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Key Vote YES on the Full Repeal of ObamaCare, H.R. 45

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your representative and urge him or her to vote YES on H.R. 45, a bill to fully repeal ObamaCare. Introduced by Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN), it would repeal both the full Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the additional health care provisions that were added in the Health Care Reconciliation Act later. It is critical that ObamaCare be fully repealed as the first step to implementing real, patient-centered reforms that will let the market drive health care prices down.

With full implementation coming in just over seven short months, it is more urgent than ever to repeal ObamaCare. It will kill jobs, bankrupt the government, drive up everyone's health insurance costs, put bureaucrats in charge of rationing our health care, and put the IRS in charge of forcing you to buy insurance. Polls have consistently shown that a majority of Americans still want Washington to reverse the government takeover of health care and adopt a patient-centered approach. And a majority of states are (wisely) refusing to assist the federal government in setting up the health care exchanges that are central to the law.

Obamacare is already driving up everyone's health insurance costs, and premiums are set to spike even higher when the law comes into full effect in January of 2014. A survey of 17 of the nation's largest health insurers, conducted by the House Committee on Energy & Commerce, shows that many people will see their premiums double, while some will see increases of as much as 400 percent.

Contrary to President Obama's 2009 promise that "if you like your health care plan, you can keep it", former CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin predicts the new law will cause 35 million people to lose their current, job-based coverage. Employers have realized that they can save money by dropping their health benefits plan and send their workers into the local government-run exchange, with its premium subsidies.

Moreover, the new law will cost $2.6 trillion during its first 10 years of full implementation. Ultimately, it will create 159 new bureaucracies to control our health care, and will force all Americans to purchase government-controlled health insurance by 2014. At a time when federal debt and deficits are at all-time highs, we simply cannot afford this massive new spending program.

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Even one of the law's main authors recently described the Obama Administration's efforts to implement this massive law as a "train wreck," but that term could more properly be used to describe the law itself. The Unaffordable Care Act is likely to be a train wreck for workers, employers, patients, and taxpayers. It's time to halt this train and start over with reforms that empower patients instead of bureaucrats and politicians.

I urge you to call your representative and ask him or her to vote YES on H.R. 45, to repeal ObamaCare. We will count their vote as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2013. The Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom.

Sincerely,

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