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Key Vote NO on Cloture to End Debate on Defunding ObamaCare

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your senators and tell them to vote NO on cloture on the Continuing Resolution if any amendment is pending that would restore ObamaCare's funding, because a vote for cloture is a vote to fund ObamaCare.

As is so often the case in the Senate, the actual vote on final passage of the Continuing Resolution (H.J.Res. 59) is not the place where those who claim to want to defund ObamaCare should make a stand. Cloture is a procedure that is invoked to limit the debate on a bill, to put an end to any potential filibuster of the bill, and to proceed to amendment votes and eventually to final passage of the bill.

Most Republicans in the Senate are claiming that they oppose ObamaCare, and that they will therefore vote against passing the bill, but final passage requires only a simple majority vote. This means that Democratic senators can pass a bill funding ObamaCare with *zero Republican votes*.

Cloture, on the other hand, requires 60 votes, meaning that if only 41 of the 46 Republicans in the Senate stand together against ObamaCare, they can use cloture to hold the line until Democrats agree to come to the table and negotiate. Yet, a number of Republicans have already publicly stated that they intend to vote yes on cloture, effectively giving Senator Harry Reid and the Democrats free rein to fund the flawed health care law.

With more and more businesses cutting employees' hours, dropping their insurance coverage, and downsizing their workforces because of ObamaCare, the law is harming thousands of Americans before it has even taken effect. Congress must act now, before the people start signing up on October 1st for a law that is unready, unworkable, unfair, and unaffordable.

I urge you to call your senators and ask them to vote NO on the cloture vote to end debate on the Continuing Resolution. We will count their vote as a KEY VOTE 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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