

# STOP THE

January 18, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Minority Leader Pelosi,

As members of the Stop The HIT Coalition, we support recent proposals to protect 29 million small businesses and their employees from the harmful and costly impact of health insurance tax (HIT) in 2019. At the same time, we urge Congress to continue working towards a common-sense approach that will suspend the tax as soon as possible in order to provide immediate relief to America's small businesses in 2018.

Just this month, small businesses across the country faced the brunt of the HIT's return – a \$14.3 billion surcharge on their health insurance – that directly undermines the security and stability that employees and middle-class families need.

Absent immediate Congressional action to suspend the HIT for 2018, millions of families will pay an additional [\\$500](#) annually for their health insurance. Worse, those who can least afford it – individuals making between [\\$10,000 - \\$50,000](#) – will end up bearing a disproportionate percentage of the cost, undermining a fundamental promise to American workers.

Suspending the tax for 2018 and 2019 is required to address the urgent affordability concerns facing millions of employers and employees. By delaying the tax for 2018, small business owners and employees would see immediate premium savings this year, and further suspension into 2019 would provide much-needed certainty ahead of premiums being filed in just a few months.

The Stop The HIT Coalition applauds the critical legislation already introduced to provide small businesses with HIT relief for 2018, including [H.R. 246](#), the *Jobs and Premium Protection Act*; [S. 1859](#), the *Healthcare Tax Relief Act*; and [S. 1978](#), the *Small Business and Family Health Tax Relief Act*. We urge Congress to stand on the side of small business by suspending the tax immediately for 2018 and 2019 and protecting those who need it the most.

Sincerely,

Stop The HIT Coalition