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Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your Members of Congress and urge them to support the Defund ObamaCare Act, which has been jointly introduced as S. 1292 by Senator Ted Cruz (TX) and as H.R. 2682 by Congressman Tom Graves (GA).

FreedomWorks has been fighting to stop ObamaCare for four years. ObamaCare is more than just bad policy – it is a “train wreck,” so poorly written as to be completely unworkable. The best solution at this point is to fully defund any further implementation of this misbegotten law and to start over with true market-oriented reforms that return the focus of health care to patients and doctors – rather than politicians, bureaucrats, and insurance companies.

With the start date for ObamaCare being less than five months away (January 1st, 2014), the law’s inherent unworkability is already beginning to manifest itself. The Obama Administration itself recently admitted as much by unilaterally (and illegally) cancelling the employer mandate, one of the core parts of the bill, for at least a year. This is on top of the unilateral delay of a key small business component and of the income verification requirements for determining eligibility for taxpayer subsidies.

These instances of selective enforcement aren’t just signs of unworkability, they’re also part of a plan to try to drive as many Americans as possible into the health care “exchanges” – the law’s central administrative mechanism, to avert the exchanges’ collapse.

The Administration is right to be worried. The exchanges are faltering even before they’re launched. Thirty-four states (two-thirds of the Union) have declined to set up a state-based ObamaCare exchange, and those few states that have agreed to do so are struggling to meet the October 1, 2013, deadline. Even California and Connecticut, which embraced ObamaCare early and worked diligently to set up their exchanges, are having difficulty meeting this deadline, despite having had four years’ notice. The so-called “federal” exchanges (being set up by HHS in the resisting states) are rumored to be behind schedule as well. Many of the nation’s largest health insurers, sensing the instability of the law, are refusing to participate in the exchanges. Who could blame them.

Congress holds the federal purse strings. Congress can and should defund this train wreck and start over with *patient-centered* reforms.

I urge you to contact your Members of Congress and urge them to support the Defund ObamaCare Act (S. 1292 and H.R. 2682) and to co-sponsor their respective chamber's bill if they have not already done so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MK", is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

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