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A new public opinion poll shows the majority of small business owners oppose repealing the Affordable Care Act's mandate requiring individuals to buy health insurance to fund the tax bill under consideration in the Senate.

The poll of 794 small business owners nationwide found 51% of small business owners oppose repealing the requirement, while 45% support it. The proposal in the Senate plan that would eliminate the requirement that individuals purchase health insurance would result in an estimated 13 million fewer people being covered by insurance and a 10 percent increase in the cost of insurance premiums but would free up more than $300 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Of note, 36% of respondents identify as Republican, 29% as Democrat and 35% as independent or other.

Methodology

This is a scientific opinion poll of 794 small business owners, fielded by Public Policy Polling for Businesses for Responsible Tax Reform, from November 17-18, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.5%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

Businesses for Responsible Tax Reform

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## Poll Toplines

### Q1  Are you the owner of a small business?
- Yes...........................................................................100%
- No .............................................................................0%

### Q2  How many people are directly employed by your business, including yourself: just you, between 2 and 5 people, between 6 and 10 people, between 11 and 25 people, between 26 and 50 people, between 51 and 100 people, between 101 and 500 people, or more than 500 people?
- Just me .............................................................25%
- Between 2 and 5 people ...............................47%
- Between 6 and 10 people ...............................13%
- Between 11 and 25 people .........................10%
- Between 26 and 50 people ......................... 4%
- Between 51 and 100 people ..................... 0%
- Between 101 and 500 people .................... 0%
- More than 500 people .............................. 0%

### Q3  Do you support or oppose repeal of the Affordable Care Act mandate requiring individuals to buy health insurance, which would result in an estimated 13 million fewer people being covered by insurance and a 10% increase in the cost of insurance premiums but freeing up $300 billion to fund tax reform?
- Support ...........................................................45%
- Oppose ...........................................................51%
- Not sure .........................................................4%

### Q4  If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
- Woman .........................................................41%
- Man...............................................................59%

### Q5  If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or a member of another party, press 3.
- Democrat ......................................................29%
- Republican ....................................................36%
- Independent / Other ..................................35%

### Q6  If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If Asian-American, press 4. If other, press 5.
- Hispanic .......................................................9%
- White .........................................................74%
- African-American .......................................9%
- Asian-American ..........................................2%
- Other............................................................6%

### Q7  If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.
- 18 to 45..........................................................21%
- 46 to 65..........................................................56%
- Older than 65 ..............................................23%