

Affordable health care good for biz

LETTERS SMALL BUSINESS

As the co-owner of a small business, I've struggled for years to access a health insurance plan that works for my business and the needs of my small staff. I know I'm not alone.

Small businesses across the nation are facing challenges to stay competitive in this changing economy and have felt the disadvantages of not being able to offer essential benefits such as health care, in comparison to large corporations.

As small businesses struggle to stay afloat and hire and retain a workforce during a tight job market, we need help now more than ever to ensure greater access to affordable and accessible healthcare.

Congressional leaders have an opportunity to provide relief for small businesses that suffer under the burden of health care costs, through the proposed "human infrastructure" package that would invest in key issues like health care, child care, paid leave and more.

And proposed tax reforms, which are included in the package, will help pay for these critical investments while leveling the playing field for small businesses like mine.

The pandemic has shone a bright light on how little large corporations pay in taxes, and I believe that every business should pay their fair share of taxes, especially since small businesses don't have the same tax advantages as big businesses. We are long overdue for measures that will expand access to affordable and accessible health care, and we don't have much time to waste.

Congress must pass investments

in human infrastructure if they're serious about supporting small business recovery. We're at a crucial point for definitive action.

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BUDGET

We need better tax policies

There seems to be something for everyone in the massive budget reconciliation package Congress is considering. There are also some not-so-good things in there, and some that are downright awful. One in the last group is the proposed additional consumer tax credit for electric vehicles. It carries a requirement that the vehicle be built in a U.S. union plant.

This would negatively affect those vehicles that are built right here in Arizona.

On top of that, most vehicles would not qualify.

We need commonsense legislation that treats everyone equally. This would fall far short on that issue, and would most definitely cost us valuable jobs here at home in Arizona. I hope they remove this qualification, and seek to provide policy that supports all equally.

Sincerely, **Harry Sanders**

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IMMIGRATION

Responds to critique of

GOP govts

The letter from Gordon Burhop (“Questions motives of ‘border’ govts,” Daily Independent, Sept. 25, 2021) begs a response. He wonders why 24-plus governors should be meeting with President Biden about border issues when only four governors live in border states.

The reason the other governors are involved in this discussion is because when illegals arrive in the four border states they do not stay there, they are shipped to other U.S. states, often without the consent of the governor of that state. Their input on this issue

is important.

This may be a political issue because many governors do not want illegal aliens dropped willy-nilly on their doorstep by the Biden administration — without any say by them on this matter. Next time you vote, remember what is being foisted on you and your state without your permission.

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