

layoffs and reluctance to hire more staff,” and “changes in health care policy and fiscal uncertainty as reasons for delayed hiring.”

I believe that repealing the new \$2.6 trillion law and replacing it with a common-sense approach to control health costs would have been the right approach for Congress to take. However, I accept that it is currently the law of the land, and much of the implementation now falls to the states. This being the case, you may also wish to get in touch with your state legislators on this matter. Please call the Iowa State Capitol at 515.281.5011 for information regarding your state representative and senator so that you can share your views with them as well. They deal with this matter more directly and need to hear from you so that they can effectively do their job. You may also wish to contact Governor Branstad by writing to him at the Iowa Statehouse, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. You can also find information about Iowa’s implementation of the law here: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/.

America’s health care system offers the best medical care in the world, but health care costs too much, millions cannot find affordable care, and others are denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition. The federal government should work with the states and private industry to address these problems in a bipartisan and fiscally responsible way. Rest assured of my support for common-sense approaches to reform that address important issues like price transparency, allowing insurance companies to sell insurance across state lines, pre-existing condition exclusions, medical liability reform, and coverage of older dependents, but also maintaining all the things that are working well in the American health care system.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. Hearing from you enables me to be a better U.S. Senator, and I encourage you to keep in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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