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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

I am delighted to learn you are coming to Austin to talk about the economy! As the Congressman for Texas Congressional District 25 that includes the Texas State Capitol, I want to personally invite you to join me at a local small business where we can fully examine the impact of your policies on our nation's job creators. Mr. President, we have a lot to talk about.

For example, I look forward to having you learn from a local business about how ObamaCare is forcing them to either cut staff or quit offering health care altogether. Mr. President, you had promised that health care costs would not go up. But already we've seen health insurance premiums increase by 50 percent. I'm sure several of these local employees would like to heed your advice on how to cope with the implementation of these policies.

We can also talk to these local workers about your spending policies in Washington. Under your guidance, the national debt has grown by 50% in just four years. These local business leaders will be confused by that because they don't get to run up deficits in their businesses. They can't spend more than they make. Mr. President, you could learn something from them.

Finally, we can talk to these local workers about how the economy really works. I realize they don't teach economics at Harvard Law School, but in the real marketplace it is small businesses—not the federal government—that create jobs. And when the federal government adds regulations onto a business—as you did with ObamaCare—that business passes those costs onto the consumer.

Please call my office any time at 202-225-9896 and ask for Roger, and let's work out the arrangements for your trip to Austin. I'm excited for you to meet people who work in a real business and have to live with the real consequences of your policies. As a business owner of 41 years, I know first-hand the impacts of burdensome government regulations, and think I speak for all small businesses owners when I say the government should empower the people, not the other way around.

Maybe this trip will open your eyes and we can start to change some of the destructive policies of the last four years. Surely we can put our heads together and do the right thing for businesses and families across America -- starting in Austin, Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "S" at the end.

Roger Williams
Member of Congress