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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
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Dear Senator Heitkamp,

In 2015, our Congressional leaders made the smart decision to delay the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Tax, or HIT for 2017. However, if Congress fails to act in the coming weeks, the HIT tax is set to return in 2018.

If it is reinstated, the HIT will impact thousands of small businesses and workers across North Dakota, with an estimated 3 percent increase on health insurance premiums for individuals, small businesses and their employees, and seniors. In North Dakota, the tax will increase premiums by $54 million next year.

Thank you for your leadership in introducing legislation that would extend the moratorium on the HIT. Your bill, the Small Business and Family Health Tax Relief Act of 2017 will keep families from feeling the additional squeeze of rising healthcare costs. Now we need the Senate to join together and pass this meaningful legislation.

This is a critical step toward healthcare and tax reform and I appreciate your action on the issue.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bob Martinson

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