

A close-up portrait of a man with dark, wavy hair and blue eyes, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a dark jacket over a grey t-shirt. The background is a blurred wooden wall.

**“I’ve worked hard to keep our
carpenters off unemployment.
A 500% increase in our unemployment
tax rate and a 30% hike
in our workers’ compensation rate is
a significant burden to suddenly bear.”**

Keith Cash, Owner
Abacus Fine Carpentry, Seattle

Our State's Business Climate is Tough. But you can do something about it.

Keith Cash and thousands of business owners are doing everything they can to survive in this economy. They're cutting costs, finding ways to innovate and getting by with less.

But sometimes it feels like the cards are stacked against them. Business taxes have jumped. And because policymakers have failed to make critical, systemic changes to get spending under control, we face a massive \$4.5 billion budget deficit.

Labor unions will continue to vigorously oppose spending cuts and support raising "substantial revenue," which means more taxes. And more costs on employers will jeopardize jobs.

That's why AWB is encouraging members to contribute to a media campaign that will provide an alternative voice and build greater support for employers across the state.

We can't control the ups and downs of the economy. But we can promote a more business-friendly climate in Washington state. Your contribution will help ensure our voice is heard loud and clear by policymakers in Olympia.

Whether \$50 or \$5,000, please give what you can. To contribute, visit www.AWB.org and click on "We Mean Business."



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