

**THE HOUSE TRI-COMMITTEE HEALTH REFORM DRAFT**  
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The small business community is all too familiar with the impact of high healthcare costs. For more than two decades, NFIB research has reinforced what small business owners across the country tell us every day – the most significant obstacle to gaining access to health insurance is the prohibitive cost of coverage.

The goals of reform are clear: to lower costs for small businesses, provide an easier way to shop for insurance and expand the number of choices when buying insurance plans. Fundamental insurance market reform must be implemented; only then can small businesses have greater access to a competitive marketplace where private, quality healthcare is affordable and available.

We appreciate the Tri-Committee's interest in solving the healthcare affordability crisis. Healthcare reform is NFIB's number one priority, and we are committed to working with Congress to develop solutions that decrease healthcare costs and increase access to quality healthcare – for America's job creators and all Americans.