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Regarding "Report sees ACA leading to fewer hours on job" (Page A-7, Feb. 5):

Once again the Republican Party seizes a headline and irresponsibly runs with it. The old adage of think before you talk does not seem to apply.

I refer to the Congressional Budget Office's recent report stating Obamacare may cut the equivalent of 2.5 million full-time jobs from the work force. If you read more than the headline, the report goes on to say Obamacare will also reduce unemployment. While it may appear as a contradiction, it truly is not as I am the perfect example of the CBO's findings.

My career spans 30-plus years as an account executive in advertising sales. I have paid my dues, worked my way up and made a fairly lucrative living wage. However, my inner clock let me know it was time to pass the torch and move on. I was excited to start a new chapter, yet found myself in quite the conundrum.

I was still too young for Medicare, yet could not afford individual health insurance. It personally prevented me from moving forward and denied new, younger talent the opportunity to join the work force.

That all changed on Jan. 1. Obamacare allowed me the freedom to walk away and explore other options on a part-time basis. And by the way, my resignation resulted in the hiring of two recent college graduates.

So don't tell me I am lazy or lack ambition or initiative. I have played by the rules and now can take some time to stop and smell the roses.

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Wallington, Feb. 6