

KEY VOTE "YES" ON REPEALING THE JOB KILLING HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

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Dear Representative,

On behalf of over a million FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to vote yes on the "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act," which would repeal the Obamacare law enacted last March. Despite Americans loudly voicing opposition to the misguided health care law, it was rammed through with backroom deals and major tax increases. Polls have continuously shown that the majority of Americans want Washington to reverse the government takeover of their health care.

Nearly 10 months after its passage, the new health care law has already done damage to our economy and way of life. Insurance premiums are soaring across the nation. According to the Washington Examiner, the numerous government mandates in the law have caused insurance prices to rise by as much as 47 percent in Connecticut. When the law is fully implemented in 2016, the Congressional Budget Office predicts that the average price of insurance will be 27 percent to 30 percent higher for all Americans. Struggling American families will have to pay an average of \$2,100 more for their health insurance. In other words, the law will accomplish the exact opposite of what it was intended to achieve.

The unintended consequences of the new health care law are heartbreaking. Due to a provision that insurance companies must charge the same rates for healthy and costly sick children, nearly every major insurance company has ceased offering child-only policies. Employer penalties in the law have led some major companies such as 3M to announce that they will no longer be offering health benefits to retirees. Employers have declared that they will drop insurance policies for low-income workers unless they are granted an exemption by the Department of Health and Human Services. So far, over 200 politically connected companies and unions have been offered waivers.

The worst is still to come. The new health care law will cost \$2.6 trillion during its first 10 years of full implementation. Ultimately, the law will create 159 new bureaucracies to control our health care. Health care is too important to be run by inefficient government bureaucracies. Moreover, the law includes an individual mandate provision which forces all Americans to purchase health insurance by 2014. A federal judge has already rightfully declared this mandate to be in violation of the Constitution. At a time when federal debt and deficits are at all-time highs, we simply cannot afford this massive new government spending program.

We will count your vote on the "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act," as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2010. The Economic Freedom Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the Jefferson Award, which recognizes members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom.

Sincerely,



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