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One Year Later, Small Employers Disappointed with Health Care Law

As costs continue to increase, firms brace for new taxes and regulations to kick in

Washington, D.C. March 23, 2011 - *The Small Business Coalition for Affordable Healthcare, issued the following statement on the one-year anniversary of passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:*

“After living with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for a year, small businesses don’t feel much like celebrating. The law has done almost nothing to lower costs and increase insurance options for small firms. In fact, it’s done just the opposite. Premiums are still rising at unsustainable rates and insurance options available to small groups are rapidly disappearing. Too many small employers are finding out that due to the Act, the plans they once had are being discontinued - leaving small employers faced with having to either buy a more expensive policy or drop coverage all together. Not a great gift for our nation’s job generators.

“At just the one year-mark, before many of the new taxes and regulatory rules are implemented, small businesses are painfully aware that the Act increases the cost of running a business. Don’t expect this to be something small employers embrace anytime soon.”

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