cost of the government required healthcare the cost to hire someone will be too expensive or just not worth it. Our government needs to be more business friendly reducing the burdens on owners. Please repeal this law and move toward a program that offers incentives to employers for hiring people all while addressing the larger issues of healthcare.”

Greg

“I am a health insurance agent providing individual health insurance in your district. I have seen the premium prices increase drastically, carriers having to stop issuing child only policies and commission on sales reduced anywhere from 40% to 70%. The changes have made policies less affordable and unattainable for some. As an agent it is hardly economically worth it to offer health insurance to clients.”

Gary

“I work supporting small Mom and Pop Hardware stores. We have customers in all 50 states and the Northeast Coast is our biggest concentration of store. They are as small as 3 employees to as many as 50. They have sales from \$250K to I believe as high as \$4M. I have had conversation in the past with them about the health care situation and many have told me that if they were forced to offer health care they would have to let some employees go to offset the expense for the employees that kept. I also know some have talked about just closing up all together. . So there’s the proof that in this tough economy that this bill will keep unemployment going in the wrong direction.”

John
Cypress, TX

“I am a small businessman in Austin with 3 employees. I am uneasy about expanding and hiring another employee due to the unknown cost of health care for my existig employees. I am in favor of repealing Obamacare, that almost no one read before voting on it, and replacing it with something that works for those of us who have to pay for it.”

Edward
Austin, TX

“My husband and I own a small commercial furniture installation company in Austin, Texas, with between 25-35 employees. Most of our employees are younger, unskilled, non-union labor, with incomes less than \$40K/ year. We offer health insurance benefits to our employees, paying 50% of the employee’s premium, and they pay the additional premium for their families. Typically, our insurance premiums rise between 5 to 10% annually, and we shop each year to get the best healthcare both our company and our employees can afford. After the “Affordable Healthcare Act” was passed, in 2010, our premium rose more than THIRTY PERCENT! I have spoken with other small business owners, and ALL of them had premium increases between 30 to 50%. As anyone who knows anything about small business knows, no business can take that kind of operating expense increase and stay profitable or solvent!

We decided to take much less coverage in 2010, so now our employees who do have insurance have much less choice. Many decided not to take the coverage, because the perception is that “the government is going to pay for mine anyway.” I think this is just preparing us for what lies ahead with this law if it remains in effect – less choice and higher costs. The joke is that the new law has nothing to do with the quality and affordability of healthcare, but the control of government over the freedom of the people to decide what they can and cannot do.

Additionally, for whatever reason the 1099 mandate came into the healthcare law, now that we are processing the hundreds rather than a couple of dozen 1099, the only benefit I see is the additional postal fees for the failing US Postal Service. I have researched the law to get more details on what is required, how to document, etc., and there simply is no instructions. Duplicate and inaccurate 1099 forms will be rampant, and there is no way that the government will have the ability to distinguish between the correct and the incorrect reports. And guess who will end up paying the price....

Thank you for taking the time to listen to your constituents, and take action based upon the will of the people. Keep up the good fight!”

Monica
Austin, TX