



About the Stop The HIT Coalition

The Stop The HIT Coalition represents the nation's small business owners, their employees, and the self-employed who are actively working to repeal the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) enacted by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Stop The HIT Coalition promotes repeal and relief measures to eliminate a tax that disproportionately burdens small businesses and the self-employed.

Why Repeal of the HIT is Important

The small business community has constantly expressed that rising health insurance premiums are their No. 1 concern in growing their business. The HIT directly impacts small business owners by increasing the price they pay for providing health insurance. More than half of the entire tax is paid by those with incomes between \$10,000 – \$50,000. Estimates show the HIT will cost small businesses and families \$5,000 in higher premiums over a decade, and could result in the U.S. workforce being reduced by 152,000 to 286,000 jobs.

In 2020 alone, the HIT will cost \$16 billion, further driving up premiums for small businesses, middle-income families, seniors and young workers struggling to afford the cost of care.

Relief Efforts

In 2015, Congress acted to provide relief from the HIT for one-year (2017) and, in January of 2018, Congress came together once again to delay the impact of the HIT for another year (2019). While these important bipartisan actions provided temporary relief, Congress must focus on ways to provide small businesses with much-needed certainty for 2020 and beyond. This can be accomplished by supporting upcoming legislation with provisions to extend HIT relief into 2020.

- **Senate Bills:** Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), John Barrasso (R-WY), Tim Scott (R-SC), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Doug Jones (D-AL) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) introduced S. 172, legislation to extend the current suspension of the HIT in place for 2019 through 2021 and provide needed certainty and cost-savings to millions of small business owners over the next three years. In addition, Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) introduced S. 80, legislation to fully repeal the impact of the HIT once and for all.

House Bills: Representatives Ami Bera (D-CA), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and Kenny Marchant (R-TX) have introduced H.R. 1398, legislation to extend the current 2019 suspension of the Health Insurance Tax for 2020 and 2021 and help lower health insurance premiums for small businesses and hard-working families. In addition, Representatives Anthony Brindisi (D-NY) and Kenny Marchant (R-TX) introduced H.R. 2447, legislation to fully repeal the impact of the HIT on small businesses, seniors and hardworking families once and for all.

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