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Dear Congressman Scott,

On behalf of America's 28 million small business owners, I want to thank you for your vote last night. It ensures that small businesses will get much needed relief from a system that has stifled their growth and ability to innovate for too long. Now we can start getting back to doing what we do best—putting Americans to work and helping our economy flourish.

The reforms you voted for address small business owners' top concerns: affordability and accessibility. Small business owners will be able to join state pools, or exchanges, which will lower their costs and give them the leverage they need when negotiating for coverage. They won't have to worry about insurers denying them coverage because of their age, health status or a preexisting condition, because insurance reforms will end these unfair practices. The 22 million self-employed will have peace of mind, and extra money to put back into the economy, thanks to regulations that will prevent insurers from hitting them with double- and triple-digit rate hikes every year. And small business owners will get immediate relief through tax credits that will help them afford insurance for their employees and themselves.

The bottom line is that the soaring cost of healthcare will no longer be a monumental obstacle to opening and operating a small business.

We are planning an extensive outreach and education campaign to small businesses about the benefits of the legislation. We look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Arensmeyer".

John Arensmeyer
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