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## **SMALL BUSINESSES RESPOND TO SUPERCOMMITTEE GRIDLOCK: “IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT JOBS ALL ALONG”**

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**Washington, DC** – The Main Street Alliance released the following statement this afternoon after the announcement from the Congressional Supercommittee that it had not reached agreement:

**Aimee McQuilkin, owner of Betty’s Divine in Missoula, Montana and a leader with the Montana Small Business Alliance:**

“We’ve stood all along for a deal that raises revenues to invest in job creation. But the ‘deals’ that were offered in the last few days failed to ask big corporations and the top 1 percent to pay more and failed to invest in the 99 percent economy, the Main Street economy. Accepting one of those ‘deals’ – giving another huge tax cut to the richest Americans while making even deeper cuts that siphon money out of local economies – would have been the real failure. For small businesses, getting no deal is better than a deal that hurts our customers and the 99 percent economy.

“The whole Supercommittee process has been focused on the wrong issue from the start. With 9 percent unemployment, we need Congress to be talking about jobs, not budget cuts. The best way to deal with our deficit would be to put people back to work, earning a paycheck they can spend in their local economies and paying taxes. The Supercommittee should have been about jobs all along.

“As small business owners, we applaud Senator Baucus and the other members of the Supercommittee who held the line against giving another tax cut to the richest Americans at the expense of small businesses, our customers, and the 99 percent economy.”

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*The Main Street Alliance is a national network of state-based small business coalitions, including the Montana Small Business Alliance. MSA creates opportunities for small business owners to speak for themselves on issues that impact their businesses and local economies.*

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