



May 1, 2013

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington Street
Room 221
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Speaker Tobin,

The Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, Flagstaff Medical Center, and the business community of Northern Arizona would like to express our support in the strongest possible terms for Governor Brewer's plan for restoration of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

Reducing the cost of uncompensated care in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner is an urgent issue for the rural business community of Arizona. When so many Arizonans in the rural parts of the state depend on AHCCCS for their medical coverage, but are denied from accessing it, the cost of care to them in our medical centers skyrockets, and that cost eventually gets passed on to the privately insured through the "hidden health care tax." This hidden tax is becoming a burden on our businesses who are finding themselves unable to create jobs and provide health insurance to their employees at the same time.

We know this is a tough issue that the Legislature is facing, but the cost of doing nothing would be of the greatest harm to our rural hospitals, businesses, and citizens. We urge you to work with Governor Brewer to find a solution that would fix our state's broken health care system. Whatever support you need from us to develop a workable resolution, you will always have.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Pastrick".

Julie Pastrick
President & CEO
Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Sampson".

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