



March 6, 2019

Senator Cory Gardner  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gardner:

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) was founded in 1975 in Washington, D.C. to serve as the first advocacy organization for all women business owners. Nearly forty-four years later we are proud to carry on the tradition of our founders and represent the more than 10 million women business owners in this country.

Women business owners are a diverse subset of our nation's business community and a significant contributor to our nation's economy. Within our NAWBO membership, more than 25% of NAWBO members exceed more than \$1M in annual revenue. In addition, we are proud to represent solopreneurs, microbusiness owners, and women whose businesses occupy the SME space.

On behalf of our membership, I am writing to commend you for your introduction of S.172 – the Health Insurance Tax Relief Act of 2019. As you know, small business owners make tremendous contributions to our nation's economy but health care costs rank consistently high among their concerns and impediments to sustainability and scaling. By extending the current moratorium on the HIT tax, your bill would bring cost relief to the self-employed, small business owners and their employees. We applaud you for your effort on this important issue in a bipartisan manner.

It is my pleasure to convey our organization's support for this legislation and our readiness to work with you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Molly Gimmel  
NAWBO National Board Chair