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## **Key Vote NO on Any Continuing Resolution that Funds ObamaCare**

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your representative and urge him or her to vote NO on the upcoming Continuing Resolution if it contains further funding for ObamaCare. FreedomWorks will score against any Continuing Resolution that contains funding for the further implementation or enforcement of ObamaCare, and may score any procedural vote towards that end.

With the so-called Affordable Care Act set to take full effect in just a few short months, it has become perfectly clear that the law is not ready for prime time, even aside from its inherent shortcomings. Multiple states are having difficulty getting their health insurance exchanges ready to enroll customers by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of the nation's largest insurance companies are withholding participation in these exchanges as well, thus decreasing the competition that would supposedly keep prices down. And, of course, the administration has arbitrarily (and possibly illegally) conceded that major portions of the law cannot be enforced for at least a year, greatly increasing the likelihood of massive subsidy fraud and identity theft in the government exchanges.

These delays, aside from proving that the law is not ready, are also causing ObamaCare's enforcement to become even more flagrantly unfair. Having already granted waivers to an assortment of well-connected companies and organizations, the administration has granted big business a one-year stay on the employer mandate, while still planning to enforce the mandate that individuals must purchase insurance or face a fine.

Besides being unfair and unready, the Affordable Care Act is also unaffordable, both for many of those who are being forced to purchase insurance and for country as a whole. Many individuals in most states will see their insurance premiums increase sharply, and this is particularly true for young adults, who will bear much of the financial burden of supporting the flood of older, less healthy individuals into the insurance rolls. For conservatives in Congress who claim to be for reducing the federal government's out-of-control spending, defunding ObamaCare would also be a major step towards that goal, saving tens of billions of dollars in 2014 alone.

For all of these reasons, it is clear that ObamaCare's implementation, and its costly entitlement spending, must be halted before its disastrous debut in 2014. Congress has voted dozens of times to repeal, defund, and dismantle ObamaCare in bills that had no chance to pass, but has failed for more than three years to take a decisive stand on a must-pass bill. The Continuing Resolution provides Republicans with their best, and perhaps last, chance to do the job they were sent to Washington to do – to stop the government's takeover of health care.

I urge you to call your representative and ask him or her to vote NO on any upcoming Continuing Resolution that contains further funding for ObamaCare. We will count their vote, and potentially any procedural votes, as KEY VOTEs when calculating FreedomWorks' Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2013. The Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of Congress who consistently vote to support economic freedom.

Sincerely,

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