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Employer Alliance Endorses Senator Meier in Upcoming Election

ONEIDA – The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, the largest single-issue business coalition in New York State, has endorsed Utica-area Senator Raymond Meier (R-47) in the upcoming election.

According to Employer Alliance President Scott Miller, Meier is one of only 12 state lawmakers whose voting record reflects a strong commitment to affordable health care. Earlier this year, the Employer Alliance named him to its "A List" for earning a grade of "A" on the 2001 Legislative Report Card which evaluated each lawmaker's voting and bill introduction records.

"Health care policies legislated in Albany have a very real impact on New York's small businesses," Miller said. "Mandates are approved without formal consideration of cost or efficacy while the financial burden ultimately ends up on the sole proprietor or small business owner who can least afford it. Senator Meier has consistently voted against such mandates, showing that he truly understands our plight when it comes to the desperate need for affordable health insurance.

"We believe that his continued support will contribute to our efforts in giving New Yorkers a choice when it comes to affordable health insurance coverage. Supporting Senator Meier is good for small business owners, their employees, their families and New York State."

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