



July 25, 2017

U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national construction industry trade association with 70 chapters representing more than 21,000 members, I am writing to urge you to vote **YES** on the motion to proceed to begin debate on the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). ABC will consider the vote a **KEY VOTE** for our 115th Congressional Scorecard.

March 23, 2017, marked the seventh anniversary of the massive and complex ACA. It has failed to lower health insurance premiums for hard-working Americans and imposes new taxes as well as costly and burdensome federal mandates on ABC member companies. The ACA continues to create uncertainty and confusion in the construction industry, making it difficult for the nation's contractors to plan for the future and create jobs.

Providing quality health care benefits is a top priority for ABC and its member companies. However, by forcing employers to offer government-prescribed health insurance, ABC member companies no longer have the choice or flexibility to structure health care coverage options that meet the needs of their fluctuating workforce. The resulting increased costs jeopardize the ability of business owners to maintain affordable coverage options for their employees and will force some to drop coverage altogether.

The ACA has only served to hurt employers and increase premiums for millions of Americans. ABC urges you to vote YES on the motion to proceed so we can move forward with repeal of the ACA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Swearingen', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kristen Swearingen
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