



**To: Small Business Owners and Employees**

**From: Washington Policy Center's Center for Small Business**

**Re: 2010 Policy Recommendation Survey**

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A critical function of Washington Policy Center's Small Business Center is connecting to small business owners and employees about policy proposals that could help small businesses succeed throughout the state.

The 2010 Small Business Issue Forums being held around the state are focusing on just a few of the most important policy areas as indicated to WPC last year during our Small Business Conference—employer regulations, business taxation, health care and state budget concerns – as well as how the ballot initiatives will affect your business.

There are, of course, other issues small business owners care about and WPC wants to make sure to continue collecting feedback from the backbone of our economy—small businesses.

**So please take time prior to the Forum to fill out this survey to help WPC remain informed on the issues important to you.** Answers from these surveys will help shape the discussion of the panelists and provide the moderator with material to ask the speakers.

This process helps Washington Policy Center focus on the key issues looking ahead to the 2011 Legislative Session and also helps drive the agenda for the 2011 Statewide Small Business Conference.

Thank you for your support and your help to improve our state's business climate.

Sincerely,

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## 2010 Small Business Policy Recommendation Survey

Please rank your recommendations (1 = highest priority, 2 = lower priority, etc.)

1. Please rank the issues most important to you and your business:
  - a. Tax Policy \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Health Care \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Employer Regulations \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Environmental Issues \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Among the policy recommendations for Health Care, please rank your favorite:
  - a. Reduce or freeze the state's health care mandates \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Authorize core-benefits plan \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Repeal Congressional health care reform law \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Among policy recommendations for Tax Policy, please rank your favorite:
  - a. Increase Business & Occupation Tax exemption \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Implement personal or business income tax \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Repeal state and federal estate taxes \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Higher or lower tax credits for your industry \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. If taxes were lower, would you:
  - a. Hire more employees \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Reinvest into more assets (land, machines, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Save for a rainy day \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. What state regulations have the biggest impact on your business?
  - a. Workers' compensation \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Unemployment insurance \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Minimum wage \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Environmental regulations \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. What other policy issues are affecting your businesses this year that you would like Washington Policy Center to know about?:  
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Thank you for your participation!