



March 4, 2013

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
105 Senate Hart Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I write to lend the support of the National Retail Federation (NRF) to employer mandate repeal legislation you have introduced: S. 399, the American Job Protection Act. We strongly support your bill and urge that it be promptly adopted.

NRF has myriad concerns with and objections to the Affordable Care Act, even as our focus shifted to trying to help our members comply with the new law. Your legislation appropriately would repeal the employer mandate. We strongly supported your legislation in the 112th Congress and proudly do so again now.

Eliminating the employer mandate would greatly aid the greater retail community, which is heavily dependent on labor. One of every four jobs in the American economy is supported by retail, which would be jeopardized by the mandate effective in 2014. The employer mandate is already deterring job growth today at the expense of tomorrow's economy.

NRF commends you for introducing this legislation. We note with appreciation that your bill was introduced with 26 original cosponsors. We strongly support your efforts.

Sincerely,

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