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Dear Senator:

The Senate can take a significant first step toward removing a major obstacle to small business growth by passing the motion to proceed to the *American Health Care Act*. This vote begins the process to consider the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

NFIB's monthly *Small Business Economic Trends* survey shows huge increases in optimism for the small business economy since the November elections. The reading increased to the highest level since before the recession but decreased after each Congressional setback to repealing the tax increases and mandate penalties contained in the ACA.

The motion to proceed to the *American Health Care Act* is a necessary step to providing important health care relief for small businesses. To repeal the tax increases and mandate penalties, it is imperative that the Senate move forward to the *American Health Care Act*.

Small business has long supported repealing the ACA. NFIB opposed the bill when it passed, and challenged the law's constitutionality before the United States Supreme Court in *NFIB v. Sebelius*. Small businesses want an economic environment where they can grow and hire again and that process must start with ending the ACA's taxes and mandate penalties. **Passage of the motion to proceed to the *American Health Care Act* will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress.**

Sincerely,

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