



We, small businesses operating in the state of Washington, demand a change in the state's current health care system to one that works for everyone, every time they need it. We agree that such a health care system needs to be secure, affordable, comprehensive, and accessible to everyone.

Therefore, we sign this statement of support for a new Secure Health Care system for the state of Washington. Such a system would end the health care crisis for small businesses because it would:

- **Level** the playing field by making it easier for small businesses to compete with larger corporations when negotiating insurance premiums: the risk pool would encompass every Washingtonian and therefore stabilize rates.
- **Allow** for staffing decisions to be made based on business needs, not benefit costs, allowing better retention of high quality workers.
- **End** the continually escalating costs of health insurance: under a State system the whole state population acts as a purchasing block which results in lower, stable costs.
- **Keep** the most productive workers from leaving the state, and attract such workers to Washington.

Owner Name (**Print**): _____ Owner Name (**Signed**): _____

Second Owner (**Print**): _____ Second Owner (**Signed**): _____

Business Name: _____ Business Type: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Total # of Employees: _____ # Uninsured: _____ # of Days until eligible for benefits: _____

Benefits offered to Full-Time employees: _____

Benefits offered to Part-Time employees: _____

Health Insurance Premium Increase in past 5 years: _____%

Are you a member of NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses)? **YES NO**

The Local Chamber of Commerce? **YES NO** State Chamber of commerce? **YES NO**

Other Group or Club: _____

The most important world issue to you right now _____ Local issue _____

May we contact you regarding health care legislation/ issues affecting small business? **YES NO**

Would you write/call your legislators regarding health care issues affecting small businesses? **YES NO**

Would you meet with other small businesses to discuss solutions to the health care crisis? **YES NO**

Testify before a Legislative Committee about health care legislation affecting small business? **YES NO**

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