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Small Business Groups File Supreme Court Brief In Defense Of Affordable Care Act

Small Business Majority and Main Street Alliance Say Affordable Care Act Crucial for Small Businesses, File Amicus Brief Opposing Lawsuit Attempting to Repeal It

Washington, DC—National small business advocacy groups Small Business Majority and Main Street Alliance filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court today presenting a small business case for upholding the federal healthcare law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, for the country's 28 million small businesses.

"We want to ensure the Supreme Court knows the Affordable Care Act includes a number of provisions that will help small businesses obtain more affordable health insurance," said John Arensmeyer, CEO of Small Business Majority. "The best way to serve small business owners is to help them understand, participate in and benefit from the changes already underway, not tear down policies aimed at helping them."

"The Affordable Care Act does a lot to help small businesses," said Jim Houser, owner of Hawthorne Auto Clinic in Portland, Oregon and Main Street Alliance steering committee member. "It gives us more bargaining power, it holds insurers accountable, and it makes sure everyone is pitching in. This court challenge threatens to take all that away. There are plenty of ways to move forward on making healthcare work for small businesses – throwing out the ACA and forcing us back into the same broken healthcare system we were stuck with before is not one of them."

The Affordable Care Act's small business tax credits, state health insurance exchanges, minimum medical loss ratio requirement and other provisions offer small businesses some relief from the costs that are hindering their growth and success. Repealing the law would once again mire small business owners in a system that threatens their competitiveness, discourages entrepreneurship and makes them unable to play their historical role as the country's primary job creators.

The brief is available for download at:

http://smallbusinessmajority.org/docs/briefs/011312_SCOTUS_brief.pdf and
<http://mainstreetalliance.org/5437/aca-scotus-brief>

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About Small Business Majority

Small Business Majority is a national nonpartisan small business advocacy organization, founded and run by small business owners, and focused on solving the biggest problems facing America's 28 million small businesses. We conduct extensive opinion and economic research and work with small business owners, policy experts and elected officials nationwide to bring small business voices to the public policy table. www.smallbusinessmajority.org

About the Main Street Alliance

The Main Street Alliance is a national network of state-based small business coalitions. MSA creates opportunities for small business owners to speak for themselves on issues that impact their businesses and their local economies. MSA members' top priority is advancing reforms that make health care work for small businesses. www.mainstreetalliance.org