

**From:** [Hedgecock, Richard](#)  
**To:** [Wendy Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to E&C- Obamacare  
**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2011 11:37:09 AM

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Ok so maybe I'm wrong.

I just know they need it by tomorrow.

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**From:** Wendy Gregory [mailto:Wendy.Gregory@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2011 10:45 AM  
**To:** Hedgecock, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to E&C- Obamacare  
**Importance:** High

Are you sure it's Wednesday? The one on Tuesday sounds more like the subject matter they requested....just checking.

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## **The Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform**

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March 1, 2011

On Tuesday, March 1, 2011, the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a hearing entitled "The Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform." The hearing will take place at 9:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. Witnesses to be announced.

## **Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: A Continuing Threat to Medicare and Medicaid**

March 2, 2011

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will hold a hearing on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in 2322 Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is entitled "Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: A Continuing Threat to Medicare and Medicaid."

### **Witness List**

#### *Panel 1*

John Spiegel  
Director of Medicare Program Integrity  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Kathleen King  
Director of Health Care Division  
Government Accountability Office

Gerald Roy  
Deputy Inspector General for Investigations  
Department of Health and Human Services

Omar Perez  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
HHS Office of the Inspector General

*Panel 2*  
Alex Acosta  
Former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida  
Current Dean of the Florida International University College of Law

Craig H. Smith  
Former General Counsel  
Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration

Wendy Gregory  
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**From:** Hedgecock, Richard [mailto:Richard.Hedgecock@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 10:48 AM  
**To:** Wendy Gregory  
**Subject:** Obamacare

Wendy –

House E&C is holding its first Obamacare hearing NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 1.

Committee staff is asking each member to obtain a letter from their Governor, pointing out pitfalls, problems, with Obamacare.

Here's what they sent:

*In preparation for next week's hearing on the impact of Obamacare on the states, we're planning a comprehensive communications plan. One tactic includes asking Republican governors to write your boss a letter outlining some concerns they have with Obamacare on your state. Will Kinzel from the Speaker's office is going to reach out to your state's DC director, asking if they might be willing to get their governor to write such a letter.*

*It's not going to be a hard push and we don't really need you to do anything...just wanted to make you aware this was going on. If your governor doesn't want to do it, this is not a high pressure deal.*

*The idea would be to have any Member of the Committee who secures a letter from their governor*

*mention it when they begin their questioning, "Mr. Chairman I want mention that I just received a letter from my Governor yesterday, expressing concern about Obamacare on my state and want to include the letter in the record." Or something like that.*

Would it be possible to have someone on your staff prepare such a letter for our office?

Thanks, Wendy!

**To:** [Dana Wolpert](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** RE: LISTEN TO THIS PHONE CALL  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 10:51:55 AM

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Is this legitimate?

Katie – will you discuss w/GMF or do I need to ensure that she gets the info

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**From:** Dana Wolpert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 10:15 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Michelle Waddell  
**Subject:** FW: LISTEN TO THIS PHONE CALL

FYI, from Dr. Hook.

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**From:** Dr. Carl Hook, MD [<mailto:chook@plico-ok.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2012 5:09 PM  
**To:** Dana Wolpert  
**Cc:** Ken King; John Robinson  
**Subject:** FW: LISTEN TO THIS PHONE CALL

Dana,

This is a very interesting telephone call from a neurosurgeon in Chicago discussing the 'ethics/treatment' panels to be formed to dictate care that will be resulting from PPACA (Obama Care). Please listen to the call. I thought Governor Fallin would be interested in hearing this and I am sending to you hoping you will be able to forward it to her. Thank you very much; I certainly appreciated your assistance in the scheduling process for the Governor to speak at our recent EXPLORE: OK Healthcare Summit presented by PLICO August 9, 10. She helped make it an overwhelming success for 375 registrants and 60+ exhibitors attending this first time Summit.

Sincerely,

Carl Hook, M.D.  
President and CEO  
PLICO

**Subject: LISTEN TO THIS PHONE CALL**

**[As Sarah Palin and others asserted, it appears under Obamacare there will indeed be "Death Panels".](#)**

**While our shared abhorrence of such a practice is almost unanimous, the idea of making certain cost/benefit decisions regarding healthcare should not necessarily be completely ruled out. Of course even if we agree there are times when "withholding" care would save both money and pain and misery, we'd still have to think hard about who sits on these panels.**

**I've personally known dozens of people who were 100% certain to die of cancer in the near term, but they were still given very expensive chemotherapies and other interventions that, not only would not save them, but would make them horribly ill and debilitated for the short time they had left to live. Some argue that even when it's certain that a person is going to die from his illness, we should not remove all hope from him. But of course this only postpones the day when the patient must end his denial and come to acceptance of his demise. So I've always had bad feelings about cases where patients were placed on debilitating chemotherapy and given other treatments that only made them too ill to enjoy what few weeks or months they had left. This change in thinking/ethics (I think it's unethical to do this to people)...but this change with cancer patients alone would save billions of dollars. And of course the same is true with other terminal illnesses as well. Too frequently continuing painful, debilitating medical care just prolongs suffering while doctors, hospitals and especially pharmaceutical and high tech medical equipment companies make profits.**

**Also there's the data showing that frequently 80% of the cumulative costs for an individual's healthcare occur during the last 90 days of life. Does that make sense?**

**Here's a call from a neurosurgeon who had just attended a symposium on how Obamacare will work, a preview of what's coming. It's really scary to think that a panel, probably consisting of doctors with administrative mindsets and corporate bean counters, will be deciding whether a patient receives the surgery that would normally be provided or just given palliative care so he'll be comfortable while he's waiting to die.**

**But I suppose this will drive the costs of Medicare down, since all that can afford to go the private insurance route will leave Medicare.**

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Wendy Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Maine Pulls Out of National Governors Association  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 10:18:19 AM

They are going to rejoin next year when GMF is chair!

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**From:** Wendy Gregory  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 09:59 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** FW: Maine Pulls Out of National Governors Association

Interesting story about Maine.

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**From:** GOVERNING Daily [mailto:newsletters@governing.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 7:16 AM  
**To:** Wendy Gregory  
**Subject:** Maine Pulls Out of National Governors Association

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Tuesday, October 02, 2012

#### Maine

[Gov. LePage Pulls Out of National Governors Association](#)

He says Maine isn't getting enough benefits for its \$60,000-a-year membership fee and is also urging other state officials to review whether they're getting value from the various national groups and associations for which they're using taxpayer funds to pay for membership.

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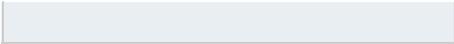
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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Dana Wolpert](#); [Tammie Wright](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Governor  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 10:45:48 AM

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Yeah, hang on, I think we want to loop some more people in...

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From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 10:45 AM  
To: Dana Wolpert; Denise Northrup; Tammie Wright  
Subject: Re: Meeting w/ Governor

I think so

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From: Dana Wolpert  
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 10:43 AM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup; Tammie Wright  
Cc: Dana Wolpert  
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Governor

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Ok let me know...

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From: Denise Northrup  
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**To:** [Dana Wolpert](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Tammie Wright](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Musgrove Meeting/Lunch on Monday  
**Date:** Friday, April 29, 2011 4:09:45 PM

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Yes. Just let me know.

Captain [REDACTED]  
Troop Commander  
Troop ES - Executive Security Division  
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**From:** Dana Wolpert [Dana.Wolpert@gov.ok.gov]  
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**To:** Katie Altshuler <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>  
**Cc:** Tammie Wright <Tammie.Wright@gov.ok.gov>; [REDACTED] DPS contact  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2011 3:52 PM  
**To:** Mary Fallin  
**Cc:** Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup; Dana Wolpert  
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**Subject:** RE: Musgrove Meeting/Lunch on Monday  
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Cline and Musgrove are confirmed for lunch as well.

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**Cc:** [Tammie Wright](#); [Pat Mays DPS contact](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Musgrove Meeting/Lunch on Monday  
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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [DPS contact](#); [Dana Wolpert](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, April 29, 2011 4:11:14 PM

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If it is easiest they can ride with me!

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From: [REDACTED]@dps.state.ok.us [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 4:10 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Dana Wolpert  
Cc: Tammie Wright  
Subject: Re: Musgrove Meeting/Lunch on Monday

Are they riding with Katie or in a separate vehicle?

Captain [REDACTED]  
Troop Commander  
Troop ES - Executive Security Division  
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From: Katie Altshuler [Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov]  
Sent: 04/29/2011 04:07 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>; Dana Wolpert <Dana.Wolpert@gov.ok.gov>  
Cc: Tammie Wright <Tammie.Wright@gov.ok.gov>; [REDACTED] DPS contact <[REDACTED]>  
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Sorry meant Cline and Dr. Val Schott

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Cline and Musgrove are confirmed for lunch as well.

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From: Dana Wolpert  
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 4:05 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler  
Cc: Tammie Wright; [REDACTED] DPS contact  
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We'll have to give security a heads up if they need to drive over, but that can probably be done day of.

I've copied Pat.

Thanks!

Dana Wolpert  
Director of Scheduling  
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From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 3:52 PM  
To: Mary Fallin  
Cc: Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup; Dana Wolpert  
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**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** Re: nice comments from today's announcement  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 11:25:19 PM

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Thank you!

Mary Fallin

On Nov 19, 2012, at 4:45 PM, Craig Perry <[Craig.Perry@Gov.ok.gov](mailto:Craig.Perry@Gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Governor,

Below are some of the nice comments found online after the announcement today. Thought you might like to see a few:

**Rep. David Derby:** "Way to go Gov Fallin!! She just announced to Obama to go stick it with your health exchanges."

**Matt Pinnell:** "Governor Fallin today joined many other states in her decision to say no to [#Obamacare](#) state exchanges. Thank you, Governor."

**Senator David Holt:** "I applaud Governor Fallin for rejecting the Obamacare health insurance exchange and Medicaid expansion. We have to halt fed gov expansion."

**Mike Means:** "Proud of the Governor!"

**OCPA:** "Fallin to Obama: You broke it, you buy it" "We applaud Governor Fallin's bold leadership"

**Michael Carnuccio:** "The way to save our country is through strong states & those start w/a strong governor." "Kudos to Governor Fallin"

**Tina Korbe Dzurisin with OCPA:** "So proud and happy that Governor Fallin said NO to Medicaid expansion and state-based exchange. I love Oklahoma!"

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ObamaCare/Insurance Exchange/Medicaid Constituent Update  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 5:43:58 PM

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Interesting, thanks Cody!

On Nov 14, 2012, at 3:39 PM, "Cody Inman" <[Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

All: these numbers are from Thursday (8<sup>th</sup>) thru today at 5pm.(14<sup>th</sup>)  
If you need additional numbers, let me know.

**Constituent Letters and or Calls- Affordable Care Act**  
**11/8 -- 11/14**

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Letters/ Emails: Specifically citing Affordable Care Act/ObamaCare	9	25
Letters/ Emails: Specifically citing Health Insurance Exchange/Medicaid Expansion	25	42
Calls: Referenced ObamaCare & Insurance Exchange		84
Calls: Specifically asks the governor to expand Medicaid	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>91</b>

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**From:** [dutch harbert](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Oklahoma Has a Duty to Resist  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 8:18:18 PM

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Governor Fallin,

Oklahoma resoundingly rejected ObamaCare last week. Fully two-thirds of Oklahoma voters voted against President Obama. That is why we need to stand up to the federal government and reject Obamacare completely.

Two things are required for the implementation of ObamaCare:

1) Health Insurance Exchanges – This is the process that the federal government uses to take over every private health plan in the state.

2) Medicaid Expansion – Medicaid was created to provide health care to the poorest of the poor, but this expansion would expand this coverage to most Americans.

Last year you, Governor Fallin, returned Federal monies earmarked to implement ObamaCare. That was great! Now we have have the chance to do it again.

the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision prevents the federal government from forcing states to implement ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion by withholding all Medicaid funding from any State that refused to do so.

Contrary to what some special interest groups are trying to say, we are not going to be in trouble if we don't implement ObamaCare.

The Supreme Court actually said the states have a duty to resist the federal government:

*The Framers thus ensured that powers which "in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people were held by governments more local and more accountable than a distant federal bureaucracy. The independent power of the States also serves as a check on the power of the Federal Government: 'By denying anyone government complete jurisdiction over all the concerns of public life, federalism protects the liberty of the individual from arbitrary power' ... In the typical case we look to the States to defend their prerogatives by adopting 'the simple expedient of not yielding' to federal blandishments when they do not want to embrace the federal policies as their own. **The States are separate and independent sovereigns. Sometimes they have to act like it.**"*

So, if a State simply refuses to accept federal mandates (and the associated "bribe" money) to implement ObamaCare health exchanges, then the entire law falls flat on its face.

Do not cave to the pressure from groups such as Big Insurance, Big Hospital chains and Big Government bureaucrats to ignore the people and foist this upon us.

We must refuse the implementation of ObamaCare in Oklahoma immediately!

It is YOUR responsibility as Governor under the 10th Amendment to stand up to the over-reaching power of the federal government and protect the citizens of Oklahoma.

Please prevent the implementation of ObamaCare now.

Sincerely,  
Dutch Harbert

[REDACTED]  
Owasso, OK 74055

**From:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:23:00 AM

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Lol. Very true.

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**From:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:23 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Frazier  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally

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**From:** Rebecca Frazier  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:23 AM  
**To:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally

Thank you!

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**From:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:14 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Frazier  
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**From:** Cody Inman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:11 PM  
**To:** Audrey Rockwell  
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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#); [Aaron Cooper](#); [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:16:35 PM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:14 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper  
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**From:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:13:36 PM

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**From:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:22:45 AM

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**From:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:14 PM  
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**To:** [Audrey Rockwell](#); [Cody Inman](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:29:56 PM

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I sent the spreadsheet and will let u know what he says

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**From:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 04:17 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Cody Inman; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally

Technically, he only asked for voicemails. Which we don't keep.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:17 PM  
**To:** Cody Inman; Aaron Cooper; Audrey Rockwell  
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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Steve Mullins](#); [Craig Perry](#); [Travis Brauer](#); [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Open Records Request  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 5:06:22 PM

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Oh geez. This will take a while.

On Nov 16, 2012, at 17:03, "Rebecca Frazier" <[Rebecca.Frazier@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Frazier@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Hello All,

Can you please gather and send to Audrey any emails or documents that you may have for the following Open Records Request. Audrey will also need an estimate of the amount of time you spent gathering the requested information. Thank you in advance.

I would like copies of all correspondence since June, 2012, regarding the national "Affordable Healthcare Act," "Obamacare" and the "health exchange" between Gov. Fallin and her staff, her cabinet, all state employees, and elected officials. Obviously we realize that correspondence between the governor and her legal counsel are exempt from public scrutiny, however, we feel the remainder of those emails fall well within the purview of the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

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**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Audrey Rockwell](#); [Cody Inman](#); [Steve Mullins](#)  
**Subject:** RE: open records request re: constituent correspondence on Medicaid expansion and insurance exchanges  
**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 1:05:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Alex,

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**From:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 1:00 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Frazier  
**Subject:** FW: open records request re: constituent correspondence on Medicaid expansion and insurance exchanges

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 12:59 PM  
**To:** Cody Inman; Audrey Rockwell; Steve Mullins  
**Subject:** open records request re: constituent correspondence on Medicaid expansion and insurance exchanges

As predicted, OETA asking for constituent correspondence on Medicaid expansion and insurance exchange. I would like to be able to get these documents to him as quickly as possible, given all our other Open Records woes. If its possible to get them to him today, lets do that.

He is baffled that we cannot store thousands of voicemails and give them to him. I wrote:

We have had hundreds, if not thousands, of voice messages on the issue of health insurance exchanges and Medicaid expansion (as the chart I sent you shows). Does your voicemail system allow you to store thousands of voicemails? Ours does not. We must listen to them and then delete them, otherwise no one else can leave voicemails.

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**From:** Bob Sands [<mailto:BSands@oeta.tv>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:42 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Dick Pryor  
**Subject:** RE: interview request

Thank you for the statistics. I have to also say I know of no voice mail system that allows you to listen to a message and determine what the caller had to say that then cannot save that message to be listened to again. Even the most primitive answering machine could do that. I have to ask then what kind of system are you using because otherwise it sounds like you listened to the messages and then made the decision to erase them. That would be contrary to the Open Records Law. I realize you have had recent issues with the law and do not want to add to those problems but I have to tell you, your explanation so far falls short of explaining why citizen messages to the chief executive of the state of Oklahoma cannot be maintained as required by the Open Records Law.

How about emails, I would consider those to be an Open Record also so are those available instead?

Thank you for your assistance so far

Bob Sands  
Reporter / Producer



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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:27 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Bob Sands  
**Subject:** RE: interview request

FYI they wanted me to clarify that our current system is not and cannot be set up to save voicemails, especially such a large volume of voicemails.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:25 PM  
**To:** 'Bob Sands'  
**Subject:** RE: interview request

Bob – talked to our public affairs people. They do not save the voicemails so we can't offer that record. However they did create a "support or oppose" spreadsheet for all voicemails, calls and letter concerning the expansion of Medicaid and the creation of an exchange. that is included below.

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**From:** Bob Sands [<mailto:BSands@oeta.tv>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 1:51 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: interview request

Thanks Alex. Where do I go or who do I contact to pick up the info under the open records request?

Bob S

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 1:12 PM  
**To:** Bob Sands  
**Subject:** RE: interview request

Bob – our public affairs department says they will have the info re: your open records request compiled by the end of the day.

The governor is unavailable for an on-camera interview but you are certainly welcome to reference the Fox News bit. Thanks.

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Alex:

Today is our last chance for an on camera interview concerning the Health Care decisions. If we can't do them today we will probably use the interview the Governor did with Fox news to represent her side in this matter.

On the open records request. I need a response no later than tomorrow preferably today.

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**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2012 3:28 PM  
**To:** Bob Sands  
**Subject:** Re: interview request

Open records request received.

I'll let you know about the interview (we did hold a press conference to announce the decision and take questions from reporters at the time).

It is not true that opinion pages and blogs have all been negative. The response, especially from conservative corners of the mediasphere, has been positive.

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Alex:

Since the governor had time for Fox news, how about her own statewide public television network. I am asking for an interview for her reasons behind refusing expansion of Medicaid and not setting up a health care exchange. Would it be possible to do this interview sometime over the next three days?

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Thank you for your time

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**To:** [Steve Mullins](#)  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2012 1:53 PM  
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**Cc:** Rebecca Frazier  
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We will put it in the pile.

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That is wrong on soooo many levels.

First of all, I can't even grasp the idea of Ted Kennedy going to Heaven! Poor Mary Jo Kopechne would probably be disappointed to see him there!

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**From:** hotmail\_3dfb7f28e67ea2da@live.com [mailto:hotmail\_3dfb7f28e67ea2da@live.com] **On Behalf Of** Ann Waddell  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:50 PM  
**To:** Michelle Waddell  
**Subject:** RE: Peolosi Quote

His wife said - now he can rest.

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We are of one mind. (How very sad for you!)

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**To:** Michelle Waddell  
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That is sooo funny and I was thinking the same thing...maybe if she would have had the health care this would have never happened....Yeah I kinda am struggling with that concept too.

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**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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I am still grappling with the thought of Ted Kennedy going to Heaven.

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**From:** Cindy Harper  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:17 PM  
**To:** Michelle Waddell; Brett Thomas; Travis Brauer; Rebecca Frazier; AJ Mallory  
**Subject:** RE: Peolosi Quote

Wow so now they think they can go to heaven and lobby God over political issues? What the... crazy lunatics.

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**From:** Michelle Waddell  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:11 PM  
**To:** Brett Thomas; Travis Brauer; Rebecca Frazier; AJ Mallory; Cindy Harper  
**Subject:** RE: Peolosi Quote

“Wow -- -- amaaaaazing”

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**From:** Brett Thomas  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:10 PM  
**To:** Michelle Waddell; Travis Brauer; Rebecca Frazier; AJ Mallory; Cindy Harper  
**Subject:** RE: Peolosi Quote

Almost...well, what did she say

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Line  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 6:00:53 PM

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OMES was able to find a solution to all the we discussed. We will have options to help answer calls in the intern suite after Monday. An auto answer with the options we discussed below with the approved language will be in place start Monday. This is temporary and can be removed at our request. A test was done at 5 today on the system to see how it will work and all worked well. Today was interesting with all the calls, thank you both for approving these options—it will greatly help with the high call volume.

Something very interesting that we found today thru the calls is that most people were opposed to Obamacare, but when asked if they would like the state to be in control of the health care exchange they quickly answered yes. Also, most of the public thinks the governor has the ability to completely opt out of Obamacare. Just a reminder of what

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 2:01 PM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Line

I don't think we can do that, if mail box is full, they need to go back to a person. Can we have an extra line added, so an intern can answer main line from mail desk? And then you guys or interns can work to empty to comment line a couple times a day?

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**From:** Cody Inman  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 01:59 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Line

See changes below --I spoke to OMES and they are going to attempt to expand the mailbox size to the largest capacity. There is a chance that the mail box will fill up quickly with the call volume. Can we add something in the message that if the mailbox is full, please try back at another time? Either way, thank you both for helping us out with this option!!

"Thank you for contacting the office of Governor Fallin. If you are calling to express your opinion about [President Obama's](#) Affordable Care Act, please press 1. If you are calling regarding another issue please press 2 and you will be connected to our office."

Secondary menu:

Your call is very important to us and Governor Fallin values your opinion. Please leave your comments regarding the [President Obama's](#) Affordable Care Act. **(If this message line is full, please try back at another time, as we are experiencing high call volumes)**

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 1:52 PM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Line

Please add it to the secondary menu item also and then we are good to go!

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**From:** Cody Inman  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 01:49 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Line

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**To:** Cody Inman  
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**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 12:02 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** FW: Phone Line

Katie: I just received this from Denise. Did you see the attached draft of what the voice recording would look like? I have attached a rough draft. This language would only be temporary and could be adapted to anything appropriate. Let me you know what you think.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 11:43 AM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Line

Katie said it was fine if you can look into it. We need to help with the draft...

On Nov 16, 2012, at 9:29 AM, "Cody Inman" <[Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

I understand. The word poll is not being used at all. If people ask about the 'poll' we tell them we can mark down their comment but there is not a poll being conducted.

What I was trying to convey with the auto phone system was that the system would calculate the number of callers so it could produce a number for us internally , not that we would be conducting a poll. None of this the public would be hearing or seeing. Attached is just some example language of what it would say. Sorry if this was confusing!! I will not move forward with it.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 11:17 AM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Line

No, don't think so. People will have to be paying, and perhaps we change the message on voicemail to tell people due to the high volume of calls, may have to try back later. Or even leave a MSG after hours to register your opinion. I don't want anyone to use e word poll...that's not what we're doing

On Nov 16, 2012, at 9:07 AM, "Cody Inman" <[Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Denise:

I just spoke to OMES about options to help with the massive amounts of calls. They said there is an auto system we can put in place temporarily that would help route the calls to log them as a poll and then business callers to the switch board to be routed to staff. Wanted to see if I can go

ahead and proceed to see if we can get something like that in place today?

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**Subject:** RE: PPACA Letters  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 10:39:08 AM

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**From:** Rebecca Frazier  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 9:55 AM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Cc:** Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup; Steve Mullins  
**Subject:** Re: PPACA Letters

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**Date:** Wednesday, December 05, 2012 2:07:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [Quick Peek Agreement 12-4-2012.docx](#)

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I spoke with Mr. Sands. He is busy working on another story that will air this week, so he will not make it to our office to review the constituent letters until Friday.

Attached is the agreement that we are asking him to sign in order to review the documents. I plan on sending this over to him this afternoon. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks.

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**Subject:** RE: PPACA Meeting Request - Please Respond w/ Availability  
**Date:** Monday, July 02, 2012 10:02:44 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Looks like we have narrowed it down to the times below, please let me know if these work! Thanks,  
Katie

Monday, July 9: 9-10 am or 3-5 pm

Tuesday, July 10: 4-5 pm

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** 'Cline, Dr.Terry L.'; Cox-Kain, Julie; 'Nico Gomez'; Steve Mullins; Glenn Coffee; Gina Ramsey; AJ Mallory; 'Alex Pettit'; 'Connie Holt'; 'Mike.Fogarty@okhca.org'; Denise Northrup  
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Per my e-mail on Friday we would like to set up a meeting for next week to discuss PPACA and the Supreme Court Ruling. Please the proposed dates and times below and let me know what works best. I would think the meeting will take at least one hour. The meeting will take place in the Governor's Office. Thanks, Katie

Monday, July 9: 9 – 11 am, 3-5 pm

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**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:46:13 PM

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Looks good  
Thank you

Mary Fallin

On Nov 28, 2012, at 4:12 PM, Cody Inman <[Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Governor – Here is the Affordable Care Act tally that is going to press. Thanks!

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November 13 - November 19	<u>Calls/Correspondence</u>	<u>In Support</u> (approx.)	<u>Opposed</u> (approx.)
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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Travis Brauer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Press announcement  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 4:07:13 PM

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Thank you!

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**From:** Travis Brauer  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 04:04 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Press announcement

Okay-no problem!

Also, I have attached a letter that we received today from Sebelius extending the deadline to Dec. 14 for State-based Exchange Blueprint applications.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 3:59 PM  
**To:** Travis Brauer  
**Subject:** Re: Press announcement

Not right now, but thank you for thinking ahead

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**From:** Travis Brauer  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 03:54 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Press announcement

Katie,

Aaron just informed me that he will be sending out a press notices within the afternoon stating that GMF hasn't made a decision. Do we want to forward that to all the members?

**From:** [Altman, Michelle](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PRESS RELEASE: (ATTACHMENT) Gov. Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue a State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 12:06:43 PM

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**From:** Cody Inman [mailto:Cody.Inman@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 01:03 PM  
**To:** Altman, Michelle  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 11:55 AM  
**To:** Governor Fallin Press  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 19, 2012

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Tammie Wright](#); [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**Subject:** RE: schedule addition  
**Date:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:29:45 AM

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Additional info added

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
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**To:** Tammie Wright; Dana Wolpert  
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Wednesday, 3/30/11

645 am

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**To:** [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Schedule UPDATE for Aspen  
**Date:** Friday, July 27, 2012 11:08:41 AM

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Thank you!  
Monica

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**3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Romney for President Open Press Roundtable with Governors**

*(Governor's Time: 3:55 PM – 4:50 PM)*

*Location: Carbondale, CO*

*The Romney Campaign is expecting an audience of around 500. Governor Romney will give brief remarks, highlighting the Romney Plan for a Stronger Middle Class. Then will walk through the highlights and throw it to a Governor who exemplifies each point*

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*Room*

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Dana Wolpert](#); [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Schedule UPDATE for Aspen  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2012 2:02:58 PM

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thanks

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**From:** Dana Wolpert  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2012 12:32 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Alex Gerszewski  
**Subject:** FW: Schedule UPDATE for Aspen

Note the open roundtable addition below, looks like she could be speaking...

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**From:** Monica Block [<mailto:mblock@RGA.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** Dana Wolpert  
**Subject:** RE: Schedule UPDATE for Aspen

Dana,

The schedule has changed a little, and I have pasted it below. We are excited that Governor Fallin is already confirmed!

Thank you!  
Monica

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012**

**3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Romney for President Open Press Roundtable with Governors**

*(Governor's Time: 3:55 PM – 4:50 PM)*

*Location: Carbondale, CO*

*The Romney Campaign is expecting an audience of around 500. Governor Romney will give brief remarks, highlighting the Romney Plan for a Stronger Middle Class. Then will walk through the highlights and throw it to a Governor who exemplifies each point*

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*Room*

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**From:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**To:** [Travis Brauer](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Senate GOP Agenda Press Conference  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 4:40:37 PM

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### **On Jobs and Economy:**

Making Oklahoma a prosperous place is a top priority and we have been presented with a unique opportunity to achieve that goal, by taking a thoughtful and aggressive approach on reduction of the state's income tax. We will identify and eliminate ineffective tax credits. We will consider the recommendations made by Mazzei's tax reform task force."

The workers comp system has work that is not completed and we will continue to work on that.

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### **Senator Jolley on Government:**

"We believe in limited government through the continual efforts of modernizing the government and by reducing the scope of the Oklahoma Government. We will revisit Oklahoma water plans by thoughtfully debating programs to make sure that the needs of all citizens in Oklahoma are met. Senate GOP Caucus believes that it is important to maintain all state properties and assets as they all belong to the people of Oklahoma and they deserve to have the best buildings."

### **On Transportation Infrastructure:**

"We will continue to be committed to ODOT's 8 year plan."

**From:** [Travis Brauer](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Sept. 7 call with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 1:16:59 PM

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Yes. I can be on the call.

Travis Brauer  
Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
(405) 568-1306

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 01:05 PM  
**To:** Travis Brauer  
**Subject:** FW: Sept. 7 call with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert

Travis, are you available to participate on this call? Thanks, Katie

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**From:** Grace-Marie Turner [<mailto:galen=galen.org@mail11.us1.rsgsv.net>] **On Behalf Of** Grace-Marie Turner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2012 11:28 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Sept. 7 call with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert

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## with Utah Governor Gary Herbert

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**To register for this call, please contact Jena Persico at [jena@galen.org](mailto:jena@galen.org). You will receive the call numbers when you register, and your registration will ensure that you receive any follow-up materials from the call.**

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**From:** [Steve Mullins](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement for oklahoman  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 7:50:44 PM

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Great job. Thank you.

Sent from my Android phone using TouchDown ([www.nitrodesk.com](http://www.nitrodesk.com))

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Alex Weintz [Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov]  
**Received:** Friday, 16 Nov 2012, 5:57pm  
**To:** Steve Mullins [Steve.Mullins@gov.ok.gov]  
**Subject:** Statement for oklahoman

here's what i sent ... Hope its ok

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 05:45 PM  
**To:** 'ZCampfield@opubco.com' <ZCampfield@opubco.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoman

"Governor Fallin believes the Open Records Act exists to provide public access to the vast majority of information and documents produced by Oklahoma's state government. She supports both the letter and spirit of that law, and has made internet access to more state information available than at any time in Oklahoma history. However, Governor Fallin does not believe the law is intended to allow access to conversations between executive branch employees working on draft documents, brainstorming on public policy ideas, offering advice and counsel to the governor, or otherwise acting in an advisory role. Reducing the privacy of those communications is outside of the scope of the Open Records Act and would prevent the governor and her staff members from having open, candid conversations about public policy. Eliminating the possibility of private dialogue inside the executive branch would damage the ability of the governor to design and implement good policy and would harm the public interest." - alex weintz

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**From:** Zeke Campfield [mailto:ZCampfield@opubco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 04:47 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Oklahoman

Alex:

Also, the governor pledged to support both the law and intent of the Oklahoma Open Records Act, but her general counsel has made clear, citing the U.S. Supreme Court and federal law, that your office will likely not release "deliberative process" material or "executive privilege" material. Neither of these citations come from Oklahoma law or Oklahoma court decisions. So is she violating that pledge?  
Zeke

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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 4:44 PM  
**To:** Zeke Campfield  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoman

zeke - I'm in an NGA exec committee session and i wont be able to leave for another hour. If ur looking for stuff on exchanges than you can use the statement below ... I dont have anything to add to it. If thats not the topic then shoot me an email - i really cant call for a while

"Governor Fallin has decided to postpone an announcement on the future of health insurance exchanges in Oklahoma. She will take advantage of the extension by continuing to study the issue and evaluate the state's options." - AW

We do not have a timeline for when the announcement will take place but we do expect one sooner rather than later.

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**From:** Zeke Campfield [mailto:ZCampfield@opubco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 03:58 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Oklahoman

Alex-

I'm trying to reach you at the governor's office, but it says the office is closed. Can you please call me back, or send me a better number to reach you?

Thanks, Zeke - 475-3694

	<p><b>Zeke Campfield</b> <i>Reporter</i></p> <hr/> <p>9000 N Broadway Oklahoma City, OK 73114 tel: 405 475-3694 cell: 405 543-9740 fax: 405 475-3183 zcampfield@opubco.com</p>
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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**Cc:** [Cody Inman](#); [Steve Mullins](#); [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: status regarding OETA open records request?  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 1:11:06 PM

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Thanks.

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**From:** Rebecca Frazier  
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**Cc:** Cody Inman; Steve Mullins; Audrey Rockwell  
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Alex,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 11:21 AM  
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**From:** Alex Weintz  
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Bob Sands from OETA is running his story on the Medicaid expansion/health insurance exchange tomorrow. Can we get him the phone logs /email logs he requested today?

Alex Weintz  
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**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 5:04:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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I spoke with Mr. Sands. He will come to our office early next week (Monday or Tuesday), and simply review all of the constituent mail. He will pull the documents that he would like to keep, then we will copy and redact those.

Thanks.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 4:02 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Frazier; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: status regarding OETA open records request?

Bob Sands  
Reporter / Producer



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**From:** Rebecca Frazier  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 3:27 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** FW: status regarding OETA open records request?

Do you have Bob's number?

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**From:** [Steve Mullins](#)  
**To:** [Jacque Hensley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tribal Concerns Re: ACA  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 21, 2012 2:40:00 PM

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Thank you. Have a great Thanksgiving.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacque Hensley  
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 2:05 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
Cc: Steve Mullins; Jeffrey Cartmell  
Subject: FW: Tribal Concerns Re: ACA

Hello all, I wanted to talk with Sally first before I forwarded this e-mail to you. I just got off of the phone with her and she was fine with me forwarding the info to you. Look it over and we can discuss it next week. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carter, Sally [<mailto:SallyC@health.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 10:09 AM  
To: Jacque Hensley  
Subject: Tribal Concerns Re: ACA

Hello Jacque:

As requested by phone yesterday, Oklahoma tribal nations want to provide meaningful input into any decisions that are made in Oklahoma regarding the ACA, especially because they are directly impacted by the outcome of decisions made.

They are wanting a Medicaid waiver to be more inclusive of their people.

Tribes and Tribal Organizations have expressed that they should be engaged to resolve issues related to the following topics:

Any decisions made regarding health insurance exchanges.

Network Adequacy – requiring all QHPs to offer contracts to all I/T/U providers with an Indian Addendum.

Essential Health Benefits –reviewing the scope and duration of services and providers covered, and offering pediatric oral and vision services in the QHP versus a separate plan.

Eligibility – identification of individuals who are eligible for special protections and provisions as AI/AN in the eligibility process and at the provider level to assure that deductibles and co-pays are waived. Utilization of existing databases or development of new databases to expedite eligibility determinations. Identifying how additional documentation will be requested and reviewed and eligibility determinations will be made when individuals are not included in approved data systems.

Enrollment – enrollment processes must accommodate not only special provision for AI/AN in Exchanges (monthly enrollment, waiver of cost sharing, exclusion of certain sources of income), but also in

Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion, Child Health Insurance Programs, and Basic Health Plans, if there are any in the State.

Enrollment Assistance - carve outs for navigator contracts for the I/T/Us and other enrollment assistance funding, such as Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM).

Tribal Sponsorship – allow aggregate payment of premiums and other policies to encourage Tribal sponsorship of individuals to enroll in Exchange plans.

Outreach and Education – provide outreach and education that is culturally appropriate and assures that AI/AN know which QHPs have I/T/U providers in their networks and informs them of the special protections and provisions for AI/AN.

Call Centers – decide whether it is most appropriate to have an Indian desk to handle questions and resolve problems regarding AI/AN and I/T/Us, or whether everyone who works at a call center should receive training about Tribes in the State, the Indian health care delivery system and special provisions in the law, regulations and systems for AI/AN.

Website – ensure that the design of the website includes information specific to AI/AN and the I/T/U and is easy to access by consumers, as well as those assisting with enrollment.

Waiver of Penalties for AI/AN without Insurance -- develop the system to assure that individuals are not penalized and to communicate who is covered by this provision in the law.

Enforcement of Section 206 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) -- assure that the I/T/U is paid in a sufficient and timely way for services delivered to individuals who are enrolled in QHPs if the I/T/U is not a network provider.

Reimbursements for Waived Cost Sharing --process to assure that the I/T/U receives payment for the co-pays and deductibles that are waived for AI/AN.

Referrals through Contract Health Services (CHS) --rules and processes to assure that AI/AN who are enrolled in a QHP and referred through an I/T/U CHS program are not charged a co-pay or deductible for services they receive outside the I/T/U.

Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Best Regards, Sally

OSDH Tribal Liaison  
Sally Carter, MSW, LCSW  
Tribal Liaison  
Oklahoma State Department of Health

**From:** [Monica Houston](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Tammie Wright](#); [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**Subject:** RE: update - Greta interview tonight  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 3:36:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Thanks Aaron!  
I will add this to the Calendar.

Monica Houston

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**From:** Aaron Cooper  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 3:28 PM  
**To:** Tammie Wright; Dana Wolpert; Monica Houston  
**Subject:** update - Greta interview tonight

**UPDATED time of interview (9:30 pm CST)**

**Location: Cox Communication Studios, 400 Hudiburg Circle in OKC**

**All times Central:**

**9:15 p.m. – Arrive at Cox Studios**  
**9:30 p.m. – LIVE interview with Greta**  
**9:40 p.m. – Interview concludes**

**Topic: decision to not pursue a state-based health insurance exchange or expand Medicaid in Oklahoma**

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Constituent Report - Sep 17-21, 2012  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 5:56:42 PM

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Copy michelle on these from now on so that she can print for gov...thanks!

**From:** Cody Inman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 5:56 PM  
**To:** 'maryfallin [REDACTED]'; Mary Fallin  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Weekly Constituent Report - Sep 17-21, 2012

**WEEKLY ISSUE ANALYSIS AND CASEWORK REPORT**

**To:** Governor Fallin

**Cc:** Denise Northrup, Glenn Coffee, Andrew Silvestri, Katie Altshuler

**From:** Cody Inman, Marcia Crawford, Kandi Batts

**Re:** Weekly Constituent Services Report

**Date:** September 17- September 21 2012

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Issue Area	Percentage	Correspondence	Phone Calls	Notes/Constituent Comments
Pardons and Paroles	21%	19	15	All correspondence is from constituents requesting information regarding Pardon and Parole Certificates. // 7- Please pardon Jerome Ersland.
Burn Ban	21%	3	31	Please lift burn ban.
DHS	5%	3	5	Complaints on DHS county case workers and/or help with child support // child support issues
Corrections	6%	3	7	10- Complaints on DOC staff or facility conditions. 1- New policy on inmate money transfers -- too expensive.
Elections	1%	1		1- Please make sure all candidates on state ballot are legitimate.
General Comments	4%	7		7- Random issues, expressing frustrations with government.
Disability/ Social Security Concerns	2%	3		3- Please help with disability benefits.
Public Safety	1%	2		2- Complaints about long lines at drivers license facilities.
Municipal Government	10%	6	10	11- Referrals to city government. // 5- Complaints on county sheriffs.
Labor	1%	2		2- Please increase state minimum wage
Immigration	3%	5		5- Fax -Would like the governor to sign executive orders like Mississippi and Arizona regarding immigration laws in the state. (Form email)
Kid/Tourism Mail	3%	5		5 - Please send a pictures and information about the governor.
Medical Marijuana	1%	2		2 - Please legalize the use of medical marijuana in Oklahoma.
Transportation	2%	3		3- Please ensure that our roads and bridges projects are properly funded.

Tax Commission	1%	1		1- asking that the tax commission allow for paperless notifications about tax changes.
Unmanned Drones	1%	1		Please reverse decision on allowing drones to be used in Oklahoma.
SORC	5%	7	2	9- Please keep facility open.
Obamacare	1%	1	1	Do not allow RFID chips to implanted in children.
Animal Rights	1%	1		Please increase awareness of pet adoption.
Thank you	6%	7	3	7- Letters letting the governor know that she is doing a great job in Oklahoma. // 3- Calls to let the governor know she is doing a great job.
RNC Speech	1%	2		2 - Great job on speech.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>74</b>	

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Would you like something about SQ 756  
**Date:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 1:47:57 PM

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I think so

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**From:** Cody Inman  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 1:47 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Would you like something about SQ 756

To be included in the PPACA letter?

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**From:** [Brian Anderson](#)  
**To:** "Carol Hefner"  
**Subject:** RE: YOU Stopped the Obama Tax & Borrow Bailout  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:35:58 PM

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Carol, I hate to say this but this is not a win for *WE THE PEOPLE*. This is not a Win and it is not just think how far we have come! We should not even be here if we had proper representation. Therefore I DO NOT agree with this analogy!

In matter of fact all they have done is increased our debt ceiling and put a much bigger burden on us trying to make a living! There are about (6) six million businesses in this country and they have just signed most of these business a slow death certificates by passing this bill!

There is only one way to fix the problem and that is to quit spending! I am not going point out all the ills of this because it was discussed so heavily before the vote. Bottom Line all of the U.S. Representatives who voted for this did not do this country justice!

We just need to clean out the ones who think printing money and putting us on the road to be (20) Twenty Trillion in debt by 2020 is a good idea! How can they even think this was a good idea? They need to GO!

They have failed the U.S. Citizens terribly again!

Go to the PENNY PLAN by Connie Mack from Florida! He has a plan to stop this and balance the budget. I am insulted/offended that these representatives have stole all our children's futures and the American Public future!

Let's get them out of office! In my opinion 2012 will be another cleaning house and senate time!

Brian

And after all the urgency to avoid the issue of August 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline..... the markets are unchanged, they have not responded favorably even with the event today. Still, if we had not had the Republican led House standing in the gap for some efficiency – can you imagine where this nation would be right now? The battle has been won and the People are ready for the war to be won as well. We may think this bill fell somewhat short, but it was the catalyst needed to whet America's appetite for more cuts. A potentially huge blessing in a small package. Our Oklahoma contingent represents us well and will push even harder now that Dems have been pushed into the corner – the People will demand further action because they know that it can be achieved. Power will shift in 2012 if we continue to have faith, exercise strong opinions and encourage our conservative leaders to press onward. At the polls, we must come out in force as a unified block to topple the stranglehold the liberal machine (press included) has held on us. The Senate, The

Presidency and all cabinet positions via appointment, must be restored into capable hands.

See below and support the effort!

*Carol*

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**From:** Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman [mailto:ecampaign@gop.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 02, 2011 5:57 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** YOU Stopped the Obama Tax & Borrow Bailout



From: Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: YOU Stopped the Obama Tax & Borrow Bailout

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Dear Carol,

Do you remember where America was just one year ago?

The Pelosi-Reid-Obama agenda was doing a daily dose of damage to our American economy, destroying jobs with crippling regulations, oppressive spending and brand new taxes.

If that wasn't enough, the Democrats passed a government takeover of healthcare, spending record amounts of money we didn't have on a program we didn't want.

And to top it off, they raised taxes on hardworking taxpayers to pay for an \$800 billion dollar stimulus -- claiming that they should have spent even more.

Maybe they thought they could get away with it. For two years, they did.

But on Election Day 2010, you stood up -- millions strong -- and said enough is enough.

You -- and millions of other Americans like you -- held them accountable. The Tea Party and millions of Conservatives led the charge from all 50 states right into the heart of Washington.

You didn't just change the *debate* in Washington. You changed the *results*. Today's passage of the Budget Control Act shows the impact you've already had... and how important it is to keep the pressure on Washington for the next 15 months.

Without you, Nancy Pelosi would still be Speaker Pelosi. She would have delivered President Obama exactly what he demanded: a blank check for unlimited spending, new taxes on American families, new regulations on job creators, and a debt ceiling increase with no strings attached.

Make no mistake: President Obama wanted hardworking American taxpayers to bail him out once again. He wanted YOU to pay for his failed stimulus and Obamacare, borrowing more money on your back to pay for them. He wanted you to sacrifice so that Washington wouldn't have to.

But because you kept the heat on Washington, Republicans in the House and Senate had the backup they needed to stand up and say NO to the Obama Tax & Borrow Bailout.

While the Budget Control Act is far from perfect, it is a step forward. The bottom line is that until we vote President Obama and his Democratic allies in the Senate out of power, we won't be able to truly change the culture in Washington and deliver the results Americans like you demand.

But think about how far we've come. Rather than trampling on the taxpayers, as the Democrats did when they controlled the House, this bill showed real respect to hardworking taxpayers. The legislation:

- Stopped ALL of the tax increases Obama, Reid, and Pelosi demanded;
- Forced the Senate to pass its first budget in two years, delivering Harry Reid a dose of accountability;
- Held every politician accountable to vote yes or no on a balanced budget amendment; and
- Protected the economy while demonstrating a commitment to reducing the debt.

This isn't the end of bringing spending discipline to Washington. It's just the beginning - and it wouldn't have happened without you.

**Just yesterday, Joe Biden called the Tea Party "terrorists."**

**So today, I am writing to thank you for being a *patriot*.** I have so much respect for you. I respect the work you do day by day, year by year, to defend freedom and promote opportunity. Your dedication to our cause is saving America.

Keep it up. Don't quiet down. Your voice cannot be ignored. Demand more from Washington. Demand more from those who represent you. At the RNC, we hear you - and we want to amplify your voice in Washington.

Over the next 15 months, all conservatives need to come together and focus on the only way to *really* fix what's wrong with Washington: voting Obama out of office and taking back the Senate. We are ready for battle. Are you?

Usually this is the part where we ask for money. Not today. In the last 24 hours you have given America something much more important than a donation. You have helped America take a step away from servitude and a step closer to freedom. We are proud of you. You are our heroes. You are true patriots.

You are Great Americans.

God bless you.

Sincerely,



Reince Priebus  
Chairman, Republican National Committee



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**Subject:** Refusing State Exchanges Halts ObamaCare Whatever Supreme Court Decides  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:40:59 PM

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Governor Fallin and Representative Lisa J. Billy,

If the Supreme Court doesn't throw out Obamacare completely, perhaps this is Oklahoma's alternative.

Sarah Folsom

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**From:** Life and Liberty PAC [mailto:patriot@lifeandlibertypacupdate.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 10:05 AM  
**Subject:** Refusing State Exchanges Halts ObamaCare Whatever Supreme Court Decides

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## **REFUSING STATE EXCHANGES HALTS OBAMACARE WHATEVER SUPREME COURT DECIDES**

### **STATES CAN BLOCK INSURANCE EXCHANGES AND DEFEAT OBAMACARE! BUT BEWARE – ROMNEY'S ANOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF MIKE LEAVITT IS AN EXCHANGES RENT-SEEKER**

**URGENT:** With ObamaCare under deliberation in a split and politicized Supreme Court; Kagan NOT recused or removed but VOTING with Obama; and TWO years of endless redistributive scheming, coercion, contention and economic disaster since the "healthcare reform" bill was rammed through Congress – time to reverse course is short!

**HERE'S SOMETHING *WE THE PEOPLE* CAN DO!**

Thanks to the Democrats' sloppy legislation writing, States *can block* ObamaCare just by refusing to implement the State-level Health Insurance Exchanges!

And according to Congressional hearings and CBO scoring – America cannot afford to do anything else! Cost estimates for ObamaCare have DOUBLED heading to \$2 TRILLION, and Obama's latest budget estimates for subsidizing these State pay-offs, oops, exchanges, is

**already up \$111 billion from last year's budget – and they don't even kick in until 2014! STOP THEM NOW!**

**[STOP OBAMACARE IN ITS TRACKS – FAX THE STATES TODAY!](#)**

**It's true they can, and should, be refused!** Sections 1311 and 1322 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act authorizes Federal subsidies to *State* run insurance exchanges. But due to a "massive legislative defect" created by sloppy Democrat bill writers working in haste to force this odious legislation upon America, there is NO provision for the Federal government to make essential subsidy payments to *Federally* established exchanges. In the absence of a State insurance exchange and with NO CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION to fund Federal exchanges, any State that REFUSES to form an exchange will effectually ensure that within its State boundaries, ObamaCare cannot be implemented!

Here's why: ObamaCare offers "premium assistance" – tax credits and Federal taxpayer dollar subsidies – to households purchasing coverage through new State health insurance exchanges. Democrats knew this assistance was essential to hide much of the law's cost and reduce the vast premium hikes Americans will face after ObamaCare goes into effect in 2014. If consumers had to directly absorb the full cost of nationalizing one sixth of our economy, the already strong support for repeal would skyrocket!

So ObamaCare authorizes premium assistance in State-run exchanges (Section 1311) but in a glaring failure, not Federal ones (Section 1321). In other words, a State refusal to create an exchange will act as a clear mechanism to block much of ObamaCare's spending and paralyze implementation of the law. **By NOT laundering Federal tax dollars (and MORE DEFICIT SPENDING) through State mechanisms, it also helps expose to the otherwise propagandized American electorate just how unaffordable ObamaCare really is!**

**The States can stop ObamaCare in its tracks just by refusing to establish insurance exchanges!**

**[NO STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES = NO OBAMACARE](#)  
[FAX THE STATES NOW!](#)**

**But guess who thinks HALTING ObamaCare by REFUSING these "camel-nose-under-tent exchanges is "a dumb idea"? Former Bush HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt – Mitt Romney's best friend, his transition chief for Executive Branch Personnel, and the heir presumptive to be White House Chief of Staff in a Romney administration. Leavitt just happens to have already made a fortune off of state exchanges as a national lobbyist and head of a consulting firm that has won contracts to "help states set up exchanges" funded with YOUR tax dollars!**

No wonder Leavitt thinks these exchanges are great; working the few states that have gotten on board, he is getting rich off of them while we are all getting poorer. There are hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars in grants potentially up for grabs, all coming out of YOUR pockets. The size of his firm, Leavitt Partners, doubled in the year after the bill was signed. Leavitt and his consultancy represent the most prominent figures in the Republican Party urging states to bow to Big Government Washington.

Leavitt's unscrupulous, unprincipled state exchanges advocacy is known as "rent-seeking" and is incompatible with free market philosophy. Thankfully, most Republican legislatures and governors ARE rejecting Leavitt's approach. Opponents of ObamaCare exchange implementation are winning the battle; WE need to keep the pressure on and ensure that any adverse decision coming out of the Supreme Court does not give Leavitt and the rent-seekers an opportunity for new mischief.

Just to be clear: *Rent-seeking* behavior is distinguished in economic theory from *profit-seeking* behavior, in which entities seek to extract value by engaging in mutually beneficial transactions. Profit-seeking is the creation of wealth, while rent-seeking is the use or manipulation of social institutions, such as the power of government, to redistribute wealth among select persons or groups without creating new wealth. Sound familiar?

### **STOP OBAMACARE IN ITS TRACKS – FAX THE STATES TODAY!**

**The need to TAKE ACTION and STIFFEN RESOLVE in the STATES is URGENT –** ObamaCare could well be wrongly decided by the Supreme Court in favor of Obama – and Obama has already attacked the Court's authority in case it decides against him! This fight **MUST BE DECIDED BY WE THE PEOPLE!**

And just recently the factual refutations to three more gigantic ObamaCare lies were exposed, showing the destructive power of this unconstitutional "law":

**Lie #1: "Now, add it all up, and the plan I'm proposing will cost around \$900 billion over 10 years."** – Barack Obama, September 2009 address to joint session of Congress

The Congressional Budget Office's updated report, and the estimated cost of ObamaCare over a decade is now scored at a crippling \$1.76 trillion, or nearly *twice* what Democrats told us in 2009. Worse, this estimate won't "true up" until *next* year's 10-year cost estimate, which will certainly exceed \$2 trillion.

**Lie #2: "If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan."** – Barack Obama, August 2009 address and repeated countless times thereafter

According to *The Hill*, "Four million Americans can expect to lose their employer-provided healthcare by 2016, according to the revised figures, far more than the 1 million people estimated last year." That is 4 million more people and rising than Obama promised in his 2009 speech. By 2022, the CBO says that number could reach **20 million Americans**.

The most recent CBO updates and the findings of recent Congressional hearings confirm a sharp, uninterrupted trend-line of ObamaCare becoming **increasingly expensive and decreasingly effective** with each new scoring adjustment – the numbers just keep getting worse and worse.

ObamaCare means socialized, government-run, rationed healthcare that will bankrupt America!

The States MUST resist!

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**Lie #3: "Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions, and federal conscience laws will remain in place." – Barack Obama, September 2009 address to joint session of Congress**

The Department of Health and Human Services finalized its rule that establishes state healthcare exchanges. In direct violation of the promise of Obama's vaunted Executive Order 13535, those ***State exchange plans will collect from every premium payer every month a mandated \$1 surcharge to fund abortions.*** Since it is Federal funds subsidizing the State exchanges, Obama's HHS will use accounting gimmicks to circumvent the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits direct taxpayer funding of abortion.

THIS IS ANOTHER INDISPUTABLE BLACK EYE FOR LEAVITT AND ROMNEY ON THE "STATE EXCHANGES ARE GOOD" FRONT! The State exchanges bring evil and corruption in their "lifeline" to ObamaCare – and MUST BE REFUSED!

**As Senator Jim DeMint has stated regarded the grassroots campaign for repeal of ObamaCare, "This is not a partisan issue. This is an American issue... We cannot wait for the courts; the will of the people must be respected..."** Conservatives should affirm these certitudes: First, legislating according to the consent of the governed is what our republic is all about. Second, ObamaCare – contrary to Democrats' expectations – has only grown more unpopular since it was passed, as its ugly details have emerged and offended. Third, ObamaCare is not an indirect, gimmicky campaign issue but a direct, concrete, firable offense the president and Democrats in Congress committed against our will and in plain view."

Former Democrat Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan made a deal with Obama over the issue of coerced religious conscience in 2010, refusing to vote for ObamaCare until Obama included a "ban" on funding abortion, but Obama lied *then* – and he and his administration continue to lie about ObamaCare's mandatory Federal funding of abortion with taxpayer money *now*.

So now, TAXPAYERS are going to be FORCED by the millions into ObamaCare against their will, and FORCED to pay for abortion against their will.

Unless...

**STOP OBAMACARE IN ITS TRACKS – FAX THE STATES TODAY!**

Remember what Nancy Pelosi said about having to "pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it"? It turns out that was probably the truest thing said about this monstrosity!

I'll be honest with you, after two long years of fighting against this monstrosity, **I never dreamed we would find a weapon this potentially lethal to defeat ObamaCare.** Frankly, I am a bit chagrined that it took this long to find such a major, damaging loophole in implementation. But weeding through 2,000 plus pages of sloppy

language, manipulations and downright creepy coercions – all designed to force our compliance while obfuscating the horrible truths about socialized medicine – is one heck of an onerous task.

Fortunately, the work was apparently just as daunting to the Obama-cons and Pelosi-bots who, in their quest to shove ObamaCare down our throats, forgot to check their own work for errors and omissions. And oh my, what a major omission they made!

**Again, if the States REFUSE to create Insurance Exchanges, the Administration has NO WAY to fund the implementation of ObamaCare.**

This is a major strategy YOU NEED TO GET YOUR STATE TO PURSUE! Now we know how to stop ObamaCare, no matter how corrupt, spineless and craven a Republican-majority Congress or a Mitt Romney administration may prove to be. Our task now is to fax our State officials, enlighten them to Pelosi's massive mistake and demand that our States flatly REFUSE to establish health insurance exchanges. IT REALLY IS THIS SIMPLE.

**THE CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING AUTHORIZATION IS NOT IN THE LAW. IF THE STATES WILL HOLD FIRM, OBAMACARE CAN BE KILLED! FAX YOUR STATE NOW! MAKE SURE YOUR STATE REFUSES OR REVOKES ANY HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE!**

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The problem is, many States think they are going to get a pot of Federal gold to fund these "State exchanges" and help take enrollees off their Medicare rosters. Guess what? Just the opposite! Cost estimates are skyrocketing, there's NO MONEY (just deficit spending): they are (surprise, surprise) already running *BILLIONS* and *BILLIONS* over budget in Obama Funny Money!

In a recent budget hearing, the Republican chairman of the U.S. House tax-writing committee questioned why Obama administration spending estimates for State insurance subsidies for the exchanges were up by **\$111 billion** from a year ago.

Obama's fiscal 2013 budget request, released Feb. 13, projected that subsidies for low-income and working-class people to buy individual policies through the State exchanges would total \$478 billion through 2021. But the administration pegged the cost at \$367 billion over the same period in its fiscal 2012 budget proposal.

Kathleen Sebelius of HHS could not explain the huge increase, saying the estimate appears in the Treasury Department's budget. According to Congressional experts, the increase "cannot be explained by legislative changes or new economic assumptions, and therefore must reflect substantial changes in underlying assumptions" about the way the subsidies would work. Or is that NOT work?

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Ranking members on both sides of the aisle queried whether the Obama administration believes insurance premiums would be more expensive than Treasury's earlier

predictions, or if more workers would lose coverage through their employers than expected.

Medicaid systems, meanwhile, are in disarray. The exchange subsidies and Medicaid are related because people who seek insurance through the exchanges will be automatically enrolled in Medicaid if they earn poverty-level wages or are unemployed. Welcome to the ObamaCare fast track to universal coverage / single payer / 100% government run socialist healthcare!

Changes Congress has made to the healthcare law since it was enacted in 2010 were supposed to militate against this pressure, and contain Medicaid enrollment and costs. But Kentucky, New Hampshire, Kansas and Louisiana have moved aggressively toward mandatory managed care during the past six months in order to address rapidly **expanding** state Medicaid budget burdens. Other states, including Florida and Georgia, are poised to move quickly down the same path. These dramatic policy shifts in the name of "integration" and cost savings are already causing major controversy and public outcry, provider and service disruptions, and reductions in quality of care. **THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE! YOU NEED TO TELL THE STATES – JUST SAY NO; REFUSE STATE EXCHANGES – STOP OBAMACARE COLD!**

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[Thank you. I know I can count on you](#) to defend LIFE AND LIBERTY!

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Dear Governor Fallin,

I want to thank you for rejecting the \$54 million grant to establish healthcare exchanges. You made the right decision. We need to reduce the cost of healthcare for all Oklahomans, but Obamacare is not the way to do it, and certainly becoming tied to Obamacare through grants is not acceptable.

Thanks again,

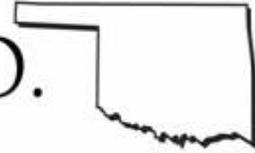
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## **Dr. Coburn Applauds Governor Fallin's Decision Regarding Obamacare**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. (R-OK) released the following statement today regarding Governor Mary Fallin's announcement that Oklahoma will not institute a health care exchange nor expand Medicaid under the Patient's Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"I applaud Governor Fallin's decision. Obamacare's Medicaid expansion and exchange would have, in the long run, hurt Oklahoma patients by increasing their costs, reducing their choices and placing an unsustainable fiscal burden on our state," said Dr. Coburn.

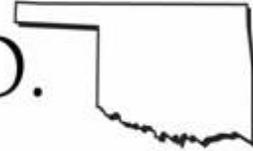
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## **Dr. Coburn Calls Federal Student Financial Aid Program 'Welfare for the Wealthy'**

*New study confirms high-income earners could receive a windfall in federal aid*

**(WASHINGTON, D.C.)** – U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. (R-OK) released the following statement today regarding a new study by the New America Foundation entitled "[Safety Net or Windfall?](#)" that exposes costly flaws in the federal Income Based Repayment (IBR) program, which was expanded by Obamacare. Congress created the IBR program in 2007 to help borrowers who struggle most to repay their federal student loans in their first years out of college by limiting payments to a percentage of their income, then discharging any balance after a certain number of payments.

New America Foundation's analysis shows that, if left unchanged, the IBR program will be a windfall for the well-off while providing scant help to the less fortunate. For example, while low-income borrowers will see "minimal new benefits" under IBR, a law school graduate with a starting salary of \$70,000 could have \$100,000 in debt discharged.

"While well-intentioned, the IBR program is yet another example of a program providing government assistance to those who do not need it, and paying for it with the taxes of the less fortunate. As I noted in my recent report '[Subsidies of the Rich and Famous](#),' providing welfare to the wealthy undermines aid programs for those who need them the most while burdening future generations with senseless debt," Dr. Coburn said.

"Taxpayers need to ask hard questions about not just the equity of programs like IBR but also their effectiveness. Throughout government we see this principle at work: The best way to make something expensive is for government to make it affordable. That principle is particularly true in two areas of the economy – health care and education. Government's attempts to control college costs have caused those costs to skyrocket by creating an incentive for colleges and university to increase tuition along with so-called federal aid," Dr. Coburn said.

Obamacare enriched the terms of the IBR program by reducing payments to 10 percent of a borrower's income and discharging any remaining loan balance after 20 years of payments. The enriched version of IBR could become available to borrowers as early as this year if pending regulations are finalized.

"Government welfare for the well-off is unacceptable at a time when we are drowning in debt," said Senator Tom Coburn. "I commend the New America Foundation for drawing attention to a flawed student aid policy that, if left unchanged, will provide huge financial windfalls to people who are among the most financially well-off graduates in today's job market. It's time for Congress to reform this program."

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## **Congressman Frank Lucas Reacts to Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold ObamaCare**

**Washington D.C.** – Congressman Frank Lucas today made the following statement after the Supreme Court of the United States reached the decision to uphold President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as ObamaCare.

"I am disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the president's health care law," said Lucas. "Americans have spoken loudly in opposition to this unworkable law, and it is discouraging the court has found it constitutional. Families should have the freedom to make their own health care decisions, and ObamaCare takes that freedom away, while in-turn costing our nation trillions of dollars without addressing our health care problems.

"I will continue to work with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to fully repeal the law and enact reforms to our nation's health care system that protect Americans' access to health care. We need to refocus our efforts to make efficient and cost effective changes to the system, while also ensuring health care treatments are never rationed by government officials."

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## Lucas Votes for Passage of H.R. 6079, the Repeal of Obamacare Act

**Washington, D.C.** – Congressman Frank Lucas today joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives in voting for passage of H.R. 6079, the Repeal of Obamacare Act. This legislation repeals the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act of 2010, and it was passed in the House today with a 244 to 185 vote.

"I am pleased this legislation to repeal the president's health care law passed the House today," said Lucas. "This vote reassures my constituents in the Third District of Oklahoma that we remain committed to real health care reform and we will not stand for the president's flawed law.

"Americans have spoken loud and clear in opposition to Obamacare, which drives up health care costs. I will continue to work with leaders of Congress to repeal and replace Obamacare with commonsense reforms that will lower the cost of health care, and allow patients the right to choose a plan that best fits their needs."

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PRESIDENT CLINTON: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you very much. I am the warm-up act for the President. (Laughter.) And I will attempt to bring him on while you're still warm. (Laughter.)

I want to thank Eric Schneiderman for his lucid statement of the case of what's at stake in this election, and for his exceptional service to the state of New York. Thank you, Assemblyman Keith Wright, and thank you, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, for co-chairing this dinner. And, Representative Carolyn Maloney, thank you very much for your friendship and everything you've done. (Applause.) And I believe on his last day as chairman of the New York State Democratic Party -- thank you, Jay Jacobs, for being one of the best Democratic chairmen in the entire nation. (Applause.)

I want to thank my longtime friend, Jon Bon Jovi, for performing and for always being there for us. (Applause.)

Now, here's what I want to say to you. Most of my life now has nothing to do with politics. You know that. I work on my foundation; I work around the world; I work in America. I work with Democrats and Republicans and independents, and half the time I don't know who I'm working with, politically. But I do spend two hours a day still studying the economic trends around the world and studying what is going on in America. And I care about the long-term debt of the country a lot. Remember me? I'm the only guy that gave you four surplus budgets out of the eight I sent. (Applause.) So I hope what I say to you will have some weight, because I want you to say it to everybody you see between now and November.

I don't think it's important to reelect the President; I think it is essential to reelect the President -- (applause) -- if we want this country to have the kind of future that our children and grandchildren deserve. And here's why.

When I left office, we returned to the trickle-down policies -- big tax cuts, mostly for people of my income group -- I love saying this because I never had any money until I got out of the White House. (Laughter.) Maybe that's why I don't mind paying those taxes -- since I never had it before I don't know what it was like. (Laughter.)

And we doubled our debt of the country again. And then, after totally anemic growth for seven years and eight months, on the day before the financial collapse, median family income was \$2,000 lower than it was the day I left office, while the cost of health care had gone up three times the rate of inflation, college twice the rate of inflation.

Then all of a sudden, September 15th comes and goes and poof! The good news was for President Obama is that he was elected President on September 15, 2008. He's the only person in the history of the country ever to be elected President before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. (Laughter.)

The bad news is he was elected President on September 15, 2008 -- (laughter) -- in the teeth of the worst recession since the Great Depression, a financial collapse of enormous proportion. In the last 500 years, such financial collapses have taken on average five to 10 years to get over -- and when they're deep and big and accompanied by mortgage collapse, almost always 10 years.

He set about to try to keep his original dream, to return broad-based prosperity, to return the reality of the American Dream to our country, and to do it in a way that made a world with more partners and fewer adversaries. And he did it under unimaginably difficult circumstances -- 800,000 jobs were lost the month he was sworn in as President. And it is my opinion that he has performed extremely well under very, very difficult circumstances. (Applause.) And I want to tell you why. (Applause.)

So he set about to do what was necessary to prevent a financial collapse again, to put a floor under the recession and to begin to create jobs again, to save a million or more state and local jobs of teachers and health care workers and people who work for fire and police departments. He set about to bring American manufacturing back, to make America a leading nation in the green energy revolution -- which is sweeping the globe and which only the American Republican Party seems to deny is necessary.

And he set about to reform health care, knowing it was a moral, a health, and an economic issue because we are now spending almost 18 percent of our income on health care. None of our major competitors is over 11.8 percent. That's \$1 trillion a year that could be going to pay-raises for the middle class. It could be going for small businesses to hire new people.

And he did it while trying to make college more affordable, because we had dropped from first to 15th in the world in the last decade in the percentage of our young adults

graduating with degrees. And while doing that, he presented a plan to deal with the long-term debt of the country, understanding that when you have a total financial collapse -- interest rates are zero, no private demand, no private investment -- you can't have austerity now.

You remember those surplus budgets? They came about for three reasons -- spending control, adequate revenues and economic growth. If you do not have economic growth, no amount of austerity will balance the budget, because you will always have revenues go down more than you can possibly cut spending. (Applause.)

And so what he did was to say growth today, restraint in a big way tomorrow; here's my 10-year budget. So growth in jobs today, build the economy, then take the burden of the debt off our children's future, and avoid the exploding interest rates and the declining living standards that it would impose on their future.

So where are we? Oh, and by the way, he offered a politics of cooperation. He said, you Republicans start off with that individual mandate. We'll do health care reform that way. All of a sudden, they weren't for it anymore. He said, let's have a bipartisan deficit reduction commission. And when it came to a vote in the Senate, all the Republicans who co-sponsored the bill were forced to vote against it by their party. It's the first I ever saw somebody sponsor a bill and vote against it.

And I could give you lots and lots of other -- he said, let's have an infrastructure bank so we can have private and public capital like other countries do. It's a great return on investment. It's always been a bipartisan area. Once he was for it, they were all against it. Besides, it might put somebody to work and help him get reelected. (Laughter.)

So where are we in spite of that? In the last 27 months, this economy has produced 4.3 million private sector jobs. (Applause.) That is about what it produced on a monthly basis during my two terms, coming back. Why did the numbers show 3.7 million? Because the Congress refused to pass his bill to send money to states and localities to keep the teachers on the job, to keep the firefighters and the police officers on the job. I was in Wisconsin a couple of days ago -- 73 percent of the school districts have laid teachers off.

That's the austerity policy. It isn't good economics. The Obama policy is. That 4.3 million private sector jobs is -- listen to this -- 60 percent more private jobs than came into this economy in the seven years and eight months of the previous administration before the financial meltdown. And you need to tell people that. (Applause.)

And what happened with manufacturing? It's growing again for the first time since the '90s. There was an article in the paper today that said, oh, we're going to have 2 or 3 million manufacturing jobs within three more years. In seven or eight or nine areas, jobs flooding back into this country.

What happened in clean energy? Governor Romney goes out to a company that had a loan that didn't work out and says, oh, this is a whole bust. Here's what I know. We ranked first or second in the world in every major scientific survey in the capacity to generate electricity from the sun and the wind. During the worst of the meltdown, clean-energy jobs grew twice as fast as the rest of the economy, paid 35 percent more.

This weekend, Germany became the first country in history to generate 22 gigawatts of electricity from the sun. That doesn't mean much to you, so I'll tell you in plain language what it means. That's as much as 20 big nuclear power plants. (Applause.) And they have generated over 300,000 new jobs out of it. They're a fourth our size, and only half as capable to generate solar energy. If we did what they did, that's a million jobs alone. Now, that's what President Obama has done on the jobs front. (Applause.)

And where he could cooperate with people -- the automakers, management and labor -- they restructured the auto industry and what happened? We have 80,000 more people working making cars today than we did the day he took office, and we saved 1.5 million jobs that would have gone right down the tubes if those two companies had failed. (Applause.) America is back in the car business. (Applause.)

And then labor, management, the environmental groups and the government got together and agreed on a schedule to raise the car mileage standards, to double them, and guess what -- it will create 150,000 new high-tech jobs.

In health care -- just before you roll over and play dead on this issue, let me just give you two or three issues -- facts here. For the last few years, for the first time in 50 years, health care inflation has been at 4 percent. Hasn't been that low in 50 years. It's been killing people, economically. (Applause.) Americans got \$1.3 billion in refunds on their insurance policy -- because you've got to spend 85 percent of your premium on your health care now -- and that's not counting California, they're not reported in yet -- 2.6 million young people 26 years of age or younger are on their parent's policy now, all because of the health care bill the President signed. (Applause.)

I spend a lot of time with people in the health care business -- with doctors and people who manage medical practices, with people who manage hospitals, and people who manage insurance plans. I don't know anybody that wants to repeal Obamacare. Not anybody. I don't know anybody who doesn't believe that we shouldn't start paying for performance, not for procedure in health care, and improve our quality and bring our costs in line with our competitors. And that's what people in the health care business are doing today because that law passed. (Applause.)

And finally, never a day goes by I don't see some article about the burden of student loans. But when President Obama's student loan reform is fully implemented, the cost of the

loans will go down and no one will ever have to drop out of college again because of the cost. Because now everybody will be able to pay their loans back as a small, fixed percentage of their income for up to 20 years. Do you understand what that means? That one bill can take us back to number one in the world in college graduates again because nobody -- nobody -- will ever have to drop out again. (Applause.)

And his plan to reduce the debt has extraordinary spending restraint -- including in Medicare -- has modest tax increases, and is phased in as we grow the economy.

Now, his opponent, who says that he's got a better idea, was the governor of the state that was 47th in the country in job growth. He promised that if elected he would grow the economy and reduce the debt, and when he left office the debt of the state was going up. And his plan -- his plan is to go back to the Bush program, except on steroids. (Laughter.) Cut out everything that helps middle-class people, cut out everything that helps poor people work their way to the middle class.

And all of the objective analyses, the non-partisan analyses, say that every Republican plan, including the nominee for the President's plan, would add \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion to what the debt is going to be over the next 10 years if we don't do anything. And all of the objective plans say that if the President's plan were implemented, it would reduce the debt by several trillion dollars over what it's going to be if we don't do anything.

But he's got the order right, President Obama does. Growth now; restraint later. The Romney/Republican plan is austerity and more unemployment now, and blow the lid off later, just at the time when we'll be worried about high interest rates.

What's the difference here? Shared prosperity versus continued austerity and high unemployment. A politics of cooperation versus constant conflict and divide and conquer.

Listen, this is a big, clear election. Also, for me, it's important to say, in my opinion, he's done an amazing job making our country more secure, more safe, more peaceful, and building a world with more partners and fewer adversaries. And that is very, very important. (Applause.)

And he's had to get all this done while people as recently as last week were still saying he wasn't born in America. (Laughter.) He's had to get all this done with a House of Representatives that had one of the tea party members claim that 78 to 81 members of the Democratic caucus were members of the Communist Party. And neither the presidential nominee, nor any of the leaders rebuked him for saying that. This is not the 1950s. At least Joe McCarthy could skate on the fact that there was one or two living Communists walking around. (Laughter.) Nobody has seen a Communist in over a decade. (Laughter and applause.)

No criticism is too vicious and too fact-free. You have

to take the facts out there -- take the facts on the economy, the facts on health care, the facts on energy, the facts on education. And the fact is we've got an economic policy that has a real chance to bring America back. Why do you think long-term interest rates -- remember the Republicans said, oh, that Obama, he's such a big spender, we're going to have a weak dollar and interest rates are going to go through the roof. You know what the 10-year Treasury note interest rate was today? One-quarter of 1 percent. We ought to all go buy one. They're giving away the money. (Laughter.)

Now, you're laughing. But why are they doing that? Because people believe America has a solid economic strategy for the long run. And who would have ever thought that the Republicans would embrace the austerity and jobless policies of what they used to derisively call "old Europe." I never thought I'd live to breathe and see, here they are saying, let's do the eurozone's economic policy -- they got 11 percent unemployment; we can get up there if we work at it. (Laughter.)

We're laughing, folks, this is serious. Too much of politics is fact-free. Just think about the world you want your children and your grandchildren to live in. Think about what the 21st century can be. Remember there is nothing wrong with America that can't be fixed, and our inherent advantages including our diversity, our relative youth, the strength of our system are there. But you got to have the right captain of the ship. And I am depending on you to take care of future generations by making sure that that captain is President Barack Obama.

Bring him on. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT OBAMA: I love New York! (Applause.) Thank you! Well, thank you, everybody. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. (Applause.) Everybody have a seat.

AUDIENCE: Four more years!

PRESIDENT OBAMA: Thank you. I plan on getting four more years -- because of you. (Applause.)

Let me just say some thank-yous at the front here. First of all, you've got an outstanding Attorney General -- please give Eric Schneiderman a big round of applause. (Applause.) He is doing the right thing on behalf of consumers and working people all across this great state and having an influence all across the country.

I want to thank my dear friend, Jon Bon Jovi, who has -- (applause) -- been a great supporter for a long, long time. I have to say that the only thing worse than following Jon is following Jon and Bill Clinton. (Laughter.)

I want to acknowledge -- Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney is here. Where is Carolyn? (Applause.) Thank you, Carolyn. Party Chair Jacobs, thanks for the great work you've done. I want to thank all of you who helped to make this event

possible tonight.

And most of all, I want to thank the guy behind me here. President Clinton and I had a chance to talk over dinner before we came out, and we talk about a lot of things. We talk about basketball. (Laughter.) We talk about our daughters, and agree that you can't beat daughters. (Applause.) Sons who are out there, we love you, too -- (laughter) -- but I'm just saying, we bond on that front. We both agree that we have improved our gene pool because we married outstanding women. (Applause.)

But whatever the topic, whatever the subject, what I was reminded of as I was talking to President Clinton is just how incredibly passionate he is about this country and the people in it. You don't talk to Bill without hearing at least 30 stories about extraordinary Americans who are involved in clean energy, or starting a whole new project to teach kids math, or figuring out how to build some new energy-efficient building, or you name it. And it's that passion and connection that he has to the American people that is infectious. And it's a curiosity and a love for people that is now transforming the world.

And so I could not be prouder to have called him President. I could not be prouder to know him as a friend. And I could not be more grateful for him taking the time to be here tonight. (Applause.) And I thank him for putting up with a very busy Secretary of State. (Laughter and applause.)

Now, the reason I'm here tonight is not just because I need your help. It's because the country needs your help. If you think about why we came together back in 2008, it wasn't about me. It wasn't even necessarily just about the Democratic Party. It was about a common set of values that we held dear; a set of beliefs that we had about America -- a belief that if you're willing to work hard, in this country you should be able to make it. You should be able to find a job that pays a living wage. You should be able to own a home, send your kids to college, retire with dignity and respect, not go bankrupt when you get sick; that everybody in this country -- regardless of what you look like, where you come from, whether you're black, white, gay, straight, Hispanic, disabled, not -- doesn't matter, if you're willing to put in the effort this is a place where you make dreams happen. And by you putting in that effort, not only do you do well for yourself but you build the country in the process.

And we had seen that those values were eroding, a sense that that bedrock compact that we make with each other was starting to diminish. We had seen a surplus, a historic surplus, wasted away on tax cuts for folks who didn't need them and weren't even asking for them. Suddenly surpluses turned to deficits. We had seen two wars fought on a credit card. We had seen a recklessness of a few almost bring the entire system to collapse. And there was a sense that, although a few of us were doing really, really well, that you had a growing number of folks who were struggling just to get by no matter how hard they

worked.

So what we set out to do in 2008 was reclaim that basic American promise. And it wasn't easy, and many of you who supported me certainly -- you guys didn't do it because it was easy. When you support a guy named Barack Hussein Obama for the presidency you know that's not a sure thing. (Laughter.) But you did it because you sensed that the country was ready for change.

Now, we didn't know at the time -- we knew that there had been a decade of problems, that since this man had left office we had been going in the wrong direction. We didn't realize how this would culminate in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. As Bill said, the month I was sworn in, 800,000 jobs lost. We had lost 3 million before the election had even taken place.

But we didn't give up. We didn't quit, because that's not what the American people do. And so all across this country, you had folks who just dug in. They focused on what was necessary. And I do believe we implemented the right policies. When folks said that we should let Detroit go bankrupt, we said, no, we're not going to let over a million jobs go. We're not going to let an iconic industry waste away. (Applause.)

And so we brought workers together and management, and now GM is back on top, and we've seen more growth in the U.S. auto industry and more market share than we've seen in a very, very long time. And manufacturing is coming back. (Applause.) Even though that decision wasn't popular, we made the right decision.

We made the right decision in starting to free up credit again so that companies could borrow and small businesses could keep their doors open. We made the right decision when it came to ensuring that all across this country states got help to keep teachers and firefighters and police officers on the job. We made the right decision in making sure that we used this opportunity to rebuild big chunks of America -- our roads and our bridges and our rail lines.

So we made a lot of good policy decisions. But the reason we came back is ultimately because of the American people, because of their resilience and their strength. They made it happen. They decided, you know what, maybe I'll retrain for school. A small business decided, I'm going to keep my doors open even though it's very hard to make payroll right now.

One of the great privileges of being President is you go to every corner of the country and you see people from every walk of life, and it makes you optimistic about the American people. Even over these last three and a half years, as tough as things have been, it made me more optimistic about the American people, that we have all the ingredients for success.

It's because of them that we've seen more than 4 million jobs created, more than 800,000 jobs just this year alone. It's because of them that we're seeing more manufacturing jobs

coming back than any time since the 1990s.

But -- and this is where you come in -- all that work that we've done, all that effort, that stands to be reversed because we've had an opposition that has had a fundamentally different vision of where we should take America. They had it from the day I was sworn in. They made a determination that politics would trump what was needed to move this country forward. And they have tried to put sand in the gears in Congress ever since.

And now they've got a nominee who is expressing support for an agenda that would reverse the progress we've made and take us back to the exact same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. And the reason we're here today is because we're not going back. We're going forward. (Applause.) We have worked too hard and too long to right the ship and move us in the right direction. We're not going backwards, we're going forwards. (Applause.) That's what we're doing, New York. And we're going to do it with your help! (Applause.)

Now, the reason that they think they may be able to pull this off is because things are still tough. There are a lot of folks still hurting out there; too many folks still looking for work, too many people whose homes are still underwater. So we know we've got more to do. That's why I'm running again, because our job isn't finished yet. And this election in some ways is going to be even more consequential than 2008, because the choices are going to be starker this time.

Keep in mind, when I ran in 2008, I was running against a Republican who believed in climate change, believed in immigration reform, believed in campaign finance reform, had some history of working across the aisle. We had profound disagreements, but even during the midst of the financial crisis there was an agreement of the need for action -- to create jobs and create growth early.

We don't have that this time. My opponent, Governor Romney, is a patriotic American. He has seen enormous financial success, and God bless him for that. He has got a beautiful family. But his vision of how you move this country forward is what Bill Clinton said -- the same agenda as the previous administration, except on steroids. So it's not enough just to maintain tax cuts for the wealthy, we're going to double tax cuts. We're going to do even more of the same. It's not enough just to roll back the regulations that we put in place to make sure that, for example, the financial system is transparent and working effectively so we don't have taxpayer bailouts anymore, we're going to do even more to eliminate regulations that have kept our air clean and our water clean and protected our kids for 20, 30 years.

When you look at the budget that they've put forward, they're not just talking about rolling back Obamacare; they're talking about rolling back the New Deal. (Laughter.) And that's not an exaggeration.

And so there's an enormous amount at stake. And we're

going to have to make sure that in this election, we are describing clearly what's at stake. And we shouldn't be afraid of this debate, because we've got the better argument. We have got the better argument.

It's not just a matter of being able to say the change that we brought about in lifting the auto industry back, that's something we're proud of. It's not just the 4.3 million jobs. It's not just the fact that 2.5 million young people have health insurance that didn't have it before. It's not just the fact that, as a consequence of our policies, millions of young people are getting Pell grants and have the capacity to go to college who didn't have it before. It's not just the track record I've amassed over the last three-and-a-half years that I am proud of. But it's also the fact that when you look at our history, America has not grown, it has not prospered, it has not succeeded with a philosophy that says, "you're all on your own."

That's not how we built this country. The reason we became an economic superpower is because for all our individual initiative, all our entrepreneurship, all our belief in personal responsibility, despite all those things, what we've also understood is there's certain things we do better together. Creating a public school system that works so that everybody gets educated -- we understand that. (Applause.)

The first Republican President understanding we built a Transcontinental Railroad to stitch this country together -- he understood that there's certain things we do better together. Investments in the National Academy of Sciences, investment in land grant colleges. Eisenhower building the Interstate Highway System. My grandfather and his generation going to college on the GI Bill. Building the Hoover Dam, building the Golden Gate Bridge -- these things we did together. And it created a platform where everybody had a chance, everybody got a fair shot, everybody did their fair share, everybody played by the same rules.

If you look at our history, the reason why we have the best capital markets in the world, the reason why Wall Street is the center of finance -- because we had rules in place that made us the most transparent, where investors could trust if they put their money there they weren't going to be cheated. You had a strong SEC. You had FDIC. You had an entire infrastructure that allowed our capital markets to thrive. That's been a strength; not a weakness.

Throughout our history, there have been certain things that we have to do together. And what was true in the past is true now as well. So that's what's at stake in this election. I'm not going to go back to the days when suddenly our young people can't afford to go to college just to pay for tax cuts for me and Bill Clinton.

We're not going to go back to the day where 30 million people can't get health insurance despite working two jobs; where young people can't stay on their parent's policies, or seniors suddenly find prescription drugs more expensive

again. We're not going to go back to the days when suddenly women don't have preventive care, or we eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood. We're not going back to those days. I want my daughters to have the same opportunities as our sons. And I want our women to have the same ability to control their health care decisions as anybody else. We're not going backwards. (Applause.)

We're not going to go back to the days when you couldn't serve in our military and at the same time admit who it is that you loved. (Applause.) We're moving forward with an agenda of dignity and respect for everybody.

We're not going to go back to the days when folks thought somehow there was a conflict between economic growth and looking after our environment and good stewardship for the next generation. We're not going back to those days. (Applause.)

But we're going to have to fight for it. This is not going to be an easy race. Because of the Citizens United decision we're seeing hundreds of millions of dollars spent, unprecedented numbers. We haven't seen this kind of spending. There's never been this amount of negative spending before. There was a brief -- a newspaper just printed somebody had evaluated negative ads -- 70 percent of our ads have been positive; 70 percent of their ads have been negative. And I suspect that ratio could become even more pronounced as the weeks go by.

And as I said, folks out there are still anxious and they're still scared about the future. And so what the other side is counting on is fear and frustration, that hat in and of itself is going to be good enough -- because they're sure not offering any new ideas. All they're offering is the same old ideas that didn't work then and won't work now.

Even when it comes to their big issue of deficits and debt, as President Clinton just mentioned, the truth is, is that the two Presidents over the last 30 years, 40 years, who've had the lowest increases in government spending, you're looking at them right here. (Applause.) They're on this stage. They are on this stage. (Applause.)

And the agenda that we've put forward -- which says let's put people to work right now rebuilding our roads and our bridges and putting teachers back in the classroom to accelerate growth now at the same time as we couple it with long-term spending restraint -- that's a recipe that works. We've seen it work before. We saw it work in the '90s. There's no reason why it wouldn't work now. And that will allow us to make sure that we can still invest in our future.

As I travel around the world -- and I know President Clinton does, as well -- you talk to people; nothing gets me more frustrated when I hear sometimes reports in the press about America's decline, because around the world there's nobody who wouldn't trade places with us. (Applause.) We've got the best universities, the most productive workers, the best entrepreneurs, the best scientists. We've got all the

ingredients we need to make it work. Now we just need the best politics. Now we just need the best politics. (Applause.) And that's what this election is going to be all about.

So the bottom line is this: All of you, you're going to have to work not just as hard as we did in 2008, we're going to need you to work harder. One of the things we learned in 2008 is for all the negative ads, for all the rough-and-tumble of politics, for all the distortions and just plain nonsense that you sometimes hear, when folks come together, when citizens come together and insist that it's time for a change, guess what -- change happens.

And what was true then is just as true now. And I want you guys to know that it is true that my hair is grayer -- I haven't quite caught up to Bill yet -- (laughter) -- but I'm getting there. Those of us who have this awesome privilege of holding this office, we end up showing a few dings and dents along the way. That's inevitable. But I am more determined now than I was in 2008. (Applause.) I am more inspired by America now than I even was then, because I've seen more of this country, and I've seen its strength and I've seen its passion. I've seen what's possible.

I've seen the changes we've already brought. And it shouldn't make us complacent, but it should make us confident about the changes that we can bring about in the future. (Applause.) It means that we're going to be able to do even more to double clean energy. It means we're going to be able to do even more to bring back manufacturing. We're going to be able to do more to put people back to work. We're going to be able to make sure that we're a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants.

All those things on our checklist that we haven't yet gotten done we will get done. But we're only going to get it done because of you. I'm only going to get it done because of you. (Applause.)

You know, I used to say that I'm not a perfect man -- Michelle will tell you -- and I'll never be a perfect President. No President is. But I promised you I would always tell you what I thought, I'd always tell you where I stood, and I'd wake up every single day just thinking about how I can make the lives of the American people a little bit better, and I'd work as hard as I knew how to make that happen. And I have kept that promise. I have kept that promise because I still believe in you. And I hope you still believe in me. (Applause.)

Because if you're willing to join me this time out, and knock on doors, and make phone calls, and get out there and talk to your friends and talk to your neighbors, I promise you we will finish what we started in 2008. (Applause.) We will not go backward. We will go forward. And we will remind the entire world just why it is the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you, New York. I love you. God bless you. God bless America. (Applause.)

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, everybody.

MR. CARNEY: Looks like there's a surprise guest here.

THE PRESIDENT: Jay tells me that you guys have been missing me. (Laughter.) So I thought I'd come by and just say hello.

Before I take some questions, let me just mention, since Medicare has been a little bit in the news lately, I thought it would be useful to start with some actual facts and news about the program.

Today, HHS announced that thanks to the health care law that we passed, nearly 5.4 million seniors with Medicare have saved over \$4.1 billion on prescription drugs. That's an average savings of more than \$700 per person. This year alone, 18 million seniors with Medicare have taken advantage of new preventive care benefits like a mammogram or other cancer screening at no extra cost.

These are big deals for a lot of Americans, and it represents two important ways that the improvements we made as part of the Affordable Care Act has strengthened Medicare and helped seniors everywhere get better care at less cost. That's been our goal from the very beginning, and I'm going to continue to do everything I can to make sure that we keep our seniors healthy and the American people healthy.

So with that, let me start off with Jim Kuhnenn.

Q Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for being here. You're no doubt aware of the comments that the Missouri Senate candidate, Republican Todd Akin, made on rape and abortion. I wondered if you think those views represent the views of the Republican Party in general. They've been denounced by your own rival and other Republicans. Are they an outlier or are they representative?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me, first of all, say the views expressed were offensive. Rape is rape. And the idea that we should be parsing and qualifying and slicing what types of rape we're talking about doesn't make sense to the American people and certainly doesn't make sense to me.

So what I think these comments do underscore is why we shouldn't have a bunch of politicians, a majority of whom are men, making health care decisions on behalf of women.

And so, although these particular comments have led Governor Romney and other Republicans to distance themselves, I think the underlying notion that we should be making decisions on behalf of women for their health care decisions - - or qualifying forcible rape versus non-forcible rape -- I think those are broader issues, and that is a significant difference in approach between me and the other party.

But I don't think that they would agree with the Senator from Missouri in terms of his statement, which was way out there.

Q Should he drop out of the race?

THE PRESIDENT: He was nominated by the Republicans in Missouri. I'll let them sort that out.

Nancy Cordes.

Q Yes, Mr. President, thank you. As you know, your opponent recently accused you of waging a campaign filled with "anger and hate." And you told Entertainment Tonight that anyone who attends your rallies can see that they're not angry- or hate-filled affairs. But in recent weeks, your campaign has suggested repeatedly, without proof, that Mr. Romney might be hiding something in his tax returns. They have suggested that Mr. Romney might be a felon for the way that he handed over power of Bain Capital. And your campaign and the White House have declined to condemn an ad by one of your top supporters that links Mr. Romney to a woman's death from cancer. Are you comfortable with the tone that's being set by your campaign? Have you asked them to change their tone when it comes to defining Mr. Romney?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I'm not sure all those characterizations that you laid out there were accurate. For example, nobody accused Mr. Romney of being a felon.

And I think that what is absolutely true is, if you watch me on the campaign trail, here's what I'm talking about. I'm talking about how we put Americans back to work. And there are sharp differences between myself and Mr. Romney in terms of how we would do that. He thinks that if we roll back Wall Street reform, roll back the Affordable Care Act -- otherwise known affectionately as Obamacare -- that somehow people are going to be better off.

I think that if we are putting teachers back to work and

rebuilding America and reducing our deficit in a balanced way, that's how you put people back to work. That is a substantive difference. That's what I talk about on the campaign.

When it comes to taxes, Governor Romney thinks that we should be cutting taxes by another \$5 trillion, and folks like me would benefit disproportionately from that. I think that it makes a lot more sense and have put out a detailed plan for a balanced approach that combines tough spending cuts with asking people like me -- millionaires and billionaires -- to do a little bit more. That's a substantive difference in this campaign.

Whether it's on wind energy, or how we would approach funding education, those are the topics that we're spending a lot of time talking about in the campaign.

Now, if you look at the overall trajectory of our campaign and the ads that I've approved and are produced by my campaign, you'll see that we point out sharp differences between the candidates, but we don't go out of bounds. And when it comes to releasing taxes, that's a precedent that was set decades ago, including by Governor Romney's father. And for us to say that it makes sense to release your tax returns, as I did, as John McCain did, as Bill Clinton did, as the two President Bushes did, I don't think is in any way out of bounds.

I think that is what the American people would rightly expect -- is a sense that, particularly when we're going to be having a huge debate about how we reform our tax code and how we pay for the government that we need, I think people want to know that everybody has been playing by the same rules, including people who are seeking the highest office in the land. This is not an entitlement, being President of the United States. This is a privilege. And we've got to put ourselves before the American people to make our case.

Q Well, why not send a message to the top super PAC that's supporting you and say, I think an ad like that is out of bounds? We shouldn't be suggesting that --

THE PRESIDENT: So let's take that particular issue, as opposed to -- because you lumped in a whole bunch of other stuff that I think was entirely legitimate. I don't think that Governor Romney is somehow responsible for the death of the woman that was portrayed in that ad. But keep in mind this is an ad that I didn't approve, I did not produce, and as far as I can tell, has barely run. I think it ran once.

Now, in contrast, you've got Governor Romney creating as a centerpiece of his campaign this notion that we're taking the work requirement out of welfare, which every single person here who's looked at it says is patently false. What he's arguing is somehow we have changed the welfare requirement -- the work requirement in our welfare laws. And, in fact, what's happened was that my administration, responding to the requests of five governors, including two Republican governors, agreed to approve giving them, those states, some flexibility in how they manage their welfare rolls as long as

it produced 20 percent increases in the number of people who are getting work.

So, in other words, we would potentially give states more flexibility to put more people back to work, not to take them off the work requirement under welfare. Everybody who has looked at this says what Governor Romney is saying is absolutely wrong. Not only are his super PACs running millions of dollars' worth of ads making this claim; Governor Romney himself is approving this and saying it on the stump.

So the contrast I think is pretty stark. They can run the campaign that they want, but the truth of the matter is you can't just make stuff up. That's one thing you learn as President of the United States. You get called into account.

And I feel very comfortable with the fact that when you look at the campaign we're running, we are focused on the issues and the differences that matter to working families all across America. And that's exactly the kind of debate the American people deserve.

Jake Tapper.

Q Mr. President, a couple questions. One, I'm wondering if you could comment on the recent spate of green-on-blue incidents in Afghanistan, what is being done about it, why your commanders tell you they think that there has been an uptick in this kind of violence; and second, with the economy and unemployment still the focus of so many Americans, what they can expect in the next couple months out of Washington, if anything, when it comes to any attempt to bring some more economic growth to the country.

THE PRESIDENT: On Afghanistan, obviously we've been watching with deep concern these so-called green-on-blue attacks, where you have Afghan individuals, some of whom are actually enrolled in the Afghan military, some in some cases dressing up as Afghan military or police, attacking coalition forces, including our own troops.

I just spoke today to Marty Dempsey, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who happens to be in Afghanistan. He is having intensive consultations not only with our commander, John Allen, on the ground, but also with Afghan counterparts. And I'll be reaching out to President Karzai as well -- because we've got to make sure that we're on top of this.

We are already doing a range of things, and we're seeing some success when it comes to better counterintelligence, making sure that the vetting process for Afghan troops is stronger. And we've got what's called the Guardian Angel program, to make sure that our troops aren't in isolated situations that might make them more vulnerable. But obviously we're going to have to do more, because there has been an uptick over the last 12 months on this.

Part of what's taking place is we are transitioning to Afghan security, and for us to train them effectively, we are in much closer contact -- our troops are in much closer

contact with Afghan troops on an ongoing basis. And part of what we've got to do is to make sure that this model works but it doesn't make our guys more vulnerable.

In the long term, we will see fewer U.S. casualties and coalition casualties by sticking to our transition plan and making sure that we've got the most effective Afghan security force possible. But we've got to do it in a way that doesn't leave our guys vulnerable.

So we are deeply concerned about this from top to bottom. And hopefully, over the next several weeks, we'll start seeing better progress on this front.

In terms of the economy, I would love to say that when Congress comes back -- they've got a week or 10 days before they go out and start campaigning again -- that we're going to see a flurry of action. I can't guarantee that. I do think that there's some specific things they could do that would make a big difference. I'll give you a couple of examples.

First of all, just making sure that we've got what's called a continuing resolution so that we don't have any disruptions and government shutdowns over the next couple months, that's important. It appears that there's an agreement on that, but we want to make sure that that gets done.

Number two, we have put forward an idea that I think a lot of Americans think makes sense, which is we've got historically low interest rates now, and the housing market is beginning to tick back up but it's still not at all where it needs to be. There are a lot of families out there whose homes are underwater. They owe more than the house is worth because housing values dropped so precipitously, and they're having trouble refinancing.

We're going to be pushing Congress to see if they can pass a refinancing bill that puts \$3,000 into the pockets of the average family who hasn't yet refinanced their mortgage. That's a big deal. That \$3,000 can be used to strengthen the equity in that person's home, which would raise home values. Alternatively, that's \$3,000 in people's pockets that they can spend on a new computer for their kid going back to school, or new school clothes for their kids, and so that would strengthen the economy as well.

Obviously, the biggest thing that Congress could do would be to come up with a sensible approach to reducing our deficit in ways that we had agreed to and talked about last year. And I continue to be open to seeing Congress approach this with a balanced plan that has tough spending cuts, building on the trillion dollars' worth of spending cuts that we've already made, but also asks for additional revenue from folks like me, from folks in the top 1 or 2 percent, to make sure that folks who can least afford it aren't suddenly bearing the burden, and we're providing some additional certainty to small businesses and families going forward.

Alternatively, they could go ahead and vote for a bill

that we've said would definitely strengthen the economy, and that is giving everybody who's making \$250,000 a year or less certainty that their taxes aren't going to go down [sic] next year. That would make a big difference.

Now, obviously the Republicans have voted that down already once. It's not likely, realistically, that they're going to bring it back up again before Election Day. But my hope is after the election, people will step back and recognize that that's a sensible way to bring down our deficit and allow us to still invest in things like education that are going to help the economy grow.

Chuck Todd.

Q Mr. President, could you update us on your latest thinking of where you think things are in Syria, and in particular, whether you envision using U.S. military, if simply for nothing else, the safe keeping of the chemical weapons, and if you're confident that the chemical weapons are safe?

I also want to follow up on an answer you just gave to Nancy. You said that one of the reasons you wanted to see Mitt Romney's tax returns was you want to see if everybody is playing by the same set of rules. That actually goes to the question she asked, which is this implication, do you think there's something Mitt Romney is not telling us in his tax returns that indicates he's not playing by the same set of rules?

THE PRESIDENT: No. There's a difference between playing by the same sets of rules and doing something illegal. And in no way have we suggested the latter. But the first disclosure, the one year of tax returns that he disclosed indicated that he used Swiss bank accounts, for example. Well, that may be perfectly legal, but I suspect if you ask the average American, do you have one and is that part of how you manage your tax obligations, they would say no. They would find that relevant information, particularly when we're going into a time where we know we're going to have to make tough choices both about spending and about taxes.

So I think the idea that this is somehow exceptional, that there should be a rationale or a justification for doing more than the very bare minimum has it backwards. I mean, the assumption should be you do what previous presidential candidates did, dating back for decades. And Governor Romney's own dad says, well, the reason I put out 10 or 12 years is because any single year might not tell you the whole story. And everybody has, I think, followed that custom ever since.

The American people have assumed that if you want to be President of the United States, that your life is an open book when it comes to things like your finances. I'm not asking him to disclose every detail of his medical records -- although we normally do that as well -- (laughter.) You know? I mean, this isn't sort of overly personal here, guys. This is pretty standard stuff. I don't think we're being mean by

asking him to do what every other presidential candidate has done -- right? It's what the American people expect.

On Syria, obviously this is a very tough issue. I have indicated repeatedly that President al-Assad has lost legitimacy, that he needs to step down. So far, he hasn't gotten the message, and instead has double downed in violence on his own people. The international community has sent a clear message that rather than drag his country into civil war he should move in the direction of a political transition. But at this point, the likelihood of a soft landing seems pretty distant.

What we've said is, number one, we want to make sure we're providing humanitarian assistance, and we've done that to the tune of \$82 million, I believe, so far. And we'll probably end up doing a little more because we want to make sure that the hundreds of thousands of refugees that are fleeing the mayhem, that they don't end up creating -- or being in a terrible situation, or also destabilizing some of Syria's neighbors.

The second thing we've done is we said that we would provide, in consultation with the international community, some assistance to the opposition in thinking about how would a political transition take place, and what are the principles that should be upheld in terms of looking out for minority rights and human rights. And that consultation is taking place.

I have, at this point, not ordered military engagement in the situation. But the point that you made about chemical and biological weapons is critical. That's an issue that doesn't just concern Syria; it concerns our close allies in the region, including Israel. It concerns us. We cannot have a situation where chemical or biological weapons are falling into the hands of the wrong people.

We have been very clear to the Assad regime, but also to other players on the ground, that a red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized. That would change my calculus. That would change my equation.

Q So you're confident it's somehow under -- it's safe?

THE PRESIDENT: In a situation this volatile, I wouldn't say that I am absolutely confident. What I'm saying is we're monitoring that situation very carefully. We have put together a range of contingency plans. We have communicated in no uncertain terms with every player in the region that that's a red line for us and that there would be enormous consequences if we start seeing movement on the chemical weapons front or the use of chemical weapons. That would change my calculations significantly.

All right, thank you, everybody.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO BLOGHER CONFERENCE

Via Telephone

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THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you. And thanks for inviting me to speak today. And Michelle says hi. I know that at some point she'll have a chance to be with all of you. And I just want to congratulate everybody on what I hear is your biggest conference yet.

Even though I couldn't be with you in person, I wanted to say thank you. As like every father, I think about the role models that are out there for my daughters -- and I worry about what they'll run into online, honestly -- so the fact that Sasha and Malia can go to places like BlogHer and find thousands of women who are writing about subjects from health to family and food and politics and careers -- it means a lot to me and it means a lot to Michelle.

Now, some of you may have heard there's an election coming up. And women's issues are front and center, as they should be. But I think the conversation has been oversimplified a little bit. I bet anyone who spends a little time at your conference would realize pretty fast that women are not a monolithic bloc, you're not an interest group. You make up more than half of our country and nearly half of our workforce -- not to mention 80 percent of my household if you count my mother-in-law.

So, for me, any discussion of the issues women face begins with my own life story and the women in my own life. There was my mom, who was a single mother who put herself through school and made sure my sister and I earned our educations, too. There was my grandmother, who worked her way up from a secretary to vice president at her local bank -- even though she hit a glass ceiling and watched men she once trained pass her by.

When Michelle and I got married and had our girls, we were giving it our all to balance raising a family and pursuing our careers, and we wished we had a machine that would let us be two places at one time. And, of course, as a father, the highlight of my day is asking my girls about their days.

So, when I think about what's been most important in my life, it's these amazing relationships that I've had with my mother and grandmother, my wife and my daughters. And what drives me when I step into the Oval Office, every decision that I make is making sure that all of our daughters -- just like all of our sons -- are growing up in a country that gives them the chance to be anything they set their minds to, and a country where more doors are open to them than were open to the previous generation.

That's why the first bill I signed was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act -- to help protect your right to equal pay for equal work. Now I want to strengthen those protections. And that's why we've extended more loans to women-owned businesses. That's why we've cut taxes for small business owners 18 times.

I also want to keep small business taxes low in the future. That's why we've enacted education reform that's helped more than 2.3 million more young women afford to pursue higher education. And now I want to make sure even more can afford to go.

And because of the new health care reform law -- Obamacare -- I happily accept the term -- millions of young women are going to have coverage through their parent's plans. Children with preexisting conditions can't be denied insurance. Tens of millions of women with private insurance now have access to preventive care like mammograms, and are beginning to gain access to contraception at no additional cost. And pretty soon, insurance companies will no longer be able to deny you coverage because of preexisting conditions like cancer or pregnancy, or charge you higher premiums just for being a woman. I'm not going to give any ground to those who would deny women their own health care choices.

Behind every one of these policies is a pretty simple idea: You, women, should have control over the decisions that affect your health, your lives, your careers. And if you share that belief, then I think you'll agree that the choice women face right now in this election could not be bigger. On the one hand, you have folks who plan to turn back the clock. They promise to take away access to health care and contraception. They talk about getting rid of vital services like Planned Parenthood. They're planning to spend trillions of dollars on new tax cuts weighed towards millionaires and billionaires.

And just yesterday, an independent, nonpartisan organization ran the numbers. They found that in order for my opponent to pay for his tax plan he'd have to cut tax breaks that middle-class families depend on to pay for your home, or your health care, or to send your kids to college -- which means the average middle-class family with children would be hit with a tax increase of more than \$2,000.

On top of that tax increase, my opponent plans to also gut education programs that help low-income mothers, student aid that disproportionately benefits young women.

So this, overall, is what I consider a wrong approach. It's not how we're going to grow this economy. It's not how we're going to build the middle class. We can't afford to re-fight the battles of the past few years -- or the past century, for that matter.

And that's why my plan would move us forward, by cutting taxes for the middle class, investing in education, protecting equal pay, and making sure your health care is there for you when you need it. And I pay for my plan by asking people like me to go back to the same tax rates we paid during the Clinton years.

So that's the choice we face as a country. And even though we're dealing with some big challenges right now, I've never been more confident that the ability to solve our problems is entirely within our grasp. If we choose the right path, I'm absolutely confident we're going to restore the sense of economic security that ought to be at the center of American life.

We'll create an economy that works for everybody. We'll open up new doors of opportunity for our daughters as well as our sons. We'll build our middle class. We'll grow this economy not from the top down, but from the middle out and from the bottom up. And that's not just good for women; that's good for all of us.

So thank you so much for the opportunity. We appreciate you. Michelle says hi. The girls say hi. Bo does, too. I hope you guys have a wonderful conference that remains.

Bye-bye.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO AARP CONVENTION VIA SATELLITE

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Jane. (Applause.) Thank you, AARP. (Applause.) I want to thank Barry, and the entire AARP, for everything you do on behalf of America's seniors. (Applause.)

And today is especially poignant for me I think because I can't help to think about my grandmother, Madelyn Dunham. During World War II, she worked on a bomber assembly line, with a baby at home, while her husband was off serving his country. And in the postwar years, she worked her way from a secretary to vice president at her local bank. And later, she helped raise my mother, and then obviously helped raise me and my sister.

She was a great citizen who lived up to her responsibilities. And after a lifetime of hard work, what she hoped for in return was to be able to live out her golden years with dignity and security, and to see her grandchildren and her great grandchildren have a better life.

And she was fiercely independent, so she didn't want a lot of help from me or anybody else. She just wanted to make sure that the work she had put in was going to pay off. And I'm thinking a lot about her these days because we lost my grandmother three days before I was elected to this office, back in 2008. But rewarding those hopes that she and so many other Americans shared -- restoring the basic bargain that says if you work hard, that work will pay off -- is one of the reasons I ran for this office in the first place. The values that she taught me are part of what has driven me over the last four years

Now, we've come a long way, but we're not there yet. And that's why I'm asking you for a second term as President. (Applause.)

There's been a lot of talk about Medicare and Social Security in this campaign, as there should be. And these are bedrock commitments that America makes to its seniors, and I

consider those commitments unshakeable. But given the conversations that have been out there in the political arena lately, I want to emphasize Medicare and Social Security are not handouts. (Applause.) You've paid into these programs your whole lives. You've earned them. And as President, it's my job to make sure that Medicare and Social Security remain strong for today's seniors and for future generations.

It probably won't surprise you, though, that there's a lot of talk about Medicare and Social Security that hasn't been completely on the level over the last several months. So here's what you need to know:

I have strengthened Medicare as President. (Applause.) We've added years to the life of the program by getting rid of taxpayer subsidies to insurance companies that weren't making people healthier. And we used those savings to lower prescription drug costs, and to offer seniors on Medicare new preventive services like cancer screenings and wellness services.

In fact, the health reform law we passed has already saved more than 5.5 million seniors and people with disabilities nearly \$4.5 billion on their prescription drugs. (Applause.) Seniors who received a discount have saved an average of more than \$600 this year alone. And over the next 10 years, we expect the average Medicare beneficiary to save nearly \$5,000 as a result of this law.

Now, my opponents have pledged to repeal these savings and benefits in their first day on the job, which means billions in new profits for insurance companies, but also would mean immediately increased costs for seniors and would bankrupt the Medicare trust fund in just four years. And what would they replace it with? Their plan replaces guaranteed Medicare benefits with a voucher that wouldn't keep up with costs.

And when they tell you that their plan lets you keep your doctor, they're leaving out one thing -- and that's the facts. A new study says that under their plan, if just 5 percent of seniors switch to private plans, 40 percent of doctors who currently take Medicare would stop accepting it. So think about that. Millions of seniors would be forced to change doctors.

I don't consider this approach bold or particularly courageous, I just think it's a bad idea. No American should ever spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. They should retire with the care and the dignity that they have earned. (Applause.)

Now, we do have to reform and strengthen Medicare for the long haul, but we're going to do it by reducing the costs of care -- not by asking seniors to pay thousands of dollars more while we're giving millionaires and billionaires a massive new tax cut. (Applause.)

And when it comes to Social Security, we've got to keep the promise of Social Security by taking responsible steps to strengthen it, not by turning it over to Wall Street. (Applause.) The last time the other side was in charge, my

opponent's running mate wrote a bill that would have privatized Social Security. And after what happened on Wall Street just four years ago, does anybody actually think that's a good idea? (Laughter.)

Most seniors rely on Social Security for most of their income. It keeps 20 million Americans out of poverty each and every year. And while it's not the cause of today's deficits, we do need to strengthen the program for the coming decades. And that means folks on both sides need to come together around a balanced plan. (Applause.)

My opponent claims that to pay for a new \$5 trillion tax cut skewed towards the very top, he'd just close tax loopholes for the very wealthy. But independent experts say there's no way to do that without also cutting deductions that the middle class relies on, and that includes taxing things like Social Security benefits. And this could mean higher taxes for seniors on Social Security, including taxing benefits for seniors who make less than \$32,000 a year for the first time ever. Nearly 30 million seniors could see their taxes go up by hundreds of dollars.

So I want you all to know at AARP I'm not going to let that happen. (Applause.) My plan calls for both parties to come together and take responsible steps to preserve Social Security for the long run. And we'll do it in a way that ensures a lifetime of hard work is rewarded with dignity and security for generations to come.

So you guys have a big choice in this election and these are the paths -- the two paths our country can take. We can spend trillions of dollars on tax cuts targeted towards the wealthiest Americans, which could result in cuts to benefits that you've worked a lifetime to earn. Or we can take a balanced approach to invest in the middle class and strengthen Medicare and Social Security for you and your children and your grandchildren. That's the choice in this election and that's why I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.)

So thanks so much, AARP, for having me. And with that, Jane, I'm ready to take some questions. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, Jane Pauley here again. I'm back in the hall with our members, and they do have some questions for you. I'd like to explain here in the hall that -- what a satellite delay is. When I ask a question, it goes up there, and then it comes down. There's about a second and a half delay between my delivering a question and the President hearing it. Just so you know the drill and a little inside stuff on television.

Mr. President, we are so grateful that you can stay with us a few minutes longer.

Mike, from Brier, Washington, asks: "How will you reduce the federal debt and not gut Social Security and Medicare?"

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it's a great question, Mike, and I appreciate it. We have a genuine challenge in bringing our deficit down and reducing our debt, and I think it's important

for folks to know that 90 percent of the debt and deficits that we're seeing right now are the result of choices that were made over the course of the last decade -- two wars that weren't paid for; tax cuts skewed towards the wealthy that were not paid for. So we made some decisions, and then when the Great Recession hit, that meant more money was going out and not as much money was coming in, and that has blown up our deficit and our debt.

The key to reducing it is to do it in a balanced, responsible way. So I've put forward a \$4 trillion, deficit-reduction plan which would bring our deficits down to a manageable level and begin the work of bringing our debt down, and it involves making some tough choices. So I've already signed a trillion dollars' worth of cuts, programs that we don't need, programs that, frankly, are not helping people get more opportunity or creating pathways for success for middle-class families or those who are striving to get into the middle class.

But after those cuts are made and some additional cuts are made, the only way to reach that \$4 trillion target to also ask the wealthiest among us to do a little bit more. So what I've suggested is that we go back for people whose incomes are above \$250,000 to go back to the tax rates that existed when Bill Clinton was President, which, by the way, was a time when we created 23 million new jobs, went from a deficit to a surplus, and created a whole lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

Now, this contrasts with the plan that my opponent is putting forward for deficit reduction. And some of you may have seen President Clinton speak at the convention -- (applause) -- what's missing from it is arithmetic, because what they're proposing is not only to extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, but then they want to add another \$5 trillion tax cut on top of that, and \$2 trillion in additional defense spending that our Joint Chiefs of Staff say doesn't make sense at a time when we're winding down two wars.

So before they even start digging us out of the hole that we're in, they just added to the hole with \$7 trillion in additional spending on tax cuts or on defense. Now, they haven't explained how they would pay for that, but independent analysts who have looked at it have said the only way you pay for this is not only to gut investments in education, in basic research that could help find cures for cancer or Alzheimer's, to not invest in our infrastructure, but it also means that you're going to have to impose a higher tax burden on middle-class families -- up to \$2,000 a year for families with children.

And as I mentioned in my opening remarks, if you're looking at figuring out how to pay for that \$5 trillion tax cut, part of what you would also start looking at is taxing Social Security benefits, or turning Medicare into a voucher program. And that is not the right approach to take.

My attitude is that if we're going to work together to bring down our deficit, everybody has got to do their fair share, everybody has got to do their part. (Applause.) And for us to have new tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires

to pay for cuts in Social Security or Medicare or education is just not the right way to go.

Q Mr. President, from Washington D.C, Paulette (ph) asks a question. She says, "If one makes \$106 [thousand] a year or less, they pay Social Security taxes on 100 percent of their income; a millionaire pays 10 percent or less. Will you try to get the cap removed for Social Security taxes?"

THE PRESIDENT: I do think that looking at changing the cap is an important aspect of putting Social Security on a more stable footing. (Applause.) And what I've said is, is that I'm willing to work with Republicans and examine all their ideas, but what I'm not going to do as a matter of principle is to slash benefits or privatize Social Security and suddenly turn it over to Wall Street. Because we saw what can happen, back in 2008/2009, when the stock market crashed. And we're still recovering from that.

Q Mr. President, James from Derry, Pennsylvania says, "I haven't heard you say much about out-of-control prescription drug costs facing those of us retired and living on fixed incomes. What are you plans to bring down these costs?"

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the good news is, I'm not just talking about it, we've actually done something about it. (Applause.) The health care bill that we passed, Obamacare, which, by the way, I don't mind the term because I do care, that's why we passed the bill -- (applause) -- one of the things that we did was to begin closing the notorious doughnut hole that so many seniors suffer from.

So starting this year already, what we're seeing is a 50 percent discount for seniors who are in the doughnut hole. Each year they're going to get additional discounts until the doughnut hole is completely closed. That's already saving millions of seniors around the country an average of \$600 to \$650 a year. That's on top, by the way, of the preventive care that is now provided without additional charge, under Medicare, as a consequence of what we did with Obamacare.

And there's more that we can do on prescription drugs. One of the things that I've proposed in my budget is that Medicare recipients should get some of the same deep discounts that Medicaid receives. That would save additional billions of dollars for seniors. (Applause.) And there's work that we can also do in terms of accelerating the use of generics and making sure that the process for seniors getting access to cheaper prescription drugs is obtained.

But this is critically important because I meet too many families where they tell me a story of their parents having to cut their pills in half because they just can't afford the prescriptions that have been given to them.

Q Mr. President, a question for you from Hawaii, from Richard: "What would you do to guarantee the future of Medicare?"

THE PRESIDENT: Well, again, it turns out that contrary to what you've heard and what you may hear from subsequent

speakers, Obamacare actually strengthened Medicare. So what we did was extend the Medicare trust fund by eight years. In addition, we dealt with prescription drugs in a way that is helping seniors now and in the future. The preventive care that we're doing is going to ensure that seniors stay healthier, which reduces costs.

And one thing that I want to point out is, when you hear this notion of -- that we somehow took \$716 billion, robbed it from Medicare beneficiaries and seniors, I want you to know that is simply not true. (Applause.) What we did was we went after waste and fraud, and overcharging by insurance companies, for example. Those savings do come out to \$716 [billion], and those savings are part of what allows us to close the doughnut hole, provide the preventive care, and is actually going to extend the life of Medicare over the long term. It also, by the way, helps to reduce the increase in the premiums that seniors pay under Medicare.

And that points to what we need to do with Medicare generally. What we need to do is to go after the waste, the fraud, and reduce health care costs overall. (Applause.) So part of what we're doing through this new health care law is using the power of -- the purchasing power of Medicare to say to doctors and hospitals and insurance companies, you guys need to work smarter -- instead of having five different tests that you're charging us for, do one test and then email it to everybody. (Applause.) Instead of having all kinds of administrative costs and paperwork, let's make sure that we're using health IT -- information technologies -- to do a better job. Let's coordinate care better. Let's engage in more preventive care. (Applause.)

Because this is not just a Medicare problem. Medicare actually is a very efficient program relative to the private insurance programs. The problem is health care costs generally are going up. So we've got to bring down health care costs; that's what we're focused on. And I just want to point out that the other side's approach to saving Medicare -- and you'll be hearing about this, I gather, after I speak -- is to turn Medicare into a voucher program and essentially transfer those costs onto seniors.

Congressman Ryan's original plan that was put forward -- independent analysis showed that, as a consequence, seniors could expect to pay over \$6,000 more for their Medicare once they were under a voucher program. Now, that was his original plan. I want to be fair here. He then modified it -- because obviously there was a lot of pushback from seniors on that idea -- so he said, well, we're going to have traditional Medicare stand side by side with the voucher program, and no current beneficiaries will be affected.

The problem is that insurance companies, once they're getting vouchers, they're really good at recruiting the healthier, younger Medicare recipients, and weeding out and leaving in traditional Medicare [to] the older, sicker recipients. And over time what happens is that, because there are older, sicker folks in the traditional Medicare plan, premiums start going up, they start going through the roof. And the entire infrastructure of traditional Medicare ends up

collapsing, which means that all seniors at some point end up being at the mercy of the insurance companies through a voucher program. That's what we're trying to prevent. And the reason that AARP supported Obamacare and does not support this voucher approach is because they have looked at these independent experts and the analysis that they've put forward, and they know that a voucher program is not going to be a good deal for Medicare over the long haul. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, from Sandwich, Massachusetts. Kathy (ph) has the following question for you: "What would your administration do to make sure age discrimination laws are enforced so we have an even playing field to get a job?"

THE PRESIDENT: Well, this is a great question, and obviously one of the challenges that we've seen as a consequence of this terrible recession we went through was a lot of workers in their 50s and early 60s found themselves suddenly laid off, and it's very hard for them to get their foot in the door despite all the incredible experience that they have and the skills and training that they've got. So there are a couple of things that we need to do.

Number one, we just have to make sure that we're enforcing nondiscrimination laws effectively. And the Attorney General knows that that's always a top priority for me. In some cases, part of what we're trying to do is to see if we legislatively can overturn some bad Supreme Court rulings that have made it harder to prove age discrimination. (Applause.)

Q Using the --

THE PRESIDENT: And that's something that we're really focused on.

Q Forgive me for interrupting the President of the United States. Sorry. (Laughter.)

Mr. President, you used the word "legislation" which will ring a bell with Joe from Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, who asks: "What can you do about this gridlock between both sides of the aisle in Congress?"

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Jane, let me just say this -- first of all, before I go to the gridlock issue, I did want to emphasize that in addition to dealing with age discrimination, the work that's being done between the SBA and the AARP around the Encore Entrepreneur's Program, helping thousands of seniors across the country start their own small businesses, if in fact they're not getting hired, to provide them a source of income and use their incredible skills -- I just wanted to give a shout out to AARP because that program is really doing great work. (Applause.)

But when it comes to gridlock, look, I came in in 2008 and I said, even though I got 53 percent of the vote and 47 percent of the country voted against me, that I'd be the President for everybody, and I'd listen to everybody's voices. (Applause.)

And every idea that I put forward and all the work that

we have done has been to draw on the best ideas from both parties. In fact, Obamacare now owes a debt to what was done in Massachusetts by my opponent Mr. Romney, even though sometimes he denies it. (Applause.)

So I am always going to be looking to find common ground and solve problems for the American people. The one thing I won't do, though, is to go along with bad ideas that are not helping the middle class, not helping people who have worked hard all their lives, not helping to provide ladders of opportunity to people who are still looking to succeed in this great country of ours. And so, if I hear that the only way that Republicans in Congress are willing to move forward is to voucherize Medicare, I'll say no. (Applause.) If the only thing that they're willing to offer in terms of deficit reduction is to do it on the backs of seniors or our children who need to get a great education, or middle-class families who can't afford another tax increase, I'm going to say no.

So part of what I think you want from your President is somebody who is working hard to bring people together, but is also willing to stand up to bad ideas that would end up tilting the playing field further in favor of those who have already made it instead of also thinking about folks who are trying to make it who worked hard all their lives, like my grandmother. And that's exactly why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, on behalf of everyone here in the hall and listening online, we are so grateful that you could spend some time with us this morning. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much, Jane. Take care, everybody.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Lions Park  
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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Golden! (Applause.) Thank you! (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

You know, this is just too pretty. (Laughter.) I don't know how you guys get any work done around here. (Laughter.) It is spectacular today. (Applause.) Spectacular. And I notice there's kind of like a water slide in there -- I wanted to try it out, but -- (laughter) -- Secret Service said no. (Laughter.) They would not let me do it.

It is great to be back in Colorado. Can everybody please give Lisa a big round of applause for that great introduction? (Applause.) Not only does she deserve a great introduction -- or applause because of the introduction, but also having three kids and one more coming -- (laughter) -- that deserves some applause. (Applause.) To all the moms out there. (Applause.) That is some work. And once you get to three, then you've got to play zone defense -- (laughter) -- I don't even know what to do with four. (Laughter.)

I am so grateful to be here, and I'm so grateful that Lisa took the time to do this. I've got a couple other friends who are here -- first of all, your former senator and outstanding Secretary of the Interior, looking after the natural resources of America -- Ken Salazar is in the house. (Applause.) Your Mayor, Marjorie Sloan, is here. (Applause.)

Marjorie, she could not be sweeter. I mean, she gave me such a nice welcome hug, and informed me that I am the first President to visit this county since Ulysses S. Grant. Is that correct? (Applause.) Now, that's pretty impressive. That's a long time ago, Ulysses S. Grant. (Laughter.) Back then you couldn't even vote. You guys were still a territory. (Laughter.) So I'm glad to put down my marker here. (Applause.) Absolutely.

Let me say at the outset that obviously our hearts are heavy this week -- we had a tough day a couple of days ago, for four Americans were killed in an attack on our diplomatic post in Libya. Yesterday I had a chance to go over to the State Department to talk to friends and colleagues of those who were killed. And these were Americans who, like so many others, both in uniform and civilians, who serve in difficult and dangerous places all around the world to advance the interests and the values that we hold dear as Americans.

And a lot of times their work goes unheralded, doesn't get a lot of attention, but it is vitally important. We enjoy our security and our liberty because of the sacrifices that they make. And they do an outstanding job every single day without a lot of fanfare. (Applause.)

So what I want all of you to know is that we are going to bring those who killed our fellow Americans to justice. (Applause.) I want people

around the world to hear me: To all those who would do us harm, no act of terror will go unpunished. It will not dim the light of the values that we proudly present to the rest of the world. No act of violence shakes the resolve of the United States of America. (Applause.)

And I've directed my administration to do whatever is necessary to protect all Americans who are serving abroad. It's one of my highest priorities as President. And we're also in contact with other governments to underscore that they've got an obligation to cooperate with us to protect our citizens. That's part of their job.

Now, I know that it's difficult sometimes seeing these disturbing images on television, because our world is filled with serious challenges. This is a tumultuous time that we're in. But we can, and we will, meet those challenges if we stay true to who we are, and if we would remind ourselves that we're different from other nations. We're different not only because of the incredible landscape that God has given us; we're different because we're a nation that's bound together by a creed. We're not made up of a single tribe or a single religion or a single race. We're a collection of people from all around the world who came here because of a certain set of principles -- the idea that all men and women are created equal; that we are all endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights. (Applause.) That's what binds us together. That's what our flag means.

But we also believe that these are not just American rights. We believe these are universal aspirations, and they're held by people who live in tiny villages in Libya, prosperous cities in Europe. That's our light to the world. And our task, as the most powerful nation on Earth, is to defend and protect and advance our people, but also to defend and protect and advance those values at home and around the world. That's what our troops do. That's what our diplomats do. That's what our intelligence officers do. That's what our citizens do. That's what we believe. Those are the values that we hold to. (Applause.)

And here in America, there is no more fundamental part of our democracy than the fact that all of you get a say in the decisions that are made about our country's future. (Applause.) And that's why we're here today.

Over the past few weeks, Colorado, you've been offered two very different paths for our future. You've seen their convention, you've seen ours, and now you face one big choice.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're with you! (Laughter and applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Our vision, our fight is to restore the basic bargain that built the largest middle class and the strongest economy the world has ever known -- (applause) -- the promise that says hard work will pay off; if you work hard you can make it; that responsibility will be rewarded; that in this country of ours, everybody gets a fair shot and everybody does their fair share and everybody plays by the same rules -- from Wall Street to Main Street to Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

And that basic bargain is why I ran for President in the first place -- because I had watched a decade in which too many jobs were being shipped overseas; in which too many families were struggling with costs that kept on going up but paychecks that didn't; people having to try to cover basic expenses with credit cards and home equity loans just to pay tuition for college or put gas in the car or food on the table. And then we saw that house of cards that had been built up collapse in the worst recession since the Great Depression, and millions of innocent Americans, including folks here in Colorado, lost their homes and their jobs, their life savings. And for the last three and a half years, we've been fighting to recover from the body blow that we took.

And we've made progress. We've made progress. (Applause.) We were losing 800,000 jobs a month; we've created jobs now for the past 30 months. (Applause.) We saved an American auto industry on the brink of going under. (Applause.) Manufacturing is starting to come back here in the United States. (Applause.) But we've got so much more work to do, because there's still a lot of folks out there hurting.

And here's the thing. I don't think the best answer for today's new challenges are the same old sales pitches. And frankly, that's what you heard mostly in Tampa. You heard a long litany of what folks thought was

wrong with America, but they didn't tell you much about what they'd do to make it right. They wanted your vote, but they didn't tell you their plan. (Applause.) Because basically their plan was one that you had heard before: If we cut more taxes, everybody is going to be okay -- especially if we cut taxes at the top. Tax cuts in good times. Tax cuts in bad times. Tax cuts when we're at peace. Tax cuts when we're at war. You need to make a restaurant reservation, you don't need the new iPhone -- here's a tax cut for that. (Laughter.) You want to learn a new language? Try a tax cut. Tax cut to lose a few extra pounds. (Laughter.) Whatever ails you.

Now, I've cut taxes for folks who need it -- middle-class families, small business owners. (Applause.) That's who needs them. The typical family has seen their federal income taxes go down -- their income tax burden go down by \$3,600 since I came into office, because it was important to provide folks who need it relief. (Applause.) Small businesses -- we cut their taxes 18 times. (Applause.)

So I want to give tax relief to folks who need it, but I don't believe another round of tax cuts for millionaires are going to bring good jobs back to our shores. They're not going to bring down our deficits. Just like I don't believe that firing teachers or kicking students off of financial aid is going to grow our economy, especially when we've got to compete with the scientists and engineers that are coming out of China.

And I've got to say, Colorado, after all we've been through, the idea that we would roll back regulations that we finally put in place on Wall Street to make sure they don't act recklessly again and bring the economy back to its knees -- I don't think rolling back regulations are going to help the small businesswoman in Jefferson County, or laid-off construction workers that are trying to get back to work.

Golden, we have been there, we've tried that, it didn't work. We're not going back. We are not going back. (Applause.) We don't believe in a top-down, trickle-down economy that says to everybody, "you're on your own." We believe that we're all in this together. (Applause.) We believe that the economy grows from the middle class out, from the bottom up. (Applause.) That's how we move forward.

And I won't pretend that the path I'm offering is easy. Bill Clinton reminded us last week, it's going to take a few more years to deal with all the challenges that we built up over decades. But when I hear some folks, I guess just for political reasons, saying how America is in decline, they are wrong. (Applause.) We still have the world's best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best researchers and scientists in the world. We've got the best colleges and universities in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best democracy in the world. There is not a country on Earth that wouldn't trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

Our problems can be solved, and our challenges can be met. And the path I offer may be harder, but it leads to a better place. (Applause.) I'm asking -- (sneezes) -- I'm getting all choked up. (Laughter.) I'm getting all choked up here.

I'm asking you to choose that future. I am asking you, Colorado, to rally around a set of goals -- concrete, achievable goals -- to create new manufacturing jobs and new energy sources, to improve education, to bring down our deficit in a balanced, responsible way, to turn a page on a decade of war. That's what we can do in the next four years. (Applause.) That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, let me talk about this plan, because you need to know what you're voting for. Number one, I've got a plan to export more products and outsource fewer jobs. (Applause.) After a decade of decline, this country has created over half a million new manufacturing jobs in the last two and a half years. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world.

So now you've got a choice. You can follow the other side's advice and keep giving more tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas, or we can

start rewarding companies that open new plants and train new workers and create new jobs right here in America. (Applause.) We can help big factories and small businesses double their exports. We can create a million new manufacturing jobs in the next four years. We can continue to invest in basic science and research so that we maintain our technological edge and commercialize those advances.

That's how we stay on top. That's how we stay number one. You can make that happen. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.) That's why I want a second term. (Applause.)

I've got a plan to control more of our own energy. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) That saves you money. It helps our national security. And it helps to preserve this incredible, beautiful landscape that we've got. (Applause.)

We've doubled the amount of renewable energy that we generate from sources like wind and solar power. Thousands of Americans here in Colorado and all across the country have jobs today building wind turbines and long-lasting batteries, solar panels. And today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than any time in nearly two decades. (Applause.) That's what we've done.

So now you've got a choice. We can reverse this progress, like the other side has talked about, or we can build on it. (Applause.) Now, unlike my opponent, I'm not going to let the oil companies write our energy plan. (Applause.) I'm not going to get rid of the wind energy tax credit that is helping to spur this incredibly dynamic sector of our economy. We're going to build on this progress. We need to keep investing in wind and solar -- (applause) -- and make sure our farmers and scientists are harnessing new biofuels.

Let's put our construction workers back to work building energy-efficient homes and factories. (Applause.) Let's develop a hundred-year supply of natural gas that's right beneath our feet. We can cut our oil imports in half by 2020 and create hundreds of thousands of new jobs all across this country. That's the path forward. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

I've got a plan to give Americans a greater chance to gain the skills they need to compete. Education was a gateway of opportunity for me. Let's face it, a mixed kid from Hawaii born to a single mom is not likely to become President of the United States. (Applause.) But in America it can happen because of education, because somebody gave me opportunity. (Applause.)

You know, a little black girl from the South Side of Chicago, whose mom is a secretary and dad is a blue-collar worker -- not likely to become First Lady of the United States. (Applause.) But it happens because she got a great education, even though her folks didn't have a lot of money.

It's the gateway of opportunity for middle-class families, for those who are willing to work hard to get into the middle class and stay there. And because of the work we've done over the last three and a half years, millions of students are paying less for college today because we took out billions of dollars that was being wasted using banks and lenders as middlemen; we started giving these loans directly to students. (Applause.) And now millions more are qualified to get help. (Applause.)

We set up a tuition tax credit so that middle-class families can get a \$10,000 tuition credit over four years to help their kids go to school.

Now we've got to build on that progress. And you've got a choice. The other side, they're proposing to gut education to pay for more tax breaks for folks like me.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo, now -- vote. (Applause.) Vote. (Applause.)

I think we've got a better path. We can decide that in the United States of America, no child should have her dream deferred because of an overcrowded classroom or a crumbling school or outdated textbooks. And no

family should have to set aside a college acceptance letter just because they don't have the money. No company should have to look for workers in China because they couldn't find the right skills for folks here in the United States.

So I'm asking you to help me recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers, and improve early childhood education, and get 2 million more workers the chance to go to community colleges to get the skills they need for the jobs that are out there right now. (Applause.) And let's help bring down college and university tuition costs over the next several years. (Applause.)

We can meet that goal. You can choose that future for America. Yes, we can.

AUDIENCE: Yes, we can.

THE PRESIDENT: You remember that. (Applause.)

Now, we can do all this and we can reduce our deficit without sticking it to the middle class. So I put forward a plan that will reduce our deficit by \$4 trillion. That's not my opinion; there's independent analysis that's been done, this will reduce the deficit by \$4 trillion. I've worked with Republicans in Congress already to cut a trillion dollars' worth of spending, and I'm willing to work with them to do more. Everybody talks about how partisan everything is. Listen, I am happy to work with Republicans. I want their cooperation. (Applause.) If they want me, I'll wash the car, I'll walk the dog for them -- (laughter) -- to get a deal done for the American people.

I want to reform our tax code so that it's simple and so that it's fair. There are areas where we should be able to agree. But here's the thing I can't do. I can't ask millionaires to do nothing, and then ask everybody else to do a whole lot. (Applause.)

So I've asked, under my plan, the wealthiest households to 0pay a slightly higher rate on their income taxes after the \$250,000 threshold -- so they'd still get a tax cut for the first \$250,000. That would apply to 100 percent of Americans. But for that dollar after \$250,000 you pay a little bit more -- the same rate that you paid under Bill Clinton, the same rate that was in force when our economy created nearly 23 million new jobs, went from deficit to the biggest surplus in history, and we created a lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

And by the way, I want you to understand why this is important. If we take that approach where folks like me and Governor Romney are paying a little bit more, then we can keep taxes low for middle-class families -- 98 percent of American families make \$250,000 or less. And so we can keep your tax cuts in place and we can still invest in our future. And here's the thing -- when you've got some tax relief, when the firefighter or the teacher or the construction worker or the receptionist -- when you guys -- when the small businessperson -- because 97 percent of small businesses make less than \$250,000 -- when you have money in your pockets, what do you do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Because you have to -- right? Your car is 10 years old, and you've got a boiler in the house you got to fix -- right? So there are things you do with the money. That means, then, businesses have more customers. That means businesses make more profits and businesses hire more workers, which means, then, the economy gets that much stronger. That's how you grow an economy. Not from the top down; from the bottom up, from the middle out. That's how we do it. (Applause.) That's how we've always done it.

Now, in fairness, the other side does have a plan also. But as President Clinton pointed out, it doesn't have arithmetic in it. (Laughter.) Now, keep in mind these are folks who say that their biggest priority is reducing the deficit. This is a generational obligation, we've got to do right by our kids, et cetera. So what's their first proposal? They think that we're going to lower our deficit by spending trillions of dollars more on new tax breaks for the wealthy. That doesn't add up.

When you try to pay for \$5 trillion in new tax cuts, there are only so

many places you can go. First of all, you can gut education investments, and investments in research and technology, and we can stop rebuilding our infrastructure. But even if you do all that, you haven't come close to \$5 trillion. So eventually, what independent analysis says is that middle-class families are going to have to pay for it. Or, alternatively, the deficit blows up.

And if you don't see that math, then you've got to go see your teacher after school. (Laughter.) You got to go talk to Lisa and get a tutorial. (Laughter.)

And on top of the \$5 trillion tax cut they're talking about that would give the average person making \$3 million a year a \$250,000 tax cut, in addition they want to add \$2 trillion in new military spending without increasing -- they say they're not going to increase the deficit. Well, your calculator is going to go out on you if you try to add all that stuff up. (Laughter.)

So listen, Golden, I refuse to ask middle-class families to pay more so that I pay less. I refuse to ask students to pay more for college, or kick children out of Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor, or elderly, or disabled, just to pay for tax cuts to the wealthy that we cannot afford. (Applause.)

And I will not turn Medicare into a voucher just to give tax cuts to the wealthy. (Applause.) No American should ever have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. They should retire with dignity and respect. And we're going to reform and strengthen Medicare for the long haul, but we do it by reducing the cost of health care, by making the health care system smarter so that instead of five tests you get one test, and then it's emailed everywhere. And we reduce all the paperwork because we're enhancing information technologies in the health care system. And we're doing more preventive care. Those are the things that are going to reduce the cost of care.

But we don't just shift those costs on to seniors and ask them to pay thousands of dollars more. That's not right.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And we are certainly going to make sure that we keep the promise of Social Security. (Applause.) We'll take responsible steps to strengthen it -- but we're not going to turn it over to Wall Street. (Applause.)

So we're going to rebuild our economy. But our prosperity at home is linked to what we do abroad. And this week's events remind us of that. Four years ago, I promised to end the war in Iraq -- and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd wind down the war in Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) And while a new tower rises above the New York skyline, al Qaeda is on the path to defeat, and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

But we see on our televisions that there are still threats in the world, and we've got to remain vigilant. That's why we have to be relentless in pursuing those who attacked us this week. That's also why, so long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.)

And that's why when our troops take off their uniform, we will serve them as well as they've served us -- because nobody who has fought for us should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. That is a solemn oath that we have to keep. (Applause.)

And we will use the money we're no longer spending on war to pay down our debt, and to put more people back to work rebuilding roads and bridges, schools and runways, helping local communities hire firefighters and police officers and first responders. Because after a decade of war, it's time to do some nation-building right here in Colorado, right here in the United States of America. Let's put Americans back to work. (Applause.)

We can do all this. And the power to do it is where it has always been -- in your hands. I said this at the convention -- the election four years ago wasn't about me; it was about you. You were the change. You're the ones who made it happen.

You're the reason that there's a teacher and her husband in Pueblo who can now buy their first home with the help of new tax credits. (Applause.) You're the reason that a woman outside Durango can get the treatment she needs for her breast cancer, now that there are affordable plans to cover preexisting conditions. (Applause.)

You're the reason seniors across Colorado are saving an average of nearly \$600 every year on prescription drugs because of Obamacare. And it's true, I do care. That's why we pushed it. You care. That's why we made it happen. (Applause.)

You're the reason that a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.) You're the reason why a selfless soldier won't be kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love -- we ended "don't ask, don't tell." (Applause.) You're the reason why thousands of families have finally been able to say to their loved ones who served us so bravely: "Welcome home." You made that happen. (Applause.)

And the only way America keeps moving forward is if you don't stop. You can't buy into the cynicism that the other side is selling. You can't let them convince you somehow that change isn't possible. If you give up on the idea that your voice makes a difference, then other people rush in to fill the void -- the lobbyists, the special interests, the folks who are writing the \$10 million checks to run all those negative ads, the folks who are trying to make it harder for you to vote, the Washington politicians who want to decide for you who you can marry or what kind of health care women should get.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: We can't let that happen, Colorado. And that's why I need your help -- because we've come too far to turn back now. We've got more good jobs to create. We've got more clean, homegrown energy to generate. (Applause.) We've got more good schools to build and more great teachers to hire. (Applause.) We've got more troops to bring home and more veterans to care for. (Applause.) And we've got more doors of opportunity to open to everybody who is willing to work hard and walk through them -- everybody, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, young, old, gay, straight, able -- everybody. That's what I'm asking -- (applause) -- that you keep going forward.

That's why I'm asking for a second term, Colorado. (Applause.) And if you're willing to work with me, and knock on some doors with me, and make some phone calls for me, and vote for me in November, we will win Colorado. We will win this election. We will finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: How's it going, Iowa? (Applause.) It is good to be back in Sioux City! (Applause.)

Please give Rob a big round of applause for that great introduction. (Applause.) It's good to be with my outstanding Secretary of Agriculture, your former governor, Tom Vilsack. (Applause.) It is great to see your Mayor, Bob Scott. (Applause.) And it is great to see all of you. (Applause.)

And the only thing that I'm not going to do, though, is get in the middle of an argument between Hawkeye and Huskers fans. (Laughter.) I'm not going to go there.

Now, Iowa is our first stop this week on the road to our convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. (Applause.) And it was important for me to begin that journey right here in Iowa because this is where it all began for us four years ago -- right here in Iowa. (Applause.) Because it was you, Iowa, who kept us going when all the pundits had written us off. It was in your living rooms and backyards and VFW halls and diners where our movement for change began. And it will be you, Iowa, who is going to make all the difference in the world in this upcoming election. (Applause.)

Now, last week, the other party, they gave their pitch at the convention in Florida.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.)

I've got to say, that convention, it was something. (Laughter.) Despite all the challenges that we face in this new century, what they offered over their three days was an agenda that was probably a little better suited for the last century. (Applause.) They were going so far backwards you might as well have watched it on black-and-white TV. (Laughter and applause.) Put some rabbit ears on the convention

hall. (Applause.)

Now, in case you didn't DVR it, let me give you a simple recap: The economy is not where it needs to be, and it's Obama's fault, and only Mitt Romney knows the secret to creating jobs and growing the economy.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And there was a lot of talk about speaking "hard truths" and making "bold choices," but the interesting thing was nobody ever bothered throughout the three days to tell you what these tough choices were going to be. They didn't really explain what they were going to do.

When Governor Romney had his chance to let you in on his secret sauce -- (laughter) -- he didn't offer you a single new idea. It was just a retread of the same old policies that have been sticking it to the middle class for years. (Applause.)

So you heard them talk a lot about me. You heard them talk a lot about Mitt. They didn't talk a lot about you. They didn't talk about the challenges you face and how we could actually solve some of these challenges. They spent less time talking about their plan than just about anything else. Not just because they know you don't like it -- now, the truth is if I had their plan I probably wouldn't talk about it a lot either. (Laughter and applause.) And they know you're not going to buy it because we've tried it, you saw what happened, you lived through it and you don't want to repeat it. (Applause.)

We know that making the middle class, for example, pay for another budget-busting \$250,000 tax cut for folks making \$3 million a year or more is not going to translate into jobs and prosperity for working families all across Sioux City. We know that. (Applause.)

We know that families aren't going to be better off if we roll back financial reform that's there to prevent another financial crisis. We know we're not going to be better off if suddenly we roll back the protections for our air and our water, and protections to make sure that if you get sick there's going to be health care there for you.

We're sure not going to be better off if suddenly, instead of having Medicare that you can count on, we've got some sort of voucher program that Mr. Romney and Mr. Ryan are proposing that leaves seniors to pay any additional costs out of their own pocket.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: They have been trying to sell us these tired, trickle-down, you're-on-your-own policies before. They did not work. They didn't work then, they won't work now. They won't create jobs. They won't lower our deficit. They're not going to strengthen the middle class. They're not a plan to move our country forward.

We believe in something better. (Applause.) We believe

in an America that says our economic strength has never come from the top down; it comes from the middle out and the bottom up. (Applause.) It comes from students and workers and small business people, and a growing, thriving middle class. That's what built this country. (Applause.)

We believe in an America that doesn't let how much money you've got determine whether or not you can afford good health care, or send your kids to get a good higher education. (Applause.)

We believe in an America that maintains the strongest, most disciplined, most effective military in the history of the world, but that we also lead with the strength of our ideas and the power of our example. And we believe in an America where no matter who you are, or what you look like, or where you come from or who you love -- you can pursue your own happiness, and you can make it if you try. That's what we believe here in America. (Applause.)

That's what these last four years have been about. That's what this campaign is about. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, on Thursday night -- this coming Thursday night -- not last Thursday night -- (laughter) -- this coming Thursday night, I will offer you what I believe is a better path forward -- a path that will grow this economy and create more good jobs, and strengthen our middle class, and create ladders for everybody who is willing to work hard to get into the middle class. And the good news is you're going to get to choose which path we take.

You can go with what you heard last Thursday.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: You can choose their plan to give massive new tax cuts to folks who've already made it. Or you can go with my plan, which is to keep the tax cuts on every American who is still trying to make it. (Applause.)

Back in 2008, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families. And I've cut taxes by a total of about \$3,600 for the typical family. And now I'm running to make sure that taxes aren't raised a single dime on your family's first \$250,000 of income -- which, by the way, means for 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses, they won't see their income taxes go up. (Applause.) That's my path. That's a different choice than where these other guys want to go.

You can choose whether we give up new jobs and new industries to China and India and Germany and other countries, or whether we fight to keep those jobs here in Iowa. (Applause.) My opponent's experience -- he likes to talk about his private sector experience -- well, a lot of it was investing in companies that were called "pioneers" in the

business of outsourcing jobs. I don't believe in outsourcing. I believe in insourcing. (Applause.)

When the America auto industry was about to go under, he said, "let Detroit go bankrupt."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I bet on American workers and American manufacturing, which is why the American auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.)

I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to start rewarding companies that are creating jobs right here in Sioux City, right here in Iowa, right here in the United States of America. That's the path I want to travel on. (Applause.)

And at a moment when homegrown energy is creating new jobs all across this state and other states across the Midwest, my opponent would put those jobs at risk -- the jobs that Rob was talking about -- he'd put them at risk by ending tax credits for wind energy producers.

Rob told you, he said these new sources of energy are "imaginary." And Mr. Ryan called them a "fad." You just saw Rob. He looks pretty real to me. (Laughter.) I wasn't imagining him up here talking, was I? (Laughter.) He has been in the wind energy business for nearly 20 years. He and his wife Tara now have 27 employees. Nearly 7,000 jobs in Iowa depend on the wind industry. (Applause.) These jobs aren't fads; they're our future. (Applause.)

It's time to stop giving a \$4 billion taxpayer subsidy to oil companies that are making money every time you go to the pump. (Applause.) And let's give some tax breaks to wind energy and homegrown energy and biofuels that are creating jobs right here in Iowa. That's the choice in this election. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

We've got a different view when it comes to higher education. We're at a great small college here in Iowa. (Applause.) Well, a young person asked my opponent, hoping to go to college, how he could help. He said, you know what, borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.) That's not an answer. That's not -- I guess it is an answer; it's not a good answer -- (laughter) -- to young people who are hoping to go to college or start a business.

My view is America has to lead once again when it comes to educating our kids and training our workers for the jobs of tomorrow. (Applause.) So let's help more young people afford the kind of education they can get here at Morningside. (Applause.) Let's help more young people and some not-so-young people go to community colleges, and get trained in the skills that employers are looking for right now. (Applause.)

We created a tax credit for middle-class families trying to send their kids to college -- up to \$10,000 over four years in college tuition -- because I believe that in America, higher education is no longer a luxury. It's a necessity that every

family should be able to afford. (Applause.) That's the path we should be following.

And you know what, it is up to you whether we go back to a health care system that lets insurance companies decide who to cover, when to cover it, whether they can drop you of your coverage whenever you need it most, or whether we keep moving forward with a law that is already cutting costs and covering more people and saving lives. (Applause.) They call it Obamacare. I like that name, because I do care. (Applause.) I care about all the people that are being helped, all the folks who are going to be helped.

And maybe they want to run on their "don't care" plan. But because of this law, nearly 7 million young people are able to stay on their parent's plans. Your grandparents are saving money on their medicine. Women have gained access to preventive care like mammograms and contraception. (Applause.) We don't need to refight the battles of the last four years. We need to go forward. (Applause.) We need to go forward.

Now, this November, you get to decide the future of this war in Afghanistan. Governor Romney had nothing to say about Afghanistan last week -- didn't mention it, didn't offer a plan in terms of how he might end the war or if he's not going to end it. He's got to let the American people know -- because by the end of this month, we will have brought 33,000 of our troops home. (Applause.)

When I ended the war in Iraq, he said it was "tragic." But you know what, I promised I was going to end that war -- and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd take out al Qaeda and go after bin Laden -- and we did. (Applause.) I put forward a specific plan to bring our troops home from Afghanistan by the end of 2014. We are in the process of doing that right now. And when I say I'm going to bring them home, you know they're going to come home. (Applause.)

And as long as I am Commander-in-Chief, when they get home, they know that we will serve our veterans as well as they've served us, because nobody who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads, or decent health care when they come home. (Applause.) That's a promise we will keep.

On issue after issue, Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan, they're going to take us backwards. The story of America is going forward. That's what we do. We go forward. (Applause.)

You will have the opportunity in two months to choose a path that will lead us to a better future. But I have to tell you over the next two months the other side will spend more money than we have ever seen in our lifetimes. And it's basically the same thing they said a few nights ago -- the economy is doing bad, it's Obama's fault. They won't tell you their plan because they know their plan won't work. Go figure that raising taxes on middle-class families to pay for a tax cut for me and Mr. Romney is not going to fly too well.

So what they're counting on is if they can just feed enough negative information out there, you will get so discouraged that at some point you'll decide your vote doesn't matter, that you can't compete with the \$10 million checks from wealthy donors.

But you know what, I'm counting on something different. I'm counting on you. I need your help. (Applause.) I need your help Sioux City. I need your help, Iowa. (Applause.)

First of all, if you're not already registered, I need you to register to vote. Young people who are in the audience -- you know who you are -- you need to go to GottaRegister.com. Now, that is not "got to," it's "gotta" -- g-o-t-t-a-register.com. Make sure you register to vote. Then you can go to GottaVote.com -- that's not "got to" vote, "gotta" vote -- to find out how to cast your ballot early. Because in Iowa you don't have to wait until November 6th to vote. You can be among the first to vote in this election, starting on September 27th. (Applause.) So that's GottaRegister and that's GottaVote.

And the reason you've got to register and you've got to vote is because we've got more work to do. (Applause.) We've got more good jobs to create. We've got more homegrown energy to generate. We've got more young people to send to great colleges like this one. We've got more great teachers we've got to hire. (Applause.) We've got more good schools that we've got to build. We've got more troops we've got to bring home. We've got more veterans we got to take care of. (Applause.) We've got more doors of opportunity that we have to open to every single American that's willing to work through them. (Applause.) And we have come too far to turn back now. (Applause.)

That's why I'm asking for your vote. That's why I'm working for a second term. (Applause.) And if you are willing to stand with me and work with me and make phone calls with me and knock on some doors with me -- if you're willing to vote for me this November, we're going to win Woodbury County. (Applause.) We will win the state of Iowa. We will win this election. We will finish what we started, and we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Henry Gonzalez Convention Center  
San Antonio, Texas

12:45 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, San Antone! (Applause.) Hello, Texas! (Applause.) Well, thank you so much. Everybody have a seat. Have a seat. It is good to be with all of you, good to be back in San Antonio. (Applause.)

A couple of people I want to acknowledge who helped to make this day possible. First of all, your outstanding Mayor, Julian Castro. (Applause.) Somebody whose name I know you're familiar with because we are in the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center -- a great friend, outstanding leader, great Congressman -- Charlie Gonzalez is in the house. (Applause.) Another fighter for working people -- Lloyd Doggett is here. (Applause.) One of my national co-chairs and just a great friend and a great advocate -- and a really good actress, too -- Eva Longoria. (Applause.) And finally, our FuturoFund co-chair and a wonderful friend and supporter -- Henry Muñoz. (Applause.)

Now, this is my last campaign. It's true, I'm term-limited up. (Laughter.) And that got me thinking about some of my first campaigns. I know that Charlie and Julian and others, they think back to your first campaigns. And back then, I didn't have Air Force One. (Laughter.) Didn't have a motorcade, no helicopter. I did the driving myself, and we didn't even have MapQuest -- (laughter) -- I'd have to unfold the maps. And Illinois, like Texas, is a big state, so I'd have to travel all across the state, and you'd go from urban neighborhoods to rural communities, suburbs. You'd meet folks from every walk of life -- black, white, Latino, Asian, Native American.

And wherever I traveled, what I discovered was that there was a common theme to everyone's story. If I met an elderly couple, I'd think back to my grandparents, and how my grandfather fought in Patton's Army in World War II, and my grandmother worked on a bomber assembly line. And when my grandfather came back home, he was able to attend college on the GI Bill, and they were able to buy their first home with an FHA loan. And I'd think about the distance they'd traveled from the small towns in Kansas, where they had been born.

And if I met a single mom I'd think about my mother, who had to raise me and my sister basically by herself, with some help from my grandparents, because my father had left, so that I didn't even know him, and how she had to work and go to school and look after her kids. But with the help of grants and scholarships, she was able to get an outstanding education and, more importantly from her perspective, give me and my sister a great education. And I thought about how much that would be possible in some other place.

And if I met a working family, I'd think about Michelle's family. Her dad had multiple sclerosis, so by the time I met him, he could barely walk, had to use two canes, and had to wake up an hour earlier than everybody else to get dressed before going to work. He worked at a water filtration plant, blue-collar worker. And Michelle's mom stayed at home when the kids were young, and then worked as a secretary. But Michelle's dad, despite his disability, never missed a day of work, and went to every dance recital and every basketball game, and had just a great joy about him.

And so all across the state of Illinois, I would be traveling and I'd meet people, and I'd say, you know what, their story is my story. And then when I began to run for President I traveled all across the country, including here in Texas -- I'd realize, well, the stories I've been hearing in Illinois, those are America's story. And at the heart of that story was a basic idea, which is, in this country, unlike any other, the basic bargain that binds us together is the idea that if we work hard, if we're responsible, then you can get ahead; that you're endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights like liberty, but also the pursuit of happiness -- not a guarantee, but the chance to get ahead if you work hard.

And so generation after generation, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents toiling against all odds, understanding that at some point this hard work would pay off and they could climb their way into a middle class. And that middle class didn't just have to do with how much money you had in your bank account. It had to do with the idea that you could always find a job that supported a family, and you wouldn't go bankrupt when you got sick, and you could buy a home to call your own, and you could make sure your kids had a good education. Maybe you take a vacation once in a while -- nothing fancy, but time to spend with those you love. And you could retire with dignity and respect. And most of all, you could expect that your children could aspire to things that you never even imagined.

That was the heart -- that is the heart of the American idea. This basic idea that no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, here in America, you can make it if you try.

And in 2008, when I ran for President and so many of you supported me, we ran because we believed in that idea and we believed that that basic bargain had been fraying. We had seen a decade in which hard work wasn't paying off for too many people. So people were working harder than ever, but the cost of living, gas, college, health care, all were going up; incomes, wages flat-lining. We'd gone from surplus to record deficits, job growth stagnant.

And so what compelled us together to make this effort was specific issues, but it was also, how do we get that idea back for the vast majority of Americans? And what we didn't know at the time was, is that we were looking at the worst financial crisis in a generation -- the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. And so millions of people were losing their jobs even as I was wrapping up the campaign. And people lost their homes, and more and more folks struggled, and it felt as if that dream was slipping even further away.

But we have not been deterred. As much work as we still have to do, over the last three and a half years that focus on how do we build a middle class that is strong and secure and growing, that has remained my central focus. (Applause.) And even as we've created 4.5 million new jobs and 500,000 jobs in manufacturing, and stabilized the financial system -- all the steps we've taken without much cooperation from the other side -- that's still been our North Star.

And what's always helped me every single day move forward is the recognition and the belief and the understanding that although the times have been tough, the American people have been tougher -- (applause) -- and that for everything that happened during that financial crisis and the recession that followed, America's fundamental character did not change. (Applause.) People's willingness to work hard did not change. People's ability to bounce back from adversity had not changed. (Applause.)

And now, as we look out at the future, the question is, how do we best fulfill that goal, that aim that we set for ourselves in 2008? For all the progress we've made, we did not embark on this journey just to get back to where we were in 2007. We worked hard because we want a country where everybody gets a fair shot and everybody is doing their fair share and everybody is playing by the same set of rules. (Applause.) That's why I ran for

President in 2008. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, as we think about this election, understand that the challenges we face are solvable. Sometimes it's fashionable among the pundits to say, well, America is in decline, or our best days are behind us. You hear that periodically. This isn't the first time we've heard that about America. And I could not disagree more, because there's not a problem out there that we can't solve. The problem is not that we don't have technical solutions or big ideas to tackle these challenges. The problem is we've got a stalemate in Washington right now. And it's more than just a difference between two candidates, more than just a difference between two political parties. It is two fundamentally different visions about how to move America forward.

My opponent and his allies in Congress, they believe that prosperity comes from the top down. They believe that if we keep in place the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and then we add on top of that another \$5 trillion of tax cuts -- most of which would go to people who don't need tax cuts and, frankly, aren't even asking for them -- if we do all that, even if it means gutting education investments, even if it means slashing transportation, even if it means that we're not able to take care of our veterans as effectively, even if it means that we're not investing in basic science and research, even if it means that Medicare we've got to voucherize -- even if we do all those things, they still believe that those tax cuts that benefit folks at the top will result in everybody being better off. That's their basic economic theory. It's not complicated.

They've got one other element to it, in fairness. They also say they want to eliminate regulations on insurance companies and Wall Street banks -- regulations we put in place to protect consumers from unscrupulous mortgage practices, and that take regulations off of polluters. If we do those things along with the tax cuts, the market will be freed up, government is out of the way, and happy days are here again. That's their theory.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: And don't take my word for it -- go to their websites. Look at the budget that was passed by the House Republicans. That's their theory. That's what it boils down to.

Now, it is a theory -- (laughter) -- and some of you might be persuaded by this theory if it hadn't been for the fact that we just tried it. (Laughter and applause.) We spent almost a decade doing what they prescribed. And how did it turn out? We didn't see greater job growth. We didn't see middle-class security. We saw the opposite. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis in our lifetimes -- precisely because there were no regulations that were adequate to the kinds of recklessness that was being carried out.

So I don't know about you, I don't know how you guys operate in your life, but my general rule is if I do something and it doesn't work -- (laughter) -- I don't go back to doing it. (Applause.) We don't go backwards, we go forwards.

So I've got a different idea. I don't believe in top-down economics; I believe in middle-out economics. I believe in bottom-up economics. (Applause.) I believe in fighting on behalf of working families and giving them opportunity and putting some money in their pockets -- because when we do that, everybody does better, folks at the bottom, folks in the middle and folks at the top.

That's not a Democratic idea. That's an American idea. (Applause.) That's what built this country. That's what made us into an economic superpower. (Applause.)

So let's just be more specific about some contrasts here. My opponent thought it was a good idea to "let Detroit go bankrupt." With a million jobs at stake, I disagreed. I wanted to make a bet on America's workers and American industry and American manufacturing. And three and a half years later, the auto industry is back. GM is number one; Ford and Chrysler are selling cars. (Applause.) That's my vision for America.

And this is not unique to the auto industry. I want advanced manufacturing locating here in San Antonio. (Applause.) I want us to be making things here in the United States of America, so I want to end tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Texas, right here in the United States of America. (Applause.) Let's put American workers back to work selling goods stamped with three proud words: Made in America. That's my vision for America. (Applause.)

My opponent has a different idea. His main calling card for wanting to be President is his private sector experience. So we asked the voters to examine that experience. He invested -- made money investing in companies that had been called "pioneers" of outsourcing. I don't want pioneers of outsourcing in the White House; I want somebody who believes in insourcing. Let's bring those jobs back home. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

In 2008, I made a promise we'd end the war in Iraq -- we ended it. (Applause.) I promised to go after bin Laden -- we got him. (Applause.) We're transitioning out of Afghanistan and starting to bring our troops home. And what I've said is, as we wind down these wars, let's take half the money that we spent on war to pay down the deficit; let's use the other half to do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.)

Now, Mr. Romney disagrees with me on this -- said it was "tragic" the way I ended the war in Iraq -- the way I ended the war in Iraq, doesn't want to set a timetable for ending the war in Afghanistan. But, you know, I'm looking around this country and I know from our history, from world history, that no nation has always been stronger than its economy. That's an issue of our national defense.

And so because of our outstanding men and women in uniform, we know that we've got the greatest military on Earth, but we also have to have the best economy on Earth to support those troops. (Applause.) And that means, let's start investing, rebuilding roads and rebuilding bridges and laying broadband lines into rural communities. Let's rebuild schools that are overcrowded and give them state-of-the-art science labs. (Applause.) And let's rebuild our ports and our runways. (Applause.)

That's what America is about, is rebuilding. And we've got thousands of construction workers out there that are ready to get to work. Let's put them to work. (Applause.) That will be good for our economy, and over the long term will be good for our strength. That's a difference between myself and my opponent.

As long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we're going to make sure that our veterans are properly cared for. (Applause.) And we have expanded our funding and improved how we are working with our veterans. But we've got more work to do and that requires resources. We're sure not going to spend that money better on tax cuts for me. (Laughter.) I want to make sure that a young man or woman who has served our country, who has fought for us, they shouldn't have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

I'm running to make sure that America has the best education system on Earth -- (applause) -- from pre-K all the way to post-graduate. And that means hiring new teachers, especially in math and science. And it means building on the work we've already done to make sure that student loan rates don't double, to make sure that middle-class families are getting tuition tax credits. Now we've got to reduce the cost of college, make it more affordable to everybody. (Applause.) I want to expand opportunities for 2 million young people to go to community colleges so they can get trained on the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) Because today education is not a luxury, today a higher education is an economic imperative for the 21st century. And I want to make sure that the United States of America once again has the highest percentage of college graduates, because that is going to help determine who wins the race in this global economy in the 21st century. (Applause.) And I want America to be number one. That's why I'm running for President of the United States. (Applause.)

On almost every issue, there's a stark contrast between my vision and my opponent's. When it comes to housing, he wants to just let foreclosure bottom out. I don't think that's a solution; that's part of the problem. So I want to actually help families all across Texas and all across the country refinance -- at these historically low rates, the average family could save \$3,000 a year, in your pockets. That will not just be good for you, that will not just be good for the housing market; that will be good for the economy. But we need to get

it done. (Applause.)

I don't want to go back to the days when whether you could serve your country or not depended on who you loved. We ended "don't ask, don't tell," and I want to make sure that it stays ended because it was a bad idea. (Applause.)

I don't want to go back to the day when women didn't have control of their health care choices. (Applause.) I've got two daughters, and I want them to have the same control over their health care as anybody's sons out there. I believe that's the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And we don't need another four years of arguments about health care.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: The Affordable Health Care Act -- otherwise known as Obamacare -- was the right thing to do. (Applause.) And you know what, they're right, I do care. I care about folks who get sick and go bankrupt. I care about parents who don't know whether or not they're going to be able to get treatment for their kids. It was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And for all the misinformation out there, it's very simple to describe what's going to happen. If you already have health care, the only thing that you have to do is enjoy the fact that now insurance companies can't jerk you around because of the small print. (Applause.) You have rights. Your kids can stay on their parent's plan until they're 26 years old. (Applause.) Senior citizens are seeing reductions in prescription drug costs.

If you don't have health insurance, we're going to help you get it. (Applause.) And, yes, it's true we expect everybody to act responsibly, so for the 1 percent or 2 percent of people who still don't get health insurance even though they can afford it, we're going to say to them, you can't pass off those costs on to somebody else in the form of higher premiums. (Applause.) You've got to take responsibility, as well.

It was the right thing to do. We are not going backwards, we're going forwards. And 30 million people are going to get health insurance because of it. (Applause.)

We're not going backwards when it comes to immigration. My opponent says the Arizona law should be "a model for the nation."

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: I believe we are a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants. (Applause.) I believe we can secure our borders and give opportunities to people who are striving and working hard -- especially young people who have been raised in this country and see themselves as Americans. That was the right thing to do. We're not going backwards, we're going forwards. (Applause.)

And we're going to get control of our deficit and debt, but not with the plan that these folks are promoting. They say this is the most important issue, the thing they care about most, and then, they propose a \$5 trillion tax cut that would mostly benefit folks who don't need it, and would blow a hole a mile wide through our budget.

Now, I don't believe government can solve every problem. Not every government program works. We've already cut a trillion dollars out of our federal budget, and we can do more. But we've got to do it smartly and responsibly. I don't believe that government can help somebody that doesn't want to help themselves, but for all those folks who are working hard every day, I want to make sure that we continue to invest so that young people can go to college; that we continue to take steps so that we've got a great transportation system to move people and goods and services across the country. I want to make sure that we're investing in basic research and science that has given us this technological lead that allowed us to grow and become the economic superpower that we are.

So what I've said is, yes, we'll make some more cuts, but let's ask folks who have been incredibly blessed to do a little bit more, to go back to the rates we had under Bill Clinton. (Applause.) And you know what, that theory has been tested as well -- because when Bill Clinton did it, we had surpluses instead of deficits. (Applause.) We created 23 million new jobs -- and people at the top did really well also.

Like I said, that's been our history -- when middle-class folks are doing well and those striving to get into the middle class are doing well, everybody does well.

And that maybe is what is at the heart of the difference in this debate. See, I believe in individual initiative and entrepreneurship and risk-taking. And I believe that the free market is the greatest system on Earth to create wealth and prosperity. But just like Abraham Lincoln said, there are some things we do better together than we do on our own. (Applause.)

When my grandfather came back home and that generation got the GI Bill that was great for everyone because it upgraded the skills of all of our workers, that wasn't just good for some, that was good for all. When we invested in the Hoover Dam or the Golden Gate Bridge or the Trans-Continental Rail System, or when we sent a man to the moon or invented the Internet, that was good for everybody.

There are some things we do better together. And we rise or fall as one nation. (Applause.) That's what I believe. That's what our history tells us. That's what our future demands. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

So let me just say this. In the next four months -- you guys won't see them because you're not considered one of the battleground states, although that's going to be changing soon -- (applause) -- but there's going to be more money spent than we've ever seen before. Folks writing \$10 million checks to try to beat me, running ads with scary voices -- (laughter) -- and basically one message. I mean, it's a very simple message. Their message is: The economy is not where it needs to be and it's Obama's fault. So there will be various -- there will be variations on the theme, but it will be the same message over and over again.

That's what they're banking on -- because they can't sell their actual economic plan, so their goal is to see if they can knock us down. More money than we've ever seen before. And it's understandable that some folks get cynical about the political process as a result.

But what you taught me in 2008 is the same thing that I learned in my first campaigns, as I traveling around in my car, going from town to town, talking to people in their living rooms or VFW halls or diners, and trying to get their votes -- and hearing stories about people's parents and grandparents and great-grandparents, some who came as immigrants, some who were brought here not of their own accord, some who worked in mills or mines, some worked on farms, ranches. The thing I learned was that there is a core decency and grit and faith in the American people. And when the American people decide what's true and what's right, and they join together to bring about change, to make this country more responsive to the hopes and dreams of ordinary people -- when that happens, it doesn't matter how much money the other side spends, it can't be stopped. I cannot be stopped. (Applause.)

You showed that in 2008, and I believe you're going to show it again in 2012. (Applause.) I tried to make promises in 2008 that I knew I could keep, and one of those promises was that I wasn't a perfect man and I wouldn't be a perfect President, but I'd always tell you what I thought and I'd always tell you where I stood, and I'd spend every waking minute fighting as hard as I knew how for you -- (applause) -- making sure that every single day I was thinking about how to make your lives a little bit better.

And I knew I could keep that promise because I saw myself in you. And when I saw your grandparents, I saw my grandparents. And when I saw your kids, I saw my kids. And I've kept that promise. And I still believe in you. (Applause.)

And if you still believe in me, and you're willing to stand up, and knock on doors and make phone calls, and get out there and fight on behalf of a vision in which every Americans has opportunity to pursue their dreams -- (applause) -- I promise you, we will finish what we started in 2008. We will not be going backwards, we will be going forwards. We will win this election. (Applause.) And we will remind the world just why it is that the

United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. God bless the great state of Texas and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

The Ohio State University  
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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Buckeyes! (Applause.) O-H!

AUDIENCE: I-O!

THE PRESIDENT: O-H!

AUDIENCE: I-O!

THE PRESIDENT: O-H!

AUDIENCE: I-Q!

THE PRESIDENT: Well, can everybody please give Sonia a big round of applause for that great introduction? (Applause.) And it is good to see my friend and one of the finest United States senators we've got today -- your Senator, Sherrod Brown, is in the house. (Applause.) Your Mayor, Michael Coleman, is here. (Applause.) Your next congresswoman, Joyce Beatty, is here. (Applause.)

will.i.am is in the house. (Applause.) A man who sometimes looks like he's been to outer space. (Laughter.) I am so grateful -- he has been such a great friend for a long time. And we also have a man who has actually been to outer space -- John Glenn in the house! (Applause.)

Now, before I begin, Buckeyes, I've got a question for you -- are you registered to vote?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Because if you're not, today is the last day you can register. Now, I know it's easy to procrastinate in college. I procrastinated a lot. But we've made it easy. You go to [Vote.BarackObama.com](#) to register yourself. And you've got until 9:00 p.m. tonight. No extensions. No excuses. I know you guys are up at 9:00 p.m. (Laughter.) As you get older you start thinking about sleeping around 9:00 p.m., but you guys are just getting started.

If you are registered, you can vote right now, today. Just go to [Vote.BarackObama.com](#) to find out where. All right? (Applause.) All right?

AUDIENCE: All right!

THE PRESIDENT: All right. Now, even better, grab your friends, grab everybody in your dorm, grab your fraternity or sorority -- (applause) -- join will.i.am right after this event because he's heading to an early vote location where you can register and vote in the same place right now. (Applause.) There are buses around the corner that can get you there and back. So don't wait. Do not delay. Go vote today. What do you think? (Applause.)

All right, Buckeyes, we need you. (Applause.) We need you fired up --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back, but I need you voting. (Applause.) I need you fired up. I need you ready to go to vote. Because we've got some work to do. We've got an election to win. Everything that we fought for in 2008 is on the line in 2012. And I need your help to finish what we started.

Four years ago, I told you I'd end the war in Iraq -- and we did. (Applause.) I said I'd end the war in Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus on the people who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and today, Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle class families -- and we have, by \$3,600. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small business owners -- and we have, 18 times. We got back every dime we used to rescue the banks, and we also passed a law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts permanently. (Applause.)

We passed health care reform -- also known as Obamacare, because I do care -- (applause) -- I don't want insurance company jerking you around anymore. (Applause.) I don't want somebody without health care when they've got a preexisting condition.

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell" as I promised we would. (Applause.) Today no outstanding soldier or Marine or Coast Guardsman, sailor, airman -- none of them can be kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love. (Applause.)

And when you think about, Ohio, when Governor Romney said that we should just let the auto industry go bankrupt, we said no, we're not going to take your advice.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.)

And we reinvented a dying auto industry that supports 1 in 8 Ohio jobs and has come roaring back to the top of the world. (Applause.)

Four years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, our businesses have created more than 5 million new jobs. This past Friday, we found out that the unemployment rate had fallen from a high of 10 percent down to 7.8 percent -- the lowest level since I took office. (Applause.) Manufacturing is coming back to America. Home values are back on the rise.

Now, we're not there yet. We've still got too many Americans who are looking for work and too many families who can't pay the bills. There are too many homes that are still underwater and there are too many young people who are burdened by too much debt after they graduate.

But if there's one thing I know, Ohio, it's this -- we have come too far to turn back now. The American people have worked too hard. And the last thing we can afford to do right now is to go back to the very same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. I cannot allow that to happen. I will not allow it to happen. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Over the last four years, I've seen a lot of folks hurting. I've seen a lot of struggle. And I am not going to make -- I'm not going to have us go back to another round of top-down economics. But that's what my opponent is offering. The centerpiece of Governor Romney's economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut that favors the wealthiest Americans. He has been pitching that plan for an entire year, stood up onstage in one of his primary debates, proudly promised that his tax cuts would include the "top 1 percent."

But most of the economists who've actually crunched the numbers said that paying for Governor Romney's tax plan either means blowing up the deficit or raising taxes on middle-class families -- one or the other, pick your poison.

Then, last week, Mitt Romney actually said, "There's no economist who can say Mitt Romney's tax plan adds \$5 trillion if I say I will not add to the deficit with my tax plan." So he said if he says it's not true, then it's not true. (Laughter.) Okay.

So if it's true that it's not going to add to the deficit, that leaves only one option -- and that's asking middle-class families to foot the bill by getting rid of the deductions they rely on for owning a home or raising their kids or sending them to college.

And as it turns out, most folks don't like that idea, either. So just last week when we were onstage together, Governor Romney decided that instead of changing his plan, he'd just pretend it didn't exist. (Laughter.) What \$5 trillion tax cut? I don't know anything about a \$5 trillion tax cut. Pay no attention to that tax cut under the carpet, behind the curtain. (Laughter.)

When he's asked how he'll cut the deficit, he says he can make the math work by eliminating local public funding for PBS.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, by the way, this is not new. This is what he's been saying every time he's asked the question -- well, we can cut out PBS. So for all you moms and kids out there, don't worry -- somebody is finally getting tough on Big Bird. (Laughter.) Who knew that he was driving our deficit? (Laughter.) So we're going -- he's decided we're going after Big Bird and Elmo is making a run for the border and Oscar is hiding out in a trash can. (Laughter.) And Governor Romney wants to let Wall Street run wild again, but he's going to bring down the hammer on Sesame Street. (Laughter.)

Look, that is not leadership -- that's salesmanship. We can't afford it. We can't afford to double down on top-down economics. We can't afford another round of tax cuts for the wealthy. We can't afford to roll back regulations on Wall Street banks or on insurance companies. We can't afford to gut our investments in education or clean energy or research or technology. (Applause.) That is not a jobs plan. That is not a plan to grow the economy. That is not change. That is a relapse.

We have been there. We have tried that. We are not going back. We are moving forward. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Look, we've got a different view about how you create jobs and prosperity in America. A strong economy doesn't trickle down from the top. It grows from a thriving middle class and folks who are working hard to get into the middle class.

I believe it's time our tax code stopped rewarding companies that ship jobs overseas. Let's reward small businesses and manufacturers who are making products right here in Ohio, products stamped with three proud words: "Made In America." That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

I believe we can create more jobs by controlling more of our own energy. And after 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) And today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in two decades.

So now it's time to move forward. My plan would cut our oil imports in half, and invest in the clean energy that's creating thousands of jobs all across Ohio and America right now -- not just oil and natural gas, but solar and wind and clean coal technology and fuel-efficient batteries and fuel-efficient cars. (Applause.)

And I'm not going to let oil companies continue to collect another \$4 billion in taxpayer-funded corporate welfare every single year. I'm not going to let China win the race for clean

energy technology. I want to see that technology developed by students and scientists here in Columbus, by workers and farmers all across Ohio, by patriots here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

And my plan will continue to reduce the carbon pollution that is heating our planet, because climate change is not a hoax. More draught and floods and wildfires are not a joke. They're a threat to your future. And we've got to make sure that we meet the moment. That's why I'm running.

I believe that we should have the best education system in the world, bar none. (Applause.) I would not be here if it were not for the education I was able to receive. I didn't come from wealth or fame, but I got a great education because that's what this country does. It was the gateway of opportunity for Michelle. It's the gateway of opportunity for so many of you.

And now you've got a choice. We can gut education to pay for Governor Romney's tax cuts -- that's exactly what his running mate, Paul Ryan, proposes.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Laughter.)

Or we can do what I've proposed -- recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers. (Applause.) Focus on early childhood education. Provide job training for 2 million workers at our community colleges. Cut the growth of tuition costs in half so that you guys are not loaded up with debt when you graduate. That is something we can do. (Applause.)

And by the way, I don't just talk the talk on this; I walk the walk. We took \$60 billion that was going to banks and lenders under the student loan program, and we said let's cut out the middleman, let's give the money directly to students. And as a consequence, millions of young people all across the country are getting better deals on Pell grants. We're able to keep our student loan rates low. We have focused on this, and you need to focus on this in this next election because this is part of the choice that you're going to face. (Applause.)

And we can meet these goals together. You can choose a better future for America. I want to use the money we're saving from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I want to use that to pay down our deficit, but also to put people back to work rebuilding our roads and our bridges and our schools all across America. (Applause.)

And Governor Romney said it was "tragic" to end the war in Iraq. I disagree. I think bringing our troops home to their families was the right thing to do. (Applause.) If he'd gotten his way, those troops would still be there. In a speech yesterday, he doubled down on that belief. He said ending that war was a mistake. After nine years of war, more than \$1 trillion in spending, extraordinary sacrifices by our men and women in uniform and their families, he said we should still have troops on the ground in Iraq.

Ohio, you can't turn a page on the failed policies of the past if you're promising to repeat them. We cannot afford to go back to a foreign policy that gets us into wars with no plan to end them. We're moving forward, not going back. (Applause.)

And every brave American who wears the uniform of this country should know as long as I'm your Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.) And when our troops take off the uniform, we will serve them as well as they've served us because nobody who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

And finally, I'll cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years. I've already worked with the Republicans and Democrats to cut a trillion dollars in spending, and I'm ready to do more. But we can't just cut our way to prosperity. We're not going to get this done unless we also ask the wealthiest households to pay higher taxes on their incomes over \$250,000. And that rate is the one that was in place when Bill Clinton was President -- our economy created 23 million new jobs, the biggest surplus in history, a whole lot of millionaires to boot.

Governor Romney said it's fair that he pays a lower tax rate than a teacher or autoworker who makes \$50,000. He is wrong. I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. (Applause.)

I refuse to pay for that tax cut by asking you, students, to pay more for college, or kicking kids out of Head Start programs, or eliminating health care for millions of Americans who are poor or disabled or elderly. And that's the choice that we face in this election. That's what the election comes down to.

Over and over, we've been told by Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan and their allies in Congress that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If a company releases pollution into the air that your kids breathe, that's just the price of progress. If you can't afford to start a business or go to college, just borrow money from your parents.

You know what, that's not who we are. That's not what this country is about. Here in America, we believe that we're all in this together. We understand that America is not about what can be done for us -- it's about what can be done by us, together, as one nation and as one people. (Applause.)

And that's what we understood in 2008. That was an amazing experience for me, obviously, that election. But I said then and I still believe now that wasn't about me; it was about you.

You're the reason a mother in Cincinnati doesn't have to worry about an insurance company denying her son coverage just because he got sick. You made that happen. You're the reason a factory worker who lost his job in Toledo or Lordstown is back on the assembly line building the best cars in the world. You did that. (Applause.)

You're the reason a young man in Columbus whose mother worked three jobs to raise him can afford to go to The Ohio State University. That happened because of you. (Applause.)

You're the reason a young immigrant who grew up here, and went to school here, and pledged

allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home -- (applause) -- why soldiers won't be kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love. (Applause.) Why thousands of families have finally been able to say to loved ones who served us so bravely: "Welcome home." (Applause.)

You did that. And so if you buy into the cynicism that says change isn't possible, that the best we can do is more tax cuts for folks at the top and the rest of folks have to figure it out, if you give up on the idea that your voice can make a difference, then other voices fill the void -- the lobbyists and the special interests, the people who write the \$10 million checks to try to buy this election, or those who are trying to make it harder for people to vote, the Washington politicians who want to tell women what they're doing when it comes to health care choices when women are perfectly capable of making those choices themselves. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake. And only you can make sure that we move forward. Only you have that power to move us forward. We've always said that change -- real change -- takes time, more than one year, more than one term, even more than one President. It takes more than one party.

It can't happen if you're somebody who writes off half the nation before you even took office. (Applause.) And in -- you know, it's interesting, in 2008, 47 percent of the country didn't vote for me. But on the night of the election, I said to those Americans, I may not have won your vote, but I hear your voices. I need your help. I'll be your President, too.

And, Columbus, I don't know how many folks will be around voting for me this time, but I can tell you I will be there no matter what. (Applause.) I'll be fighting for you no matter what -- because I'm not fighting to create Democratic jobs or Republican jobs, I'm fighting to create American jobs. (Applause.) I'm not fighting to improve schools in red states or blue state, I'm fighting to improve schools in the United States. (Applause.)

The values that we are fighting for don't belong to one party or one group. They're not black or white, or Hispanic or Asian or Native America, or gay or straight, or disabled and not disabled -- they are American values. They belong to all of us. (Applause.)

And I am absolutely positive that we are not as divided as our politics suggest. I still believe we've got more in common than our pundits tell us. I still believe in you. And I'm asking you to keep believing in me. (Applause.)

Ohio, I'm asking you for your vote. And if you're willing to stand with me and work with me, knock on some doors and make some phone calls for me, we'll win Franklin County again. We'll win Ohio again. We'll win this election again. We'll finish what we started, and we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you, Ohio. Let's go vote. Let's go win this election! (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Marshalltown! (Applause.) Hello, Bobcats! (Applause.) Now, I was just told that school, at least for the teachers, starts tomorrow. (Laughter.) Teachers in the house? (Applause.)

So I want to start off by saying thank you to our teachers for the outstanding job that they do each and every day. (Applause.) Your principal, your superintendent, your assistant principal, they're all doing a great job -- which means, students, you're going to have to hit the books, all right? (Laughter.) Going to have to hit the books.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Well, they'll have to hit the books maybe for longer than four more years. (Laughter.) We'll be talking about that.

A couple of other people I want to acknowledge. First of all, thank Kirk for the wonderful introduction. Please give him a big round of applause. (Applause.) I want to acknowledge Mayor Pro-Tem Bethany Wirin is here. Where's Bethany? There she is, right here. (Applause.)

And I want to offer my condolences to the family of the Mayor who just passed -- Mayor Gene Beach. (Applause.)

I've got to tell you, it's good to be back in Iowa, and it's good to be back in Marshalltown. (Applause.) I started in Council Bluffs, and we are driving to the Quads, and we are stopping off a whole bunch of different places. Yesterday I got to the State Fair and had a pork chop and a beer. (Applause.) It was good. I might have another beer today. (Laughter.) Just one. Just one.

But the reason it's so good to be back is because this is really where our movement began -- here in Iowa. (Applause.) In people's backyards, on family farms and school gyms, on people's porches all across this state, we had a conversation about how we move our country in a direction where everybody has opportunity, where everybody has got a shot. And we know that journey is not done yet. We've still got a lot of work to do. So we are now spending another three days driving through the state.

And the reason it's so important is because in some ways this election may be more consequential than the last election. You've got a choice not just between two candidates or two political parties, but between two fundamentally different visions for where we should take our country.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're preaching to the choir.

THE PRESIDENT: It's true, I am. (Laughter.) But you're going to have to go then preach to the folks who aren't converted yet. More than any other election, when you go into the voting booth in November, you're going to be making a decision about the kind of America that we have not just for yourselves but for your children and your grandchildren for decades to come.

Four years ago, we came together -- and it wasn't just Democrats, we had independents, we had some Republicans -- because we understood that the basic bargain that built this country was at stake. We had gone through a decade where jobs were being shipped overseas, where incomes were going down even while the costs of health care and a college education and groceries were going up, and it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. And what we understood then was we had to work hard to get back to that basic bargain, that basic deal that built this country.

And it's a very simple promise. It's a promise that says if you work hard in this country, you'll get ahead. If you are responsible, then you can meet your obligations -- to yourself, to your family, to your community. You can find a job that pays the bills. You can have a home that you can call your own. You can be assured that you won't go bankrupt if you get sick. You can retire with some dignity and some respect. And most importantly, you can make sure that your kids get the kind of education and opportunities so they can dream even bigger and do even better than you did. That is what the American promise is all about. (Applause.) That's what we've been fighting for. That's what we've been fighting for.

And we knew it wasn't going to happen overnight. We knew it was going to take more than one term, maybe even one President, to get this country back to the place where everybody has got a fair shot. But we started. And three and a half years ago, we saved ourselves from going into a Great Depression. And 4.5 million jobs have been created, and half a million manufacturing jobs. And the auto industry got saved. (Applause.) We're now at a point where a lot of folks are still struggling. And so we've got to move forward and not backwards. We've got to move forward.

Now, the good news is we've got everything we need to succeed. We've still got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've still got the best universities and colleges in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best researchers and scientists in the world. We've got the best entrepreneurs, small businessmen and women, and large businesses that are the best in the world, making some of the best products. We've got everything that we need.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Best President. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: And we're a young nation. We're a young nation, in part because we've got this incredible diversity -- people are willing to come here from all corners of the globe because they understand there's something special about this place.

And so, for all the naysayers out there and the folks who try to paint things as dark as they can, especially during election time, the fact of the matter is there's no nation on Earth that wouldn't trade places with us. (Applause.) So we've got the tools to make sure that we are living up to this country's promise -- a country where you can make it if you try, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what faith you are, no matter what race you are, no matter what your last name is, here in America you can make it. That's what we have the opportunity to make sure continues for the next generation. (Applause.)

That's what we're fighting for. That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, there is one thing holding back, though, and that is the politics in Washington. We've got -- the other side has decided that "compromise" is a dirty word. And they spend a lot of time trying to beat me instead of moving the country forward. (Applause.) But part of it is just an honest disagreement about how we move the country forward.

Governor Romney chose a running mate this weekend, and I know Congressman Ryan. He's a good man -- he's a good family man. But he's got a fundamentally different view about how we move this country forward. He's an articulate spokesperson for Governor Romney's views. He's the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress. But that vision is wrong.

Look, let me tell you, you can sum up Governor Romney's plans pretty simply. He wants to eliminate --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Everything. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: He wants to eliminate regulations on big banks and corporations, some of which we put in place in the wake of the disaster on Wall Street. And he wants to institute even more tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: The centerpiece of his plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it which would go to folks like me who don't need it. And here's the kicker. He expects all of you to pick up the tab.

AUDIENCE: Boooo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, don't take my word for it. Independent analysis shows that if his plan was instituted, the only way you could pay for it would be to have the average middle-class family with children pay an extra \$2,000 in taxes. How many people think that's a good idea?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: How many people think that would actually grow the economy?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: But that's his theory. The theory is, is that if folks up here are doing really well, then all the benefits are going to trickle down. The extra \$2,000 you'd be paying wouldn't be used to pay down the deficit or the debt that we've already got. It wouldn't be to invest in more teachers or a better school system, or making college more affordable, or rebuilding our roads and bridges, and finding new ways to create cheap energy. No, this \$2,000 would be to help finance an average \$250,000 tax break for folks making \$3 million a year or more.

AUDIENCE: Boooo --

THE PRESIDENT: I got to tell you, we have heard this sales pitch from these folks before. We've heard this trickle-down fairy dust before. It didn't work then; it will not work now. (Applause.) We don't think it's a plan to reduce the deficit. It's certainly not a plan to create jobs and to help families right now.

See, I believe in a different theory. When it comes to taxes, I said in 2008 I was going to lower middle-class taxes. And guess what -- I did. (Applause.) So the average family -- the typical family is paying \$3,600 less in taxes than they were when I came into office. (Applause.) So what I believe now is I want to keep your income taxes right where they are for everybody making \$250,000 or less -- which is 98 percent of Americans, 97 percent of small businesses. And folks who are in the other 2 percent, who are fortunate enough to be in the top 2 percent, they still get a tax cut for the first \$250,000. But after that, we're asking them to pay a little bit more so we can finance things like education and reduce our deficit in a balanced, responsible way. (Applause.)

Now, I still want to make sure that government does its part by being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. So we've cut a trillion dollars out of federal spending -- a trillion dollars that I've already signed into law. We've got an additional trillion that's slated. So we're prepared to make some tough choices on things we can't afford. But we're not going to reduce the deficit by gutting education investments, gutting investments that we make in our infrastructure, gutting our investments in basic science and research that can lead to discoveries in clean energy or lead to discoveries in curing cancer. That's not how we're going to grow this economy and make sure that the middle class is strong.

And, by the way, when I say asking folks like me to do a little bit more -- we've tried that before, too, under Bill Clinton. And we created 23 million new jobs, went from a deficit to a surplus. (Applause.) And guess what, Marshalltown, here's the thing -- it actually was good for rich people, too. Because what happens is, look, when a teacher or a construction worker or a receptionist or a nurse, when they've got a little more money in their pocket, what do they do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it.

THE PRESIDENT: They spend it on necessities. And so, maybe you've got a 10-year-old car and you go out and buy a new one. Or maybe you need a new appliance and you go out and you get a new appliance. Or maybe you buy a computer for your kid as they're going off to college. And suddenly, business has

more customers, and those businesses get more profits and they hire more workers.

We don't believe in top-down economics. The history of this country has been a middle class-out economics, a bottom-up economics. When everybody is doing well, when everybody has opportunity, then we all succeed and the country moves forward. That's what's at stake in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

You see the difference in philosophies on almost every issue. When the automakers were on the brink of collapse, a million jobs at stake, Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said let's bet on American workers. And three and a half years later, the American auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.)

So we know American manufacturing can succeed in this country -- high-tech manufacturing, advanced manufacturing -- but we've got to make sure we've got a tax code that encourages it. I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give tax breaks to companies that are investing here in the United States of America, hiring American workers, making American products. (Applause.)

Governor Romney has got a different view. He talks about how he has been in the private sector, so he knows how to put folks back to work. But it turns out most of his business was investing on behalf of folks like him and investing in some cases in what has been called "pioneers" of outsourcing. We don't need pioneers of outsourcing. We need folks who are interested in insourcing and bringing some jobs back to Marshalltown, back to Iowa, and back to the United States of America. (Applause.)

Let me give you another example. Kirk was just talking about wind power. I was just visiting a wind farm close by. It's a working farm. It has about five windmills on one property, 52 in this area -- 52 wind farms generating incredible amounts of energy and, by the way, helping family farmers with a little bit of extra income.

Now, Governor Romney has decided that we should end the tax credit that we provide for wind power once and for all. That's his idea. He wants to get rid of it. At a moment when homegrown energy is creating new jobs here in states like Iowa, he wants to bring an end to it. He said -- and I'm quoting here -- he said new sources of energy like these are "imaginary."

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: His running mate, Congressman Ryan, calls them a "fad." Then during a speech a few months ago, Governor Romney explained his energy policy this way -- "You can't drive a car with a windmill on it." That's what he said about wind power. Now, I know he's tried some other things on top of a car. (Laughter and applause.) I didn't know he had tried windmills on top of a car. (Applause.) But maybe he tried it. I would have liked to have seen that. (Laughter.)

But maybe he needs to come to Iowa to learn something about wind power. He'd know if he came here that 7,000 jobs have been created here in Iowa by the wind industry -- more than any other state in America. These jobs aren't a "fad," they're the future, and we've got to be investing in them. (Applause.)

If he came to Iowa, he might know that not only are we putting out these windmills, but, increasingly, they're made right here in Iowa, made here in America. That's not "imaginary" -- that's real. (Applause.)

If he came here to Iowa, he might know that 20 percent of Iowa's electricity now comes from wind energy. (Applause.) Over the past 4 years, America has doubled its -- the amount of electricity that is produced from wind, and this is enough to power 13 million homes with clean and renewable energy. Think about that. It's the equivalent of 12 Hoover Dams' worth of electricity is being generated by wind power in this country. (Applause.) That's something that's worth investing in. That's something we're doing for the next generation. And so are the 37,000 American jobs that are on the line if we let this wind tax credit expire.

So this is a difference between me and Governor Romney. I want to stop giving \$4 billion in taxpayer subsidies every single year to the oil companies that are doing just great, and let's take some of that money and continue to invest in homegrown, renewable energy right here in Iowa and all across America that can put people back to work. (Applause.)

I'll give you another example of a difference. I said in 2008 I'd end the war in Iraq -- and I did. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus and go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.) We're bringing our troops home from Afghanistan. All this is possible because of the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. (Applause.) So we've made some historic investments in the VA. My attitude is anybody who has fought for America, they shouldn't have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.) We've got to serve them as well as they serve us.

But we also need to make sure that folks coming home, they're coming back to a vibrant economy. So what I've said is let's take half of the money that we're saving after a decade of war and let's put people back to work. Let's create a Veterans Jobs Corps that can hire police officers and firefighters in communities that need them. (Applause.) Let's get a whole bunch of construction workers to rebuild our roads and our bridges, our ports and our airports. (Applause.) Let's rebuild our schools. Let's lay broadband lines into rural communities. Those investments are good now because they put people back to work, and that means folks have got more money in their pockets. And what do they do when they've got more money in their pockets?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: They spend it. And suddenly, businesses have more customers. But it's also good for the long run, because if we've got the best roads, the best bridges, the best airports, the fastest broadband lines, the best wireless networks, the best transmission lines -- all that makes us more productive, and it means our economy is going to grow in the future. So why wouldn't we start now? That's what we need to be investing in.

So, look -- one more difference. When it comes to education, I believe that nothing is more important than making our kids competitive in the 21st century economy. Our young people, they're not just competing against folks in North Carolina or New Hampshire; they're now competing against folks in India and China.

So I want to make sure that we're helping school districts hire and retain the best teachers -- especially in math and science. I want to make sure that we're creating 2 million more slots in community colleges so folks can get trained in the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. And I want to make college more affordable for young people. We have already made progress on this front. (Applause.) And I'm not just talking about four-year colleges, I'm talking about two-year community colleges, getting advanced training.

But the point is that some form of higher education, it is no longer a luxury, it is an economic necessity in the 21st century. And I want to make sure every young person in America and every young person in Marshalltown can take advantage of those opportunities. That's part of what this election is all about. (Applause.)

Governor Romney wants to repeal Obamacare.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: First of all, I don't mind the term Obamacare. I like it, because I do care. That's why we passed the bill.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: And because of it, 6.5 million young people can stay on their parent's plan. (Applause.) Because of it, we've got millions of seniors out there who are seeing more discounts on their prescription drugs, and we're closing the doughnut hole. Because of what we're doing, more people are getting preventive care. Because of what we're doing, insurance companies can't drop you right when you need insurance most just because of some fine print. (Applause.)

So maybe Governor Romney wants to spend the next three years rearguing what we've been arguing about for the last three years, but the Supreme Court has spoken -- we are implementing this law. We are moving forward. We are not going backwards. That is a choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term as President. (Applause.)

We're not going to undo the reforms we've put into place to make sure Wall Street doesn't ask for another taxpayer-funded bailout. We're not going to go back to the days when folks, to serve this country, it depended on who they loved. If they love this country, they should be able to serve this country -- period. (Applause.)

We're going to make sure that young people who are brought to this country when they were very young and have grown up as Americans, that they have an opportunity to contribute here in America, the country that they love. (Applause.) We're not going backwards. We're going forward. (Applause.)

Now, I have to tell you that over the course of the next three months, though, you will see more money spent by the other side than we've ever seen in history. And I don't want to lie. I mean, we're raising money -- but these folks are writing \$10 million checks. I mean, they've got some friends in -- with a lot of money. And we are seeing all these ads -- and you notice they don't really have a plan? I mean, you don't see these ads saying what they're going to do, because they know that their plan would not sell.

So instead, what they're going to do is just repeat over and over again the same things that they've been saying for the last three and a half years, and that is, the economy is not doing as well as it should and it's Obama's fault. I mean, that's their -- basically, they'll do different ads, but it's the same theme.

And you know, I might be a little worried about it except -- what you taught me, Iowa, in 2008. We have been outspent before; we have been counted out before. But what I've learned is that when the American people cut through the nonsense, when they're paying attention and they're focused, and they think back to their own families and their parents and their grandparents and everything that's made this country great, when they decide we're going to make sure that we've got a government that is not just representing the powerful and the wealthy but just looking after ordinary folks, and recognizing government can't solve every problem, and nobody expects a bailout or a bailout, but we do expect to make sure that together we are doing things that help the next generation -- when the American people start focusing on those core values that have made this country great, I tell you what, you can't be stopped. You can't be stopped. (Applause.) You're the most powerful force in this democracy.

So, Marshalltown, I'm going to need your help. I'm going to need you fired up again. I'm going to need you ready to go. We're going to have to make sure everybody is registered. If you're not registered, by the way, you can get forms online, going to gottaregister.com. (Laughter.) That's g-o-t-t-a. I'm sorry, teachers, but it's "gotta." (Laughter.) It's not "got to," it's "gotta." Gottaregister.com.

But if you guys are ready to work, we'll get this done. Because we've got more work to do. We've got more schools to build. We've got more teachers to hire. We've got more troops to bring home. We've got more roads to build. We've got more opportunity to create for our young people to make college more affordable. We've got a lot of unfinished business.

And I tell you what, back in 2008, I used to say to folks, look, I'm not a perfect man -- you can ask Michelle. (Laughter.) And I tell folks, I'm not -- I won't be a perfect President. Nobody is. But what I did say is I'll wake up every single day fighting as hard as I know how for you; that I will think about you, and I will represent you, and I will fight for you. (Applause.) And I have kept that promise, Iowa. I have kept that promise. (Applause.)

So if you're willing to stand with me and work with me and organize with me, and knock on some doors and make some phone calls with me, we will finish what we started. We will get folks back to work. We will revive the middle-class dream of America. And we will remind the world why this is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless America. Thank you.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, Colorado

4:40 P.M. MDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Colorado State! (Applause.) How's it going, Rams? (Applause.) Ah, it is good to be back in Fort Collins. (Applause.) The last time I was here, back in 2008, it was a spectacular day. (Applause.) It was a little later; it was in the fall, and the leaves were turning, and had a little nip in the air -- and I wanted to stay. (Applause.) But, as usual, they had something else scheduled. (Laughter.) So it is wonderful to be here.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. I'm thrilled to be here. (Applause.)

I've got a couple of people I want to acknowledge. First of all, give Haley a big round of applause for the great introduction. (Applause.) One of the finest Governors in the country -- John Hickenlooper. (Applause.) His outstanding Lieutenant Governor -- Joe Garcia. (Applause.) Congressman Jared Polis is here. (Applause.) And the outstanding Secretary of the Interior and your hometown guy, Ken Salazar, is in the house. (Applause.)

So class is back in session. The Rocky Mountain Showdown is this Saturday. (Applause.) And like Haley said in her introduction, we are giving the Rams and the Buffs a second chance to go at it this fall. We've set up a Rocky Mountain rumble to see which school can register more voters. (Applause.) And you guys can get a head start by registering right here, right now.

We've got volunteers all throughout the audience. Volunteers, raise your hands -- there. (Applause.) They've got their clipboards ready. They are ready to go. If you are not registered, get registered. If for some reason these outstanding volunteers miss you somehow, then you can also register online at [GottaRegister.com](http://GottaRegister.com). Now, I understand this - - excuse me, English professors, but this is "GottaRegister";

this is g-o-t-t-a-register. This is not "gottoregister" -- "GottaRegister".

And we need you guys to get your friends and your classmates and your neighbors to do it as well because this is important. (Applause.)

Look, just over two months from now -- 70 days -- for the first time in many of your lives, you'll get to pick a President. (Applause.) Now, the truth is you guys have more at stake in this election than anybody. When you step into that voting booth, the choice you make in that instant will shape this country, the world, your lives for decades to come. And I know that's kind of a heavy idea to lay on you on a Tuesday afternoon. (Laughter.) But it's true. The decisions that we make as a country on the economy, and jobs, and taxes, and education, and energy, and war, and climate change, and the Supreme Court -- these are all decisions that will affect you directly in very personal ways.

And I feel that same sense of urgency because the decisions I make are ones that are going to affect Malia and Sasha, my daughters, for generations to come. (Applause.) And this is the way it's always been. One generation may make decisions, but they're making them not just on behalf of that generation; they're making them on behalf of future generations. And the thing is, Colorado State, your generation can choose the path we take this country on. Your vote will decide where we go from here.

And so as you prepare for November, you've got to ask yourself some questions: Are we going to make sure that good jobs and opportunities take root not in China or India or Germany, but here in Colorado and all across America so you don't have to leave home to find a good job? (Applause.) Will we reward an honest day's work, so that people have a chance to buy a home of their own, and you'll have health care that will be there for you when you get sick, and you'll have the chance to put a little bit of money away for retirement and take a vacation once in a while, and most importantly, be able to give your children a life that's even bigger and better than yours? (Applause.)

Will this country make it easier for future generations to afford a degree, pay off student loans? (Applause.) Are we going to build more good schools and hire more good teachers, so that more kids are prepared to attend colleges like Colorado State? (Applause.) Will this country be one that keeps moving away from foreign oil and towards renewable sources like wind and solar and biofuels that make our economy and planet more secure? (Applause.) Are we going to be a country that leads not just with the strength of our military, but also the power of our diplomacy and the power of our example? (Applause.)

Will this be an America where, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you love, no matter what your last name is, you can pursue your own happiness; you can make it if you try? (Applause.)

That's what the last four years have been about, Fort Collins. That's what this campaign is all about, and that's

why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

I know that it's sometimes easy to get a little cynical about politics. (Laughter.) Campaigns seem meaner and smaller, and Washington seems more gridlocked than ever. Every day there's this steady stream of ads, and it's a diet of cynicism -- telling you change is impossible; you can't make a difference; you won't be able to close the gap between life as it is and the life that we imagined for each other.

And, frankly, some on the other side, they make this a political strategy. They tell you over and over again how bad things are and, of course, how it's Obama's fault. (Laughter.) And they tell you that if you believed in change four years ago, your faith was misplaced, you're naive. Last week, my opponent's campaign called you the "lost generation."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And they hope that by telling you these things that you'll get discouraged, and that you'll stay home this time, because they know that young people came out in record numbers four years ago. (Applause.)

Well, I'm here to tell you, don't listen to the cynics. Don't listen to the naysayers. Four years ago, we understood that solving our biggest challenges was going to take longer than one year or one term or even one President. But we went ahead and we got started anyway. And we may have a lot of work to do, but we know the path we're traveling. We know where we need to get going, and we know we're going to get there. (Applause.)

We understand that this country is moving forward, and I'm confident we're going to get there because I believe in you. I believe in the American people. (Applause.) I believe that as tough as times are, the American people are tougher. (Applause.)

I believe this generation is full of passion and full of service. (Applause.) I've seen your generation eager to make a difference, whether it's in a homeless shelter or working on an environmental project. And you've already proved that you can do it. You've proved it -- you proved it four years ago.

Four years ago, you believed that we could put a college education within the reach of everybody who was willing to work for it. (Applause.) And because of that faith, we were able to create a college tax credit that's saving families up to \$10,000 for college tuition over the course of four years. (Applause.) We fixed the student loan system that was giving billions of dollars of taxpayer money to banks. We said let's give it directly to students. And we were able to double grant aid for millions of students. (Applause.)

When some on Capitol Hill were ready to let federal student loan rates double for 7 million students, we said no. And you helped us, and we beat that back. (Applause.) That would not have happened in Washington without you. That's what your vote accomplished. You helped millions of young people,

maybe including yourself, earn a college education. You made that happen. (Applause.)

You believed we could use less foreign oil and reduce the carbon pollution that threatens our planet. And in just four years, we have doubled the generation of clean, renewable energy like wind and solar. We developed new fuel standards for our cars so that cars are going to get 55 miles a gallon next decade. (Applause.) That will save you money at the pump. It will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a level roughly equivalent to a year's worth of carbon emissions from all the cars in the world put together. (Applause.)

Today, America is less dependent on foreign oil than any time in the last 20 years. (Applause.) We're on track to emit fewer greenhouse gases this year than we have in nearly 20 years. You can keep those trends going. That all happened because of you.

You believed that in America, nobody should go broke just because they get sick. (Applause.) And today, because of Obamacare -- and, yes, I do care. (Applause.) That's why we passed the law. Nearly 7 million young people have health insurance because they're able to stay on their parent's plans. (Applause.) Your grandparents are saving money on their prescription drugs. Women have gained access to free preventive care like mammograms and contraception. (Applause.) Your vote made that happen. You made that change. (Applause.)

It was young people like you who said we can end this war in Iraq. And today the war is over. (Applause.) More troops are at home with their families. They're earning their education through the Post-9/11 GI Bill. They're out there starting new businesses. And nobody will ever again have to hide who they love in order to serve the country that they love, because we ended "don't ask, don't tell" once and for all. (Applause.) You made that change. You made that happen. Your voice made a difference.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You did!

AUDIENCE MEMBER: With your help!

THE PRESIDENT: I helped a little bit. (Applause.) But this change was because you put in the effort. You put in the time. You had confidence in America's future.

So now we've got more work to do -- to grow this economy, to create more good jobs, to strengthen the middle class. And in November, your voice is going to matter more than ever before. Because this week in Tampa, my opponents will offer you their agenda.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo; vote. (Applause.) That's the best response. Vote. And get some of your friends to vote. (Applause.)

Now, look, the show in Tampa I'm sure will be very

entertaining. And I'm sure they'll have wonderful things to say about me. (Laughter.) It will be well-produced; they've hired all kinds of fancy TV producers. The only problem is it won't offer a path forward.

They've got an economic plan that says if you just give big tax cuts -- \$5 trillion worth -- mostly to wealthy folks -- so that \$3 million -- somebody who makes \$3 million a year would get another \$250,000 in additional tax cuts --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- that somehow prosperity will rain down on everybody else. And some of you are a little young to remember this, but we tried this for a decade; it didn't work. It didn't work then, it won't work now. (Applause.) I don't want to pay for another millionaire's tax cut by raising taxes on middle-class families, and I sure don't want to pay for a tax cut for folks like me who don't need it -- or folks like Governor Romney who needs it even less -- (laughter) -- by cutting financial aid for 10 million students. Our economic strength doesn't come from the top down; it comes from students and workers. It comes from small business people and middle-class families who are out there striving and hustling. Because when they do well, everybody does well. When they've got money to spend, businesses have customers. And then they hire more workers. And then those workers have more money to spend. And everybody does well.

That's how you grow an economy -- from the middle out, from the bottom up. That's what I'm fighting for. That's why I'm running for a second term for President. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: So in just two months, you're going to choose the path we take. And I want everybody -- when you're talking to friends and neighbors, just explain to them what's at stake. Tell them you can choose whether we give massive new tax cuts to folks who've already made it, or do we keep taxes low for Americans who are still trying to make it. I've cut taxes for middle-class families, and for small businesses, and for students -- and I want to make sure that taxes are not raised a single dime on the first \$250,000 a year income -- which, by the way, means 98 percent of families and 97 percent of small businesses would not see a tax increase. (Applause.)

That's a choice in this election. Because we're going to have to close the deficit, and the question is are we going to do it Mr. Romney's way, or are we going to do it in a balanced way that says, yes, we cut spending we don't need, but we also ask everybody to do their fair share. (Applause.)

We can choose whether we give up new jobs and new industries to other countries, or whether we fight for those jobs in states like Colorado and Iowa and Ohio -- by investing in the research of our scientists, investing in the skills of our workers and our students, in the innovation that harnesses new sources of energy, that brings about the next generation of

manufacturing in places like Fort Collins. (Applause.) That's what's at stake.

You can make a decision as to whether we're going to keep college affordable. You know, Governor Romney has a suggestion in terms of you affording college -- he says, borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.) Now, my suspicion is if your parents got it, they've already given it to you. (Laughter.)

But I don't think that's the path we should be taking. I think we've got to make sure that we help every single American earn the kind of education you're earning right here at Colorado State. Let's help more Americans go to community colleges to get the skills and training that employers are looking for right now. (Applause.)

See, maybe my opponent doesn't understand, but I do. Because Michelle and I, we just finished paying off our student loans about eight years ago. We know what it's like. (Applause.) We shouldn't be making it harder. We should be making it easier. We shouldn't end the college tax credit that we created; we should be expanding it. In America, a higher education cannot be a luxury -- it's an economic necessity that every family and every young person in America should be able to afford. That's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.)

If your friends or neighbors are concerned about energy, you tell them, do we want an energy plan written by and for big oil companies?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Or do we want an all-of-the-above energy strategy for America -- (applause) -- renewable sources of energy. Governor Romney calls them "imaginary." Congressman Ryan calls them a "fad." I think they're the future. I think they're worth fighting for. (Applause.)

This university gets 10 percent of its power -- soon to be 30 percent -- from solar energy. (Applause.) About 10,000 good Colorado jobs depend on wind and solar industries. It is time to stop giving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer corporate welfare to oil companies that are making money every time you fill up with a tank of gas. And let's invest that money in homegrown energy that has never been more promising. That's the future, and in America we seize the future. (Applause.) It's good for jobs, it's good for our economy, and it's good for the planet, too. That's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.)

Ask your friends, ask your neighbors: Should we go back to a health insurance system that lets insurance companies decide who and when they want to cover?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: So if you've got a preexisting condition you're out of luck. Or should we keep moving forward with the new health care law that's already cutting costs and covering more people and saving lives? (Applause.) (Sneezes.)

AUDIENCE: Bless you!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. See, it gives me a cold just thinking about what they might do. (Laughter.)

Governor Romney, he's promised that somewhere in between his first day and, I don't know, the next day, he's going to sit down and grab a pen, and he's going to eliminate Obamacare.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: This is what's called the "Romney Doesn't Care" plan. (Laughter.) Kick 7 million young people off their parent's plan. Raise prescription drug costs for seniors. Tell folks with prescription -- or with preexisting conditions, you're out of luck again. I

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I do care. And I think that all of us care, because all of us at some point in our lives might need to get health care and we might not always be able to afford it, no matter how well we've planned, no matter how well we think we've insured ourselves. And when that happens, I want to make sure we live in a country where every single person knows that they can get the care they need and they're not going to have to lose their home or lose their savings because of it.

We don't need to refight the battles of the past. The Supreme Court has spoken. We're moving forward. If somebody wants to help to improve our health care system I'll work with them, but I'm not going to leave millions of Americans out in the cold. That's what we're fighting for. That's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, these guys seem to just want to go backwards. Sometimes they want to go back 10 years, sometimes 20, sometimes 50, sometimes 100. This isn't the time to refight battles that we've already settled. In November you can say that in this century, women should be trusted to make their own health care decisions. (Applause.)

At a time when one of the biggest assets we have is the diversity of our talent and our ingenuity, it doesn't make sense for us to tell young people who have grown up in America, who have pledged allegiance to the flag, who have understood themselves to be Americans, who want to serve in our military or attend our universities, that somehow because their parents were undocumented, they should be sent back to countries they've never even heard of. That's not who we are as a people. (Applause.)

We're not going to go back and reinstate "don't ask, don't tell" like these other folks are talking about. (Applause.) We're moving forward. We don't need to rewrite our Constitution to somehow say that people who love each other and aren't bothering anybody else, that somehow they cannot get married. (Applause.)

That's not who we are. We go forward. We don't go backwards. We don't -- the history of this country has not been to see if we can exclude more people. The history of our country has been to gather everyone together. If you're willing to work hard, if you're willing to act responsibly, if you believe in that American creed, then you're welcome. We're part of a family. (Applause.) And we don't believe in sending people to the sidelines. We believe that the strength of our country, the character of this nation comes from hearing every voice, from harnessing every talent, from realizing that in America we are greater together than we are on our own. And this November, you get to decide whether that remains true.

And it's not just about this country. When we think about internationally, America remains the one indispensable nation. Issues of war and peace are ones where we've always got to be at the forefront. And so you get to decide the future of the war in Afghanistan. Governor Romney says that me ending the war was "tragic."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: He's criticized me for bring 33,000 troops home from Afghanistan next month. (Applause.) Now, look, I take a backseat to no one when it comes to our national security, but I believe in making sure that we act smartly in how we deal with our national security. I said we'd end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) I said we'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden, and we did. (Applause.)

By bringing our troops home from Iraq, by bringing our troops home from Afghanistan, we're going to be able to start doing some nation-building here at home, and that's part of our national security. And by the way, as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, those veterans who served us, we're going to have to serve them just as well as they served us -- (applause) -- because nobody who fought for America should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

That's what we're fighting for. That's the choice in this election.

I want to thank Colorado State for being so good to our troops, so good to our veterans, helping them earn the opportunity that they have helped defend.

And here's the bottom line, Colorado, if the other side has its way, and they pass this \$5 trillion tax cut that's targeted towards the wealthiest Americans, it won't create jobs. It won't cut the deficit. Ignoring inequality doesn't make it go away. Denying climate change doesn't make it stop. These things don't make our future brighter. They won't make your future stronger. And so the ultimate question is, will you choose the path that actually leads to a better future?

You have a chance to prove the cynics wrong one more time. And over the next two months, the other side is going to spend more money than we've ever seen before. They will

throw everything they've got, and the kitchen sink. They'll just make stuff up if they have to -- they're doing it already. (Laughter.)

And they will send an avalanche of attack ads and insults. They will try to distract you, and sometimes -- how do I put this nicely -- they will just fib. (Laughter.) And it's backed by \$10 million checks. I mean, they've got wealthy donors who like things just the way they are. They're counting on young people to accept their version of the status quo, to accept their version of the way things ought to be, to leave the questions that affect your lives up to big oil and insurance companies, and a bunch of men in Congress.

That's what they're counting on, and so -- so I just want all of you to understand your power. Don't give it away, not when you're young. If you're going to get cynical, wait till you get older. (Laughter.) Wait till you have a few bumps and bruises. But right now, America is counting on you. And I'm counting on you.

Those who oppose change -- those who benefit from an unjust status quo, they've always bet on your cynicism and complacency. But throughout American history, they have lost that bet. They're going to lose that bet this time because of you. (Applause.)

Because we've got a lot more work to do. You're going to have to register to vote. You're going to have to get your friends registered to vote. You're going to have to drag your friends to the polls. You're going to have to refuse to wait for the next person to do it, because somebody is waiting on you. They're waiting on you to bring about this change. They're waiting for you to lead.

Sometimes your parents may be waiting you. Back in 2008, part of the way we ended up winning was because we had a whole bunch of young people telling their parents, you got to get on board. It's time for change. (Applause.)

Yes, we can. Fired up. Ready to go. And I'm still fired up, and I'm still ready to go because we've got more work to do. We've got more jobs to create. We've got more schools to build. We've got more teachers to hire. We've got more young people to send to college. We've got more troops to bring home. We've got more renewable energy to generate. (Applause.) We've got more doors of opportunity to open to everybody who is willing to work hard and walk through them. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake in this election. And that's what's at stake right here in Colorado because if we win Colorado, we will win this election. (Applause.) If we win Fort Collins, we will win this election. (Applause.) We win Fort Collins, and we'll finish what we started, and we will remind the world just why it is that the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

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Denver, Colorado

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Denver! (Applause.) Oh, it is good to be back in Denver. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Well, I tell you what, we win Colorado, I'll get four more years. (Applause.)

A couple of people I just want to acknowledge. First of all, I just want to say thank you to Sandra for that wonderful introduction. (Applause.) She is one tough and poised young lady. (Applause.) She was generous to stand up for her friend. She was brave to stand up for herself, and an eloquent advocate for women's health. And I suspect she's going to be doing some even greater things as time goes on. So give her a big round of applause. (Applause.)

A couple other people I want to acknowledge -- your own Mayor Michael Hancock is in the house. (Applause.) One of the best Senators in the country, Michael Bennet is in the house. (Applause.) A passionate advocate for working families, Ed Perlmutter is here. (Applause.) My dear friend, campaign co-chair, former mayor, former secretary of transportation and energy -- I'm getting tired just listing his resumé -- Federico Peña is in the house. (Applause.) He's here somewhere. Where did Federico go? (Applause.)

And finally, I also want to acknowledge another campaign co-chair, John Register -- a veteran and Paralympian. We are very proud of him -- John Register. (Applause.)

It's been two and a half weeks since I was last here in Colorado. And, well, many of you know, I was in Aurora to meet those who lost loved ones during that terrible shooting. And I just had a chance to see some of the first responders who helped to save lives and comfort families during that

terrible, terrible day. (Applause.) Unfortunately, since that time, we've had another tragedy in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, where six members of our community were killed as they entered into a house of worship.

And so I think we can all acknowledge, we've got to put an end to this kind of senseless violence -- (applause) -- whether it's in Aurora, whether it's in Oak Creek, whether it's in Tucson, whether it's in cities all across America where too many lives are cut short because of senseless violence. This is going to have to stop. And as an American family -- as one American family -- we're going to have to come together and look at all the approaches that we can take to try to bring an end to it.

And I want you to all know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire nation remain with those in Aurora. And even though the perpetrators of these acts have received a lot of attention, attention on them will fade and what will be replaced are the stories of heroism and hope that we've seen here in Colorado, and in Wisconsin, and across the nation. That's what we'll remember. That's what's going to matter. (Applause.) That's what we will value -- the strength and the resilience and the care and the love of the American people. (Applause.)

Now, unless you've managed to completely avoid your television set -- (laughter) -- or your cable is broken, you are aware that there is a pretty intense campaign going on right now. (Applause.) And the reason it's intense is because the choice that we face in November could not be bigger. It's not just a choice between two candidates. It's not even just a choice between two parties. More than any election in recent memory, this is a choice between two fundamentally different paths for our country's future.

And the direction that you choose -- the direction you choose when you walk into that voting booth three months from now will have a direct impact not just on your lives, but on the lives of your children and the lives of your grandchildren. (Applause.)

And that's true for everybody. But it's especially true for the women in this country -- (applause) -- from working moms to college students to seniors. Because when it comes to the economy, it's bad enough that our opponents want to take us back to the same policies of the last decade, the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place, the same policies that saw jobs going overseas and ended up seeing people's wages and incomes going down even as the costs of everything from health care to college were going up -- policies that culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, and that we've spent, now, three and a half years trying to recover from. That's bad enough. (Applause.) But when it comes to a woman's right to make her own health care choices, they want to take us back to the policies more suited to the 1950s than the 21st century. (Applause.)

And, Colorado, you've got to make sure it does not

happen. (Applause.) The decisions that affect a woman's health, they're not up to politicians, they're not up to insurance companies --

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: They're up to you. (Applause.) And you deserve a President who will fight to keep it that way. (Applause.) That's the President I've been. That's the President I will be if I get a second term as President of the United States, to keep moving this country forward. (Applause.)

On the issues that matter, you don't have to take my word for it -- you can take me at my record. Four years ago, I delivered on my promise to pass health reform before the end of my first term. That's what we did. (Applause.) The Affordable Care Act -- also known as Obamacare -- (applause) -- I actually like the name -- (laughter) -- because I do care. (Applause.) That's why we fought so hard to make it happen.

The Affordable Care Act helps make sure you don't have to worry about going broke just because one of your loved ones gets sick. Insurance companies can no longer place lifetime limits on your care. They can no longer jack up your premiums without reason. They can no longer drop your coverage when you need it most. They can no longer discriminate against children with preexisting conditions. (Applause.) And pretty soon, they'll no longer be able to deny you coverage based on a preexisting condition, like breast cancer, or cervical cancer, or charge you more for care just because you're a woman. They can't do that anymore. Those days are over. (Applause.)

This is a law that allows young adults under the age of 26 to stay on their parent's health care plans -- (applause) -- and that's already helped 6.6 million young Americans. (Applause.)

If you're a little bit over 26, it gives seniors a discount on their prescription drugs -- a discount that's already saved millions of seniors on Medicare hundreds of dollars each. (Applause.)

Right now, nearly 13 million Americans are getting a rebate from insurance companies -- that's right, they're sending you a check -- (applause) -- because under the law, we've capped the amount of money that they can spend on administrative costs and CEO bonuses instead of your health care. And when they violate that rule, they've got to send you a check. (Applause.)

Last year, Obamacare secured new access to preventive care like mammograms and cancer screenings -- with no co-pay, no deductible, no out-of-pocket cost for more than 20 million women. (Applause.) Last week, insurance companies began covering even more services. And now most health plans are going to begin covering the cost of contraceptive care. (Applause.)

Now, understand this is crucial for women's health. Doctors prescribe contraception not just for family planning but as a way to reduce the risk of ovarian and other cancers. And it's good for our health care system in general, because we know the overall cost of care is lower when women have access to contraceptive services.

And listen, we recognize that many people have strongly held religious views on contraception, which is why we made sure churches and other houses of worship, they don't have to provide it, they don't have to pay for it. We worked with the Catholic hospitals and universities to find a solution that protects both religious liberty and a woman's health. (Applause.)

The fact is nearly 99 percent of women have relied on contraception at some point -- and more than half of all women between the ages of 18 and 34 have struggled to afford it.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you!

THE PRESIDENT: And we're changing that. (Applause.) Before health care reform, many health care plans charged high deductibles or co-pays for all these preventive services, or they just didn't cover them at all. And according to one study, more than half of all women put off the care they needed because of that. How many of you have gone without care that you needed or a checkup because you knew that you might not be able to afford the insurance co-pays -- and you had to choose between gas, or groceries, or your kid's new soccer uniform?

I don't think a working mom in Denver should have to wait to get a mammogram just because money is tight. (Applause.) I don't think a college student in Colorado Springs should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That's why we passed this law. (Applause.) It was the right thing to do.

Now, my opponent has a different view. As Sandra said, he said he would take the Affordable Care Act and "kill it dead" on the first day of his presidency -- "kill it dead."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Which -- I mean, just understand what this means. This means 26-year-olds -- 6.5 million young people don't have health insurance. The preventative care gone. Seniors paying more for prescription drugs. Preexisting conditions -- you're out of luck. Then he said he'd "get rid of" Planned Parenthood.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Then he said he would have supported an extreme measure in Mississippi that could have outlawed some forms of contraception.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Then he joined the far right of his party to support a bill that would allow any employer to deny contraceptive coverage to their employees. So it would be up to the employer to decide --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- your boss telling you what's best for your health and your safety.

Now, let me tell you something, Denver -- I don't think your boss should get to control the health care that you get. (Applause.) I don't think insurance companies should control the care that you get. I don't think politicians should control the care that you get. I think there's one person to make these decisions on health care, and that is you. You should make that decision. (Applause.)

Mr. Romney is running as the candidate of conservative values. There's nothing conservative about a government that prevents a woman from making her own health care decisions. He says he's the candidate of freedom. But freedom is the chance, the opportunity to determine for yourself the care that you need, when you need it. (Applause.) It's the ability to change jobs or start your own business without fear of losing your health insurance. (Applause.)

We're not going back to the days when it was acceptable to charge women more than men for health care. And we're not going back to the days when women with preexisting conditions, like being a cancer survivor, were denied affordable care. (Applause.) We're not going to kick more than a million young women off their parent's plan. We are not going backwards, Denver. We're moving forward. That's why I'm running for President again. (Applause.)

And understand this: At a time when women make up nearly half the workforce, an increasing share of family breadwinners, these aren't just health issues and they're not just women's issues. These are economic issues. They affect every family in America. (Applause.) Think about it. Think about what it means when a woman is the main breadwinner for her family, but she's taking less pay home, doing the same work as a man, just because she's a woman. That's not right.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: When my opponent's campaign was asked if he'd fight to guarantee an equal day's pay for an equal day's work, you know what the campaign said? They said, "We'll get back to you on that."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: That's not a good answer. "We'll get back to you on that"? He won't say what he'd do about it. You've got my answer -- upholding the principle of equal pay for equal work was the first bill I signed into law. (Applause.) The Lilly Ledbetter Act -- first bill I signed.

(Applause.)

And one other thing. Today is the three-year anniversary of Sonia Sotomayor taking her seat on the Supreme Court. (Applause.) Yesterday was the two-year anniversary of Elena Kagan taking her seat on the Supreme Court. (Applause.) So let's be very clear -- the next President could tip the balance of the Court in a way that turns back the clock for women and families for decades to come. The choice between going backward and moving forward has never been so clear. (Applause.)

And let me say this. When I talk about women's issues, I'm talking about the experiences that I've seen in my own life. Everybody knows Michelle. (Applause.) The fact that we are partners in this process, this journey of life, has been my source of strength. And I want to make sure that she has control over her health care choices. I want to make sure that when she's working, she is getting paid the same as men. I've got to say, First Ladies right now don't -- (laughter) -- even though that's a tough job.

You know, my own mom would have been 70 years old this year. And my sister and I lost her to cancer when she was just 52 years old. And she got to meet Michelle, but she never got a chance to meet her granddaughters or watch them grow up. And I often think about what might have happened if a doctor had caught her cancer sooner, or if she had been able to spend less time focusing on how she was going to pay her bills and more time on getting well.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: She is still with us!

THE PRESIDENT: She is still with us. She is in a better place. (Applause.)

I think about Malia and Sasha, and I think to myself, well, we're not going to have an America where they have fewer opportunities than somebody's sons.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I don't want them having fewer choices than anybody's boys do.

And then, four years ago, as I had the privilege to travel all across this country and meet Americans from all walks of life, I heard so many stories like mine. And I decided nobody else should have to endure the heartbreak of a broken health care system. No one in the wealthiest nation on Earth should go broke because they get sick. Nobody should be able to tell their daughters or sons that the decisions they can and cannot make for themselves are constrained because of some politicians in Washington.

And thanks to you, we've made a difference in people's lives. (Applause.) Thanks to you, there are folks that I meet today who have gotten care and their cancer has been caught, and they've got treatment, and they are living full lives. And it happened because of you, because of your efforts four years ago. (Applause.)

And, Denver, we've come too far to turn back now.  
(Applause.) We've got too much work to do to implement health care. We've got too much work to do to create good jobs.  
(Applause.) We've got too many teachers that we've got to hire. We've got too many schools we've got to rebuild. We've got too many students who still need affordable higher education. (Applause.) There's more homegrown energy to generate. (Applause.) There are more troops that we've got to bring home. (Applause.) There are more doors of opportunity that we've got to open to anybody who's willing to work hard and walk through those doors.

We've got to keep building an economy where no matter what you look like or where you come from, you can make it here if you try. (Applause.) And you can leave something behind for the next generation. That's what's at stake right now, Colorado. That's why I'm running for President of the United States of America. (Applause.) That's why I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.)

I still believe in you. And if you still believe in me, and if you're willing to stand with me, and knock on some doors with me, and make some phone calls with me, and talk to your neighbors and friends about what's at stake, we will win Colorado. And if we win Colorado, we will win this election. (Applause.) We will finish what we started, and we'll remind the world why America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Virginia! (Applause.) Go, Hoos! (Applause.) Wahoowah! (Applause.) I still don't know what a Wahoo is. (Laughter.) But I know we've got some here today. (Applause.)

I want to thank Mathias for the great introduction. Give him a big round of applause. (Applause.) I want to thank my great friends, Tom Perriello -- (applause) -- and your next United States senator, Tim Kaine. (Applause.)

It is good to be back in Charlottesville.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you, Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

Before I get started, let me just say that on the flight over here I was on the phone with our FEMA Director, Craig Fugate, and Janet Napolitano, who does our homeland security, as well as some of the governors and mayors who are now being affected and are having to deal with Hurricane Isaac. And I think it's important for all of us -- because we know we've got some prayerful people here -- to just let people on the coast know our thoughts are with you, our prayers are with you.

We are going to make sure that we are doing every single thing that we need to do to ensure that the folks down there are taken care of and have the support and the love of the rest of this country. Because when things like this happen, there are no Democrats or Republicans. (Applause.) There are just Americans. And we stand by Americans in their hour of need. (Applause.)

Now, I know for me, it's great to be back in Charlottesville. And this is an exciting time of year. Class is back in session. Come on, we need a little more enthusiasm, students. (Applause.) The football team has got a home game on Saturday. (Applause.) And in just over two months -- just

over two months from now, for the first time in many of your lives, you're going to get to pick the next President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, I know that there's some young at heart here who are not so young, like me. (Laughter.) But let me just take a moment to speak to the young people here. You guys have more at stake in this election than anybody. When you step into that voting booth, the choice that you make in that one instant is going to shape your country, it's going to shape the world for decades to come.

I know that's a pretty heavy idea to lay on you on just the second day of class, but -- (laughter) -- but it's true. The decisions that we make as a country right now on everything from the economy and jobs and taxes, to education and energy, and war and climate change -- all these decisions -- (audience interruption) -- all these decisions are going to be affecting your lives in very personal way.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Listen, I couldn't really hear what those young people were saying, but that's good that they're getting involved. (Applause.) But what I'm trying to tell you here is, don't just chant. You've got to vote. (Applause.) You've got to vote.

The decisions we make -- war, peace, the economy, the environment -- all those things are going to be decided. And they're not just going to affect you; they're going to affect Malia and Sasha, too, my daughters. (Applause.)

This is how our democracy works. Your generation is going to have to push the generations in front of you to make sure that they're making the right decisions. Your generation will choose not just between two candidates or two political parties, but will choose the path that we take as a country. And it will affect your lives in very personal, profound ways.

So you think about the questions that are at stake here. Are we going to make sure that good jobs and opportunities take root in China or Germany, or are we going to make sure they take root in Charlottesville and Richmond -- (applause) -- right here in Virginia, and all across America? (Applause.)

Are we going to make sure that an honest day's work is rewarded, so that somebody who really works hard, they can afford to have their own home, and they'll have health care when they get sick -- (applause) -- and they'll be able to retire with dignity and respect. And most of all, they'll be able to make sure their kids are doing better and dreaming bigger than they did. (Applause.)

Are we going to make sure that not just you but folks who follow you can afford to get a college degree and are able to pay off their student loan debt? (Applause.) Are we going to build more good schools and hire more good teachers, and make sure that our young people are prepared to attend colleges like UVA? (Applause.)

Will this be a country that keeps moving away from foreign oil and invests in renewable sources of energy like wind and solar and biofuels -- (applause) -- that help our economy and make our planet more secure? (Applause.)

Will this be a nation that leads not just with the strength of our military, but with the power of our example and fidelity to our values? Is that the kind of country we will continue to be? (Applause.)

And most of all, will this continue to be an America where no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, no matter who you love, you can pursue your own happiness and make it if you try? (Applause.)

That's what my presidency has been about. That's what this campaign is about. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

That's what Tim Kaine stands for. That's what Tom Perriello stands for. (Applause.)

And I know that right around this time, before football season has started, there are some folks who get sick of politics. I understand that. Sometimes the campaigns seem meaner and smaller, and Washington seems more gridlocked all the time. And you've got a steady stream of cynics who are telling you change isn't possible; you can't make a difference; you won't be able to close that gap between how things are and how they should be; you were naïve last time when you had all the hope and change stuff. (Laughter.)

And frankly, the other side, they've made this a strategy. They will tell you how bad things are over and over again, and they'll helpfully add that it's all Obama's fault. (Laughter.)

And what they're hoping is that even if you don't vote for them because you know that what they're peddling doesn't work, what they do hope is, is that you get so discouraged that you just stay home.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: That's what they're banking on. But I don't believe that. I don't think you believe that. We knew that solving our biggest challenges would take more than one year, or one term, or one President. We know we've still got a lot of work to do, but we are determined to get it done. We are determined to finish the job. (Applause.) We're determined to finish the race, and that's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

And you know what makes me -- what makes me confident is you. (Applause.) The American people have gone through some tough times, but the American people are always tougher. And this generation of young Americans, I've seen your passion. I have seen your service. I've seen you eager to make a difference. You're already proved that you can make a

difference.

Think about it. Some of you did vote four years ago, and some of you, even if you were too young to vote, worked on the campaign. And you believed four years ago that we could put a college education within reach of everybody who is willing to work for it. That's what you believed. (Applause.)

So we created a college tax credit that's saving middle-class families up to \$10,000 on college tuition. We fixed the student loan system that was giving billions of dollars to banks as middlemen. We said let's use that money to double grant aid for millions of students. (Applause.) We won the fight to prevent student loan rates from doubling for more than 7 million students.

None of this would have happened if it hadn't been for you, if it hadn't been for the work that you did, if it hadn't been the faith that you had in your ability to make a difference. You helped millions of young people, maybe including yourself, to earn a college education. You made that happen. And that makes me believe, that gives me confidence. It gives me confidence about the future. (Applause.)

Four years ago, we talked about how we could use less foreign oil, reduce the carbon footprint that threatens our planet. And in just four years, we have doubled the generation of clean, renewable energy like wind and solar. (Applause.) We've created thousands of good American jobs because of it. Today, we're less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in nearly 20 years. We're on track to emit fewer greenhouse gases this year than we have in nearly 20 years. We can keep those trends going. And that is all happening because of you. (Applause.)

Four years ago, you believed that nobody in America should go broke because they get sick. Today, because of the new health care law, affectionately known as Obamacare -- (applause) -- because of that law, nearly 7 million young people are able to stay on their parent's health insurance plans. (Applause.) Your grandparents are saving money on their prescription drugs. Women have gained access to free preventive care like mammograms and contraception. (Applause.) Thirty million Americans will be able to finally have the security of health care coverage. (Applause.) You can't be barred because of a preexisting condition. You made that happen. That's because of you. (Applause.)

Four years ago, we said we'd end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) More troops are home with their families. They're earning their education, in some cases, with the Post-9/11 GI Bill. They're out there starting new businesses. But that's not the only change we made -- because no one ever again will have to hide who they love in order to serve the country they love. We ended "don't ask, don't tell." You made that happen. (Applause.)

The point is, Virginia, your vote mattered. Your voice made a difference. Change was possible because you made it possible. So you can't get tired now. (Laughter.) Because we've got more work to do. (Applause.) We've got more work to

do to grow this economy. We've got more work to do to create more good jobs and strengthen the middle class. And in November, your voice will matter more than ever. (Applause.)

And listen, if you doubt that, then pay a little attention to what's happening in Tampa this week.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. Vote. (Applause.)

I mean, my opponents are down there, they're offering their agenda. And it's a pretty entertaining show. (Laughter.) They've got wonderful things to say about me. (Laughter.) But you know what's interesting is you can listen very carefully, very hard, and you won't hear them offer a clear, serious path forward. You won't. I mean, they've got an economic plan that can be summed up very simply. They say that if we give a \$5 trillion tax cut -- which includes giving an extra \$250,000 tax cut to people making \$3 million a year or more -- then somehow, prosperity is going to rain down on the rest of us. (Laughter.)

Now, many of you were too young to remember, but we tried this for about a decade before I came into office. It didn't work then; it's not going to work now. (Applause.)

I don't want to pay for another millionaire's tax cut by raising taxes on the middle class. I don't want to pay for that by cutting financial aid for tens of millions of students. Our economic strength does not come from the top down. It comes from students and workers and small business owners and a growing, thriving middle class. (Applause.)

That's who we're fighting for. (Applause.) And in just over two months, you can make a decision about which path we take. (Applause.) You can decide whether we give a massive new tax cut to folks like me and Mr. Romney, who don't need it -- he doesn't even need -- he needs it even less than I do -- (laughter) -- or whether we work to keep taxes low for Americans who are still trying to make it.

I've cut taxes for middle-class families. And I want to make sure that taxes aren't raised a dime on your income tax for families' first \$250,000 worth of income. That means, by the way, 98 percent of Americans would not see any increase in their income taxes. (Applause.) But that depends on how you vote in November.

You can choose whether we cede new jobs and new industries to countries like China, or whether we fight for those jobs here in Virginia, here in the United States -- by investing in the research of our scientists, investing in the drive of our students, and investing in the innovation that harnesses new sources of energy and brings new generations of manufacturing to places like Charlottesville and Richmond. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: USA! USA!

THE PRESIDENT: USA! That's what we need -- but, again, you can't just chant, you got to vote. (Laughter.)

You will decide whether we can keep making college more affordable, or whether we take my opponent's advice and just have your parents lend you money. (Laughter.) See, I think that we should help more Americans earn the kind of education you receive here at UVA. We've also got to help more Americans go to community colleges to get the skills and the training that employers are looking for right now. (Applause.)

And I'll say this again, just so you know I mean it. Michelle and I, we've been there. We know what it's like. We just finished paying off our student loans eight years ago. Think about that. We shouldn't be making it harder for young people. We should be making it easier for young people. (Applause.) We shouldn't end the college tax credit we created. We should be expanding it. Higher education isn't a luxury. It is an economic necessity for every single American. (Applause.)

You can decide that an energy plan written by and for the big oil companies will be best for America -- that's an option. But I think that the kind of all-of-the-above strategy that we're talking about -- a strategy that includes more American oil and gas, but also more wind and solar, and sets new goals for efficiency and makes sure that we're getting energy and using energy in smarter ways -- that's the key to the future.

One of the things that we've done is develop new fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars will get nearly 55 miles per gallon. (Applause.) That's double what they are now. That means you've only got to dig into your pocket to fill up your tank half as often. But not only does it save you money at the pump, it moves us closer to energy independence. It reduces greenhouse gas emissions by as much as all the cars in the world emit each year combined. This is a smart thing to do. It's the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And by the way, my opponent is against that. So you're going to have to make a decision. Just yesterday, my opponent called my position on fuel-efficiency standards "extreme." (Laughter.) I don't know. (Laughter.) It doesn't seem extreme to me to want to have more fuel-efficient cars. Maybe the steam engine is more his speed. (Laughter.) But I think that we set goals and we meet them -- that's what we do as Americans. (Applause.)

Listen, what's extreme about the idea that instead of giving \$4 billion a year in tax subsidies to oil companies that are making a profit every time you pump gas -- it makes more sense to keep investing, using that money to invest in homegrown energy sources that have never been more promising. That's not extreme. That's good for jobs. That's good for our economy. It's good for our planet. It's good for our future. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake. That's what you'll decide. That's why I'm running for President. (Applause.)

We could go back to a health care system that lets

insurance companies decide who and when and what to cover. But I think we've got to move forward with Obamacare. (Applause.) It's already cutting costs. It's covering more people. It's saving lives.

Governor Romney has promised that sometime on his first day, he is going to kill Obamacare. He's going to sit down, grab a pen -- now, this would mean that he -- by a stroke of a pen, apparently he thinks that he can kick 7 million young people off their parent's plan. He can make prescription drugs higher for seniors.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Suddenly folks with preexisting conditions are out of luck.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: He calls my health care law Obamacare; I call his plan "Romney Doesn't Care." (Applause.) He's running on the "Romney Doesn't Care" platform. (Applause.)

This law is here to stay. The Supreme Court has spoken. We're not going to refight the battles of the last four years. We're moving forward. That's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.)

I'm telling you, on almost every issue he wants to go backwards, sometimes all the way to the last century. (Laughter.) In November, you can say that in this century, women should be trusted to make their own health care choices. (Applause.) You can say that in this century we don't think young immigrants who were brought here when they were children and understand themselves as Americans and have pledged allegiance to the flag should suddenly be deported to countries where they've never been. (Applause.)

You can say we shouldn't rewrite the Constitution to prevent gay Americans who love each other from being able to marry the people they love. (Applause.)

You can reaffirm the strength of the American character. It doesn't come from shoving anybody to the sidelines. It doesn't come from kicking folks to the curb. It comes from hearing everybody's voices, harnessing everybody's talents, realizing that here in the United States of America we are greater together than we are on our own. (Applause.) That's what I believe. That's what I believe. That's what you believe. That's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.)

This November, you get to decide about the future of the war in Afghanistan. Governor Romney said that me ending the war in Iraq was "tragic." He doesn't have a plan to bring home the 33,000 troops who will be coming home from Afghanistan next month. (Applause.) He likes to talk tough, but he doesn't have a lot of details when it comes to these critical issues.

And so what I have said not just to you but, most importantly, to those young men and women in uniform who are

serving us every single day is that -- (applause) -- you will know where I stand. When I say I will end the war in Iraq, I will end it. When I say that we will go after bin Laden, we'll go after him. (Applause.) And when I said that as we bring our troops home, first from Iraq, now from Afghanistan, that as long as I am Commander-in-Chief, we will serve our veterans as well as they've served us -- I mean it. (Applause.) Because nobody should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home after they've been fighting for our freedom. (Applause.)

So here's the bottom line. Passing a new \$5 trillion tax cut targeted at wealthiest Americans, it won't create jobs. It sure won't bring down the debt -- it will increase it. Ignoring inequalities don't make them go away. Denying climate change doesn't make it stop. (Applause.) Looking backwards doesn't make our future brighter. It doesn't make your future stronger.

In the next two months, you get to choose. And we've got a plan that will actually lead to a better future. And you can prove the cynics wrong one more time.

But the other side will spend the next two months, spending more money than we have ever seen in our lives -- an avalanche of attack ads and insults and distractions and sometimes they just make things up. But they've got a bunch of folks who can write \$10 million checks, and they'll just keep on running them.

I mean, somebody was challenging one of their ads -- they made it up -- about work and welfare. And every outlet said, this is just not true. And they were asked about it and they said -- one of their campaign people said, we won't have the fact-checkers dictate our campaign. (Laughter.) We will not let the truth get in the way. (Laughter.)

Think about that. They're counting on young people to just accept their version of the way things ought to be. They expect that you will not be paying attention enough, or you will be distracted enough, or you will be discouraged enough that you walk away, and that means big oil writes the energy bills, and the insurance companies write the health care bills, and politicians in Washington decide what a woman can or can't do when it comes to her own health.

And you know what, I think they're wrong. I am counting on you. (Applause.) I'm counting on you because those who oppose change have always bet on your cynicism; they've always bet on a lack of hope -- and throughout American history, they have lost that bet. And they're going to lose that bet this time too, as long as you register to vote -- (applause) -- as long as you're going out there to vote, as long as you're getting your friends to go out there and vote. (Applause.)

I need you. America needs you to close the gap between what is and what might be. We've got more jobs to create and more good schools to build. We've got more homegrown energy to generate. We've got more troops to bring home. We've got more young people to send to college. We've got more doors of opportunity to open to everybody who is willing to work hard

and walk through them. And it all depends on you. (Applause.)

So don't worry about letting me down -- don't let America down. Don't let yourselves down. (Applause.) Go out there. Register. Stand up. And if you do, we will win Virginia. (Applause.) And if we win Virginia, we will win this election. And we will finish what we started. (Applause.) And you and I together, we'll remind the world just why it is the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Colorado! (Applause.) Oh, what a beautiful day! (Applause.)

Can everybody please give Christy a big round of applause for the great introduction? (Applause.) And then, I want everybody to acknowledge one of the outstanding alums of Colorado College -- (applause) -- an outstanding senator for this great state of Colorado, an unbelievable Secretary of the Interior, looking after our natural resources -- Ken Salazar. (Applause.)

Now --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. I really do. (Applause.)

Now, I have to say, first of all, this looks like a very smart crowd -- (applause) -- which means that you've been spending a lot of time watching our Olympic Games -- (applause) -- and the unbelievable athletes and all the great training -- right here, we've got -- do we have one of our outstanding athletes? (Applause.) Thank you, Colorado, because Colorado Springs has been a training site for all our outstanding athletes. And we're so proud of them. Thank you so much. (Applause.)

And for those of you who are curious, the women are doing pretty good right now in soccer. (Applause.) I know some of you may be -- the game is not over, and some of you may have DVR'd it, so I'm not going to say anything more. (Laughter.) But we're making progress.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Moving forward!

THE PRESIDENT: Moving forward. (Applause.)

Now, even though we've been spending most of our time,

sensibly, watching the Olympics, unless your cable is broken, you probably also noticed there's this pretty intense campaign going on right now. And the reason it is an intense campaign is because the choice that we face in November could not be bigger. It's not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties. It is a choice between two fundamentally different visions about how we move this country forward. And the direction that we choose -- the direction you choose when you walk into that voting booth -- is going to have a direct impact not just on us, it will have an impact on our kids and our grandkids for decades to come.

Now, four years ago, we came together -- and it wasn't just Democrats, we had independents and even some Republicans come together because we wanted to restore the basic bargain that made this country great, that built the greatest middle class and the most prosperous economy in the history of the world. And it's a bargain that says very simply, if you work hard, your work will be rewarded. If you work hard, you can get ahead. It's a deal that says if you put in enough effort, if you act responsibly, you can find a job that pays the bills, have a home you call your own. You can count on health care when you get sick. You can retire with dignity and respect. (Applause.) And most importantly, you can provide your kids with the education and opportunity so that they can dream bigger than you ever dreamed and they can achieve things you couldn't even imagine.

That's the American promise. That's the core of who we are as a people. And unfortunately, we had gone through a decade where that dream felt like it was slipping away. Jobs had gotten shifted overseas. Incomes had gone down, when you account inflation, even though the cost of everything from health care to college had gone up. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

So we knew restoring this dream, reinstating this basic bargain was not going to be easy. And we understood it would take more than one year, or one term, or maybe even one President. And that was before the middle class got clobbered by this financial crisis. And a lot of our friends and neighbors lost their jobs, lost their homes, lost their savings -- and it made that dream seem even further out of reach.

But here's the good news. The American people are tougher than tough times. (Applause.) Not only is there a fundamental goodness and decency to the American people, but there's also grit and resilience. And when we get knocked down, we get back up. (Applause.)

And so, for the last three and a half years, we've worked to make sure that we didn't slip into a Great Depression. And we created 4.5 million new jobs. (Applause.) We saved an auto industry on the brink of collapse. And although we are far away from where we need to be -- okay, we'll be okay. I hear you. What will happen is that the medical services -- we've just got somebody who fainted. Which reminds me, everybody, if you've been standing for a long time, bend your knees a little bit. Because this happens every time we have a rally. They'll be okay, just give them some space. And make sure that you drink some water if you've got some.

Now, we know that we've still got a long ways to go -- and the medical folks are coming right here. They're on their way. But, you know, what hasn't changed as a result of this crisis is our character. (Applause.) What's made us great in the past is going to make us great in the future. (Applause.)

We came together in 2008, understanding that we had an urgent mission to make sure that here in America everybody gets a fair shot, everybody does their fair share, and everybody plays by the same set of rules. (Applause.) We're here to build an economy where hard work pays off, so that no matter who you are or where you come from, you can make it if you try. That's what this campaign is about, Colorado. That's what the choice is in November. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, here's the good news. Even though there are no quick fixes, there are no easy solutions -- some of these problems built up over decades and they're not going to be solved overnight -- we've got everything we need to meet the challenges we face. We've got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best scientists and researchers in the world. We've got the best colleges and we've got the best universities in the world. (Applause.) We're a young nation. We've got this incredible diversity of talent and ingenuity. People come here from every corner of the globe, because they believe in our creed. They believe in our ideas.

And so, no matter what the naysayers say, no matter how bad folks try to paint the picture just to sell newspapers or sound sophisticated -- (laughter) -- the truth of the matter is that there's not a country on Earth that wouldn't trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

We've got what we need to succeed. What is standing in our way right now is our politics in Washington. (Applause.) It's a bunch of folks who think compromise is a dirty word; who think that the right way forward is to go backwards to the same top-down economic policies that got us into this mess in the first place.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And, look, Mr. Romney, his friends in Congress, their basic economic plan is really simple to describe. It's not complicated. What they say is, on the one hand, they want to eliminate regulations on Wall Street banks, even after this crisis, or regulations on insurance companies, or regulations on unscrupulous lenders, or regulations that keep our air and water clean. So that's part number one. And then part number two -- big part of their plan -- is to cut taxes a lot more for the wealthiest Americans.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And the idea is that somehow if you combine these two concepts that this is going to lead to jobs and prosperity for everybody.

That's what they're proposing. I'm not making this stuff up. (Laughter.) Go to their websites. Look at what the House of Republicans voted on, their budget. That's where they're going to take us if they win. That's their idea. And, look, if you believe in that idea, then you're probably not going to be voting for me.

Mr. Romney's -- the centerpiece of his entire economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut on top of the Bush tax cuts, a big chunk of it going to the wealthiest Americans. And last week, we found out that he expects you, middle-class families, to pay for it.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney's tax plan -- this is not according to me, this is according to independent analysts -- assuming he kept his promise that it wasn't going to add to the deficit, would mean raising taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000. And keep in mind this would not be to pay down our deficit. It wouldn't be to grow jobs or invest in education or make college more affordable, or invest in science and research or clean energy -- because he wants to gut all those things. He wants to cut away that stuff. Your tax increase would be to pay for another \$250,000 tax cut for people making more than \$3 million a year.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: How many people think that's a good idea?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: How many people honestly believe that that's going to unleash incredible job growth in this country?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Look, we have tried this before. They tried to sell us this trickle-down tax cut fairy dust before. (Laughter.) And guess what -- it didn't work. It didn't work then; it won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to cut the deficit. It's not a plan to move our economy forward.

We don't need more tax cuts for folks like me. We need tax relief for working families. (Applause.) We need tax cuts for folks who are trying to make sure their kids get a good education, trying to keep their kids healthy, trying to keep a roof over their heads, trying to send them to college.

That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States -- because our work is not yet done. (Applause.)

I've got a different idea. Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families. I did that.

(Applause.) The average typical family, their income taxes -- their tax burden is about \$3,600 lower than it is now [sic]. I want to keep taxes exactly where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. I've already told Congress let's get it done. We should do it before the election. Now, if your family makes under \$250,000 -- which, by the way, is 98 percent of American families and 97 percent of small businesses -- under my plan, your income taxes would not increase a single dime next year. (Applause.) That's my plan.

But if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, if this country has blessed you the way it's blessed me, you still get a tax cut on the first \$250,000 of income. It's just that after that, we're going to ask you to contribute a little bit more so we can pay down our deficit responsibly and invest in things like helping young people go to college -- (applause) -- invest in basic science and research, rebuild our roads -- all the things that help us grow and make the middle class strong. (Applause.)

And, by the way, this doesn't mean that we don't still have more work to do to make government more efficient. I'm not somebody who believes government can solve every problem. Government has to do its part by cutting out spending that we don't need. We've already cut a trillion dollars -- a trillion -- that's with a "T" -- out of our budget. And we can do more to make government more efficient, more customer-friendly. But that doesn't do enough to bring down the deficit.

So all I'm asking is that folks like me go back to the rates that we paid under Bill Clinton -- which, by the way, you may remember, we created 23 million new jobs, the biggest budget surplus in history -- (applause) -- and we created a whole bunch of millionaires to boot. Because what happens is when a construction worker or a police officer, they've got a little more money to spend, you know what, maybe they go out and buy that new car. And suddenly the car company has more profits, which means that hire more workers -- and everybody does better. (Applause.)

When a teacher or a receptionist has a little bit more money to spend, maybe they go to that local restaurant. Maybe they buy a computer for their kid for school. And now, suddenly, all businesses are doing better.

That's the history of America. When we grow from the middle class out, when we provide ladders of opportunity for those who want to get into the middle class and are willing to work hard to do it, everybody does well -- top, middle, bottom. (Applause.)

We are in this thing together. That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

This difference in vision, it shows up on all sorts of issues. When the American auto industry was on the brink of collapse, 1 million jobs at stake, Mr. Romney said, "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said, let's bet on America's workers. (Applause.) And we got management and workers to come

together, making better cars than ever, and now GM is number one again and the American auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.)

So now I want to say what we did with the auto industry, we can do it in manufacturing across America. Let's make sure advanced, high-tech manufacturing jobs take root here, not in China. Let's have them here in Colorado. (Applause.) And that means supporting investment here.

Governor Romney talks about his private sector experience. But he invested in companies that were called "pioneers" of outsourcing. I don't want to outsource. I want to insource. (Applause.) Let's reform our tax code and let's make it simpler. And let's make sure that we're providing tax breaks to companies that are investing here in Colorado Springs, here in Colorado -- not overseas. (Applause.) They're the ones who need tax breaks. Let's give tax breaks to companies that are investing here. It's the right thing to do.

At a moment when homegrown energy is creating new jobs in states like Colorado and Iowa, my opponent wants to end tax credits for wind producers.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: The wind industry supports about 5,000 jobs across this state. Without those tax credits, jobs would be at risk -- 37,000 jobs across this country would be at risk. Why would we want to stop promoting clean, renewable energy that can make our environment better, put people back to work, free our dependence from foreign oil? We should stop spending billions of taxpayer subsidies on the oil industry that is very profitable. Let's keep investing in a clean energy industry that's never been more promising. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election.

Here's another choice. I promised in 2008 I'd end the war in Iraq. We ended it. (Applause.) I said we'd go after bin Laden and al Qaeda. We did. (Applause.) We're transitioning in Afghanistan and starting to bring our troops home. (Applause.)

And so none of this could have been accomplished had it not been for our outstanding men and women in uniform. (Applause.) We are safer and more respected because of them.

But now we've got to make sure that the country they come back to is going on all cylinders. So what I said is let's set up a Veterans Jobs Corps that helps returning veterans get jobs as firefighters and police officers in communities that need them. (Applause.) Let's make sure that they are getting the training that they need. And let's make sure that we take some of those savings that we are spending after a decade of war, let's do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) Let's put people back to work rebuilding our roads and our bridges, laying broadband lines, rebuilding our schools, putting in new science labs.

I was just down in Pueblo, and we were talking about a water project that John F. Kennedy had signed, authorizing 60

years ago -- 50 years ago. It has never been funded. You know what, under my administration it's getting funded. (Applause.)

There are projects like that all across America. And we can put people back to work right now. That's good for the economy right now -- lower unemployment right now -- but it also lays the foundation for economic growth for decades to come. That's a choice in this election.

I believe that we, once again, should be leading the world in educating our kids. (Applause.) So I've said let's make sure that we're helping local school districts hire the best teachers, especially in math and science. (Applause.) Let's help to provide millions of new slots at community colleges, so people can train for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) And I want to make college and university tuitions lower so young people aren't burdened with tens of thousands of dollars' worth of debt. (Applause.) We can do it -- because higher education is not a luxury; it's an economic necessity in the 21st century. (Applause.)

My opponent doesn't have a plan for higher education. He doesn't have a plan for homeownership. He was asked, what should we do about the housing crisis. He says, well, we'll just let foreclosures bottom out. That's not a plan. What I've said is let's help all families take advantage of historically low rates, refinance your homes, get an extra \$3,000 a year, which you will then spend and will make the economy stronger and the housing market stronger. (Applause.) That's a choice in this election -- doing nothing, or putting \$3,000 in your pocket.

I'm running because I believe nobody in America should go broke because they get sick. (Applause.) Mr. Romney says he wants to repeal Obamacare.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Let me tell you, I'll work with anybody to keep improving our health care system. But the Supreme Court has spoken -- (applause) -- 6.5 million young people are able to stay on their parent's plans now. (Applause.) Seniors are getting discounts on their prescription drugs. Insurance companies can't prevent you from getting health insurance if you've got a preexisting condition. (Applause.) Folks are getting free preventive care.

I think it was the right thing to do. We're not going backwards, we're going forwards. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

We're not going back to "don't ask, don't tell". Everybody should be able to serve the country they love. (Applause.) That's a choice in this election. Helping out the DREAM Act kids -- that was the right thing to do. We're not going backwards, we're going forwards. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

All these things tie together. Because my vision is one in which -- whether we're talking about housing or education

or rebuilding America -- the idea is you've got to show individual initiative. Government can't solve all your problems. Government can't help folks who won't help themselves. But there are things we can do to make sure that everybody has got a chance, everybody has got opportunity. (Applause.) If everybody is willing to work hard, they've got those rungs on the ladder to have a secure middle-class life. (Applause.)

That's the promise our parents passed down to us. That's why I'm standing here today -- because somebody helped me along the way. That's the promise I want to pass on to the next generation. That's why I'm running for another term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, over the next three months, the other side will spend more money than we've ever seen on ads that tell you the same thing we've been hearing for four years now, which is the economy is not good enough and it's Obama's fault. Basically, they should just have one commercial and they can just run it over and over again, because they don't say anything new. (Laughter.)

And the reason that's their argument is because they don't have a plan, and the plan they've got they can't sell. (Applause.) So they will do their best, like they've been trying to do for the last three years, to just run me down. The problem is they don't have a plan to create jobs. They don't have a plan to strengthen the economy. And they don't have a plan to revive the middle class. And I do. (Applause.) But in order to implement that plan, I'm going to have to have your help.

This election is going to be close. Colorado is going to be close. So I've got to make sure your friends are registered. I've got to make sure you're registered. In Colorado, you can register online. So you got to go to [gottaregister.com](http://gottaregister.com) -- that's "gotta," G-O-T-T-A. (Laughter.)

But we're going to have to work hard. Here is the good news. Here is the good news. I've been outspent before. I've been counted out before. But you know what we learned in 2008 -- when the American people decide that they want to see change, they make it happen. (Applause.) When the American people come together and focus on those values that have made us strong, they cut through all the nonsense. It doesn't matter how much the other side spends -- change happens.

Colorado, we've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We've got too many good jobs we still have to create. We've got too many teachers we've got to hire. (Applause.) We've got too many schools we've got to rebuild, too many students we want to send to college. We've got too much homegrown energy we still have to generate, too many troops we've still got to bring home. We've got too many doors of opportunity we still have to open up for everybody who is willing to work hard and walk through those doors. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake right now. That's why I'm running. That's why I need your help. In 2008, I said to you I am not a perfect man and I won't be a perfect President. But I promised you that I would spend every single day fighting as hard as I knew how for you. And I have kept that promise. Because I still believe in you. (Applause.) And, Colorado, if you still believe in me -- if you're willing to work with me and stand with me, and knock on doors with me, and make phone calls with me, we will win Colorado -- (applause) -- and we will win this election. And we will finish what we started. And we will remind the world why America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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Council Bluffs, IA

11:32 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Iowa! (Applause.) It's good to be back! (Applause.) Well, it is good to be back in Iowa! (Applause.) I miss you guys.

AUDIENCE: Obama! Obama! Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you!

First of all, can everybody please give Patricia a big round of applause for the great introduction? (Applause.) A couple other people I want to acknowledge -- your outstanding former governor, now I think the best Secretary of Agriculture we've ever had -- Tom Vilsack. (Applause.) Congressman Leonard Boswell. (Applause.) And Mayor Tom Hanafan. (Applause.)

See, the sun is coming out -- (applause.) I love being back in Iowa. Now, we're starting here in Council Bluffs, but we're going to be heading east and I think I'm going to end at the State Fair. (Applause.) Michelle has told me I cannot have a fried Twinkie. (Laughter.) But I will be checking out the butter cow and I understand this year there's a chocolate moose. (Laughter.) So I'm going to have to take a look at that if I can.

The last time I went to the State Fair, Secret Service let me do the bumper cars, but they said this year -- I wasn't President yet, so I could do that. (Laughter.) But not this time.

Now, before I get started, I just want to say a few words about the drought, because it's had such an impact on this state and all across the country. Right now folks here in Iowa and across the heartland, we're suffering from one of the worst

droughts in 50 years. Farmers, ranchers depend on a good crop season to pay the bills and put a roof over their heads. And I know things are tough right now.

The best way to help these states is for the folks in Congress to pass a farm bill that not only helps farmers and ranchers respond to natural disasters, but also makes some necessary reforms and gives farmers and ranchers some long-term certainty.

Unfortunately, right now, too many members of Congress are blocking the farm bill from becoming law.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I am told that Governor Romney's new running mate, Paul Ryan, might be around Iowa the next few days -- he is one of the leaders of Congress standing in the way.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: So if you happen to see Congressman Ryan, tell him how important this farm bill is to Iowa and our rural communities. We've got to put politics aside when it comes to doing the right thing for rural America and for Iowa. (Applause.)

Now, it's always a problem waiting for Congress. So in the meantime, I've made sure my administration, led by Tom Vilsack, is doing everything we can to provide relief to those who need it. So last week, we announced \$30 million to help ranchers and farmers get more water to livestock and rehabilitate land affected by drought.

And today, we're announcing that the federal government will help livestock producers by purchasing over \$150 million worth of meat and fish right now, while prices are low -- we'll freeze it for later, but -- we've got a lot of freezers. (Laughter.) And that way, that will help ranchers who are going through tough times right now, and also, over the long term, obviously that food is going to be spent by folks at the Pentagon and other places.

America depends on farmers and ranchers to put food on the table; depends on farmers and ranchers to feed our families. So we've got to be there for them -- not just today, but tomorrow, and every day until this drought passes -- because we are Americans, that's what we do. We take care of each other. And when tough times strike our neighbors, we give them a hand. (Applause.)

Now, that speaks to the larger idea of why I'm here, the notion that I'm my brother's keeper, I'm my sister's keeper, the idea that we're in this together, that was at the heart of the journey that began here in Iowa five years ago. (Applause.) We spent a lot of time on bus tours like this one -- at school gyms and family farms and small businesses across this state - although, I have to say the bus we had wasn't as nice as this one. (Laughter.) We used to get some buses. (Laughter.)

And that campaign back in 2007-2008, it had plenty of ups

and downs, but no matter what, you, the people of Iowa, had my back. (Applause.) You had my back. When the pundits had written us off, when we were down in the polls, you believed in me, and I believed in you. And it was on your front porches and in your backyards where the movement for change in this country began.

But our journey is not finished. Not yet. I'm going to spend the next three days driving all across this state just like I did in 2007 -- from Council Bluffs to the Quad Cities -- because once more, you face a choice in November. And that choice could not be bigger. It is not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties. More than any other election in recent memory, this is a choice between two fundamentally different visions of this country and the path that we have to take.

And the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth in November is going to have an impact not just on your lives but on your children's lives, your grandchildren's lives for decades to come. This one counts. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Think about this, Council Bluffs. Four years ago, we came together -- and it wasn't just Democrats, it was independents and some Republicans -- because we understood that we needed to restore the basic bargain that made this country great, the basic deal that created the greatest middle class and the most prosperous economy the world has ever known.

And it's a simple bargain. It says if you work hard, your work should be rewarded. If you act responsibly, and you put in enough effort, you should be able to find a job that pays the bills, have a home you can call your own, count on health care when you get sick -- (applause) -- put away enough to retire with dignity and respect -- (applause) -- and most of all, give your kids an education that allows them to dream even bigger than you did, and do even better than you did. That's the American promise. (Applause.) That's the American Dream.

And the reason we came together was because we had seen a decade in which that dream was being betrayed. We had gone through a decade where jobs were being shipped overseas, where you were working harder but making less while the cost of everything from health care to a college education kept on going up. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

And so we knew that restoring the basic bargain that made this country was not going to be easy. We knew it would take more than one year, or one term, or even one President. And that was before the crisis hit and we saw friends and neighbors lose their job, or lose their home, lose their savings, pushing the American Dream even further out of reach for too many working people.

But over the last three and a half years, we've seen America's grit. You folks are tougher than any tough time.

(Applause.) When we get knocked down we stand back up.  
(Applause.) Some workers lost their jobs -- they went back to community college, got retrained and now have got a new job. Small businesses kept their doors open by hook or by crook. And so, slowly, we've seen 4.5 million new jobs created, half a million new manufacturing jobs -- the most since the great -- most since the 1990s.

And what we realized was that no matter how bad the crisis was, one thing did not change, and that is the character of the American people and the resilience of the American people.  
(Applause.) And what hasn't changed is our determination to do what we came together in 2008 to do -- and that is to make sure that in America hard work pays off -- so that no matter who you are, or where you come from, or what you look like, you can make it here in America if you try. (Applause.)

That's what this campaign is about, Iowa. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

I told you -- four years ago I said there aren't going to be quick fixes, there won't be easy solutions. The challenges we face had been building up for decades. And that's still true today. But I want everybody to know that we have the capacity to meet every challenge. We've got the best workers in the world. We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best colleges, the best universities, the best researchers in the world, the best scientists in the world. We're still a young nation. We've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity -- people come here from every corner of the globe. They want to be here. So whatever the naysayers may say, or folks who try to make things look dark, listen, there is not another country on Earth that wouldn't trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

What's holding us back right now is Washington politics.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: You've got folks on the other side who think "compromise" is a dirty word, and whose main idea is to go back to the same old top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

This weekend, my opponent, Mr. Romney, chose as his running mate the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress. And I've got to tell you, I know Congressman Ryan. He's a good man, he's a family man. He is an articulate spokesman for Governor Romney's vision. But the problem is that vision is one that I fundamentally disagree with.  
(Applause.)

Governor Romney and his allies in Congress, they think that if we just get rid of more regulations on big corporations and give more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, if we end Medicare as we know it, make it a voucher system, then somehow this is all going to lead to jobs and prosperity for everybody.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: The centerpiece of Mr. Romney's entire economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it going to the very wealthiest Americans.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Last week, an independent study -- not by me, but by independent economists -- said that Governor Romney's plan would actually raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000 apiece.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, this wouldn't be done -- not to reduce the deficit. It's not going to be done to create jobs or put folks back to work rebuilding our roads or bridges or schools. This is you guys paying an extra \$2,000 to give another \$250,000 tax cut to folks who are making more than \$3 million a year.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Does this sound familiar to you? They have tried to sell us this trickle-down theory before. And guess what -- every time it's been tried it has not worked. It did not work then; it won't work now. It won't create jobs. It won't lower our deficit. It is not a plan to move our economy forward. We do not need more tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans -- we need tax relief for working families. (Applause.)

You need tax relief -- folks who are trying to raise kids and keep them healthy and put a roof over their heads and send them to college. And that's the choice in this election. That's the reason I'm running again.

Four years ago, I promised to cut middle-class taxes -- and by the way, that's exactly what I've done. (Applause.) The average working family here in Iowa and across the country has seen their tax rates go down about \$3,600. So when you see -- when you hear the other side talking about Democrats raising your taxes -- your taxes are lower since I've been President. (Applause.) That's the truth.

Now, I want to keep your taxes right where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. So if your family makes under \$250,000 -- which, by the way, is 98 percent of Americans -- you won't see your income taxes go up by a single dime next year. (Applause.) Ninety-seven percent of small businesses will not see their taxes go up. (Applause.)

But here's the thing, Council Bluffs. This is important. If --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: And Omaha!

THE PRESIDENT: And Omaha. We love you. (Applause.) Didn't want to leave our Nebraska folks left out here. (Applause.)

But here's the thing. If you're lucky enough and fortunate enough and been blessed enough to be in the other 2 percent, the top 2 percent, you still get a tax cut for your first \$250,000 of income. All we're saying is, after that, maybe you can do a little bit more to help pay down this deficit and invest in things like education that help our economy grow. (Applause.)

And listen, government is going to do its part. We've already cut a trillion dollars of savings -- of spending. We're going to cut more. We've got to streamline government and make it work efficiently and effectively. But what we also can do is just ask folks like me to do a little bit more. And all we're asking is for folks like me to go back to the rates that we paid under Bill Clinton -- and by the way, that was a time when we created nearly 23 million new jobs, and we created the biggest budget surplus in history. (Applause.) And here's the kicker -- folks at the top actually did well because, guess what, when a factory worker or a construction worker or a receptionist or a teacher or a firefighter or a cop -- when they've got a little more money in their pockets, what do they do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe they go out and buy a new car, after having been driving that old beater around for the last 15 years. Maybe they finally get the new dishwasher because the old one has been broke for a long time. Maybe they go buy a computer for their kid for the new school year, or they go to a restaurant, or heaven forbid, they take a vacation. And that means businesses suddenly have more customers. And then businesses start hiring more workers because they're making more profit. And everybody does better. That's how we grow the economy -- not from the top down, but from the middle out, and from the bottom out. (Applause.)

That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

You know, across the board, there is a sharp contrast between me and Mr. Romney. When the auto industry was on the brink of collapse, more than a million jobs at stake, Governor Romney said, "let Detroit go bankrupt." I bet on American workers. I bet on American manufacturing. And three years later, the American auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.) So now I want to make sure that high-tech manufacturing jobs are taking root here, not in China. I want them to take root here in Council Bluffs.

Governor Romney, he likes to brag about his private sector experience. A bunch of that private sector experience was investing in companies that have been called "pioneers" of outsourcing. Let me tell you something -- I want insourcing, not outsourcing. (Applause.) I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give tax breaks to companies that are investing here in the United States of America -- (applause) -- hiring American workers to make American products to sell around the world, stamped with those words: Made in America. That's what I believe in.

(Applause.)

Here's another difference. Right now, homegrown energy, things like wind energy -- creating new jobs all across the states like Iowa -- and Governor Romney wants to end tax credits for wind energy producers. America now produces twice as much electricity from wind as we did before I took office. (Applause.) We've doubled the amount of electricity we're producing with wind. The wind industry supports about 7,000 jobs in Iowa. Without these wind energy tax credits, a whole lot of these jobs would be at risk -- 37,000 jobs across this country would be at risk.

So I think we should stop spending billions on taxpayer subsidies for an oil industry that is making all kinds of profit, and let's keep investing in the clean energy that's never been more promising. (Applause.) That's a disagreement I've got with Governor Romney. That's a choice in this election.

Back in 2008, I said it was time to end the war in Iraq -- we ended it. (Applause.) I said it was time for us to go after bin Laden and al Qaeda -- and we did. (Applause.) We've set a timeline to start bringing our troops out of Afghanistan, and so after a decade of war, I think it's time to do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.)

Now, we could not have accomplished any of this without the extraordinary service of our men and women in uniform. (Applause.) And I promise you this -- as long as I am Commander-in-Chief, this country will care for our veterans and serve our veterans as well as they've served us. (Applause.) Nobody who has fought for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. That's why we've invested so heavily in making sure that the VA is working the way it's supposed to. That's why we've put more money into treatment of PTSD and traumatic brain injury; ending homelessness\* among veterans. But those are investments that we've got to make.

And my plan says let's take half the money that we're no longer spending on war and let's also use it to put people back to work building our roads and our runways and our ports and our wireless networks -- (applause) -- and creating a Veterans Job Corps so local communities can hire our veterans to be firefighters and police officers in communities that need it. That's the America that we want to build. That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

I want to make sure that America once again leads the world in educating our kids and training our workers. I want to help our schools hire and reward the best teachers, especially in math and science. I want to give two million more Americans the chance to go to community college and learn the skills that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) And I want to get colleges and universities to bring down the cost of tuition once and for all -- (applause) -- because higher education is not a luxury; it's an economic necessity in the 21st century. Everybody should be able to afford it. (Applause.)

I've got a plan to help homeowners refinance their homes at historically low rates -- save an average of \$3,000. My opponent's solution is to let the market bottom out. That's what he said. That's not a solution -- that's part of the problem. That's the difference in this election.

My opponent says one of the first things he'd do is repeal Obamacare.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I think that part of being middle class in America is making sure you don't go bankrupt when you get sick. (Applause.) That's why, because of this law, if you've got a preexisting condition, you'll be able to get health insurance. (Applause.) That's why 6.5 million young people can now stay on their parent's plan. That's why seniors are now getting discounts on their prescription drugs. That's why insurance companies can't drop your coverage or impose lifetime limits when you need it most. (Applause.)

It's true -- Obama does care. That's why we passed this bill. (Applause.) The Supreme Court has spoken. We're not going backward, we are going forward. (Applause.)

All these things, whether it's bringing back manufacturing, creating more construction jobs, protecting people's health care, making sure your kids get the best education, making sure our veterans have the same kind of opportunity my grandfather had when he came back from World War II and was able to go to college on the GI Bill. All these things are part of what makes up a middle-class life. And they're all bound together in that idea that made this country great -- that basic promise that if you work hard, you can get ahead.

It's not always going to be smooth. There are going to be times where times are tough. But the basic idea that if you work hard and look after your family, that work is going to be rewarded. That's the promise that our parents and grandparents passed down to us. And now it's the promise we've got to pass on to our kids and our grandkids. That's what's at stake in this election.

And so, over the next three months, you are going to see the other side spend more money on negative ads than we've ever seen in history; and these folks, they've got some really rich people writing \$10 million checks. And basically, they're going to say the same thing over and over again. They know their economic theories aren't going to sell, because folks remember when we tried them. So all they're going to say is the economy is not as good as it should and it's Obama's fault. And they expect you to have amnesia and not remember who it is that got us into this mess. (Applause.) But they figure, if we run these ads often enough, maybe folks will start kind of thinking about it. That is true. (Laughter.)

So they may have a plan to win the election, but they can't hide the fact that they don't have a plan to create jobs or revive the middle class or grow the economy. And I do have

that plan. (Applause.) I've got a plan that puts you first. (Applause.) I've got a plan that puts middle-class families and folks striving to get into the middle class first. (Applause.)

But I'm going to need your help. I'm going to need your help. I've got to make sure you're registered. I've got to make sure your friends are registered to vote. In Iowa, you can get registered online. All you have to do is go GottaRegister.com. That's g-o-t-t-a -- gotta. (Laughter.) GottaRegister.com.

The thing is, we've been outspent before and we've been counted out before. But what you taught me in 2007, 2008 was that when the American people cut through all the nonsense, when you focus your attention and you remember the story of your own families and all the struggles your parents and grandparents went through, and how maybe because you got a student loan somewhere, or maybe because your dad was able to get that job at the factory, you guys were able to build a good life together -- just like Michelle and I were able to get opportunities that our parents could have never imagined. When you focus on that thing that is best in America, the way we pull together and give everybody a fair shot, and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same set of rules, and everybody is taking responsibility -- when you come together and reaffirm those core values that make this the greatest country on Earth, you can't be stopped. All the money those folks are spending doesn't matter. You are our democracy. You make decisions about the direction of this country.

And, Iowa, I've got to tell you, we've come too far to go back now. (Applause.) We've got too many good jobs we still have to create. We've got too many teachers we've still got to hire. We've got too many schools we still have to rebuild. We've got too many students who still need help getting an affordable education. We've got more homegrown energy we've got to generate. We've got more troops we've got to bring home. Most of all, we've got more doors of opportunity that we've got to open for everybody who's willing to work hard enough to walk through those doors.

That is what is at stake in this election. That is why I am running for President of the United States. (Applause.) That is why I'm asking for your vote -- not just for me, but for this country that we believe in. (Applause.) And if you're willing to work with me and stand with me, and knock on doors with me, and make phone calls with me -- if you vote for me in November, we will win Iowa, we will win this election. We'll finish what we started in 2008. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, everybody! (Applause.) Thank you! It's good to be back! Thank you so much. (Applause.) It is good to be back in Iowa, and it's good to be back in Boone County! (Applause.)

A couple of folks I want to acknowledge -- first of all, your outstanding former governor and now I think the best Secretary of Agriculture we've ever had -- Tom Vilsack. (Applause.) A great friend of mine, my co-chair for my campaign when I was just getting started in 2007-2008 -- he took a risk on me when nobody could pronounce my name -- Tom Miller is in the house, Attorney General of the great state of Iowa. (Applause.) And please give Dave a big round of applause for the great introduction. (Applause.)

Dave may have mentioned he is a music teacher. And I told him that Malia and Sasha have been practicing their piano. (Laughter.) And Malia plays a little flute. But he mentioned that he thought -- he had heard me sing, and he thought that I had really good pitch. (Applause.) So Dave says he's got a band and maybe after I'm finished with the presidency, he said maybe I could be front man for the band. (Applause.) He said maybe I could be lead singer. That would be all right. (Applause.)

But, listen, it is wonderful to be back in Iowa. It is wonderful to see some familiar faces and some good friends on a beautiful summer day. It was on your front porches and in some of your backyards where our movement for change started. (Applause.) We spent a lot of time in Iowa, and I felt like an adopted son of Iowa. (Applause.) We took bus tours all throughout the state -- although I've got to admit the bus wasn't as nice as the one I've got now. (Laughter.) And we

went to school gyms and family farms and small businesses all across the state.

But here's the thing -- our journey is not done. It's not done. So I'm going to spend the next three days driving all the way across the state, just like we did in 2007 -- from Council Bluffs all the way to the Quad Cities -- (applause) -- and I'm going to work just as hard, maybe harder, in this campaign as I did in the last one because the choice that you in November couldn't be bigger.

It is not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties. But more than any election in recent memory, this is a choice between two fundamentally different visions about how we move this country forward. (Applause.) And the direction that we choose -- the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth in November is going to have an impact not just on your lives, but on the lives of these young people here, the lives of your children, the lives of your grandchildren for decades to come.

Think about it. When we came together four years ago -- and it wasn't just Democrats, we had independents and some Republicans get involved -- the idea was to restore the basic bargain that made this country great, the basic idea that says if work hard in this country then you can get ahead; that if you put in the effort and you are responsible, then you can find a job that pays the bills. You can have a home that you call your own. You won't go bankrupt when you get sick. You can retire with some dignity and some respect. And maybe most importantly, you know that your kids can get a great education and they can dream bigger and do even better than you did. (Applause.)

That is the core of the American Dream. That's the American promise. (Applause.) Now, the problem is, is that we had gone through a decade where that promise wasn't being met, it wasn't being kept. So we had gone through a decade where jobs were being shipped overseas, where you were working harder but you were bringing in less. Costs of college, costs of health care were all going up -- cost of food, cost of gas all were going up. We ran two wars on a credit card. Tax cuts we didn't need and that didn't create jobs. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

So we knew that meeting these challenges that had been building up for over a decade, that it wasn't going to be easy. We knew it was going to take more than one year, or one term, or even one President. But what we also knew was that Americans are tougher than tough times. And so, even though this crisis that hit us in 2008 and 2009 was bad -- even though a lot of folks lost their jobs and a lot of folks lost homes and a lot of folks lost savings, so that the middle class felt even more under the gun than they were before -- what we knew was that the American people are resilient and we are tough. (Applause.)

And so, for the last three and a half years we've rolled up our sleeves and we've worked hard. And small businesses

have kept their doors open. And folks, even if they got laid off, they've retrained to find new jobs. And we created 4.5 million new jobs, half a million more in manufacturing. The auto industry is back on top. (Applause.)

And so, we've made progress but we've got a lot more work to do. We've got a lot more work to do.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can do it!

THE PRESIDENT: We can do it. I agree. (Applause.) We can.

Now, here's the thing. Some people, they're naysayers and they say, oh, America is declining. And they try to paint things as dark as possible, especially during election time. But here's what I want everybody to know. We've got so many things going for us compared to the rest of the world. We've still got the best workers in the world. We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best scientists and the best researchers in the world. We've got the best colleges and the best universities in the world. (Applause.) We know how to work hard. And we're a young country and we're a country that draws on the diversity of folks who want to come here from all around the world to be part of this American Dream. And most importantly, the crisis has not changed our character. It hasn't changed who we are. It hasn't changed our sense of determination and our sense of neighborliness and our understanding that we're in this thing together.

And so we've come together, just like we did in 2008, because our mission is not yet finished. We are here to build an economy where hard work pays off. And so, no matter who you are or what you look like or where you come from, you can make it if you try here in America. (Applause.)

That's what this campaign is about and that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Just as I said that we've got a lot of things going for us, there aren't any quick fixes or easy solutions to some of our challenges. We're going to have to keep working. We're going to meet these challenges. But the main problem we've got is not a lack of good ideas. It's not that we don't have good solutions to our problems. The big problem we've got right now is politics in Washington. (Applause.) The big problem we've got is one party just thinks that compromise is a dirty word. And they've got an economic theory that basically wants to go back to the old top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

Now, look, over the weekend my opponent chose as his running mate the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress. And I've gotten to know Congressman Ryan. He's a good man. He's a family man. He's a very articulate

spokesperson for Governor Romney's vision. The problem is it's the wrong vision for America. It's a vision that I fundamentally disagree with. (Applause.)

Their main recipe for solving America's problems is getting rid of regulations on big corporations and big banks, and then giving more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans. And their theory is that somehow that's going to lead to jobs and prosperity for everybody. In fact, the centerpiece of Governor Romney's entire economic plan is a new -- you heard this from Dave -- is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it going to the wealthiest Americans.

Now, keep in mind, these are the folks who say the deficit and the debt are the biggest problem we've got. And yet, they now want to give a \$5 trillion tax cut. I know the numbers get so big, but I just want you to get a sense -- our entire defense budget annually is \$500 billion. So what this means is, a \$5 trillion tax break over 10 years, that's the equivalent of the entire defense budget going out as a tax cut every single year.

Now, keep in mind that this is going disproportionately to the wealthiest Americans. Last week, we found out that Governor Romney expects you, middle-class families, to pick up the tab for this big tax cut.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And please don't take my word for it. You can go to their website and look at their plan. And then independent economists have looked at this thing and they said that Governor Romney's tax plan would actually raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, keep in mind, this is not \$2,000 to reduce the deficit, or to grow jobs, or to invest in education, or make college more affordable, or to rebuild our roads. This is \$2,000 to give another \$250,000 tax cut to people making more than \$3 million a year.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, let me just see a show of hands. How many folks are making more than \$3 million a year? (Laughter.) Okay, this guy back here. (Laughter.) I'm looking for a campaign contribution. (Laughter and applause.) Let me tell you something -- they have tried to sell us this trickle-down fairy dust before. And it did not work then; it won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to cut the deficit. And it's not a plan to move our economy forward.

We don't need more tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. We don't need a tax cut for Mr. Romney. We don't need a tax cut for me. We need tax relief for middle-class families who are out there working, to make sure that their kids are healthy and their kids can go to college.

(Applause.)

That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for President -- because I've got a different idea. I've got a different idea than Mr. Romney.

When I came into office, I promised that I would cut middle-class taxes. And you know what, I've kept that promise. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You did!

THE PRESIDENT: When you hear these Republicans saying that, oh, Obama is all about spending and raising taxes -- let me tell you, the typical family is paying \$3,600 less in taxes than when I came into office. (Applause.) That's the truth. That's a fact.

So now I want to keep taxes right where they are on the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. So if your family makes \$250,000 a year or less -- like 98 percent of Americans -- you won't see your income taxes increase by a single dime next year under my plan. Not one dime. (Applause.)

Now, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, you'll still get a tax cut for your first \$250,000 worth of income. But after that, we're asking you to contribute a little bit more so we can pay down our deficit and invest in things like education that help our economy grow. (Applause.)

I'll make sure the government does its part by cutting away spending we don't need. We've already cut a trillion dollars of spending we didn't need and we can do more. I want to do another trillion, trillion and a half of cuts.

But we've also got to match that with folks like me and Governor Romney doing our fair share. And all we're asking is that we go back to the same rates that we paid under Bill Clinton. (Applause.) And you know what, that was a time when our economy created nearly 23 million new jobs, the biggest budget surplus in history, and millionaires did pretty good too.

See, what happens is that when a teacher or a construction worker or a family farm or a receptionist or a nurse, when they've got a little extra money, what do you do? You end up spending it on things you need. So maybe you haven't got a new car in 10, 15 years -- you go out and buy a car. Or maybe the washing machine is broke and you decide to buy a new washing machine. Maybe you go out to a restaurant on a special occasion. Maybe you take a vacation once in a while. That money goes into the economy; businesses have more customers; they hire more workers and everybody is better off from top to bottom.

I don't believe in top-down economics. I believe in

middle class-out economics. I believe in bottom-up economics. That's how you grow an economy. That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

There's a difference between me and Mr. Romney on almost every issue. When the American auto industry was on the brink of collapse, more than 1 million jobs were on the line, Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said let's bet on the American worker. And three years later, the American auto industry is back on top. GM is number one again. (Applause.)

Now, so I want to make sure that hi-tech manufacturing jobs are taking root right here in Boone -- not in China, not in Germany.

Governor Romney, he likes to tout his private sector experience. But a lot of that experience is investing in companies that were called "pioneers" of outsourcing. We don't need more outsourcing. We need some insourcing. (Applause.)

I want to take away tax breaks. Let's stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give those tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Iowa, right here in the United States of America. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election.

My opponent and I disagree when it comes to homegrown energy like wind. Wind power is creating new jobs all across Iowa. But Governor Romney says he wants to end the tax credit for wind energy producers. Now, America generates more than twice as much electricity from wind than when I took office. (Applause.) That's right. The wind industry supports about 7,000 jobs right here in Iowa. Without these wind energy tax credits, those jobs are at risk -- 37,000 jobs across the country would be at risk.

So my attitude is let's stop giving taxpayer subsidies to oil companies that don't need them, and let's invest in clean energy that will put people back to work right here in Iowa. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

I'm running because in 2008, I promised to end the war in Iraq -- and I did. (Applause.) I promised to go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- and we did. (Applause.) We're putting a timeline to get our troops out of Afghanistan and put Afghans in charge of their own security. So all of this is possible only because of the extraordinary sacrifice and service of our men and women in uniform. And we are so proud of them. (Applause.)

Now, we've got to do right by them. We've got to make sure we're serving our veterans as well as they've served us. (Applause.) That's why we've put more money into the VA, making sure that folks are getting the benefits that they have earned, whether it's the wounds that are seen or the wounds that are unseen.

But it also means that after a decade of war, we need to do some nation-building here at home, so that all our men and

women in uniform are coming home to good-paying jobs.

(Applause.)

That's why I've said let's take half the money that we were spending on war and let's put folks back to work right here in the United States of America. (Applause.) Let's put them back to work rebuilding schools and rebuilding roads and rebuilding bridges. (Applause.) And let's create a Veterans Jobs Corp to help hire veterans to become cops and firefighters in communities that need them the most.

(Applause.)

That's the America we want to build. That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

I'm running because I want to make sure that once again, America has the best education system in the world.

(Applause.) So I want to help our schools hire and reward the best teachers, especially in math and science. I want to give 2 million more Americans a chance to go to community colleges to get trained for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.)

And we have a plan to push colleges and universities to bring down their cost of tuition, because young people, they can't be burdened with tens of thousands of dollars' worth of debt when they go to school. A higher education isn't a luxury anymore. It is an economic necessity in the 21st century. And we are going to help them get the education that they need. (Applause.)

Across the board, Governor Romney and I just see the world differently. When it comes to housing, I want to make sure that everybody who hasn't yet taken advantage of these historically low interest rates has a chance to refinance their homes. It can save folks up to \$3,000. Governor Romney's plan, he said just let the housing market bottom out. That's not a solution. That's part of the problem.

He has got a different view than I do in terms of how we move this country forward. When it comes to health care, I guess he used to agree with me because he had the same health care plan that I do in Massachusetts. (Applause.) And, by the way, that plan is working pretty good. (Applause.)

Now, he says he wants to kill Obamacare. Well, first of all, I don't mind it being called Obamacare because, it's true, I do care. That's why I passed the bill. I do care. (Applause.) I care about folks who have preexisting conditions and couldn't get insurance. That's why we passed the bill. (Applause.) I care about the 6.5 million young people who can now stay on their parent's plan because of this bill. (Applause.) I care about the seniors who were paying too much for their prescription drugs. We're closing the doughnut hole because of this bill and lowering their prescription drug costs. (Applause.)

So I don't believe that you should go broke when you get sick in this country. And I'll work with anybody who wants to continue to improve our health care system. But the Supreme

Court has spoken -- the law is here to stay. We're not spending the next four years refighting that battle. (Applause.) We're moving forward. We're not going backwards. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

So, Boone, all these things -- whether it's bringing manufacturing jobs back, putting folks back to work in construction, protecting your health care, making sure our kids are getting the best education possible and they can afford to go to college -- all these things that make up that American Dream, that make up a middle-class life, they all tie together. They're central to that idea that made this country great, the promise that if you work hard you get ahead; that everybody has a fair shot and everybody is doing their fair share and everybody is playing by the same set of rules.

It's the promise that our parents and our grandparents passed down to us. That's the promise that allowed me as the child of a single mom to become President of the United States. (Applause.) It's the promise that allowed Michelle, whose dad was a blue-collar worker and her mom was a secretary, to become the First Lady. (Applause.) It's the promise that all of you have seen in your own lives. And now, it's time for us to pass that down to our kids and our grandkids.

So over the next three months, the other side will spend more money than you have ever seen running the same ad over and over again, basically, which says, the economy is not where it should be and it's Obama's fault. They just repeat it over and over again. They've got different variations, but it's all the same theme. And --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: They're not right!

THE PRESIDENT: Well, they're not constrained by the facts, in terms of these ads that they run. (Applause.) They'll just make stuff up. And that may be a plan to win the election, but the reason they've got to do that is because they know they don't have a plan to create jobs. They don't have a plan to grow the economy. They don't have a plan to revive the middle class. What they're selling, you're not buying. That's why they don't talk about it.

I've got that plan. And we can make it work, but I'm going to need your help. I've got to make sure everybody here is registered to vote. I've got to make sure everybody is getting their friends and their neighbors, their family members to register to vote. (Applause.) You can get a voter registration form online. You go to [GottaRegister.com](http://GottaRegister.com). That's gotta -- g-o-t-t-a -- [GottaRegister.com](http://GottaRegister.com).

But if you guys get involved, we can't lose. I've been outspent before and I've been counted out before. But the reason I love this state is because all of you gave me a chance. (Applause.) I had a chance to talk to you and meet you, and share stories with you.

And I used to say back in 2008 that I'm not a perfect man and I won't be a perfect President. But I told you I'd always

tell you what I thought, always tell you where I stood, and I'd fight every single day as hard as I knew how for you. And the reason is because I see myself in you. (Applause.) When I see your grandparents, I see my grandparents. And when I see your kids, I see Malia and Sasha.

And we know what it's like to work and to fight hard to get ahead. And I want everybody in America to have that same chance that I had. Because we have come too far to turn back now, Iowa. (Applause.) We've got too many good jobs to create. We've got too many great teachers to hire. We've got too many schools to rebuild. We've got too many students who need to get a college education. (Applause.) We've got too many wind farms to build. We've got more troops we've got to bring back home. We've got to open up more doors to opportunity. (Applause.)

And if you'll stand with me and work with me, and organize with me and knock on doors with me, Boone, I promise you, we will win Iowa and we will win this election. (Applause.) And we'll remind the world why this is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, and God bless America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Iowa State University  
Ames, Iowa

1:11 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Cyclones! Thank you. (Applause.) It is good to be back in Iowa. Please give Mischa a big round of applause for the great introduction. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back, and I'm glad to be here. (Applause.) You guys look pretty cheerful being back at school. That's good to know. (Applause.) Yes, sort of? (Laughter.)

Well, listen, before I begin, I think it's important to say that our thoughts are with our fellow Americans down on the Gulf. They're preparing for -- the New Orleans guy right here. (Laughter.) They're obviously preparing for a big storm, Hurricane Isaac.

And we've been getting ready for this storm for days. We've got response teams and supplies in place. America will be there to help folks recover no matter what this storm brings, because when disaster strikes we're not Democrats or Republicans first, we are Americans first. (Applause.) We are one family. We're one family and we help our neighbors in need.

It is great to be back in Ames. (Applause.) Class is in session. (Laughter.) I didn't hear as many cheers -- come on. (Laughter.) Whew! (Laughter.) Cyclones football kicks off at home this Saturday. (Applause.)

I won't pretend I can give a speech like Coach Rhoads can, but I'm going to try -- (applause) -- because just over two months from now, for the first time in most of your lives, you will get a chance to pick a President. (Applause.) And the truth is you've got more at stake in this election than just about anybody. When you step into that voting booth, the choice you make in that one instant is going to shape your country and your world for decades to come.

And I know that's a pretty heavy idea to lay on you on a

Tuesday. (Laughter.) But it's true. The decisions we make as a country on big issues like the economy and jobs and taxes and education and energy and war and climate change -- all these decisions will directly affect your life in very personal ways. And I've got to say, this is something I'm acutely aware of when I make these decisions, because they're decisions that are going to affect Malia and Sasha, my daughters, as well.

It's the way it's always been -- one generation makes decisions on behalf of the next. But here's the thing, Cyclones -- your generation chooses which path we take as a country. Your vote decides where we go from here. (Applause.) Will we make sure that more good jobs and opportunity take root not in China or India or Germany, but right here in Iowa and all across America, so you don't have to leave home to get those good-paying jobs? (Applause.)

Are we going to reward an honest day's work with the chance to buy a home of your own, with health care that's there for you when you get sick, with the ability to put a little away for your retirement?

Are we going to make it easier for you to afford your degree and pay off your student loan debt? (Applause.) Are we going to build more good schools and hire more good teachers, so that our kids are prepared to attend colleges like Iowa State, and prepared for the 21st century workforce? (Applause.)

Will this be a country that keeps moving away from foreign oil and towards renewable sources of energy like wind and solar and biofuels -- (applause) -- energy that makes our economy more secure, but also makes our planet more secure? (Applause.)

Will this be a country that leads not just by the strength of our military, but the power of our diplomacy and the power of our example? (Applause.)

Will this be an America where no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you love, you can pursue your own happiness and you can make it here in America if you try? (Applause.)

That's the question. (Applause.) That's what the last four years have been about. That's what this campaign is about. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, listen, I know it's easy to get fed up with campaigns and politics. Sometimes it seems it's meaner and smaller and more gridlocked than ever. And every day, there's a steady stream of cynics who will tell you nothing really changes; you can't make a difference; you won't be able to close the gap between life as it is and life as you want it to be. Old folks will always tell you that -- and I'm in that category now. (Laughter.)

And, frankly, some folks, they make it their political strategy to try to make you feel discouraged. They'll tell you over and over again how bad everything is, and then, of course, they'll add that it's all Obama's fault. (Laughter.) And they'll tell you that if you believed in change four years ago, your faith was foolish and you were being naïve. Last week, my opponent's campaign went so far as to write you off as a "lost generation" -- that's you according to them.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And what they hope is that by telling you these things, you'll get discouraged and you'll just stay home this time.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: But you can't believe it. I don't believe it. We knew that solving our biggest problems were going to take more than one year, or one term, or even one President. But we went ahead and we got started. (Applause.) We know we've still got a lot of work to do to get to where we need to be. But we are going to get there. (Applause.)

I believe that because I believe in you. (Applause.) As tough as times have been, you're tougher. I've seen your passion. I've seen your service. I've seen your generation eager and impatient to make a difference. And already, you've proved that you can.

Think about it, four years ago, you believed we could put a college education within the reach of all who were willing to work for it. So we created a college tax credit that's saving families up to \$10,000 for college tuition over four years. (Applause.) We took on a student loan system that was giving billions of taxpayer dollars to big banks, and we said let's give the money directly to students, and we doubled grant aid for millions of students. (Applause.)

We just won the fight to keep federal student loans from doubling for more than 7 million students. That would not have happened in Washington except for you. Your vote did that. You made that change. You helped millions of young people and maybe yourself get the kind of college education you deserve. (Applause.) Don't believe them when they tell you, you can't make a difference.

You believed four years ago that we could use less foreign oil and reduce the carbon pollution that threatens our planet. And in just four years, we've doubled -- doubled -- the generation of clean, renewable energy like wind and solar. (Applause.)

We developed new fuel standards so that your car will get nearly 55 miles per gallon by the middle of the next decade. (Applause.) That's going to save you money at the pump. That will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a level roughly equivalent to a year's worth of emissions from all the cars in the world. (Applause.)

Today, America is less dependent on foreign oil than at

any time in nearly 20 years. We're on track to emit fewer greenhouse gases this year than we have in nearly 20 years. You can keep those trends going. You believed in America, and that's what's brought about change.

You believed that nobody should go broke in America just because they get sick. I believe that, too. (Applause.) What the other side calls Obamacare -- I've kind of grown to like the term Obamacare. (Laughter.) I do care. I care about folks with preexisting conditions. (Applause.) I care about kids who don't have insurance. And so today, because of the new health care law, nearly 7 million young people, including some of you in this audience, have been able to stay on your parent's plan. (Applause.)

Your grandparents are saving money on their medicine. Women have gained access to free preventive care like mammograms and contraception. (Applause.) Your vote made that happen. You made that change. (Applause.)

It was young people like you that said we could end the war in Iraq. Today that war is over -- as promised. (Applause.) More troops are home with their families, earning their educations through the Post-9/11 GI Bill, starting new businesses. And no one will ever again have to hide who they love in order to serve the country they love, because your vote ended "don't ask, don't tell" once and for all. You made that change. (Applause.)

So the point is, Ames, your vote matters. Your vote made a difference. Change was possible because of you. And now we've more work to do -- to grow this economy, create good jobs, to strengthen the middle class. And in November, your voice will matter more than it ever has before.

This week in Tampa, my opponents will offer you their agenda. It should be a pretty entertaining show. (Laughter.) It will be. And I'm sure they'll have some wonderful things to say about me. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We do. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: But what you won't hear from them is a path forward that meets the challenges of our time. Instead, it will be an economic plan that says if you just give folks making \$3 million or more a year another \$250,000 tax cut, then jobs and prosperity will magically rain down on everybody else.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Some of you guys are a little young, so you may not remember it, but we tried this for 10 years before I was elected. It didn't work out so well. It didn't work out then; it won't work now.

I don't want to pay for another millionaire's tax cut by raising taxes on the middle class. I don't want to pay for that tax cut by cutting financial aid on 10 million students. Our economic strength doesn't come from the top down; it comes from students and workers, and a growing, thriving middle class. That's how we grow an economy. (Applause.)

So in just over two months, you will make a choice about which path we take, and it's going to be a stark choice. You can choose whether we give massive new tax cuts to folks who've already made it, or whether we're going to keep taxes low for every American who's still trying to make it. (Applause.)

I've cut taxes for the middle class, and for families, and for students. And I want to make sure that taxes aren't raised a dime on your family's first \$250,000 of income. That means that 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses wouldn't see an income tax increase. (Applause.) You can choose.

You can choose whether we're going to give up new jobs and new industries to China and India, or whether we're going to fight for those jobs by investing in the research of our scientists and the drive of our students and the innovation that harnesses new sources of energy, and brings the next generation of manufacturing to places like Ames and Milwaukee and Detroit and Pittsburgh. That's your choice. (Applause.)

You can decide whether the best way to make college affordable is to -- as my opponent put it -- hope your parents can just lend you the money. (Laughter.) Or you can say, let's help more Americans earn the kind of education you receive here at Iowa State. Let's help more Americans go to community colleges to get the skills and trainings that employers are looking for right now. (Applause.)

Let's help more Iowans learn to be leaders at the Harkin Public Policy Institute that a Cyclone alum and your great Senator, Tom Harkin, is setting up. (Applause.) He's working along with your new president, Steven Leath -- doing a great job. (Applause.)

And as Mischa mentioned, although I am getting gray, I still remember what it was like for you guys -- because Michelle and I finished paying off our loans just eight years ago. We know what it's like. We shouldn't make it harder. We should make it easier. We shouldn't end the college tax credit we created; we should extend it. Because in America, higher education isn't a luxury -- it's an economic necessity that every family should be able to afford. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

You can choose an energy plan written by and for big oil companies.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: No!

THE PRESIDENT: That's what my opponent is offering. Or you can choose an all-of-the-above energy strategy for America -- renewable sources of energy. (Applause.) Governor Romney called those "imaginary." Congressman Ryan said they're a "fad."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Let me tell you something -- they need to come to Iowa because they're the future. They're worth

fighting for. (Applause.)

Nearly 7,000 good Iowa jobs depend on the wind industry. It's time to stop giving \$4 billion of taxpayer subsidies to oil companies that are making a profit every time you pump gas. Let's give it to homegrown energy sources that have never been more promising. (Applause.) That's good for jobs. It's good for the economy. It's good for the environment. That's the direction we need to go in. (Applause.)

But it's all up to you. It's up to you whether we go back to a health care system that let insurance companies decide who to cover and when. I think it might make sense for you to choose to keep moving forward with the new health care law that's already cutting costs and covering more people and saving lives.

Governor Romney promised that sometime between taking the Oval Office and going to the Inaugural Ball, he'd sit right down, grab a pen, and kick 7 million young people off their parent's plan by repealing health reform. Day one, that's what he says he's going to do.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe we should call his plan "Romney Doesn't Care" -- (laughter) -- because I do care. (Applause.) I do care. And this law is here to stay. Now is not the time to refight the battles of the last four years. Now is the time for us to go ahead and move forward.

And I'll work with anybody who wants to make our health care system better, but I'm not going to stand by and let folks talk about how we should go back to the days when ordinary folks who are working really hard suddenly find themselves losing their home, losing their savings just because they get sick.

They can choose to refight the battles that were settled 10 years ago or 20 years ago or sometimes in the last century. I think women should be trusted to make their own health care decisions. (Applause.) That's a choice that you've got to make.

I think that students who are brought here by their parents as babies shouldn't be kicked out of the only country they know just because their parents were undocumented workers. That's my view. It's your choice. (Applause.)

I don't think we should write -- rewrite the Constitution to prevent gay Americans from being able to marry the person they love. That's my view. It's your choice. (Applause.)

The strength of our character doesn't come from shoving anybody to the sidelines. It comes from hearing every voice, harnessing every talent, realizing that here in America we are greater together than we are on our own.

And this November, you get to decide -- you get to decide the future of this war in Afghanistan. Governor Romney said ending the war was "tragic." He doesn't have a plan to bring

home the 33,000 troops who will come home from Afghanistan next month. (Applause.)

I said we'd end the Iraq war. We did. I said we'd get bin Laden. We did. (Applause.) Today all of our troops are out of Iraq. We're bringing them home from Afghanistan. And as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we're going to make sure that we serve our veterans as well as they've served us -- because nobody who fights for America should have to fight for a job when they come home. (Applause.) But these are your choices.

Governor Romney wants to pass a new \$5 trillion tax cut targeted towards the wealthiest Americans. That's not going to cut our debt. Ignoring inequality doesn't make it go away. Denying climate change won't make it stop. These things won't make for a brighter future. They won't make your future stronger.

And so, in two months, you get to choose the path that will actually lead to a better future. You have the chance to prove the cynics wrong one more time.

And the other side is going to spend these next two months -- they are going to spend more money than you've ever seen in your life. They will have an avalanche of attack ads and insults and distractions. And sometimes, they'll just -- how do I put it -- they will fib. (Laughter.)

And they've got \$10-million checks from wealthy donors who like things just the way they are. They're counting on you young people to just accept their version of the way things ought to be, to just kind of leave the questions that affect your lives up to big oil and insurance companies; up to politicians that decide what a woman can or can't do when it comes to her own health. That's what they're counting on. That's their strategy.

I'm counting on something different. I'm counting on you. (Applause.) I'm counting on you. Those who oppose change, those who benefit from the status quo, they've always bet on cynicism. They always bet on complacency. But throughout America's history, they have lost that bet, and they're going to lose it this time, too. And that's because of you.

It depends on you registering to vote. It depends on you showing up to vote. It depends on you refusing to wait for the next person, or the person next to you in class, or the person in the next town, or the person in another state. It's going to depend on you to close that gap between what America is and what we know it can be. (Applause.)

Because let me tell you, everybody else is waiting on you. (Applause.) When they see you register, they'll register. When they see you vote, they'll vote. (Applause.)

And I'm asking you one more time to do what we did -- what young people all across the state of Iowa did four years ago. I'm asking you to believe. I'm asking you to believe. (Applause.) Not in my ability to bring about the changes you

want to see; I'm asking you to believe in your abilities. I'm asking you to believe in what you can accomplish.

We've come too far to turn back now. We've got more work to do. We've got more young people to send to college. We've got more good jobs to create. We've got more homegrown energy to generate. We've got more good teachers to hire and more good schools to build. We've got more troops we've got to bring home. We've got more veterans we've got to take care of. We've got more doors of opportunity that we have to open up to every single person who's willing to work hard and walk through those doors. (Applause.)

That's why I'm asking you for a second term. And if you're willing to stand with me and work with me, and knock on some doors with me -- (applause) -- and make some phone calls with me -- and if you're willing to vote for me in November, we will win Iowa. We will win this election. We will finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, hello, hello! (Applause.) Hello, Georgia! (Applause.) It is good to be in Atlanta, Georgia. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. I do. (Applause.)

So, let me, first of all, acknowledge a few people who are here -- the outstanding young mayor of Atlanta, Georgia -- (applause) -- Kasim Reed is in the house. (Applause.) One of the finest men I know, somebody upon whose shoulders I stand -- the great Congressman John Lewis is in the house. (Applause.) Other outstanding members of the congressional delegation here in Georgia -- Sanford Bishop, David Scott, Hank Johnson. (Applause.)

Somebody who -- I was just reminiscing -- when I first started to run for office a lot of people weren't sure whether a guy named Barack Obama could win. And so we went down to the Selma commemoration, Edmund Pettus Bridge -- and we're in church. And a lot of folks at that point are still wondering whether this is a good idea, this young guy who is running for President. And this man gets up onstage and he explains how people call him a little crazy, but "there is good crazy -- (applause) -- and there's bad crazy." (Applause.) He tells me now that he came up with the idea when his doctor explained to him there was good cholesterol and bad cholesterol. (Laughter.) But he decided that supporting Barack Obama was a "good kind of crazy," he said.

We have been dear friends ever since -- the Reverend Dr. Joseph Lowery is in the house. (Applause.)

And finally, let me just say something about the man who introduced us -- Tyler Perry -- hosting us all at his

incredible facility. He and I were talking, and there's something about America where somebody from my background can do what I'm doing, and somebody from Tyler's background can do what he's doing. And as tough as things get sometimes, and as frustrated and cynical people can get about politics, when you look at a Tyler Perry and all that he's achieved, and the humility and graciousness with which he's achieved it -- (applause) -- you can't help but be proud of him and to be proud of our country. (Applause.) So give it up for Mr. Tyler Perry. (Applause.)

Now, I'm here today not only because I need your help. I'm here because the country needs your help. There was a lot of reasons why so many of you decided to get involved and then just work your hearts out in the campaign in 2008. It was not because you thought it would be easy. The odds of me becoming President were long. You didn't need a poll to know it was going to be tough. You didn't join the campaign because of me. You joined it because of your commitment to each other and the vision that we share about America.

It wasn't a vision where just a few people do well and everybody else is on their own, and the most powerful are able to make their own rules. It wasn't a cramped vision, or a selfish vision of America. It wasn't a limited vision about our future. It was a vision of America where everybody who works hard has a chance to get ahead -- not just those who were born into it, but a Tyler Perry, or a Barack Obama, or a child in Georgia, or a child in a barrio in Texas, or a poor child in some rural community in the Midwest -- it didn't matter, they would have a chance if they were willing to work hard.

That's the vision we shared. That's the change we believed in. We knew it wouldn't come easy. We knew it wouldn't come quickly. But we believed. And in just three years, because of what you did in 2008, we've begun to see what change looks like.

Change is the first bill I signed into law -- a law that says women deserve an equal day's pay for an equal day's work -- (applause) -- because I don't want my daughters treated any differently than your sons. I want them to have the same opportunities. That's what change is. (Applause.)

Change is the decision we made to rescue the American auto industry at a time when it was on the verge of collapse, and some folks were saying let Detroit go bankrupt. We had one million jobs on the line, and I wasn't going to let them go. Today, GM is back on top, the number-one automaker in the world. (Applause.) Just reported the highest profits in a hundred-year history, with more than 200,000 new jobs added. The United States auto industry is back. That's what change is. That's what you did. (Applause.)

Change is the decision we made to stop waiting for Congress to do something about energy. We've been listening to politicians for three decades, four decades, saying they were going to do something about energy. We went ahead and did it -- raised fuel-efficiency standards on cars. By the next decade, we'll be driving American-made cars getting 55 miles a gallon. (Applause.) That will save the average family \$8,000

at the pump. That's what change is. And it happened because of you. (Applause.)

Change is us deciding, you know what, why are we giving \$60 billion to manage the student loan program -- let's give it directly to the students -- (applause) -- so that millions of more young people are either getting higher Pell grants or finally eligible, being able to invest in things like early education and community colleges and HBCUs. (Applause.)

Change is attacking the cycle of poverty not by just pouring money into a broken system, but by building on what works -- Promise Neighborhoods -- the idea of pulling all our resources together to make sure that everybody has a chance; rebuilding our public services, public housing; making sure that our education system is working; making sure that we've got partnerships with local leaders like Kasim Reed. (Applause. All across the country, rebuilding cities, one block, one neighborhood at a time. That's what change is.

Change is, yes, health care reform. (Applause.) You want to call it Obamacare -- that's okay, because I do care. (Applause.) That's why we passed it. That is why we passed it -- because I care about folks who were going bankrupt because they were getting sick. And I care about children who have preexisting conditions and their families couldn't get them any kind of insurance. (Applause.) And so now we've got reforms that will ensure that in this great country of ours you won't have to mortgage your house just because you get sick. (Applause.)

Right now, 2.5 million young people already have health insurance who didn't have it before because of this law. It let them stay on their parent's policies. (Applause.) Insurance companies can't just deny you coverage or drop your coverage at a time when you need it most. Seniors are seeing more help when it comes to their prescription drugs and preventive care. That's what change is.

Change is the fact that for the first time in history, you don't have to hide who you love in order to serve the country you love. We ended "don't ask, don't tell." (Applause.)

Change is keeping the promise I made in 2008 -- for the first time in nine years, there are no Americans fighting in Iraq. (Applause.) We decided to refocus on the folks who actually attacked us on 9/11. And thanks to the brave men and women in uniform, al Qaeda is weaker than it's ever been, and Osama bin Laden is not walking the face of this Earth. (Applause.)

None of this has been easy. And we still have a lot of work to do, because there are a lot of folks who are still hurting out there -- a lot of folks still pounding the pavement looking for work; a lot of people whose homes -- values have dropped; a lot of people who are still struggling to make the rent. There are still too many families who can barely pay their bills, too many young people still living in poverty.

I was reading a statistic the other day -- fewer than half of African Americans believe we'll reach the dream Dr. King

left for us. So we've still got so much work to do.

And I know when we look at what is, it can be heartbreaking and frustrating. But I ran for President -- and you joined this cause -- because we don't settle just for what is, we strive for what might be. We want to help more Americans reach that dream. I ran for President to give every child a chance, whether he's born in Atlanta or comes from a rural town in the Delta. I ran for President not just to get us back to where we were, but to take us forward to where we need to be. (Applause.)

And I'm telling you, Atlanta, we are going to get there. Step by step, we are going to get there. (Applause.) Already over the past two years, our businesses have added almost 4 million new jobs. (Applause.) Manufacturers are creating jobs for the first time since the 1990s. The recovery is accelerating. Our economy is getting stronger. We're moving on the right track. What we can't do is go back to the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. (Applause.)

Of course, that's exactly what the other folks want to do. The folks who are running for President. (Applause.) And they make no secret about it. They want to roll back the laws that we put in place so that now Wall Street can play by its own rules again. They want to go back to the day when insurance companies could deny you coverage or jack up your premiums any time they wanted without reason. They want to spend trillions more on tax breaks for the very wealthiest of individuals, even if it means adding to the deficit, even if it means gutting things like education or our investment in clean energy or making sure Medicare is stable.

Their philosophy is simple: Everybody is just left to fend for themselves, if those in power could make their own rules, and somehow it's all going to trickle down to you. And they're wrong. They're wrong. They were wrong when they tried it and they're wrong now.

In the United States of America, we are always greater together than we are on our own. We're always better off when we keep that basic American promise that if you work hard, you can do well enough to raise a family and own a home and send your kids to college and put a little away for retirement. And that's the choice in this election.

We've got different visions being presented. This is not just another political debate. This is the defining issue of our time. What are we going to do to make sure that middle-class families are secure and that we continue to build ladders for people who are trying to get into the middle class? We don't need an economy that's built on outsourcing and bad debt and phony financial profits. We need an economy that's built to last. An economy that's built on American manufacturing, American energy and giving skills to American workers, and holding up those values that we cherish -- hard work, fair play, shared responsibility.

When we think about the next generation of manufacturing, I don't want it taking root in Asia. I want it taking root in

Atlanta. (Applause.) I don't want this nation just to be known for buying and consuming things from other countries. I want to build and sell to other countries products made in the United States of America. (Applause.) I want to stop rewarding businesses that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to reward companies, like this one, that are creating jobs right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

I want to make sure that our schools are the envy of the world. And that means investing in the men and women who stand in front of the classroom. (Applause.) A good teacher increases the income of a classroom by over \$2,500. A great teacher can help a child move beyond their immediate circumstances and reach out for their dreams. I don't want Washington to defend the status quo, but I don't want them to be just bashing teachers. I want to give schools the resources they need to keep good teachers on the job and reward the best teachers, and grant schools flexibility to teach with creativity and passion, stop teaching to the test, replace teachers that aren't helping kids learn. (Applause.) I want us to create in this country the kind of passion and reverence for education that's not just, by the way, a job of government, but a job of each of us -- as parents, as community leaders.

And when kids do graduate, I want them to be able to afford to go to college. (Applause.) We've got more tuition debt than credit card debt today. And by the way, right now, interest rates are scheduled to go up on student loans in July if Congress does not act, so you need to get on Congress about that.

And I've said to colleges and universities, you've got to stop tuition from just going up and up and up and up. Higher education cannot be a luxury; it is an economic imperative that every family should be able to afford. (Applause.)

I want an economy that's supporting the scientists and researchers that will make sure we discover the next breakthrough in biotechnology, in clean energy. We have subsidized oil companies for 100 years, giving them \$4 billion worth of tax breaks when they are making near-record profits. It is time to stop giving tax giveaways to an industry that's never been more profitable and start investing in clean energy that can create jobs here in the United States in solar power and wind power, biofuels. (Applause.)

We need to give our businesses the best infrastructure in the world -- newer roads and airports and faster railroads and Internet access. You take half the money that we've been spending on the wars in Iraq, as we phase down the war in Afghanistan -- let's pay down -- use half of it to pay down our debt. Let's use the other half to do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) Let's put people to work rebuilding schools, rebuilding our bridges, rebuilding our ports.

And to pay for this, we've got to have a tax system that is fair. (Applause.) I was with Warren Buffet a couple days ago. He says, "Thanks for naming a rule after me." (Laughter.) It's a very simple principle, the Buffett Rule. It says if you make more than a million dollars a year, you should not pay a lower tax rate than your secretary.

(Applause.) We've said if you make less than \$250,000 a year, which is 98 percent of Americans, your taxes shouldn't go up. But folks like me -- we can afford to do a little more. Tyler can afford to do a little more. Tyler? (Laughter.) He knows he -- (laughter) -- he knows that.

When we say that, this is not class warfare, this is not envy. This is just basic math. Because if Tyler or I or others get tax breaks we don't need, weren't asking for, that the country can't afford, then one of two things are going to happen. Either the deficit goes up -- all these other folks they say they want to do something about the deficit -- every single one of their plans actually increases the deficit. Or, alternatively, they've got to make up for it by taking it away from somebody who really needs it. The student, who suddenly sees their interest on their loans going up; the senior who suddenly has to pay more for Medicare; the veteran who's not getting help after having protected us; the family that's trying to get by. It's not right. It's not who we are.

I hear a lot of politicians talk about values during election year. You know what, I'm happy to have a values debate. (Applause.) I'm happy to have a debate about values. I think about the values my mother and my grandparents taught me. Hard work, that's a value. Looking out for one another -- that's a value. I am my brother's keeper, I am my sister's keeper -- that is a value. (Applause.) Each of us is only here because somebody somewhere was looking out for us. (Applause.) It started in the family, but it wasn't just the immediate family. There was somebody in church. There was somebody in the neighborhood. There was the coach of the Little League. There was somebody who made an investment in our country's future.

Our story has never been about what we can do alone. It's what we do together. We don't win the race for new jobs and middle-class security and new businesses with the same old you-are-on-your-own economics. I am telling you, it does not work. It did not work in the decade before the Great Depression. It did not work in the decade before I took office. It won't work now. (Applause.)

This is about who we are as a country. The opportunities we've always, always passed on to future generations. When I think about Michelle and me and where we come from -- (applause) -- I know you all love Michelle, I know. (Applause.) I know. I love her, too. (Laughter.) But I think about -- sometimes we'll be in the White House and we think about my mother-in-law who lives upstairs and was a secretary. Michelle's dad had multiple sclerosis and still went to work every day, blue-collar job. My mom raising me, a single mom. I think about what they did for us and the sacrifices they made.

And so then I think, well, the sacrifices that I have to make, given all the blessings that I've received -- they can't just extend to Malia and Sasha. I've got to be thinking about somebody else's kids. I've got to be making sure that somebody else gets a student loan who's maybe a single mom going back to school just like my mom, who was able to get a student loan to get an education. (Applause.)

I'm thinking, we've got to make sure that jobs are out there for folks who are willing to work and overcoming barriers. And I'm willing to make some sacrifices for that. And that makes my life better. Right?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: And most of you understand that. You understand if you invest in a teacher, and then she teaches somebody who is the next Steve Jobs or invents some cure for a major disease, that makes us all better. (Applause.) If we invest in Internet services for rural Georgians, there is a little store out there that suddenly business starts booming because they now have a worldwide market through the Internet, and that creates economic opportunity for everybody.

This idea is not a Democratic idea, it is not a Republican idea. That is an American idea. (Applause.) Abraham Lincoln understood it. The first Republican President during a war invested in the transcontinental railroad, the National Academy of Sciences, land grant colleges.

Dwight Eisenhower, Republican, built the Interstate Highway System. Teddy Roosevelt, Republican, called for a progressive income tax. This is not just a Democratic idea. This is an American idea that we invest in our future, and that we are stronger together than we are on our own.

And you know, sometimes that spirit may seem to have vanished in Washington. Sometimes it may seem like our politics is just a bad reality show. (Laughter.) People arguing and fussing and trying to score points. (Laughter.) But you know, out in the country, when I go to town halls, when I go to a VFW hall, that spirit it still there.

People still understand, this country that gave us so much, we want to pass that on to the next generation. They understand that it's not just about us; it's about what we can do for each other. It's not just about the next election; it's about the next generation. You talk to our men and women in uniform -- they understand it. You talk to folks in our places of worship -- they recognize it. And all of you recognize it. And that's what we tapped into in 2008 -- that spirit. That spirit.

So let me just say this: I'm a little grayer now. (Laughter and applause.) I'm a little -- got some bumps and bruises. I know that over the last three years there have been times where we've suffered setbacks and change hasn't come as fast as we would have liked. And people still got their old 'Hope' posters. It's like fading a little bit. (Laughter.) And I know that there are times where you might start feeling cynical about what's possible.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: But I just want to remind you of what I said back in 2008 -- I said change is hard. I said this may not happen in one year, it may not happen in one term, it may not happen with one President. But if we stick with it, if

we're determined, if we understand the rightness of our cause, if we continue to think not in terms of just what's good for me but what's good for us, we will get there. (Applause.)

And I also told you -- I told you I'm not a perfect man, and I won't be a perfect President. But I said I'd always tell you what I thought, I would always tell you where I stood, and I would wake up every single day thinking about you, and working as hard as I know how to make your lives a little bit better.

AUDIENCE: Thank you!

THE PRESIDENT: And I have kept that promise. (Applause.) I have kept that promise these last three years. And so if you're willing to get back to organizing, if you're willing to get on the phone and email and tweet and knock on doors, and do what needs to be done, if you feel the same passion and same energy and same determination as I do -- and I feel it more now than I have ever felt it in my life -- (applause) -- then I promise you we will finish what we started. (Applause.) 2008 was the beginning. We're still on that journey. We've got five more years of work before us. (Applause.)

I promise you change will come. The change you believe in will come. And we will remind the world once again just why it is the United States of America is the greatest country on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Chicago! Thank you! How's everybody doing? (Applause.) It is good to be back home. Chicago looks good. And all of you look good. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: (Sings Happy Birthday.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you! Thank you very much. (Applause.) It is true, I am now 51. (Applause.) Michelle -  
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AUDIENCE MEMBER: So am I!

THE PRESIDENT: You are, too? You look better than I do. (Laughter.) Michelle says I do not look a day over 50. (Laughter.)

There are a couple of people I want to acknowledge. First of all, DJ Vince Adams, thank you so much. (Applause.) DJ Cassidy, thank you so much. My great friend, Kal Penn, thank you for all that you do. And everybody on the Gen 44 host committee, thank you for the great job you guys did. (Applause.)

Now, we just had the Olympics Closing Ceremony. We could not be prouder of our U.S. athletes -- (applause) -- bringing home the gold, conducting themselves as we would hope that somebody would conduct themselves representing the United States. They just did an outstanding job.

And I know that all of you look like pretty smart folks, so you were spending most of your time watching the Olympics, if you were watching TV. But unless your cable is broken, you probably also know we've got a pretty intense campaign going on right now. (Applause.) And the reason that this is such an intense campaign is because we could not have a bigger choice in front of us than the one that we face in November.

It's not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties. More than any other election, this is a choice about two different visions for the country, for two different directions of where America should go. And the

direction that we choose, the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth in November, is going to make a difference not just in your life, but in the lives of your children and in the lives of your grandchildren. It will make a difference for decades to come.

Now, four years ago, we came together, not just Democrats -- we had Republicans, we had independents -- we came together because we felt as if the basic bargain that built this country was in danger. It was a bargain that said here in America, if you work hard, you can get ahead. The basic idea that if you act responsibly, if you are putting in all your effort, then you can find a job that pays the bills. You can find a home you can call your own. You can send your kids to college. You won't go bankrupt when you get sick. You can retire with dignity and respect. And most importantly, the next generation can dream even bigger and do even better than we ever imagined. That's the core of the American Dream. That's the basic American promise that made us the envy of the world; that made us the most powerful economy in the world; that built the largest middle class in the world -- that idea that here in America, you can make it if you try.

Now, we had gone through a decade in which that basic compact seemed as if it wasn't true for too many people. Folks at the top were doing very well, but for ordinary families all across America, it felt as if people were working harder, making less while the costs of everything from health care to college were going up. Jobs were being shipped overseas. We ran two wars on a credit card. We turned surpluses into deficit. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Now, we've spent the last three and half years trying to get us back on track. We saved an auto industry on the brink of collapse. (Applause.) We worked with the financial sector to start doing things the old-fashioned way -- lending to businesses and families, instead of engaging in reckless speculation. Four and a half million new jobs have been created; half a million manufacturing jobs -- the most since the 1990s. (Applause.)

But, Chicago, we've got a long way to go. All of us know friends, neighbors, family members who are still out of work or whose homes are still underwater. Too many folks are still burdened by enormous college debt. Too many folks still don't have a sense that tomorrow will be better than today.

And so the question in this election is, which way do we go? Do we go forward towards a new vision of an America in which prosperity is shared, or do we go backward to the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place?

AUDIENCE: Forward!

THE PRESIDENT: I believe we have to go forward. I believe we've got to keep working to create an America where no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, no matter who you love, you can make it here if you try.

(Applause.) That's what's at stake in November. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, the good news is even though there are no quick fixes to our challenges, we've got everything we need to make things work here in America. We still have the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've still got the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best colleges, the best universities, the best scientists, the best researchers. We're a young nation, and we've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity from every corner of the globe. Witness this room. Chicago is an example of what makes this country great. (Applause.) Right?

So what's holding us back is not the lack of big ideas or good plans. What's holding us back is a brand of Washington politics that says we are not going to compromise, no matter what. It's gridlock and stalemates and dysfunction. And it's an idea propagated by the other side that somehow we're going to grow this economy from the top down, and that if people at the top are doing really, really well, then everybody else is automatically going to benefit.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, this kind of top-down economics is central to Governor Romney, and it is central to his running mate. Just yesterday morning, my opponent chose his running mate, the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress -- Mr. Paul Ryan. And I want to congratulate --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, no, no. Look, I want to congratulate Congressman Ryan. I know him. I welcome him to the race. Congressman Ryan is a decent man. He is a family man. He's an articulate spokesman for Governor Romney's vision. But it's a vision that I fundamentally disagree with. (Applause.) My opponent and Congressman Ryan and their allies in Congress, they all believe that if we just get rid of more regulations on big corporations and we give more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, it will lead to jobs and prosperity for everybody else. That's what they're proposing. That's where they'll take us if they win.

And this is not speculation. It's on their websites. It's embodied in the budget that the House Republicans voted for repeatedly. The centerpiece of Governor Romney's entire economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it going to the wealthiest Americans. This is on top of the Bush tax cuts. Last week we found out that to pay for this \$5 trillion tax cut, not only would we see them gut education investments --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- gut investments in science and research, gut investments in things like rebuilding our roads and our bridges, but it turns out that Governor Romney's tax

plan would also raise taxes on middle-class families by an average of \$2,000 each.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Not to reduce the deficit, mind you. Not to create more jobs. Independent economists have looked at it -- they said there's nothing in Governor Romney's plan that would create jobs right now. This would all be in order to give another \$250,000 tax cut to people who are making \$3 million a year or more.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Let me tell you something. They have tried this before. They have tried to sell us this trickle-down fairy dust before. (Laughter.) And guess what -- it did not work. (Applause.) It did not work. It's not a plan to cut the deficit. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to revive the middle class. It's not a plan to move our economy forward. We don't need more tax cuts for folks like me. We need to give tax relief to working Americans. (Applause.) To middle-class families. For folks who are trying to raise their kids and keep them healthy, and send them to college, and keep a roof over their heads.

That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised the American people I was going to cut taxes on middle-class families -- and that's what I did. (Applause.) The typical middle-class family is actually paying \$3,600 less in their taxes than when I came into office. And I want to keep income taxes exactly where they are for everybody who's making \$250,000 a year or more [sic] -- which is about 98 percent of the American people, and 97 percent of small businesses. So if your income is \$250,000 or less, your income taxes will not go up a dime. (Applause.)

On the other hand, if you're lucky enough, like I am, to be in the top 2 percent, what we've said is you can afford to do a little bit more so that we can pay down our deficit and still help young people go to college -- (applause) -- and still make sure that we're investing in basic research to cure things like Alzheimer's and cancer. We're asking you to contribute a little bit more.

And, look, government is still going to have to do its part. We've already cut a trillion dollars of spending; an additional \$1.2 trillion is slated to be made. We can cut out programs that don't work to make sure we can invest in the things that do. We can make government more streamlined, more efficient. But if we're really going to be serious about reducing the deficit and growing the economy, then for folks like me to go back and pay at the rates that existed when Bill Clinton was President, when we created 23 million new jobs, went from deficit to surplus, and created a whole bunch of millionaires to boot -- that is the right plan for

America.

And by the way, the reason that it's the right plan is because when a construction worker or a teacher or a receptionist -- when they've got a little money in their pocket, what do they do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: They maybe go out and buy that new car, or buy that new appliance, or go to a restaurant, or, heaven forbid, they take a vacation once in a while. (Laughter.) And so that means business has more customers, and they hire more workers. Historically, that is how our economy has grown. Not from the top down, but from the middle out, from the bottom up. When we create opportunity for everybody who works hard to get ahead, this economy grows.

That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, that choice -- you can see it in every issue between myself and Mr. Romney. When the auto industry was on the brink of collapse, Governor Romney said, let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said, with a million workers and an iconic American industry on the line, I'm going to bet on the American worker. (Applause.) And you know what, three years later, GM is number one again and the American auto has come roaring back. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election.

So now I want to make sure that high-tech manufacturing takes root not in China, not in Germany, but here in the United States. I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give those tax breaks to companies that are investing here in Chicago, investing in Cleveland, investing in Pittsburgh. (Applause.) Let's create jobs here in the United States -- hiring American workers, making American products, selling them around the world, stamped with three proud words: Made in America. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

I'm running to make sure that after a decade of war, we start doing some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) In 2008, I promised we'd end the war in Iraq -- we've ended it. (Applause.) I said we'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.) Now we're beginning a transition in Afghanistan, making Afghans more responsible for their own security, and bringing our troops home. All of this is possible only because of the extraordinary men and women in uniform who protect our freedom every single day at great sacrifice to themselves. (Applause.)

But the question now is what country are they coming back to? We want to give them a country full of opportunity.

Now, part of that means making sure that we're doing right by them. And as long as I am Commander-in-Chief, they are going to get the benefits that they have earned -- (applause) -- because if you fought for America, you shouldn't have to fight for a job or a roof over your head when you come home.

(Applause.)

But it also means making sure the economy is absorbing all these folks who are coming home -- which means I want to take about half of the money that we were spending on war and let's start investing it here in rebuilding our schools and roads and bridges. (Applause.) Let's make sure that we're putting teachers back to work. (Applause.)

There is so much that we can do with the savings that we had and it will make America stronger, it will make America safer not just for the next five years or the next 10 years, but for decades to come. That's the America we want to build. That's the choice in this election.

I'm running because I want to make sure we've got the best education system in the world. (Applause.) So I want to help local school districts hire and retain the best teachers, especially in math and science. I want to give 2 million more people the opportunity to go to community colleges and get trained for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. And I want to make sure, building on the work that we've already done, that we make college affordable -- not only by making sure that we continue to expand our efforts in Pell grants and student loans, but also that we're making sure that colleges and universities are keeping their cost down. Because higher education is no longer a luxury; it is an economic necessity in the 21st century, and we've got to fight for it. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election.

On every issue, there is a stark contrast. When it comes to homeownership, my opponent says, just let the foreclosures bottom out. That's not a solution. I want to make sure that homeowners across American can refinance at historically low rates, save \$3,000. How many people here can use an extra \$3,000? (Applause.) That would strengthen the housing market and put money in people's pockets that will make the economy stronger.

My opponent says that we should go back to the days when folks went broke because they got sick. He wants to kill the Affordable Care Act -- also known affectionately as Obamacare. (Applause.) I believe that it was the right thing to do for young people to be able to stay on their parent's plan -- 6.5 million young people have insurance that didn't have it before. (Applause.) I think it was the right thing to do to make sure that folks without [sic] preexisting conditions are able to get health insurance. (Applause.) I think it is the right thing to do for seniors to get discounts on their prescription drugs. I think it's the right thing to do for everybody to be able to get preventive care, including women who can have some control over their own health care decisions. (Applause.)

We're not going backwards, we're going forwards. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

We did the right thing to end "don't ask, don't tell." We're not going back, we're going forward. (Applause.) We did the right thing helping out DREAM Act kids. We're not

going to go backwards, we're going forward. (Applause.)

Across the board, on these issues -- all of these things -- whether we're talking about manufacturing, a fair tax code, a strong housing market, affordable college, a K-12 system that works -- all these things stitch together. It has to do with how do we create security for middle-class folks and how do we create ladders of opportunity for everybody. That's how we've always grown this economy. That is at the heart of what we believe -- that everybody who works hard has a shot; that everybody gets a fair shot, everybody does their fair share, everybody plays by the same set of rules -- a belief that we are in this together, that we are not all on our own. (Applause.)

That's the vision that we put forward in 2008. That is the vision that we are fighting for in 2012. That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for President. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, let me just close by saying this. We've got less than three months -- less than three months. That goes by quick. And as you get older, as you get to be like 51 -- (laughter) -- you will find out it goes by even quicker. And during this time we will see the other side spend more money through these super PACs than we've ever seen -- ever. I mean, they are writing \$10 million checks, just -- they are just cranking it out. If you live in a battleground state, you cannot get away from their advertising.

Now, the reason they have to advertise like this is because they know their economic theories don't sell. They know -- we didn't get amnesia. We remember trying what they're selling, and it didn't work. (Laughter.) So they're basically just going to repeat over and over again: The economy is not good and it's Obama's fault. They'll have variations on the theme, but it's the same thing over and over again. (Laughter.)

Now, that may be a plan to try to win an election, but it's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to strengthen the economy. It's not a plan to revive the middle class. It's not a plan to make America stronger. It feeds into fear and the cynicism that so many Americans feel about Washington, but it's not a plan for hope. It's not -- it doesn't capture America at its best -- a big, bold, generous, optimistic America. (Applause.)

And so the good news is we've been outspent before, I've been counted out before, but what has always given me faith, what's given me hope, what's given me confidence is you. It's all of you. It's the fact that when the American people come together, they cannot be stopped. (Applause.) When people power is harnessed, when you guys are out there knocking on doors, making things happen, you can't be stopped.

So I'm going to need your help. We've come too far to

go back now. We got too many good jobs to create. We got too many teachers we need to hire. We've got too many schools we've got to rebuild. We've got too many students who need help affording college. We've got too much homegrown energy that we've got to generate. We've got more troops we've got to bring home. We've got more doors of opportunity that we have to open. And that's what's at stake.

And so I am not just asking for your vote, I am asking for your work. I need your help over the next three months. (Applause.) I don't need you just knocking on doors; I need you to make phone calls, I need you to talk to your friends, I need you to talk to your neighbors. I need you guys to load up and go over into Iowa, a battleground state, and knock on some doors and make some phone calls over there. (Applause.) We've got to get help. You've got to get involved in the election. You've got to get on our website. You've got to make sure that you are signing up.

If you are as passionate and as energized and as determined as you were before, then we won't lose. (Applause.) And it is true that I am older and a little grayer, but I made a promise to you in 2008. I said I'd always tell you what I thought, I'd always tell you where I stood. And most importantly, I told you I would always, every single day, every minute of every day, think about you, and fight as hard as I knew how for you. I have kept that promise. (Applause.)

I still believe in you. And if you still believe in me, and are willing to get out there and work over the next 86 days, we will not just win this election, but we will finish what we started and remind the world just why it is the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, Chicago. (Applause.) God bless you. God bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

Centennial Park  
Tampa, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT: How's it going, Tampa? (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.)

Well, thank you so -- can everybody please give Laura a big round of applause for that great introduction? (Applause.) We've also got with us here Congresswoman Kathy Castor in the house. (Applause.) Mayor Bob Buckhorn. (Applause.) My friend and your former governor, Charlie Crist. (Applause.)

So good morning, Tampa.

AUDIENCE: Good morning!

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks for waking up early. (Applause.)

You know, we are right in the middle of our 48-hour fly-around campaign extravaganza. (Applause.) We are pulling -- we pulled an all-nighter last night. We just came from Iowa, Nevada, Colorado. We're going to Virginia and Ohio. (Applause.) I'm going to stop in Chicago. I'm going to do some early voting in Chicago. (Applause.)

I can't tell you who I'm voting for -- it's a secret ballot. (Laughter.) But Michelle says she voted for me. (Applause.) We can vote early in Illinois, just like you can vote right now in Florida. So I've come to Florida today to ask you for your vote. (Applause.) I've come to ask you to help me keep moving America forward. (Applause.)

And you notice, my voice is getting a little hoarse. But I'm just going to keep on -- just going to keep on keeping on -- (applause) -- until every single person out there who needs to vote is going to go vote. (Applause.) Because the stakes are just so high, Florida.

You've heard now three debates; you've seen months of campaigning, way too many TV ads. I know you guys are sick of

the TV ads.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Except the ones that I'm in. (Applause.) Maybe even those, too. (Laughter.) But you've also had a chance to see the two candidates and the two perspectives. You've heard Governor Romney's sales pitch.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.)

He's been running around saying he's got a five-point plan for the economy -- except it turns out that it's just a one-point plan -- a sketchy deal that says folks at the very top get to play by a different set of rules than you do. They get to pay a lower tax rate. They outsource jobs. They want to roll back Wall Street reform. That was his philosophy in the boardroom; that was his philosophy as a governor. And if it sounds familiar, it's because that's the philosophy that created a Great Recession.

We tried that in the last decade, and it didn't work. It led to falling incomes and the slowest job growth in half a century, and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. And we've been working hard for four years to clean it up, to clean up the mess that got left behind. (Applause.)

And Governor Romney I think knows this -- he knows his plan isn't any different than the policies that got us into the mess. So in the final weeks of this election, he's counting on you forgetting that his policies aren't going to work. He's hoping that you won't remember and you'll come down with a case of what we call --

AUDIENCE: Romnesia!

THE PRESIDENT: -- Romnesia. (Applause.) He's hoping you won't remember that his economic plan is likely to create jobs in China, not America -- because it rewards companies that ship jobs overseas. He's hoping you won't remember he wants to give millionaires and billionaires a \$250,000 tax cut, because the only way he can pay for it is by either blowing up the deficit or making middle-class families pay more in taxes. He's hoping you're going to come down with a severe case of Romnesia just before you cast your ballot. (Applause.)

But, Tampa, I want you to know this. If you're starting to get a temperature -- your ears are ringing, your eyes are blurry -- you're showing symptoms, you can't remember what you just said last week -- (laughter) -- if you start thinking that maybe Governor Romney wanted to save the auto industry even though he wrote an op-ed saying "let Detroit go bankrupt" -- if there's a sudden fuzziness when it comes to the policies on your website, don't worry, because this is a curable condition -- (laughter) -- and Obamacare covers preexisting condition. (Applause.) We can make you well. There's a cure. You just have to vote. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Tampa, we joke about Romnesia, but all of this speaks to something that's really important in this election and that is the issue of trust. When you elect a President, you're counting on somebody you can trust to fight for you, who you can trust to do what they say they're going to do, who can trust -- that you can trust to make sure that when something unexpected happens, he or she is going to be thinking about your families, your future. Trust matters. And, Florida, you know me. You know I say what I mean and I mean what I say. (Applause.)

We haven't finished all the work that we set out to do in 2008. But every single day when I set foot in that Oval Office, I'm thinking about you. I'm fighting for your families. And with your help, I've kept the commitments that I made. I told you I'd end the war in Iraq -- I did. (Applause.) I said we'd transition out of Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) I said we'd go after those who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- al Qaeda is on the path to defeat; Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.) A new tower is rising over the New York skyline. Our heroes are coming home. I've kept those promises. (Applause.)

I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families -- and we have. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small businesses -- and we have. (Applause.) I promised to end Wall Street taxpayer-funded bailouts -- we have. (Applause.) I promised to repeal "don't ask, don't tell," so anybody can serve in our military regardless of who they love -- I have. (Applause.) I promised that we would pass health care reform, so nobody goes bankrupt when they get sick -- we have. (Applause.) I promised to preserve Medicare -- we have. (Applause.) I bet on American workers and American ingenuity, and we saved an auto industry that is resurgent. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, we're moving forward. We lost 9 million jobs in the Great Recession, but over the last 31 months our businesses have added more than 5 million new jobs. Unemployment is falling. Manufacturing is coming back. Our assembly lines are humming again. We've got a long way to go but, Florida, we've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We can't afford to go back to the same policies that got us into the mess. We've got to stick with the policies that are getting us out of the mess. (Applause.) And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I've got a plan that will actually create jobs, a plan that will actually create middle-class security. And unlike Mitt Romney, I'm proud to talk about that plan -- (applause) -- because the math actually adds up. (Laughter.)

I want you all to take a look at it. You can go to [BarackObama.com/plans](http://BarackObama.com/plans). And I want you to share those plans with your friends and neighbors and coworkers. There are still

people out there who are trying to make up their minds. There might even be some here who are trying to make up their minds, maybe. No, no, maybe your girlfriend said you've got to come. (Laughter.) She's smart enough, she's already voting for Obama, but you need some persuading. (Applause.)

So I ask you to compare my plan to Governor Romney's plan. See which plan -- where's my plan -- oh, it dropped -- (laughter) -- I couldn't find my plan. There it is. (Applause.) Now, this is the same plan that's on the website. And you should look and see which plan is better for you. It's got details in here about how we can move the country forward.

First, I want to end tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas, give them to companies that are investing and creating jobs right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

Number two, I want to cut our oil imports in half by 2020 so we control more of our own energy. Right here in Florida, we are seeing solar and other new sources of energy. We've doubled clean energy in addition to increasing oil and natural gas production. Today, we are less dependent on oil from foreign sources than any time in the last two decades. (Applause.)

And by the way, we're also increasing fuel standards on cars and trucks so you'll go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) I want to build on that progress. I don't want fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries and wind turbines and solar panels made in China. I want them made right here in Florida. (Applause.) I want them made right here in the United States with U.S. workers. (Applause.)

Third, I want to make it a national mission to educate our kids and train our workers better than anybody else on Earth. (Applause.) I want to recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers. I want to train 2 million workers at community colleges for the skills that businesses are hiring for right now. I want to work with our colleges to keep tuition low -- (applause) -- so that our young people aren't burdened with debt. We can do that.

Number four, I want to reduce our deficit by \$4 trillion, but I want to do it in a balanced way. We'll cut out spending we don't need, but I'm going to ask the wealthiest Americans to pay a little bit more so we can invest in the research and technology and infrastructure that keeps new jobs and businesses coming to America. And I will never, under the guise of reducing the deficit, turn Medicare into a voucher -- (applause) -- because Americans shouldn't have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. (Applause.)

And by the way, while we're at it, as we saw again this week, I don't think any politician in Washington -- most of whom are male -- should be making health care decisions for women. (Applause.) Women can make those decisions themselves. I don't think your boss or your insurance company should be making those decisions. Women should be making their own health care decisions. That's why the health care law we passed put those choices in your hands -- that's where it

belongs and that's where it will stay as long as I am President of the United States. (Applause.)

And finally, I'll use the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to put people back to work doing some nation-building here at home -- (applause) -- rebuilding our roads and our bridges, our broadband lines in the rural areas, fixing our schools up. When our veterans come home, I want to make sure they've got jobs waiting for them. (Applause.) We're going to serve them as well as they've served us, because nobody who's fought for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

That's the plan we need, Florida. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy that has good, middle-class jobs. That's how you encourage businesses to start here and to stay here. That's how you're going to actually increase take-home pay. That's how you build an economy where everybody who works hard has a chance. That's what we can do together.

And now it's up to you. Now it's up to you, right here in Florida, today. You can choose the path that we go from here. It's up to the young people here to choose the future that you want to see. (Applause.) It's up to the not-so-young people to choose the kind of country we leave for the future generations. You can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess -- or you can choose the policies that are getting us out of this mess. (Applause.)

You can choose a foreign policy that's reckless and wrong -- or you can choose one that's steady and strong. (Applause.)

You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for women, and for immigrants, and for gays -- or in this election, you can stand up for that basic principle that makes our country the envy of the world -- that we're all created equal; that everybody has a place. (Applause.) Black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, young, old -- black, white -- (applause) -- gay, straight -- it doesn't matter, no matter who you are, no matter you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you love -- in America, you've got to be able to make it if you try. (Applause.) That's what we believe. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

Florida, we have been through tough times these past four years. I meet folks all the time who tell me how tough times have been. And there are a lot of folks where times are still tough. But the good news is -- Americans, we're always tougher. We always bounce back. We always come out on top. (Applause.) Because we pull together. Because we look after one another. Because we leave no one behind. We don't close the door behind us if we succeed. We make sure that we're bringing more folks through that door. Because we don't turn back. We go forward. Adelante. (Applause.) We look forward to a future that is brighter. We look at the distant horizon and we say, that's where we're headed. (Applause.)

In America, our destiny is not written for us, it's

written by us -- and we can write that next chapter together.

So, Florida, that's why I'm asking for your vote in this election. (Applause.) That's why I'm asking for your vote. And if I have the privilege of serving as your President for another four years, I promise you will always have a President who hears your voices. You'll always have a President who fights for your families. You'll have a President who spends every waking hour thinking about how I can make your lives just a little bit better, make the future of your children and grandchildren a little bit brighter.

Florida, I believe in you. I'm asking you to keep believing in me. (Applause.) And if you're willing to work with me, and knock on some doors with me, make some phone calls with me, vote for me -- (applause) -- we'll win Hillsborough County again. We'll win Florida again. (Applause.) We'll win this election again. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started in 2008. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport Tarmac  
Cleveland, Ohio

8:24 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Ohio! (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.) I can't hear you. Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: I am glad to be back in Cleveland, Ohio! (Applause.) We've got two extraordinary representatives who are here -- Betty Sutton and Marcy Kaptur -- give them a big round of applause. (Applause.)

It's great to see all of you who are here.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

This is the final stop on our 48-hour fly-around all across America. We've been going for two days straight. (Applause.) We've been from the East Coast to the West Coast, and now we're going back East again. (Applause.) We just made a quick stop in Chicago so I could vote. (Applause.) I can't tell you who I voted for because it's a secret ballot. (Laughter.) But Michelle told me she voted for me. (Applause.)

So, Ohio, I've got to tell you, even though I've been going for about 38 hours straight, even though my voice is getting kind of hoarse, I've still got a spring in my step. (Applause.) Because our cause is right. (Applause.) Because we're fighting for the future. (Applause.) I've come to Ohio today to ask you for your vote. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: And the good news is I'm asking for your vote and I'm asking you to vote early. (Applause.) Here in Ohio, you can vote now. You don't have to vote later. I need you to vote early, and I need your help to keep moving America forward. (Applause.)

Look, we've already now had three debates. We've had a year of campaigning. We have had way too many TV commercials. I feel bad for the state of Ohio -- you've had a lot of commercials. (Laughter.) You've now heard Governor Romney's sales pitch.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, no, don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: -- vote. (Applause.)

But Governor Romney has been running around saying he's got a five-point plan to fix the economy. Turns out it's only a one-point plan -- folks at the very top get to play by a different set of rules than you do. They get to pay a lower tax rate, outsource more jobs, let Wall Street run wild again. It was the philosophy he had when he was in the private sector. It was the philosophy he had as a governor in Massachusetts. And if it sounds familiar, it's because we just tried that philosophy in the decade before I took office. And we know what happened. It didn't work.

Jobs were being shipped overseas at a record pace. Incomes were falling. Record deficits, the slowest job growth in half a century. Incomes were not going up -- they were going down. The worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. That's what those ideas produced. And we've been working for four years now, Ohio, to clean up the mess that those policies left behind.

Now, Governor Romney understands this. He knows his plan is no different than what we tried under the previous President. So in the final weeks of this election, since he knows that it's probably not going to be real popular, he's trying to kind of fuzz things up a little bit. He's counting on you to forget. He's hoping that you come down with what we call a case of --

AUDIENCE: Romnesia! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: -- Romnesia. (Laughter.) He's hoping you won't remember that his economic plan is more likely to create jobs in China than here in Ohio, because it rewards companies that ship jobs overseas instead of companies that are creating jobs right here in Ohio, right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

He's hoping you won't remember that he wants to give millionaires and billionaires a \$250,000 tax cut. And the reason he can't explain it is because the only way to pay for it is either by blowing a hole in the deficit, making it even bigger, or making your taxes higher.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote.

He's hoping that if he just keeps on saying how much he loves cars over and over again -- (laughter) -- that you won't remember he wrote an article that was titled, "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I mean, I don't know how a guy sits on a stage, talking to tens of millions of fellow Americans, and you are saying somehow that you were all for the auto industry when everybody remembers you weren't. (Applause.) The people of Detroit remember. The people of Ohio remember. (Applause.)

If Mitt Romney had been President when the auto industry was on the verge of collapse, we might not have an American auto industry today. We'd be buying cars from China, instead of selling cars to China.

The auto industry supports one in eight Ohio jobs. It's a source of pride to this state. It's a source of pride for generations of workers. I refused to walk away from those workers. I refused to walk away from those jobs. (Applause.) I wasn't going to let Detroit go bankrupt, or Toledo go bankrupt, or Lordstown go bankrupt. (Applause.) I bet on American workers. I bet on American manufacturing. And I'd do it again, because that bet always pays off. (Applause.)

So now, in the closing moments of the election, Governor Romney is hoping you, too, will come down with a severe case of Romnesia.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: So I'm here to tell you, Cleveland, if you start feeling a temperature, if you're eyes are getting a little blurry and your hearing is getting a little muffled, if you're feeling a little weak, you need to know that whatever the symptoms are, don't worry, Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. (Applause.) We can fix you up. We can make you well. There's a cure, Ohio, you just have to make sure to vote. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Look, we joke about Romnesia, but it's not funny because it speaks to something serious. It has to do with trust. There's no more serious issue in a presidential campaign than trust. Trust matters. You know what, Ohio, after all these years you now know me. You know that I mean what I say and I say what I mean. (Applause.) You know that I've been willing to take some tough positions even when they're not popular. And, by the way, saving the auto industry wasn't popular when we were doing it even in Ohio, even in Michigan. But it was the right thing to do.

You know that every single day when I get up in the morning, I'm thinking about you. When I walk into that Oval Office, I'm fighting for your families. And we may not have gotten every single thing done that we need to get done, but I have kept the commitments and the promises that I made. (Applause.)

I told you I'd end the war in Iraq -- and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd transition out of Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually carried out the 9/11 attacks -- and al Qaeda is decimated and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.) We kept those promises. (Applause.) A new tower is rising above the New York skyline. Our heroes are starting to come home. I've kept those promises.

I was proud and humbled to learn today that we have Colin Powell's support in this campaign. (Applause.) And I'm grateful to him because of his lifetime of service for his country, as a soldier and as a diplomat. But I'm also grateful to every brave American who serves in uniform. And they should know this: As long as I'm your Commander-in-Chief, I will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.) That's a promise I've kept.

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for families like yours, for middle-class families -- we kept that promise. I promised to cut taxes for small businesses -- we've cut taxes for small businesses 18 times. I kept that promise. (Applause.) I promised to end taxpayer-funded bailouts for Wall Street -- I've kept that promise, and we got every dime back that we used to rescue the financial system. (Applause.)

I promised that we would make sure that nobody in this great country of ours goes bankrupt if somebody in their family gets sick -- we've kept that promise. (Applause.)

I promised to repeal "don't ask, don't tell," because anybody who is willing to serve our country should be able to with honor and dignity regardless of who they love. I kept that promise. (Applause.)

I said that we would keep the American auto industry going, and today its engines are roaring at full throttle. Nearly 250,000 new jobs -- not just something the Midwest can be proud of, something America can be proud of. (Applause.)

We're moving forward, Ohio. After losing 9 million jobs in the Great Recession, using the policies that Mitt Romney now wants to bring back that caused all those jobs to be lost, we've now added, using my policies, more than 5 million new jobs in the past two and a half years. (Applause.) The unemployment rate has fallen. Manufacturing is coming back to our shores. Assembly lines are humming again. (Applause.)

We've got a long way to go, but, Ohio, we've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We can't go backwards to the policies that caused us so much trouble, that hurt so many families. We've got to stick to the policies that are getting us -- getting us out of this mess.

I need you, Ohio. America needs you, Ohio. That's why I'm running for a second term as

President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Ohio, I don't want your vote just because of what I have done; I want your vote because of what I'm going to do. (Applause.) I've got a plan that will actually create jobs, a plan that will actually create middle-class security. And unlike Mr. Romney, I'm proud to talk about what is actually in my plan because my plan adds up. The math works. If you want to take a look, go to [BarackObama.com/plans](http://BarackObama.com/plans). I want you to share it with your neighbors. Share it with your friends. Share it with your co-workers. There are still people out there who are trying to make up their minds. Some of you may be still trying to make up your mind.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, no, maybe your girlfriend brought you here and she said, I'm going to convince you tonight you need to vote for Obama -- but you haven't made up your mind yet. Maybe your Grandma said, you need to vote for Obama. And you said, okay, Grandma, I'll come. But you're not yet sure. So I want you to look at this plan. Compare my plan to Governor Romney's. I'm not scared of the comparison. I want you to know what's in my plan and what's in his, and see what's better for you and your family and for America. (Applause.)

Look, here's what's in my plan: I want to end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. I want to reward small businesses and manufacturers who create jobs right here in Ohio, right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

Number two, I want to cut our oil imports in half by 2020 so we control more of our own energy. We're less dependent on foreign oil than any time in the last two decades, and we're producing jobs doing it. And one reason, by the way, is because we increased fuel-efficiency standards on cars and trucks made right here in America, so your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.)

I don't want fuel-efficient cars, or long-lasting batteries, or wind turbines, or solar panels built in China. I want them built here. (Applause.) I want them manufactured in Cleveland. I want them made in Ohio. I want them stamped with: Made in America. We can do that. (Applause.)

Now, I also want to make sure that our kids and our workers are better trained than everybody else. We've got to make this a national mission. I want to recruit 100,000 math and science teachers to make sure our kids are at the cutting edge. (Applause.) I want to train 2 million workers at community colleges so they have the skills for the jobs that are there right now and the jobs of the future. I want to work to make sure that colleges and universities keep tuition down so our young people aren't burdened with debt. (Applause.) We can do that.

Number four, my plan will cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years. We need to do that, but we need to do it in a balanced way. We can do it without sticking it to the middle class. I'm going to cut out spending that we don't need -- we've already cut a trillion dollars -- but I'm also going to ask the wealthiest among us to pay a little bit more -- (applause) -- so that we can invest in the research and technology to keep new jobs and businesses coming to America.

And by the way, I'm not going to use deficit reduction as an excuse to turn Medicare into a voucher system. (Applause.) Because Americans should not be spending their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. (Applause.)

And by the way, while we're on the topic of health care, we saw again this week, you don't want a bunch of politicians in Washington, most of whom are male, making health care decisions for women. Women can make those decisions themselves. (Applause.) That's what I stand for. That's what I'll continue to stand for as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Number five, as we are ending the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, I want to take some of the money that we save and put it to work doing some nation-building here at home. We've got construction workers and folks in the trades who are at home right now. They're dying to get back to work. Let's put them back to work rebuilding our roads and our bridges, our schools all across America. Let's train our veterans as they're coming home to get some of those jobs. (Applause.)

Let's make sure that we're giving them a chance to be police officers and firefighters and first responders. Let's make sure our veterans when they come home are being served as well as they've served us -- because nobody should have to fight for a job when you've fought for your country. You shouldn't have to fight for a roof over your heads when you've fought for your country. (Applause.)

Look, Ohio, that's the plan we need. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy. That's how you create good middle-class jobs. That's how you encourage new businesses to start here and stay here. That's how you increase take-home pay. That's how you give workers a chance, if they're willing to work hard, to build a better life for themselves. (Applause.) That's how you make sure that everybody has got a chance to get ahead.

That's what we can do. But we can only do it together. And Ohio, I'm going to need you to do it. It's now up to you to choose the path that we take. It's up to the young people who are here -- (applause) -- to choose the future that you want. It's up to the not-so-young people like me and you -- you know who you are -- (laughter) -- to choose the future you want for the next generation.

We can go back to the top-down policies that we know in our gut won't work, or you can choose the policies that we know give us the prospect of broad-based prosperity. You can choose a foreign policy like Governor Romney is offering that's reckless and wrong, or you can choose the kind of policy that I've implemented that is steady and strong. (Applause.)

You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for women and immigrants and gays, or in this election, you can stand up for that basic principle enshrined in our founding documents that all of us are created equal, all of us endowed with certain inalienable rights by our Creator; that it doesn't matter whether you're black or white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, young or old, rich or poor, gay or straight, abled or disabled -- we all have a place in America if you're willing to work hard, if you're willing to stand up, you can make it here in America if you try. That's what we're fighting for. That's who we are. (Applause.)

Listen, Ohio, I know we've been through tough times. Every day I think about everybody out there all across the country who wants to work and is still looking for a job, whose homes may be still underwater or at risk of foreclosure. The folks out there who, at the end of the month, are sitting around the kitchen table, trying to figure out, how am I going to make all these bills.

Michelle and I understand it because we know what it's been like to have a tough time sometimes. But what I also know and all of you remind me of this every day when I'm talking to the American people -- we're tougher than tough times. We always bounce back. We always come out on top because we pull together, because we look out for one another, because we leave nobody behind, because we don't forget where we come from, because if we're successful then we keep the door open for folks who are coming up from behind, because we don't look backwards -- we look forward. We look at that distant horizon. We look at that new frontier. We are not afraid of the future. (Applause.)

America, our destiny is not written for us -- it's written by us. And we can write that next chapter together. And that's why I'm asking you for your vote in this election. (Applause.) And if you give me your vote, I promise you, you will continue to have a President who hears your voices; a President who fights for your families; a President who spends every waking hour trying to figure out how I can make sure that your lives are a little bit better, and more importantly, that all of our children's lives are a whole lot brighter.

Ohio, I believe in you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We believe in you!

THE PRESIDENT: And I need you to keep believing in me. And if you're willing to roll up your sleeves and work with me, knock on some doors with me, make some phone calls with me, we're going to win Cuyahoga County. We're going to win Ohio. We're going to win this election. We're going to finish what we started. We'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Cincinnati! It is good to be back! Everybody, please have a seat if you've got a seat. (Laughter.) I think most people have a seat here. It is great to see all of you.

I want to acknowledge -- first of all, I want to make sure that I acknowledge your outstanding mayor, Mark Mallory is in the house! (Applause.) Where is he? He was around here somewhere. There he is right there. Good to see you.

Now, I know that some of you think that I came to this music hall to sing. (Laughter and applause.) But I have to tell you, there's no concert tonight -- (laughter) -- or at least not this afternoon. There may be a concert tonight. Michelle has told me I should not be singing in public all the time. (Laughter.) Well, it's -- happy birthday. What's your name?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Adam.

THE PRESIDENT: Adam? How old are you, Adam?

AUDIENCE: I'm 18 today.

THE PRESIDENT: All right. Let's sing "Happy Birthday" to Adam then. We can sing. (Sings "Happy Birthday"). Yay! All right. (Applause.) So there was a concert after all. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm 101 years old!

THE PRESIDENT: There you go. Let's give a round of applause -- what's your name, sir?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Dr. Harvey.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay. (Laughter.) Dr. Harvey, happy -- it's not your birthday, but just congratulations on being 101. (Applause.) Dr. Harvey looks good. I've got to follow him around and see what he eats. (Laughter.) Because I'm going to eat what he eats.

Okay, you guys -- 105 right here! (Applause.) 105? (Laughter.) What's that sweet lady's name?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Margaret Harris.

THE PRESIDENT: Margaret Harris is 105 years old. (Applause.) God bless her -- 106 next month. She's beautiful.

Well, it's so nice to -- I guess folks do pretty good down here in Cincinnati. (Laughter.) You've got 105, 101 --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm 93.

THE PRESIDENT: -- 93 -- okay. (Laughter.) God bless you. We love you, too. (Laughter.) Anybody else over 100? (Laughter.) You're not over 100. All right. No more birthdays, that's it. (Laughter.)

Now, today --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you going to sing?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I'm not going to sing. (Laughter.) No Al Green.

Today, we are turning this beautiful music hall into a town hall. (Applause.) So I'm not going to take too much time up front. I want to spend as much time as possible answering some of your questions and getting your comments. But I do want to just say a few things about what's at stake here.

Four years ago, we came together -- Democrats, but also independents and Republicans -- who were interested in restoring the basic bargain that made America the greatest nation on Earth. We've got so much to be thankful for -- incredible land and an incredible military, our men and women in uniform, they do so much for us all the time, and there's obviously great wealth in this nation. But what really sets us apart has always been that we've got the greatest middle class -- (applause) -- and a basic idea that's at the heart of this country that says if you work hard, then you can get ahead. If you're responsible, then you can live out your dreams, you're not confined to the circumstances of your birth.

A basic belief that if you're doing what you need to do -- because we're not a country that believes in handouts, we believe in working for what we get -- that you're able to find a job that supports a family, get a home that you can call your own, that you're able to send your kids to get a good education and hopefully allow them to go to college and they can achieve and succeed in ways you might not have even imagined; that you won't go bankrupt when you get sick -- (applause) -- that you'll be able to retire with dignity and respect. (Applause.) That's the idea that built this country. That's the idea that turned us into an economic powerhouse.

And what we saw for about a decade before I took office was the sense that that dream was slipping away from too many people, because people were working harder but they were getting less. Incomes and wages were flat-lining while the cost of everything from college to health care to groceries to gas were all going up.

So our goal was to turn this around -- and we knew it wouldn't be easy. We knew that it might take more than one term, maybe more than one President. But we knew that we had to get started to reclaim this dream.

And then what we discovered was that because of irresponsibility, because of economic policies that had failed and a lack of oversight when it came to regulations, we inherited the worst financial crisis and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. And millions of people were hurt -- lost their jobs, lost their homes, lost their savings. And a lot of folks are still struggling.

But here's the thing. Americans are always tougher than tough times. And this crisis has not changed our character. It hasn't changed what we believe in. It hasn't changed that basic notion that everybody should get a fair shot, and everybody should do their fair share, and everybody should play by the same set of rules. (Applause.)

And so even though over the last three and a half years, our central focus has been how do we recover from this crisis, and get people back to work, and make sure that small businesses are doing well again, and that they're getting financing -- despite all those things, our goal has not just been to get back to where we were before the crisis struck, but rather to build an economy that lasts -- (applause) -- to build an economy that says no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, you can make it if you try here in America. (Applause.)

Everything I've done since I've been President has been focused on this central issue. That's the reason I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: And you know, part of the reason -- part of the reason I'm here today --

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: -- part of the reason that I'm here today is I want to remind everybody that the challenges we face are solvable. The problem is not a lack of big ideas. It's not a lack of technical solutions to our policy issues. The problem is we've got a stalemate right now in Washington --

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: -- between two fundamentally different ideas about how we move the country forward.

This election is about more than just two candidates or two political parties. It's about two different visions about how do we build a strong economy. (Applause.) And the good news is you're the tiebreaker. The choice is up to you. The choice is up to you. (Applause.)

Governor Romney and his allies in Congress, they believe in an economic theory that says if folks at the very top are doing really well, then that spreads to everybody else. It's what we call top-down economics.

So right now their main prescription for growing the economy faster is an additional \$5 trillion in tax cuts, most of which would go to the wealthiest Americans, even if to pay for it you'd have to gut education programs, or turn Medicare into a voucher program, or eliminate our investments in basic research and science. That's their vision about how you grow an economy.

They've actually got a two-part vision. One is tax cuts for the wealthy, and then the second is eliminate regulations that we've put in place to make sure, for example, that Wall Street doesn't engage in the same reckless behavior that got us into this mess in the first place. (Applause.)

Now, I've got to tell you, it would be one thing if they had this theory and we hadn't tried it before. But the truth is we tried it for almost a decade, and it didn't work. The track record of their vision resulted in turning surpluses into deficits. We ran two wars on a credit card. Job growth was the most sluggish it had been in decades. The average wages and income of working families actually went down during this period, and it culminated in this massive crisis.

So I don't know about you, but in my life, what I found -- sometimes I do bone-headed things, I make mistakes. What I find is when I don't -- when I try something and it doesn't work, then I don't try it again. (Applause.) Right? You don't go back to doing something that didn't work.

Now, I've got a different idea. So, for example, Governor Romney said he would extend the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans indefinitely.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: He says that until he puts a tax plan in place. But his tax plan is not just to keep all the Bush tax cuts. As I said, he wants to put another \$5 trillion -- this is estimated that it's almost impossible for you to bring down the deficit and deal with the debt with that kind of tax plan. Nearly 40 percent of these new taxes would go to the top 1 percent of all households.

We have not found any serious economic study that says Governor Romney's economic plan would actually create jobs -- until today. I've got to be honest. Today we found out there's a new study out by non-partisan economists that says Governor Romney's economic plan would, in fact, create 800,000 jobs. There's only one problem: The jobs wouldn't be in America. (Laughter and applause.) They would not be in America. They'd be in other countries. By eliminating taxes on corporations' foreign income, Governor Romney's plan would actually encourage companies to shift more of their operations to foreign tax havens, creating 800,000 jobs in those other countries.

Now, this shouldn't be a surprise, because Governor Romney's experience has been investing in what were called "pioneers" of the business of outsourcing. Now he wants to give more tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas.

So I want everybody to understand, Ohio, I've got a different theory. We don't need a President who plans to ship more jobs overseas, or wants to give more tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to give tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Ohio -- (applause) -- that are investing in Cincinnati, that are investing in Hamilton County. (Applause.) I want to give incentives to companies that are investing in you, the American people, to create American jobs, making American goods that we're selling around the world, stamped with three proud words: Made in America. (Applause.)

That's why I'm running for President of the United States.

Now, the difference extends not just to the difference in corporate taxes, it's also individual taxes. We don't need a President who is going to give himself a big tax break. (Laughter.) We need a President who is going to cut your taxes.

Now, four years ago I promised to cut taxes for the middle class -- and I kept that promise.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, you did! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: The typical family's tax burden is \$3,600 lower than it was when I came into office. I want all the press to notice that. (Applause.) Because sometimes, you'll hear all these crazy accusations -- oh, Obama, is raising taxes and burdening -- no, here are the facts. Typical middle-class family, your taxes have gone down \$3,600 since I've been in office. (Applause.)

A couple weeks ago, I called on Congress to immediately extend these tax cuts to 98 percent of the American people. Folks making \$250,000 a year or less would not see their taxes go up one single dime -- their income taxes go up one single dime. (Applause.) Now, I should point out, by the way, that 97 percent of small businesses also would not see their taxes go up, because typically they don't earn more than \$250,000. (Applause.)

Now, if you're fortunate enough to be the other 2 percent -- and I am -- I mean, Michelle and I didn't use to be, now we are. We've been blessed. That's great. (Applause.) What we're saying is for those folks, we can afford to pay a little bit more in taxes by going back to the rates that were paid under Bill Clinton. That will help us reduce our deficit by about a trillion dollars. And everybody says the deficit and the debt are important, and I agree. (Applause.)

And I just want to point out, the last time we did that, when Bill Clinton was President, we had surpluses, not deficits, created 23 million new jobs, and by the way, we created a lot of millionaires and billionaires to boot. Because when an economy is growing from the middle out and from the bottom up, everybody does well,

including people at the very top. That's how you grow an economy. (Applause.)

When teachers and firefighters and police officers and construction workers -- when folks who are putting in a hard day's work, when they do well, then everybody does well. That's how America has always succeeded. We believe in individual initiative and self-reliance. But there's some things we do together, and growing an economy is one of them.

My grandfather, he went to college on the GI Bill. That generation helped to expand the middle class, and everybody did better. When we invested in the Hoover Dam or the Golden Gate Bridge, or the Internet, sending a man to the moon -- all those things benefited everybody. And so that's the vision that I want to carry forward.

That's why when the auto industry was on the brink of collapse and Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt," I said no. One out of eight jobs in Ohio depend on the auto industry -- (applause) -- a million jobs across the Midwest are at stake. (Applause.) I'm going to bet on American workers and American ingenuity. And now, GM is back on top and Chrysler and Ford are on the move, and the American auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.)

So let me just close by saying this, and then we can get to some questions. My vision says we're going to invest in education and we're going to hire new teachers, especially in math and science; open up 2 million more slots for folks to go to community colleges to get trained in the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) We already helped to make sure that student loan rates didn't double, but now we've got to work more to lower tuition costs so young people aren't burdened with debt. (Applause.)

So we're going to invest in education. We're going to invest in American energy. Yes, we want to continue to expand our production of oil and natural gas, but I also want to make sure that we are the leaders in solar and wind and biodiesel, the energy of the future that can help reduce our dependence on foreign oil. (Applause.)

American manufacturing, change our tax code, provide incentives for companies to invest here, invest in basic research and science so that we are at the cutting-edge -- because whoever has got the best technology, will ultimately have the best economy. (Applause.) We've got to make those investments.

Rebuilding our infrastructure -- I know you've got some bridges around here that need repair. (Applause.) You've got some roads that need a repair. Let's put construction workers back to work. (Applause.)

I ended the war in Iraq as I promised. We're winding down the war in Afghanistan. We decimated al Qaeda. (Applause.) Let's now take half the money we were spending on war and do some nation-building right here at home. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: And finally, let's reduce our deficit, reduce our debt. Let's do it in a responsible way that allows us to continue to make these investments we need to grow, and make sure that everybody is doing a little bit to help not just themselves but help the country.

So that's my vision. And it contrasts with the other side, and you are going to be the tiebreaker. This is going to be your choice. That's how our democracy works. And some of you noticed, there's going to be a lot of paid advertising and a lot of money -- we're seeing folks write \$10 million checks --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's not us!

THE PRESIDENT: -- to try to get me out of office. So it's not you, I know. (Laughter.)

But even though my hair is a little grayer -- (laughter) -- even though I'm a little older, let me tell you, I still have as much confidence as I ever had in the American people. (Applause.) Because one of the great privileges of being President is you get a chance to travel all across the country. You meet people from every walk of life. And wherever I go, what I'm always struck by is the core decency and goodness and hard work and responsibility and faith that the American people have.

So I'll always bet on the American people. And I'm confident that if we work hard, we get our message out, we have an honest debate about what needs to happen in this country and what future is best for our children and our grandchildren, then we're going to finish what we started in 2008. (Applause.) And we'll remind the world why the United States is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you. (Applause.)

Okay. So everybody take a seat so I can see who wants to ask a question. And there are no -- there are only a couple of rules here. Rule number one is you've got to raise your hand if you have a question. I'm going to call girl-boy, girl-boy -- (laughter) -- just to make sure that it's fair. If you have a chance, stand up and introduce yourself. And there are folks in the audience with microphones, so wait until we've got a microphone so everybody can hear your question.

And my only other request, because I want to try to get in as many questions as I can -- at least six or seven -- so if people can keep their questions short, I'll try to keep my answers short. (Laughter.) But, now, if you ask me how do you bring about world peace, that's a big question. (Laughter.) So try to keep the question to one that we can be succinct about, all right?

And I'm going to start with this young lady right here in the sort of the pink, white blouse. Yes, right there. All right, and wait till the microphone comes up. Introduce yourself.

Q Can you stand with me?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, is that the birthday boy?

Q Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, I didn't -- he's getting a lot of attention today. (Laughter.) All right, go ahead.

Q Okay. My name is Anna, and my son is openly gay. And he is grassroots, and he speaks for a lot of the LGBT community. And we'd like to know, since you are for the LGBT, what's your next steps? What are you going to do for us? (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, look, let me say this. First of all, I think what the American people have seen and made such progress on is recognizing the idea of equal rights, equal dignity, equal respect for everybody. That applies to everybody. (Applause.) That is a bedrock principle of America.

And that's -- when I came into office, everything from making sure that same-sex couples could have visitation in hospitals just like everybody else, making sure that we ended "don't ask, don't tell" because fighting for the country you love should not depend on who you love -- (applause) -- being clear that DOMA is something that we should repeal -- across the board I've tried to constantly align myself with what is best in our tradition, and that is you treat everybody fairly.

Americans are about fairness. And that doesn't mean that folks have to agree with everybody on everything. We don't. But we want to treat everybody fairly.

Now, I think it's important to recognize, though, that our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters are still subject to discrimination. That's why we passed hate-crime legislation, and we've still got to fight for that. I think it is important for us to respect decisions that states make with respect to expanding treatment of same-sex couples and marriage. But also what I want to say is that gay and lesbian families are like everybody else -- what they're really also worried about right now is making sure they can pay the bills. (Applause.)

So my strong belief is that it is important for us to focus on individual issues of fairness, but also recognize that we all have common interests as well. Your son is 18; I'm assuming he's going to get some more education, and I'm assuming you guys are worrying right now about making sure he doesn't come out with a whole bunch of debt, and how --

Q Miami.

THE PRESIDENT: Miami?

Q Miami.

THE PRESIDENT: Miami of Ohio?

Q Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Outstanding -- congratulations. (Applause.) We've got some folks from the alma mater here.

So we want to treat everybody fairly, and we also want to make sure that the economy treats everybody fairly. And I'm going to be fighting for that as long as I'm President of the United States. (Applause.)

All right. This gentleman right here. Does anybody have a mic over there? Okay, right behind -- very good. I'm impressed. There you go.

Q Mr. President, I'm Jim O'Reilly. Ten years as an elected city official has shown me a real change in what the Republican Party has been doing to us. They've taken away our power to protect our natural resources -- water and air -- from the strength of the oil and gas drillers that are doing fracking here in Ohio. I support what Lisa Jackson and the EPA are doing. Is there more the administration can do to protect us from the adverse effects of drilling for natural gas? Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, this is a great question, and it's an important question. (Applause.) A couple of things I just want everybody to know. First of all, if you hear anybody say that somehow we are impeding the development of our energy resources here in this nation, I want you to know these facts: oil production -- higher than it's been in eight years; natural gas production -- higher than it's been probably in our lifetimes; oil imports -- actually lower than they've been in 16 years. In fact, our oil imports are less than 50 percent now for the first time in a very long time. And so we're moving in the right direction in terms of energy independence. (Applause.)

Now, part of that is this boom in natural gas. And this is something we should welcome, because not only are we blessed with incredible natural gas resources that are now accessible because of new technologies, but natural gas actually burns cleaner than some other fossil fuels, and is an ideal fuel -- energy source that we potentially can use for the next 100 years. So I want to encourage natural gas production. The key is to make sure that we do it safely and in a way that is environmentally sound.

Now, you always hear these arguments that somehow there's this huge contradiction between the environment and economic development, or the environment and energy production. And the fact of the matter is that there are a lot of folks right now that are engaging in hydraulic fracking who are doing it safely. The problem is, is that we haven't established clear guidelines for how to do it safely, and informed the public so that neighbors know what's going on, and your family, you can make sure that any industry that's operating in your area, that they're being responsible.

So what we've said is, look, we are going to work with industry to establish best practices. We are going to invest in the basic research and science required to make sure this is done safely and in a way that protects the public health. And for responsible companies, they should be able to operate, make a profit, and we can all benefit and put people back to work. But if you're an irresponsible company that's not doing the right thing, we're going to hold you to account. And that's how we should develop this incredible resource -- which, by the way, if we do it properly, could end up changing the economics and politics globally of energy in a way that's actually very good for us, because we'll be less dependent on what happens in the Middle East and our economy will be less subject to the kinds of spikes that we saw earlier in the spring in terms of gas prices.

Thank you for the question. (Applause.)

All right, it's a woman's turn. That young lady in the white t-shirt right there -- hold on, hold on, wait for the mic.

Q My name is Delisha White (ph) and I and my husband, we're small business owners. And he actually has a question that he needs to answer. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, wait. No, no, you can't do that now. (Laughter.) I called on the young lady and that's what's called a bait and switch. (Laughter.) That is what's called a bait and switch. No, the rule is that I'm going to make sure that women get equal time with men. (Applause.)

Q Well, we would like --

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, no, no, no, no. (Laughter.)

Q Okay, his question was, he is a small business owner and he wanted to know what can you do for the self-employed -- for self-employed businesses with less than 10 employees working with him.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to let him go ahead and ask his question. (Laughter.) And then, I'm going to call on two women in a row. (Applause.) Because this is -- we got cheated here. (Laughter.)

Go ahead. Next time, you stand up. Don't send your wife out first. (Laughter and applause.)

Q Okay, I'm Tony White and hello, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Good to see you, Tony. What kind of business do you have?

Q A barbershop and beauty salon.

THE PRESIDENT: There you go.

Q I've been in business for over 10 years now.

THE PRESIDENT: That's great.

Q And what I'm trying to find out is what will you be doing, or if there's anything you'll be doing, for the self-employed and businesses with employees -- with less than 10 employees.

THE PRESIDENT: Absolutely.

Q And also, when can I cut your hair? (Laughter and applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, let me answer the second question first. You know that you would not want a President who is disloyal to his barber. (Laughter and applause.) I mean, a man and his barber, that's a strong connection. (Laughter.)

Q I know, I know.

THE PRESIDENT: So I am not going to let you cut my hair because my barber would be hurt. (Laughter.)

Q Just one time, just once. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe I'll let you give me a line -- a little bit.

Q Yeah, yeah, we can do that. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: All right, in terms of small business -- look, small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. They account for most of the new job growth. We've got obviously great big businesses. In this area, Proctor & Gamble is an example of an outstanding large business. But a lot of the job growth happens with small businesses who then become medium-sized businesses and then maybe at some point become large businesses.

So ever since I came into office, one of my biggest priorities was how do we support small businesses -- which is why we've actually provided 18 different tax breaks just targeted at small business since I've been in office. It's the reason why we have pushed the Small Business Administration, especially when the recession had just hit, to extend additional financing and to waive fees for small business, because one of the biggest challenges for small businesses is getting credit lines.

Q Yes, it is.

THE PRESIDENT: And we've actually been pushing the banks to say, look, taxpayers pulled your backside out of the fire -- (applause) -- it's now important for you to step up and make sure that small businesses aren't finding their credit restricted, especially if they've been in business for a while.

The other thing we've done is to say, what are the critical needs of small business? A lot of time, one of the biggest challenges is to make sure that you, as a sole proprietor, that you can get health insurance for you and your family. So when you hear about the Affordable Care Act -- Obamacare -- (applause) -- and I don't mind the name because I really do care. That's why we passed it. (Applause.) You should know that once we have fully implemented, you're going to be able to buy insurance through a pool so that you can get the same good rates as a group that if you're an employee at a big company you can get right now -- which means your premiums will go down. (Applause.)

We will also give you additional tax credits if you are providing health insurance for your employees -- we'll give you tax credits for that. Right now, one of the things we're pushing Congress to do is to give you a tax credit if you hire additional workers, or you give folks who are a working for you a raise. We want to give you incentive to do that. (Applause.)

But this is an example of where there's a contrast between myself and my opponent. As I said before, his basic tax plan is to give folks at the top a tax break. Now, we can have that debate, but what I've said is, in the meantime, let's give 98 percent of individuals and 97 percent of small businesses some certainty right now by going ahead and passing a law that says your taxes won't go up. Because if Congress doesn't act, by the way, by January 1st, everybody's taxes here are going to go up, by an average of about \$1,600 -- if Congress doesn't do anything. And so what I've said is if you really want to help small business right now, give 97 percent of them the certainty that their costs will not go up. (Applause.) And then we can have a debate about the other 2, 3 percent.

Now, one last point I'm going to make on this small business and taxes argument -- you'll hear Republicans say, you know what, if you tax, let's say, somebody with a million dollars of income, you're going to be crushing the small business jobs creators. Now, first of all, I've just explained 97 percent of small businesses make less than \$250,000 a year. But setting aside that, the way they describe small businesses, half of the Fortune 400 richest Americans in the country would qualify as a "small business." Hedge fund managers would qualify as small business, even if they were pulling in a billion dollars a year. And this is an example of what I mean when I say we just want everybody to be treated fairly.

AUDIENCE: Right!

THE PRESIDENT: Michelle and I were talking the other day, and Michelle's dad worked as a blue-collar worker. He was at the water filtration plant in Chicago, worked there all his life -- all his adult life. And he had MS, so by the time I met him, he could barely walk. But he never missed a day of work. He had to use two canes. He had to wake up an hour earlier than everybody else just to get dressed. But he never missed a day of work. And he took pride in being at the job, even if he didn't feel well. And he used to tease folks who were lazy -- he'd say, these people are so lazy they won't even go to work to pick up their paycheck. (Laughter.) They want it mailed to them.

And Michelle's mom, she stayed at home when the kids were young and then she went to work as a secretary. And she worked as a secretary most of her adult life.

So the point is, they didn't have a lot. But Michelle and I were talking about how they didn't envy people who had a lot more. There was no sense that somehow our lives are less because we're not millionaires, we're not making huge amounts of money. God bless folks who are doing successful -- who are successful and doing well. The only thing that Michelle's parents, my mom, my grandparents, the only thing they didn't like is when you felt like folks at the top were taking advantage of their position and not following the same rules as everybody else and keeping other folks down. (Applause.)

And we don't want an economy in which some are being treated differently than others. That's all. And that's especially true when it comes for our small business folks. I want them to have some of the same advantages, because you probably can't afford the same number of lawyers and accountants and all that stuff that are working all these loopholes. And I want to make sure that you're getting the same good deal as everybody else.

All right? Okay. (Applause.)

I'm going to call on this young lady right here. She seems like she has an urgent question. Hold on, wait for your mic. Wait for your microphone. We're getting the next generation involved in this. (Applause.) Right here, right there. Yes.

Q What's your favorite Girl Scout cookie? (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, oh. I've got to say this is one of the toughest questions. (Laughter.) What's your name?

Q Julie.

THE PRESIDENT: And you're a member of a Girl Scout troupe? Are you?

Q Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: How long have you been a Girl Scout?

Q I think for only -- I think only this year.

THE PRESIDENT: This year? Have you --

Q Two years.

THE PRESIDENT: Two years. Have you been having fun?

Q Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes? You know, I've got to say that I'm pretty partial to those mint -- (applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I'm just saying -- that's just me. I didn't mean to create controversy here. There was someone -- (laughter) -- did you hear there was somebody booing. What do you -- how do you -- what's was your

choice? Who was booing up there? (Laughter.) You had a different opinion. What are you, oatmeal, or --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Peanut butter.

THE PRESIDENT: Peanut butter is quite good, too, but I'm going with the mint. I'm going with the mint.

All right? Thank you for the question. Thank you. (Applause.)

All right. Remember I said I was going to go two ladies right now. So here, right here. Right here. Here we go. Whoops, don't fall, now. Go ahead.

Q My name is Susan. Welcome to Cincinnati.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Q Given how divided the country is, if elected, how do you plan to try to unite everyone?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'll be honest, sometimes people ask me what's my disappointment since I've come into office. And obviously, we're always trying to grow the economy faster, put people back to work faster. But one of the disappointments I've had is that we have not changed the tone in Washington the way I wanted to. (Applause.)

Now, part of this just has to do with the fact that the other side had a basic economic -- or a basic political theory after I got elected -- and this is not my opinion. I mean, this has been said by the leader of the Senate minority in Washington. And the basic theory was, you know what, we kind of screwed things up; Obama is really popular right now; if we cooperate with him, then he'll get credit, so we're better off just saying no. And if we do that, then over time folks will forget the mess he inherited and we can go after him, and hopefully that will help our politics. Again, this is not my theory. This is explicitly their strategy.

What's true is also we've got, as I said, two different visions about how to move the country forward. But my hope is that this election allows us to, once and for all, resolve some of the bigger questions about how we move the country forward -- because right now we've got as stark a choice as you could imagine. I believe in investing in education and transportation and science and research, and bringing down our deficits in a balanced way, and changing our tax code to make sure that companies that are investing here are doing better.

Mr. Romney has the opposite view on almost all those positions. On things like "don't ask, don't tell", Mr. Romney wants to reverse my position. On issues like immigration -- I believe in comprehensive immigration reform; he does not. On issues related to women, I believe that Planned Parenthood does a lot of good, and that women's health -- (applause) -- women should be able to control their own health care decisions. (Applause.) He does not.

On Iraq, he said ending the war was "tragic." I said I think it was the right thing to do. (Applause.) On Afghanistan, I imposed a deadline, a timetable for when we're going to bring our troops home. He wants to extend their stay indefinitely. So on all these issues, we've got just profound differences.

Now, you guys ultimately are the arbiters of this disagreement. And in this election, if the American people decide you know what, we want to try what Mr. Romney is offering --

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, I mean, that's the great thing about democracy, is people can vote and make up their minds. And so, if that's the case, then you can count on Mr. Romney implementing the plan that he and the Republicans in Congress have put forward. So \$5 trillion in tax cuts, massive cuts in a lot of the programs that are so important, from my perspective, to growing the economy -- those will be eliminated. Medicare will be voucherized. They will implement what they say they're going to implement.

But if I'm elected, not only do I think that we'll be able to continue the progress that we've made over the last three and a half years, I actually think that a lot of Republicans, since this will be my last election, they will not be as interested in just beating me, and maybe they'll be more interested in moving the country forward. That's my hope. (Applause.)

And I have to say the truth is on most of these issues, there shouldn't be so much partisan rancor because most of the positions I've taken are positions that used to be supported by Republicans. (Applause.)

And if you want just one good example -- health care. (Applause.) The bill I passed is in all respects similar to what Mr. Romney passed in Massachusetts. It's working really well there. He should be proud of it instead of running away from it. And the original idea of using the private sector to make sure that everybody had health care -- that originated as a Republican idea. And I said, fine, I'm willing to work with your ideas to make progress.

So I actually think that there are a number of Republican members of Congress who right now feel as if they've got to toe the party line. But if the objective is no longer just beating me, my hope is that they'll be more open to finding common-sense solutions to the problems that our country faces. And I know that is absolutely a goal of mine because in the end, we are not Democrats or Republicans first, we are Americans first. That's what I believe. (Applause.)

All right. I've got time for two more questions. This gentleman in the blue shirt right there. All right, I'll end over here. (Laughter.) Go ahead.

Q Mr. President, my name is Jeff Weitzel (ph) and I have been teaching more 21 years.

THE PRESIDENT: Congratulations. (Applause.)

Q Thank you. I teach at a vocational school, career-tech school. And my question to you is -- we've been talking about jobs, we've been talking about kids, we've been talking about -- I know you want every kid to go to college, but not every kid is going to go to college. We need people to work. We need people to be plumbers and build bridges and those kinds of things. And what I want to -- (applause) -- I believe it, I really do.

We do miracles at our school. We take kids who have had really rough lives and we make them productive. But the problem is, is that they are not getting enough chances to get to go to work right away. We have advisory boards, but they advisory boards are free, and these people are not getting paid. What we need -- and I was hoping that you could tell if this is something in your agenda -- can we have people come in, give tax breaks to these companies to come and help schools to teach the schools what they really need for these kids? And that's what we're looking for. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, thank you for teaching. Most important job there is. (Applause.) We appreciate that. Second of all, I want to be very clear. When I say everybody needs a higher education, I don't mean everybody has got to take a four-year college education. The point is that, these days, if you want to be a plumber, if you want to be an electrician, you want to be working in a factory, you are generally going to need a little bit more training than high school provides -- which is why our community college system is so important.

But you are absolutely right that one of the, I believe, mistakes we made 20, 30 years ago was to start deemphasizing vocational education -- (applause) -- because not everybody wants to sit in a classroom with a book. A lot of folks want to do stuff. And right now, we've got shortages of folks in fields that need technical training but don't necessarily require a four-year college degree.

And so part of what I'm talking to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan about is how do we work with high schools so that young people who've got an aptitude -- whether it's in graphic design or in electronics, or you name it -- that they can start getting on a pathway so that they are being trained for the jobs that actually

exist now; they're being matched up with companies that are hiring now. They maybe start apprenticing junior, senior year in high school; maybe it extends to another year or two in community college. And by the time they're 21, 22, 23, they are expert in fields where we know there is hiring taking place right now.

So it's very important. We're going to be working with states, local governments, schools districts, and community colleges to try to figure out how we can expand what is already a proven idea in a lot of places around the country.

And so, you and I, we're right there. We're thinking the same way. And I'm looking forward to seeing if we can make progress on this. (Applause.)

All right, last question. I promised -- no, I'm going to call on this young lady right here. This is the last question, and we got to get a mic to her. But it's nice to see you, young man. (Laughter.) That's a good-looking young man, isn't he? He's a handsome young guy. (Laughter.) All right, go ahead.

Q Hi. My father, he's an unemployed construction worker and he's on unemployment. So as your job as President, will he have a job before his unemployment runs out?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, this is an important question. What's your name?

Q Taylor.

THE PRESIDENT: Taylor. How old are you, Taylor?

Q I will be 13 in two months.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, so nice to meet you, and I'm glad you're thinking about your dad, because I know he wants to work.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's my granddaughter.

THE PRESIDENT: My hope is, is that we can put him to work.

Housing took the biggest hit in our economy because you had this big housing bubble that collapsed, so the construction industry, the industry where your dad works, was the hardest hit of any industry and it's the one that's been the slowest to come back -- which is why, since September of last year, I have urged Congress to expand our efforts to rebuild roads, bridges, schools, laying broadband lines going into rural communities -- making sure that all these folks, like your father, who want to work -- these aren't folks who are looking for a handout, they want to be on the job -- so that they have an opportunity to do work that we're going to have to do anyway.

And this is important. How many folks here have a house and you know that you've got a leaky roof? Do you -- you can put off patching up that leaky roof, but sooner or later, you're going to have to patch it up. Sooner or later. And if you don't, what happens?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Falls in.

THE PRESIDENT: It falls in. And then what happens? It's more expensive. Same is true if you got a busted boiler. So we all have what's called deferred maintenance. We can't always do it right away, but a lot of times, if we have an opportunity to do it, we should go ahead and do it, especially if it's cheap.

It is cheaper now to do it than it will be later. Interest rates are low. Construction workers are out of work. Contractors are begging for work. They'll come in on time, under budget. And so we could knock out a whole bunch of work that needs to get done for this country anyway, and put people back to work, which would grow the economy right now.

Now, so far, I have not gotten a positive response from members of Congress on the other side of the aisle. They did just pass -- and this was a sign of some modest cooperation, so it makes me feel a little bit encouraged -- they did just pass a transportation bill that at least wouldn't lay off more construction workers.

But the first thing I want to do was put your dad back on the job rebuilding America. Now, if your father still doesn't get a job, though, part of what I'm also looking for is making sure that unemployment insurance is there for folks who want to work but are having trouble finding work. (Applause.)

And I want folks to be clear: Unemployment insurance -- unemployment benefits, they're paid for. Your employer paid for them. Directly and indirectly, you paid for them. The idea is to have that safety net because everybody once in a while can have some bad luck.

Now, we tried to extend unemployment insurance beyond normal right after the recession hit. We were able to extend it again in 2010. It's been harder now to get Congress to extend it further. And I don't know exactly what category your father falls in, but my bottom line is, my general view is that as long as the economy is weak and somebody is willing and able to work, and looking for work actively -- which is what's required if you want to get unemployment insurance -- then we should be there for them to make sure that they can pay the rent and look after their families.

And so we'll continue to negotiate with Congress to make sure that unemployment is there. But the most important thing I want to do is make sure your dad can get a job. (Applause.)

Let me just say, everybody, I am going to be back in Cincinnati. I'm going to be back in Ohio. (Applause.) I want to thank you for your attention. And I want to explicitly ask you for your support. (Applause.)

This is going to be a close election. This is going to be a close election and it is going to be an important debate. And I want everybody to understand that what I've tried to do over the last three and a half years is to keep my promises. So I promised I'd end the war in Iraq -- I ended it. (Applause.) I promised that we would keep taxes low for middle-class families -- I did that. (Applause.)

But the most important promise I made -- some of you remember me saying this in 2008 -- I said, you know I'm not a perfect man; I said, I wasn't going to be a perfect President -- no President is. But what I promised you was that I would always tell you what I thought, I'd always tell you what I believed, and I would wake up every single day fighting as hard as I knew how for you. (Applause.) And you know what, I have kept that promise.

Because when I look around this room, if I see an elderly couple I think about my grandparents and everything they did for me. And when I see this young lady asking about her dad, I think about my daughters. I see myself in you. And my most important job is fighting for you and that basic American idea that if you work hard in this country, you can succeed, you can get ahead. (Applause.)

And I'm going to do everything I can, as long as I have the honor of being President, to fight for you and working families and middle-class families all across this country. (Applause.) So I hope you'll stand with me. I hope you'll work with me. Let's finish what we started, and remind the world why the United States is the great nation that it is.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Colorado! It is good to be back in Grand Junction. Love Grand Junction. (Applause.) It was about four years ago, around this time, that I was first in Grand Junction. (Applause.) We had a bunch of bales of hay. (Laughter.) You remember that? Everybody was nice. Weather was a little warm. (Laughter.) And it is great to be back.

I've got a couple of people I want to acknowledge. First of all, please give Deanne a big round of applause for the great introduction. (Applause.) And I'm a little sweet on Deanne, not just because of a great introduction, but also because she's a nurse, and I just love nurses because they -- (applause) -- they do such a great job every day.

Also, we've got one of your outstanding U.S. senators, Michael Bennet, in the house. (Applause.) There he is. And one of your former senators, who is now doing an outstanding job looking after the natural resources of this great country of ours -- Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. (Applause.)

Now, those of you who have a seat, feel free to take a seat. (Laughter.) Those of you who don't, just remember to bend your knees because -- (laughter) -- sometimes I have people drop off in the middle of -- (laughter) -- even when I'm not talking too long, just because they've been standing too long. So especially when it's warm like this.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. Who was that? (Applause.)

Now, obviously, this is a smart crowd and so I know that most of the last couple of weeks you've been watching the Olympics, cheering on our U.S. athletes over in London. You've been spending time with family, trying to get outdoors, at least when it cools off. But unless you've been able to hide the television completely or your cable is broke, then you may be aware there's a pretty intense campaign going on

right now. (Applause.) And the reason it's such an intense campaign is because the choice that we face in November could not be bigger.

This is not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties. It's a choice about two fundamentally different visions for the country, two fundamentally different paths. And the direction that we choose -- the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth in less than three months -- is going to have a direct impact not just on our lives, but on the lives of our children and our grandchildren for decades to come.

Now, four years ago, we came together -- Democrats, but also independents and some Republicans -- to restore the basic bargain that had built this country, that had made us the most prosperous nation on Earth. And it's a very simple bargain. It says, if you work hard, your work will be rewarded. (Applause.) It says that if you put in enough effort, you can find a job that pays a decent wage, pays the bills; that you can afford to have a home that you call your own; that you have health care you can count on when you get sick. (Applause.) That after a lifetime of labor, you can put away enough to retire with dignity and respect. And, most importantly, that you can give your kids the kind of education and opportunity that allows them to dream even bigger and do even better than you could ever imagine. That's the promise of America. That's the promise of America. (Applause.)

Now, when we came together, we knew restoring that bargain -- that deal, that compact -- was not going to be easy. We knew it would take more than one year or one term or maybe even one President, because --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four more years! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: -- because we had seen what had happened in the previous decade. Jobs had moved overseas. Folks were working harder and harder, but their wages or incomes, they were staying flat, sometimes even going down. The cost of everything from health care to college was going up. And then, it all culminated in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression -- a crisis that robbed too many of our friends and our neighbors of jobs, the value of their homes, their savings. And all that pushed the American Dream even further out of reach for too many working people.

But, you know what, we've spent the last three and a half years digging ourselves out of that hole. (Applause.) We averted a depression; created 4.5 million new jobs -- 500,000 in manufacturing. We saved an auto industry. (Applause.) We made sure that we worked to make college more affordable. We worked to make sure that health care was secure for families.

And what we discovered during the course of these difficult times is that a crisis doesn't change our character. It doesn't change who we are as a people. It doesn't change what makes us great -- our toughness, our grit, our resilience, and our ability to come together and work

together on behalf of this country. And when we came together in 2008, we understood that there is a core decency, that there is a goodness to the American people, and we need to make sure that that's reflected in what happens in Washington. And our mission has never been more urgent. (Applause.)

So after three and a half tough years, we're still going. We're here to build an economy where hard work pays off -- so that no matter who you are, or what you look like, or where you come from, here in America, you can make it if you try. (Applause.)

That's what this campaign is about, Colorado! (Applause.) And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, understand, there are no quick fixes or easy solutions to some of these challenges. But here's the thing that I constantly am reminded of whenever I travel across the country: We have the capacity to meet any challenge, because we've still got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best scientists and researchers in the world, and the best colleges and the best universities in the world. (Applause.) We're still a young nation, and we've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity and people who want to come here from every corner of the globe.

And so no matter what the naysayers tell us, no matter how dark the other side tries to make things look, the fact is there is not another country on Earth that would not gladly trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

So we can solve our problems. What's standing in our way is not that we don't have good ideas or we don't have solutions to problems like energy independence or improving our schools. What is standing in our way is our politics. You've got a bunch of folks in Washington who think the only way is their way, and who think that the only way to go forward is to go right back to the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: They believe in the old top-down economics that we spent an entire decade trying and that did not work.

And look, I'm not exaggerating here. My opponent, Mr. Romney, and his friends in Congress, when you look at their economic ideas, when you look at -- you know, they've spent a lot of time on commercials, saying how there aren't enough jobs, and the economy is not growing fast enough. And then you ask them, okay, well, what is it that you're thinking about doing? And you know, I am not exaggerating, it boils down to two things. First of all, they want to give more tax cuts to folks at the very top --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- \$5 trillion worth of tax cuts on top of the Bush tax cuts. And then -- so that's idea number one. Idea number two is let's get rid of regulations that we put into place to make sure that Wall Street does not misbehave again and we don't have another meltdown, or getting rid of regulations that help protect our air and our water, or getting rid of regulations that protect consumers from unscrupulous lenders. That's their basic idea. You get rid of regulations and you cut taxes for wealthy Americans, and somehow jobs and prosperity will all rain down on all of us.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: This is the path they're proposing. If you think I'm exaggerating, you go to their websites, you look at the bills that have been passed by this House of Representatives. That is where they will take us if they win. In fact, the centerpiece of Mr. Romney's entire economic plan is this new \$5 trillion tax cut. And now, I want you to pay attention here -- we're going to do a little math. I know it's not everybody's favorite subject, but math is important.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love math!

THE PRESIDENT: I like that -- somebody said they love math. There you go. (Applause.)

All right, so we've known for a while that a lot of this new \$5 trillion tax cut would go to the wealthiest 1 percent of all households. But, last week, an independent nonpartisan organization crunched the numbers. They look -- what does this mean, \$5 trillion? Keep in mind, by the way, the defense budget is about \$500 billion. So a \$5 trillion tax cut is -- over 10 years is like a tax cut that's as big as our entire defense budget every single year. So these guys were trying to analyze what does this mean. They found that Governor Romney's plan would raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, the reason is -- as he says -- that this \$5 trillion tax cut he'll pay for by doing other things, by slashing education or making Medicare into a voucher.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: But even after he makes all the cuts to education and training and science and research and transportation and environmental protection -- you name it -- it turns out he is still short. So the only way that you could actually pay for it is to have you pick up the bill.

So you would then pay \$2,000 extra every year not to reduce the deficit, not to help our kids get an education, not to rebuild our roads and our bridges or lay broadband lines into rural communities. He would ask the middle class to pay more in taxes so he could give another \$250,000 to people

making more than \$3 million a year.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, he was asked about this, his campaign was asked about it, and if this sounds like an idea that would be difficult to explain to the American people, you're right. (Laughter.) Let's just say there was a whole different kind of gymnastics being performed by Mr. Romney than what's been happening in the Olympics. (Laughter and applause.)

So they were twisting and they were turning and doing backflips, and trying to say, well, this is a biased report -- despite the fact that the head of this nonpartisan center used to work for President Bush. But it's not surprising that he was trying to scramble a little bit, because they've tried to sell this old, trickle-down tax cut fairy dust before. (Laughter.)

And, you know what, it did not work then. It won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to lower the deficit. It's not a plan to move our economy forward. It's not a plan to build the middle class. We don't need more tax cuts for folks like me. We need tax cuts for working Americans who are trying to raise a family -- (applause) -- and keep our families healthy, and send our kids to college and keep a roof over their heads. That's who needs some help. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election and that's why I'm running for President -- to fight for you. (Applause.)

Are you guys still bending your knees? (Laughter.) You got some water, get hydrated.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sing for us!

THE PRESIDENT: Michelle made me promise that I can't sing to others anymore --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- because she wants me to just sing to her, you know? (Laughter and applause.)

But look, Grand Junction, I've got a different plan for America. Their ideas aren't going to work.

Four years ago, I promised to cut middle-class taxes. That's exactly what I've done. (Applause.) The typical family has seen their taxes go down by about \$3,600. So when you talk to your friends or neighbors and they say, he's a big, spending, tax-raising Democrat -- (laughter) -- you've got to tell them, no, actually, if you're in the middle class, your taxes have gone down. (Applause.)

So now, I want to keep taxes exactly where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. So if your family makes under \$250,000 -- which, by the way, 98 percent of Americans do -- (applause) -- 97 percent of small businesses

do, you will not see your income taxes increase by a single dime next year. That's my plan. (Applause.) And, by the way, I've told Congress -- I told the Republicans in Congress, I said, let's do it now. You guys say you don't want to see anybody's taxes go up; I don't want to see anybody who's making \$250,000 or less see their taxes go up -- let's go ahead and sign a bill. (Applause.) But, shockingly enough -- (laughter) -- they haven't agreed so far because they're holding you guys hostage to try to get tax cuts for the top 2 percent.

Now, look, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent of Americans, you're still going to get a tax cut on the first \$250,000 of your income. So if you make \$260,000, the first \$250,000, you're still keeping all that tax cut. It's just that little bit over \$250,000. Now, if you're making \$5 million, you can afford it. Right? (Applause.)

All we're asking for folks who have been blessed -- like me -- I mean, I'm not being self-interested here. It's not like I love paying taxes, but I understand I've got certain obligations because this country has been so good to me. (Applause.) So what I've -- all we're saying is for folks in the top 2 percent, let's go back to what we were paying under Bill Clinton. Let's contribute a little bit more so we pay down our deficit, and we can still invest in things like education to help our kids succeed. (Applause.)

Now, keep in mind, just in case you're talking to your friends or neighbors again and they say, well, that just -- a little bit of tax increase on the top 2 percent, that won't cut the deficit -- they're right. We got to do more. So we've already cut a trillion dollars. Federal spending is growing at a slower rate than any time since Dwight Eisenhower. (Applause.) I'll make sure government continues to do its part, and we'll cut out spending we don't need. But I'm not going to pay for a massive new tax cut for millionaires and billionaires by gutting investments that have always made us strong as a country. (Applause.)

And, by the way, just like we tested their plan under the previous administration and it didn't work, we've tested my plan because, as you'll recall, under Bill Clinton, when those taxes were a little bit higher on folks like me, the economy grew faster than it has in years -- 23 million new jobs. (Applause.) We went from a deficit to a surplus. (Applause.) And folks at the top did well. We created a lot of millionaires to boot. And the reason is that -- look, when a construction worker has a got a little money in his pocket, now he starts thinking about buying a new car. When a teacher has security in her job, now she might go to a restaurant once in a while. (Applause.)

And so what happens is, when the middle class is strong, suddenly businesses have more customers, businesses have more profits, businesses decide to hire more workers. Everybody does well. That's how we build a strong economy -- not from the top down, from the middle out, from the bottom up. That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term for President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Obama! Obama! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, let me say, you can see how this plays out on a whole bunch of issues -- not just taxes and the deficit. When the American auto industry was on the brink of collapse, more than one million jobs at stake, Governor Romney says, let's "let Detroit go bankrupt."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I said let's bet on American workers. (Applause.) And the American auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.)

So now, I want to make sure that the jobs of tomorrow, including advanced manufacturing jobs, that they're not taking root in China or Germany. I want them to take root in Colorado, in Ohio, in Michigan. (Applause.)

Governor Romney and I have a different theory. He spent his private sector experience investing in companies that were called "pioneers" of outsourcing. I want to insource. I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give those tax breaks to companies that are investing in Colorado, investing in Grand Junction, hiring American workers, selling American products, stamping those goods with three proud words: Made in America. That's what I believe. (Applause.)

Mr. Romney says it was "tragic" for me to end the war in Iraq, like I promised. I think after a decade of war it's time to do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) Thanks to the incredible service of our men and women in uniform -- (applause) -- Iraq is in charge of its own destiny. We are bringing troops home from Afghanistan. We went after bin Laden and al Qaeda and we got them. (Applause.)

So now, let's take half of the savings that we were spending on war and let's use it to put people back to work rebuilding schools, rebuilding bridges, rebuilding roads, improving our airport systems, improving our ports so that we can move goods and services that will make our economy strong not just now, but in the future. And, by the way, that also helps us pay for providing services that our men and women in uniform have earned. Our veterans fought too hard for us for them to have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.) That is a sacred trust we've got to keep. (Applause.)

I'm running to make sure America once again leads the world in educating our kids. (Applause.) I want to hire new teachers, especially in math and science. (Applause.) Help 2 million people go to community colleges to train for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) And I want to make sure that every young person can afford to go to college. We have already expanded student aid; now we need to bring tuitions down. (Applause.) That's why I'm running for

President -- to give our young people a chance. (Applause.)

On every issue, there's a difference. On housing and foreclosures, Mr. Romney says let the market just bottom out. I say let's let every American refinance their homes at historically low rates, save \$3,000 per family, per homeowner. That could actually boost the economy and strengthen the housing market. (Applause.)

When it comes to health care, he wants to kill Obamacare. I'm implementing Obamacare because it was the right thing to do. (Applause.) Already, as we speak, 6.5 million young people under the age of 26 can stay on their parent's plan. (Applause.) Millions of seniors have saved hundreds of dollars on their prescription drugs, and we're closing the doughnut hole. (Applause.) Individuals and businesses are getting rebates from their insurance companies because insurance companies have to use most of the money they get in premiums to provide care, not for CEO bonuses and administrative costs. (Applause.) If your child has a preexisting condition, insurance companies can't turn them down. (Applause.) Soon, adults who have preexisting conditions cannot be turned down. (Applause.)

So if that's what Mr. Romney wants to get rid of -- despite the fact that he did the same thing in Massachusetts and it worked pretty well -- (laughter) -- then that's a different --that's a choice in this election.

You know, I don't think we should be refighting some of the battles he wants to refight. I think it was the right thing to do to end "don't ask, don't tell." (Applause.) I think you should be able to serve your country no matter who you are. (Applause.) I don't think it makes sense for us to take away control that women have over their own health care decisions. (Applause.)

But most of all, most of all, I want to make sure that that original bargain that made this country great, that basic idea that if you work hard you can make it, that that is restored. And everything we do -- from health care to education, to manufacturing, to our infrastructure, to our investment in science and research -- all of this is designed to make sure that we've got a strong middle class going forward; that no matter what you look like, where you come from, that everybody has got a fair shot, and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same set of rules. (Applause.)

That's the same promise our parents and our grandparents and our great-grandparents believed in. And now we've got to pass on that same promise to the next generation.

Now, over the last -- over the next three months -- 89 days, to be precise -- (laughter) -- the other side will be spending more money than we've ever seen. You've got these guys writing \$10 million checks. You've got these super PACs that are just going crazy.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And now, here's the thing. I don't know why they're running all these ads, because basically they only have one ad. It's just a variation on the same ad, which is the economy is not where it should be and it's Obama's fault. That's their basic argument. Because they know they can't sell their actual plans -- they don't have plans. (Applause.) Their message is designed to try to win an election, but it's not a plan to create jobs. They don't have a plan to grow the economy. They don't have a plan to revive the middle class. But I do. (Applause.)

And so when you're talking to your friends and your neighbors, and they say, well, I don't know, Mr. Romney, he ran a business and I think maybe that might work -- look, if you believe that trying what we already tried and it didn't work is worth trying again; if you believe it's okay to cut taxes for folks who are doing really well and ask folks who are struggling to do more; if you think it's okay for us to cut back on our investments in education and science and set our sights lower -- then that's your choice. That's how our democracy works. Try it out.

But, you know what, if you believe that we're on the right track -- (applause) -- if you think like I do that we've come too far to turn back now, then I'm going to need you, Colorado. (Applause.) We've got too many good jobs to create. We've got too many good teachers to hire. We've got too many great schools to build. We've got too many students we need to help go to college. We've got too much homegrown clean energy to generate. We've got more troops to bring home. We've got more doors of opportunity to open to everybody who is willing to work hard, to walk through that door. We've got to leave something behind for the next generation, so they can do even better, so they can do even bigger than we ever imagined. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake. That's why I'm running. And if you're willing to stand with me and if you still believe in me just like I believe in you, we will win, Colorado. We will win this election. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Ohio! (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: How's it going, Bearcats? (Applause.) Got some Bearcats in the house. Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Ready to go!

THE PRESIDENT: Fired up?

AUDIENCE: Ready to go!

THE PRESIDENT: Fired up?

AUDIENCE: Ready to go!

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, you sound pretty fired up. (Applause.)

Can everybody please give Julie a big round of applause for the great introduction. (Applause.) Give it up for your Mayor, Mark Mallory, who's here. (Applause.)

This is a nice crowd here. Thank you so much. Now, those of you who have seats, if you want to get comfortable, feel free. Those of you who don't have seats, you're stuck. (Laughter.)

You know, for the past several days, all of us have been focused on what's happening on the East Coast, one of the worst storms of our lifetimes. And the images have been heartbreaking. We've seen those who -- (audience interruption) -- we're okay.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: I guess you all are still fired up.  
(Applause.)

But on the East Coast what we've seen are folks who are going through some incredible difficulties. There are those who have lost loved ones. And I had a chance to visit New Jersey and talk to some of the families who have been affected -- (audience interruption) -- it's okay. It's okay, guys. We're okay. (Applause.)

All right, let me try this again. No, no, no, listen up because this is important. First of all, Cincinnati, Ohio knows what it's like sometimes to get hit by terrible storms. And we've seen families lose loved ones, and we've seen people's lives upended. And so I hope that all of you are understanding that this rebuilding is going to take a long time.

Those of you who can help through the Red Cross, we need you to help. And when I went to New Jersey, what I told them was -- (applause) -- what I told them was I come not just as a President, but as a fellow citizen, and I'm confident I speak for all Americans when I say that no matter how long the road, no matter how difficult, we are going to be with them every step of the way in helping them to rebuild their lives. (Applause.) And we're going to do it together.

During tragedies like this, obviously our hearts are broken. But we're also inspired -- (audience interruption.) It's okay, folks. Everybody, it's okay. We're good. (Applause.) These might have been some Tennessee Titans fans who were mad about the Bears beating them really badly today. (Applause.) My Chicago Bears did pretty good. (Applause.)

But we've also been inspired these past few days by the images of police officers and firefighters and EMS folks running through water, and pulling folks out of buildings; neighbors helping neighbors cope with tragedy; leaders of different parties working together to fix what's broken. (Applause.) What we've seen is a spirit that says no matter how bad a storm is, no matter how tough times may get, we're all in this together. (Applause.) We rise or fall as one nation, as one people.

And that spirit has guided this country along its improbable journey for two centuries now.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

That spirit has also carried us through the trials and tribulations of the last four years. These have been a tough four years. In 2008, we were in the middle of two wars and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Today, our businesses have created nearly 5.5 million new jobs. (Applause.) The American auto industry is back on top. (Applause.) Home values are on the rise. We're less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in 20 years. Because of the service and sacrifice of our brave men and women in uniform,

the war in Iraq is over. (Applause.) The war in Afghanistan is coming to a close. (Applause.) Al Qaeda has been decimated. Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.) We've made progress.

We've made real progress these past four years. But here's the thing, Ohio. We know we've got more work to do. That's why we're here today, because we've got more work to do.

As long as there's a single American who wants a job but can't find one, our work is not yet done. As long as there are families working harder and harder but still falling behind, our work is not done. As long as there's a child anyplace in Cincinnati, anyplace in Ohio, anyplace in the United States of America who's languishing in poverty, who's barred from opportunity, the fight goes on. (Applause.)

Our fight goes on, because this nation cannot succeed without a growing, thriving middle class, and sturdy ladders for all who are willing to work hard to get into the middle class. Our fight goes on because we know America always does its best when everybody gets a fair shot, and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same rules. That's what we believe. That's why you elected me in 2008. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, in two days, America has got a choice to make. You in Ohio, you've already been making the choice because you've got early vote. (Applause.) And those of you who have not yet voted, you can still vote tomorrow and Tuesday. So don't wait.

But there may be some folks who are still undecided, just decided you wanted to hear Stevie. (Laughter.) I can't argue with that. But for those of you -- or your friends or your neighbors -- who are still trying to make up their minds, this is not just a choice between two candidates or two parties. It's a choice between two different visions of America. (Applause.) It's a choice between a return to the top-down policies that crashed our economy, or the strong, growing middle-class-based policies that are getting us out of a crisis. (Applause.)

Now, understand, look, as Americans, we believe in the free market. We believe in free enterprise. We believe in the strivers, the dreamers, the risk-takers. We know they've always been the driving force behind our economy, the greatest engine of growth and prosperity the world has ever known. That's what we believe. But we also believe that in this country, the free market and free enterprise work best when everybody has got a chance to participate -- (applause) -- when everybody is getting a good education and the skills they need to compete; when, together, we're investing in research for medical breakthroughs and new technologies.

We believe America works best, is stronger, when everybody can count on affordable health insurance -- just like Julie and Nathan. (Applause.) When they can count on Medicare and Social Security in their golden years; when there are rules to protect our kids from pollution; rules to protect consumers from being taken advantage of by unscrupulous credit card

companies or mortgage lenders.

And then, we believe there are some things that Washington should just stay out of -- like we believe no politician -- especially a whole bunch of male politicians in Washington -- should control the health care choices women can make for themselves. (Applause.)

Now, for eight years, we had a President who shared these beliefs -- his name was Bill Clinton. (Applause.) And so we were able to put our ideas to the test. His economic plan when he came in asked the wealthiest Americans to pay a little more so we could reduce our deficit and invest in the skills and ideas of our people.

And at the time, the Republican Congress -- and a Senate candidate by the name of Mitt Romney -- said that Bill Clinton's plan would hurt the economy and kill jobs. Turns out his math was just as bad back then as it is now. (Applause.) Because by the end of President Clinton's second term, America had created 23 million new jobs. And incomes were up, and poverty was down, and our deficit became the biggest surplus in history. So our ideas have been put to the test, we know they work.

Now, the other guy's ideas have been put to the test also -- because after President Clinton, we had eight years in which we tried giving big tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans. We tried giving insurance companies and oil companies and Wall Street a free license to do whatever they pleased. And what we got was falling incomes, and record deficits, and the slowest job growth in 50 years, and an economic crisis that we're still cleaning our way out of.

So -- stay with me here -- we've got ideas that work, and we've got ideas that don't work. And so the choice should be pretty clear. But Governor Romney is a very talented salesman, and so in this campaign he has tried as hard as he can to repackage the old ideas that didn't work as new ideas. In fact, he's offered them up as change -- says he's the candidate of change. (Laughter.)

Now, here's the thing, Cincinnati. It turns out we know what change looks like. (Applause.) And what Governor Romney is selling is not change. Giving more power back to the biggest banks -- that's not change. Another \$5 trillion tax cut that favors the wealthy -- not change. Refusing to answer questions about the details of your policy until after the election -- definitely not change. That's the oldest trick in the book. Ruling out compromise by pledging to rubber-stamp the tea party's agenda in Congress -- not change. Changing the facts when they're inconvenient to your campaign -- not change. (Applause.)

Governor Romney has been having a tough time here in Ohio because everybody knows he was against saving the auto industry in a state where one in eight jobs is connected to the American auto industry. So he decided to solve that problem by running ads that say the Jeep plant here in Ohio is shipping jobs to China -- even though everyone knows the Jeep plant isn't shipping jobs to China. That's not a good closing

argument to the people of Ohio.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And the problem is this isn't a game. You don't scare people just to scare up some votes. (Applause.) You don't have workers in the Jeep plant calling up their boss saying, am I about to lose my job, because they've seen an ad on TV that's not true. That's not what being President is all about. (Applause.)

And so when you're thinking about this choice, or your talking to your friends and neighbors about this choice, you've got to remind them it's not just about policy, it's also about trust, who do you trust.

AUDIENCE: You!

THE PRESIDENT: Look, Ohio, you know me by now. (Applause.) You may not agree with every decision I've made -- Michelle doesn't agree with me on everything -- (laughter) -- you may sometimes be frustrated at the pace of change. I get frustrated at the pace of change sometimes. But you know I say what I mean and I mean what I say. (Applause.)

I said I'd end the war in Iraq -- I ended the war in Iraq. (Applause.) I said I'd pass health care reform -- I passed it. (Applause.) I said I'd repeal "don't ask, don't tell" -- I repealed it. (Applause.) I said I'd help young people afford a college education -- we expanded Pell grants, lowered student loans. (Applause.) I do what I say.

You know where I stand and you know what I believe. You know I tell the truth. And you know I'll fight for you and your families every single day as hard as I know how. (Applause.)

So when I tell you I know what real change looks like, it's because I've fought for it; because I delivered it; because I've got the scars to prove it -- because that's why my hair went gray. (Applause.) And, Ohio, after all we've been together, we can't give up on it now. We've got to keep on going and bring some more change to America. (Applause.) We've got more work to do.

So let me tell you, over the next four years here's what change is. Change is a country where every American has a shot at a great education. Now, government can't do this alone; parents have to parent, students have to study. Bearcats, I want you to hit the books now. Don't just have fun here. (Applause.) But don't tell me that hiring more teachers won't help this economy grow -- of course it will. (Applause.) Don't tell me that students who can't afford college should just borrow money from their parents. (Applause.) That wasn't an option for me, and I'll bet it's not an option for a lot of you.

That's why I want to cut the growth of tuition in half over the next 10 years. (Applause.) That's why I want to recruit 100,000 math and science teachers, so our kids don't fall behind the rest of the world. (Applause.) That's why I

want to train 2 million Americans at our community colleges with the skills that businesses are hiring for right now. That's my plan. That's what change is. That's what we're fighting for in this election. (Applause.)

Change is when we live up to this country's legacy of innovation. I'm very proud that I bet on American workers, American ingenuity and the American auto industry. But I'm especially proud because we're not just building cars, we're building better cars here in Ohio, here in the Midwest, here in America -- (applause) -- cars that by the middle of the next decade will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) That helps our environment. That helps our economy. That helps our national security.

But we don't want to just stop at cars. We want advanced manufacturing all across this country. There are thousands of workers building long-lasting batteries, building wind turbines, building solar panels. (Applause.) I don't want a tax code that simply subsidizes oil company profits when they're making money hand over fist. I want to support the energy jobs of tomorrow. I want to support the new technology that will cut our oil imports in half. (Applause.) I don't want a tax code that rewards companies shipping jobs overseas. I want to reward companies investing here in Ohio, manufacturing with American workers. That's my plan for jobs and growth. That's the future I see. (Applause.)

Change is turning the page on a decade of war so we can do some nation-building here at home. As long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will pursue our enemies with the strongest military the world has ever known. But it's time for us to use some of the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and winding down, transitioning in Afghanistan to pay down our debt, to rebuild America. (Applause.) Let's put some folks back to work right now repairing roads and bridges. And there's a bridge right here in Cincinnati that needs some work. (Applause.) Let's make sure we've got schools that are state-of-the-art all across this country. And let's, especially, hire our veterans, because if you fought for this country and its freedom, you shouldn't have to fight for a job when you come home. (Applause.)

That's what will keep us strong. That's my commitment to you. And that's what's at stake in this election.

Change is a future where we reduce our deficit and our debt, but we do it in a balanced, responsible way. I've signed a trillion dollars' worth of spending cuts; I intend to do more. But if we're serious about our deficit, we can't just cut our way to prosperity. We've also got to ask the wealthiest Americans to go back to the same tax rates they paid when Bill Clinton was in office. (Applause.) And the reason, Cincinnati, is because a budget is about choices. It's about values. It's about priorities. We can't do everything. We've got to make some decisions in terms of what's important.

And as long as I'm President, I won't turn Medicare into a voucher just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. (Applause.) I won't throw kids off of Head Start just to pay for another tax cut for me. I don't need it. (Applause.)

Those kids need it; I don't need it.

So we know what change is. We know what the future requires. And we also know it's not easy. It's not easy bringing about change. Back in 2008, when we talked about change we believe in, I warned people -- look, I wasn't just talking about changing presidents; I wasn't just talking about changing political parties; I was talking about changing how our system of politics works.

I ran because the voices of the American people -- your voices -- had been shut out of our democracy for way too long by lobbyists and special interests and politicians who will say and do whatever it takes just to keep things the way they are. (Applause.) The protectors of the status quo -- they're powerful. And they've fought us every step of the way in Washington. They spent millions to try to stop us from reforming health care; spent millions to try to stop us from reforming Wall Street. And when we got all those things through, they engineered a strategy of gridlock in Congress, refusing to compromise even on ideas that both Democrats and Republicans used to support -- like Obamacare, which started out in Massachusetts under Governor Romney. (Applause.) It worked fine when a Republican was sponsoring it, and suddenly it was terrible when a Democrat put it forward. (Laughter.)

And the reason they've done this -- look, it's a strategy. They made a calculation. What they're counting on is that you will be so worn down by all the squabbling, you'll be tired of all the dysfunction, you'll just be fed up and you'll ultimately give up on the idea of change -- you'll walk away, you'll leave them in power, you'll decide things can't change.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: In other words, their bet is on cynicism. But, Ohio, my bet is on you. (Applause.) My bet is on you. My bet is on the common sense and decency of the American people.

And, by the way, this is not a partisan idea. When the other party has been willing to work with me to advance the cause of middle-class and working-class families, I've been right there with them. We worked with Republicans and Democrats to cut middle-class taxes, to cut taxes for small businesses. We came together to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" -- we had some courageous Republican senators get involved. (Applause.)

I will work with anybody of any party to move this country forward. And if you want to break the gridlock in Congress, you vote for leaders -- whether they're Democrats, Republicans, independents -- who feel the same way, who put you first, who don't put politics or the next election first. (Applause.)

But if we want meaningful change that actually helps families, then we also have some principles. There have to be some things that we're willing to fight for. If the price of peace in Washington is cutting deals that kick students off of

financial aid, or get rid of funding for Planned Parenthood, or let insurance companies discriminate against people with preexisting conditions, or eliminate health care for millions on Medicaid who are poor or elderly or disabled, then that's a price I'm not willing to pay. (Applause.)

That's not bipartisanship. That's not change. That's surrender to the same status quo that has hurt too many families for too long. And I am not ready to give up on the fight just yet. (Applause.) I am not ready to give up on that fight. (Applause.) And I hope you aren't either, Ohio. I hope you aren't either.

See, the folks at the very top in this country, they don't need another champion in Washington. They will always have a seat at the table. They will always have access and influence. The people who need a champion are the Americans whose letters I read late at night when I get up from the Oval Office; the men and women I meet on the campaign trail every day.

The laid-off worker who has to go back at the age of 55 to retrain at a community college -- she needs a champion. The restaurant owner who has some really good food but not a lot of money, and needs a loan to expand after the bank turned him down -- he needs a champion. (Applause.)

The cooks and the waiters and the cleaning staff working overtime at a Cincinnati hotel, trying to save enough to buy a first home or send their kid to college -- they need a champion. (Applause.) The autoworker back on a job, feeling proud because he's building a great car -- he needs a champion. (Applause.) That teacher in a classroom, overcrowded classroom -- (applause) -- digging into her own pocket to buy school supplies, not getting the support she needs, but knowing maybe this day that one child will learn something, and that makes it all worthwhile -- she needs a champion. (Applause.)

All those kids in inner cities and small farm town, in the valleys of Ohio, the rolling Virginia hills -- kids dreaming of becoming scientists or doctors or engineers or entrepreneurs, businessmen, diplomats, maybe even a President -- they need a champion in Washington. They don't have a lobbyist. (Applause.) The future doesn't have the same kind of lobbyists as the status quo, but it's the dreams of those children that will be our saving grace.

And that's why I need you, Ohio -- to make sure their voices are heard, to make sure your voices are heard. (Applause.) We've come too far to turn back now. We've come too far to let our hearts grow faint. We've got to keep pushing forward -- (applause) -- to educate all our kids, and train all our workers, to create new jobs, to bring our troops home, to care for our veterans, to broaden opportunity, to grow a middle class, to restore our democracy -- to make sure that no matter who you are, or where you come from, or how you started out, or what you look like, you can make it in America. (Applause.) You can make it if you try.

And, Ohio, that's why I'm asking you for your vote. I

need you, Ohio. (Applause.) And if you're willing to work with me, and knock on some doors with me, if you're willing to early vote for me, make some phone calls for me, turn out for me, we'll win Ohio. (Applause.) We will win this election. We'll renew the bonds and reaffirm the spirit that makes the United States of America the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, L.A.! (Applause.) Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Fired up!

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Ready to go!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you! Thank you, L.A.! (Applause.) Thank you so much, everybody. Everybody, thank you. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. Everybody, have a seat. Have a seat. Now, first of all, I've got some thank-yous to make. I am so grateful to George Clooney. Give it up for George. (Applause.) Jennifer Hudson. (Applause.) Old school -- Earth, Wind and Fire. (Applause.) Jon Bon Jovi. (Applause.) New school -- Katy Perry. (Applause.) Stevie Wonder. (Applause.) And I understand Katy had some choirs out, so give it up for the choirs. (Applause.)

I want to thank the members of Congress who came today, and I also want to thank two of our country's outstanding mayors -- Julian Castro, and your very own Antonio Villaraigosa. (Applause.)

Now, I've got to admit that even though my staff all came over early to get the show, I got left behind. (Laughter.) But my understanding is it was an incredible show. (Applause.) These guys -- and everybody here are just incredible professionals. They're such great friends, and they

just perform flawlessly night after night. I can't always say the same. (Laughter and applause.) But here's the good news, is we've got a better vision for our country. We have a better plan for the next four years. (Applause.) And that's why we're here tonight.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Love you!

THE PRESIDENT: Love you back. (Applause.)

We've got some work to do. We've got an election to win. Everything we fought for in 2008 is on the line here in 2012. And I need your help to finish what we started. I need your help. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I told you I'd end the war in Iraq, and we did. (Applause.) I said I'd end the war in Afghanistan -- we are. (Applause.) I said we'd focus on the people who actually attacked us on 9/11, and today Osama bin Laden is no more. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families, and we have, by \$3,600. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small business owners, and we have, 18 times. (Applause.)

We got every dime back that was used to rescue the banks. We passed a law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good. We passed health care reform -- also known as Obamacare -- because I do care about the American people. (Applause.) So your insurance companies can't jerk you around anymore, or tell you that being a woman is somehow a preexisting condition. (Applause.)

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell" so no outstanding soldier is ever kicked out of the military because of who they love. (Applause.)

When Governor Romney tried to give us his business advice about the economy and said that we should "let Detroit go bankrupt," we said, no, thanks, we're not going to take that advice. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. (Applause.)

So three years ago, four years after that campaign that you were watching on that video, after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, our businesses have now created more than 5 million jobs.

(Applause.) On Friday, we found out the unemployment rate has fallen from the height of 10 percent down to 7.8 percent -- (applause) -- the lowest since I took office. Manufacturing is coming back to America. Home values are on the rise.

Now, we're not there yet. We've still got too many Americans looking for work, too many families who can't pay the bills, too many homes underwater, too many young people graduating with too much debt. (Applause.) But if there's one thing I know, we've come a long way and we've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.)

The last thing we can afford right now is four years of the very same policies that led us to this crisis in the first place. I cannot allow that to happen. I will not let it happen. That's why I am running for a second term for President of the United States, and that's why I need your help. (Applause.)

I have seen too much pain and too much struggle to let this country go through another round of top-down economics. One of the main reasons we had this crisis in the first place is because we had big banks on Wall Street that were allowed to make big bets with other people's money on the line. And now, Governor Romney wants to roll back the rules so we go back to that behavior? Not if I have anything to say about it.

One of the main reasons we went from record surpluses under Bill Clinton to record deficits under George Bush is because we put two wars and two tax cuts on a credit card. And now, Governor Romney wants another \$5 trillion in tax cuts that he can't pay for? Not if I've got anything to say about it. (Applause.)

Obviously, the Governor knows his \$5 trillion isn't too popular, so a few weeks before this election he's trying to pretend it doesn't exist, because that's a lot easier than trying to explain how he'd pay for it without asking middle-class families to pick up the tab. The other night he ruled out asking millionaires and billionaires to pay even a dime more in taxes to help us bring down our deficit. Not a dime. When he was asked what he'd actually do to cut spending, he said he'd go after public television. So for all you moms and kids out there, don't worry, somebody is finally cracking down on Big Bird -- cracking down on him. (Laughter.) Elmo has made a run for the border. Governor Romney plans to let Wall Street run wild again, but he's bringing the hammer down on Sesame Street. (Laughter.)

L.A., we can't afford another round of tax cuts for folks who don't need them. We can't afford to gut our investments in education or clean energy or research and technology. We can't afford to roll back regulations not just on Wall Street, but on oil companies and insurance companies. That's not a jobs plan. That's not a plan to grow our economy. That's not change. It's a relapse. We've been there. We have tried that. We're not going back. (Applause.) We are moving forward. That's why I'm running again. That's why I need your help. (Applause.)

See, we've got a different view about how we create jobs and prosperity in America. This country doesn't succeed when only the top are doing well. We succeed when the middle class is getting bigger, and people have ladders of opportunity to live out their dreams. Our economy doesn't grow from the top down. It grows from the middle out and the bottom up. We don't believe that anybody is entitled to success in this country. But we do believe in something called opportunity. (Applause.)

We believe in a country where hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded, and everybody is getting a fair

shot and everybody is doing their fair share and everybody is playing by the same rules. That's the country that I believe in. That's the country you believe in. (Applause.) That's what I've been fighting for, for the last four years. That's why I'm running for a second term. We've got a lot more work to do to make sure that everybody is taking part. (Applause.)

So here's what we need to do. We've got a lot more to do. I think it's time to change our tax code so we're not rewarding jobs -- companies that are shipping jobs overseas. (Applause.)

I want to reward small businesses and manufacturers who make products that are stamped with three proud words: Made in America. (Applause.)

I want us to control our own energy here in America. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas -- and that means something here in Los Angeles. (Applause.)

Today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than any time in the last two decades. (Applause.) So now it's time to move forward. My plan would cut our oil import in half, by investing in the clean energy that's creating thousands of jobs all across America right now -- not just oil and natural gas, but wind power and solar and fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries. And unlike my opponent, I'm not going to allow oil companies to collect another \$4 billion in taxpayer-funded corporate welfare. (Applause.) We're not going to let China win the race for clean energy technology. I want that technology developed right here in the United States, creating jobs right here in the United States, helping our environment right here in the United States. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

I want us to have the best education system in the world, make sure that Americans from every walk of life are getting the chance they need to get the skills they need to succeed. I would not be standing here if it weren't for an education that I couldn't necessarily afford on my own. (Applause.) It was the gateway of opportunity for me, for Michelle, for so many of you. And now you've got a choice. We could gut education to pay for Governor Romney's \$5 trillion tax break.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.)

Or we can recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers; improve our early-childhood education system; provide job training for 2 million workers at our community colleges; work with colleges and universities to cut the growth of tuition costs. We can meet those goals. We can make sure that every young person here in Los Angeles, here in California, here in the United States of America, no matter what they look like, no matter where they come from, if they're willing to work hard, they can succeed, too. That's our goal. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

We'd use the money we're saving from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to pay down our deficit, but also to put

people back to work -- rebuilding roads and bridges and schools all across America. And every brave American who wears the uniform of this country should know that as long as I am Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. And when our troops take off their uniform, we will serve them as well as they've served us -- because nobody who has fought for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. Let's not just talk about honoring our veterans; let's put our money where our mouth is. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

Fifth, we need to cut the deficit, but we've got to do it in an intelligent way. I've proposed cutting it by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years, and I've already worked with Republicans to cut a trillion dollars of spending. But we can't get this done unless we also look at the other side of the ledger. We don't cut our way to prosperity. We've got to ask the wealthiest among us to pay higher taxes on incomes over \$250,000, which is the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President -- our economy created nearly 23 million new jobs, the biggest surplus in history, and a lot of millionaires did well, too -- because when we give tax breaks to middle-income folks, to lower-income folks, they spend it. They need to, to pay the bills, which means businesses end up with more customers, they make more profits, and that means they hire more workers.

Governor Romney said it's fair that he pays a lower tax rate than a teacher or an auto worker that makes \$50,000. I think he's wrong.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.)

I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. (Applause.) I refuse to ask students to pay more for college, or kick children out of Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor or elderly or disabled just to pay for tax cuts we can't afford. And that's the choice that we face in this election. That's what this election comes down to.

Over and over again, we're told that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If a company releases pollution into the air your children breathe, well, that's the price of progress. If you can't afford to start a business or go to college, just borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.)

That's not who we are. That's not what this country is about. Here in America, we believe in individual initiative and self-reliance, but we also believe there are some things we do together. We understand America is not just about what can be done for us. It's about what can be done by us, together, as one nation, as one people. (Applause.) You understood that in 2008. It's true even more so now in 2012.

Because of you, we've made progress. You're the reason there's a little girl with a heart disorder in Phoenix who gets the surgery she needs because insurance companies can't limit her coverage. (Applause.) You're the reason a factory worker who lost his job in Toledo is back on the line building the best cars in the world. You're the reason a student here in L.A. has help paying for her college. (Applause.) The reason a veteran can go to college on the New G.I. bill.

You're the reason a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.) You're the reason that an outstanding soldier won't be kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love. You're the reason why thousands of families have finally been able to say to loved ones who served us so bravely: "Welcome home." (Applause.) You're the reason.

And if you turn back now, if you buy into the cynicism that everything that we fought for somehow isn't possible, then of course change won't happen. If you give up on the idea that your voice can make a difference, then other voices will fill the void -- the lobbyists and the special interests, and the folks who are writing \$10 million checks to beat me, and folks who are trying to keep making it harder for you to vote, the politicians in Washington who want to control the health care choices that women are perfectly capable of making themselves. (Applause.)

You've got to make sure that your voice is heard. Only you can make sure that those things don't happen. Only you've got the power to move us forward.

I've always said -- I said this back in 2008 -- that change, real change, takes time. It takes more than one term or one President. It takes more than one party. (Applause.) It can't happen if you write off half the nation before you even take office. (Applause.)

Back in 2008 -- everybody always remembers the victory, but they don't always remember the bumps in the road. Things always look good in retrospect. But in the middle of it, we were -- we made all kinds of mistakes. We goofed up. I goofed up. But the American people carried us forward. (Applause.) And even with all the things we had going for us -- all the way that things just kind of converged, 47 percent of the country still didn't vote for me. (Laughter.) I just want to point that out. (Laughter.)

But on the night of the election, I said to all those Americans, I may not have your vote, but I hear your voices. I need your help. I'll be your President, too. (Applause.) And I don't know how many will vote for me this time, but I want you to know I'll be there for you no matter what. (Applause.) I'll be fighting just as hard for you as I am for somebody who did vote for me -- because I'm not fighting to create Republican jobs or Democratic jobs; I'm fighting to create American jobs. (Applause.) I'm not fighting to improve schools in red states or blue states; I'm fighting to improve

schools in the United States.

The values we believe in don't belong to any one group or one party -- they're not black or white, or Asian or Latino or Native American, gay, straight, abled, disabled -- they are American values; they belong to all of us. (Applause.)

And I still believe we're not as divided as our politics suggest. (Applause.) I still believe we've got more in common than the pundits tell us. And most of all, I still believe in you. (Applause.) I still believe in you, and I am asking you to keep on believing in me. (Applause.) I am asking you for your vote. I am asking you to get out there and work.

If you are willing to stand with me, if you're willing to work with me, if you're willing to knock on some doors with me and make some phone calls with me -- (applause) -- if you're willing to email and tweet, and call your friends and call your neighbors, talk to your cousins, talk to grandma and grandpa -- if you will do that, we will finish what we started in 2008. (Applause.) We will win this election. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you, California. God bless you and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, everybody. (Applause.) Thank you. Everybody, please have a seat. (Applause.) Thank you. It's good to be in Florida. (Applause.) It's good to be in Miami. Thank you so much, everybody. Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.) I do.

Can everybody please give Lidia a big round of applause for the wonderful introduction. (Applause.) Give it up for Sheila E. (Applause.) I was backstage. I want to thank an extraordinary Congresswoman and somebody who is just fighting on behalf of families not just here in Florida but all across the country every single day -- my friend, Debbie Wasserman Schultz -- give her a big round of applause. (Applause.)

To one of my campaign co-chairs who is -- she's putting in a lot of miles, and could not be a more passionate advocate on behalf of the things that we work for -- Eva Longoria. (Applause.) We're thrilled to have her here.

I want to thank Kirk Wagar for all the great work here in Florida -- Kirk. (Applause.) And finally, I want to thank your former governor, somebody who's been a great friend, Charlie Crist in the house. (Applause.) Charlie reminds all of us that the values we're fighting for, they're not Democratic values or Republican values -- they are American values. And that's why we're here.

I want to thank everybody for the incredible support. It is going to make a difference. But I want everybody to understand we've got some work to do. We've got an election to win. In just over two weeks, on October 27th, Florida gets to start voting early. And I assume everybody is registered here. (Applause.) If you're not, we'll sign you up right now. (Laughter.) Or actually, I think the registration deadline was yesterday, so you better have gotten it done.

(Laughter.) But I'm assuming they wouldn't have let you in if you hadn't registered. (Laughter.)

Everything that we fought for in 2008 is on the line in 2012. So we are going to have to be fired up, and we're going to have to be ready to go. And I'm going to need your help to finish what we started. (Applause.)

And it's useful to remember what we've done. Four years ago, I told you we'd end the war in Iraq -- and we did. (Applause.) I said that we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- and we are. I said that we'd refocus on the people who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and today, al Qaeda is on its heels and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families -- and we have, by \$3,600. I promised to cut taxes for small business owners -- and we have, 18 times. We got back every dime we used to rescue the financial system, but we also passed a historic law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good.

We passed health care reform so that your insurance companies can't jerk you around anymore, or tell you that being a woman is somehow a preexisting condition. (Applause.)

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell," so that nobody is ever kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love. (Applause.)

And when Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt," we declined his business advice and we reinvented a dying auto industry that is now back on top of the world. (Applause.) And that's not just critical to economies in the Midwest, it's vital to our economy -- something every American should be proud of.

Today, four years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, we're moving forward again. People don't remember the month I was sworn into office, we lost 800,000 jobs. Our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the last two and a half years. (Applause.) Unemployment has fallen from a peak of 10 percent down to 7.8 percent -- the lowest level since I took office. More Americans are getting jobs. Manufacturing is coming back to America. We signed three trade deals that's helping to open up markets all over the world, including the Latin American market, which is absolutely vital to the economy and Florida and southern Florida.

Even in the most hard-pressed states like Florida, we're starting to see home values finally start picking up again. (Applause.) So, look, we are not yet where we need to be. We've got a lot more work to do. And obviously, in a state like Florida that was so hard hit when the housing bubble burst, we've got too many friends and neighbors who are looking for work. We've got too many families who are still struggling to pay the bills. Too many homes are still underwater. Too many young people are burdened by debt after they graduate from college.

But if there's one thing I know, it is this -- and that is we have come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) The American people have worked too hard to get to this point. And after all that we have been through together, after all that we have fought for together, why would we go backwards? Why would we go back to the very same policies that led us to this mess in the first place?

That is not an option. I won't allow that to happen. You can't allow it to happen. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States -- because we will not let it happen. We're moving forward. We're not going backwards. (Applause.)

I have seen too much pain and too much struggle to let this country go back to the economic policies that don't work, and that are at the heart of what Governor Romney is offering. The centerpiece of his economic plan -- a \$5 trillion tax cut that favors those of us who've been extraordinarily successful in this country. And he's been pitching this plan for a whole year now; stood up on stage in primary debates and proudly promised that his new tax cut would reduce the tax burden for everybody, including the top 1 percent.

Now, of course, you wouldn't know that from listening to the latest version of Mitt Romney. (Laughter.) I was telling folks -- I spoke at Miami University, and I was saying that after a year in which he was calling himself "severely conservative," he's now trying to convince us that he was severely kidding about everything. (Laughter and applause.) These days, whatever you're for, he's for. (Laughter.) Loves the middle class; loves Medicare; loves teachers. (Laughter.) He even said that he loves the most important parts of Obamacare -- loves them. (Laughter and applause.)

And when it comes to all the things that he's actually promised to do as President, suddenly he's got a case of amnesia. (Laughter.) Tax breaks for outsourcers? I've never heard of it. Saying we should cut back on teachers? Doesn't ring your bell. (Laughter.) Kicking 200,000 young Floridians off their parent's insurance plan? Who, me? (Laughter.)

When he's asked about the cost of his tax plan, he pretends just it doesn't exist. What \$5 trillion? I don't know anything about a \$5 trillion tax cut. Don't pay any attention to the \$5 trillion tax cut on my website. (Laughter.) It's still there. (Laughter and applause.)

But this has been -- this is not unique to him. This has been the strategy of the other side for the entire four years that I've been in office. They expect that you've forgotten what happened -- that we lost 9 million jobs in the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes as a consequence of misguided policies. And they think that we haven't been paying attention now to Governor Romney for the last year and a half. And he will say whatever it takes to try to close the deal. He's counting on the fact that you won't remember that what he's selling is exactly what led us to this crisis in the first place.

And so, Florida, part of our task over the next four weeks

is to let him know we remember. We know full well that if he gets a chance, Governor Romney will rubber-stamp the top-down economic policies that have been promoted by his congressional allies, including his running mate -- who will be debating tonight. And we can't afford that kind of future. His plan will not create jobs. It will not help the middle class. It will not speed up the recovery -- in fact, it will slow down the recovery.

And we can't afford that. We cannot go back to what we were doing. Not now. Not when we've come so far. We've got to keep moving forward. And that's why I'm running for a second term -- because I see a vision for the future in which everybody gets a fair shot, and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same rules.

I know that jobs and prosperity don't trickle down from the top. They grow from a strong, thriving middle class and creating ladders of opportunity into that middle class for everybody who is willing to work hard.

I know that more tax breaks for people who are shipping jobs overseas won't create jobs. What does is supporting small businesses, manufacturers who are making products right here in Florida, products stamped with those proud words: "Made in America." Instead of providing tax breaks for outsourcing, we have to reward those companies that are investing in creating jobs right here. And we can do it. That's the choice that you face in this election.

We can create more jobs by controlling our own energy. There are thousands of Floridians right now who are making a great living promoting solar energy and wind energy and clean energy, all across this state. (Applause.) We doubled our investment in clean energy, which is creating jobs and is good for our environment. And we also raised fuel standards so that by the next -- middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.)

And today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the past two decades. (Applause.) So we need to build on that progress, not go backwards. My plan would continue to cut our oil imports in half by investing in the clean energy that's creating jobs right here -- wind and solar, fuel-efficient cars, long-lasting batteries.

And we can do so by -- and we can pay for it by no longer giving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer subsidies to oil companies that are doing just fine. We'll help produce more oil, but we don't need to give them \$4 billion to do it. Let's make sure that we don't lose the race for clean energy to China or other countries. We need to develop that technology right here in the United States. (Applause.)

And it will be good for our environment. It will do something about carbon in our atmosphere -- and that is not a joke. That is not a hoax. That's our children's future. And folks here in Miami understand that better than anybody, because the impact of climate change will be significant on our kids and our grandkids unless we take those steps. We can't

just deny our way out of these things. It's a threat to our children's future.

I believe that we've got to have the best education system in the world. That is economic development. That's not something separate and apart. (Applause.) If our kids have the skills they need to compete, then our economy will grow. And I'm only here because of the education that I got. I wasn't born into wealth or fame. You hadn't heard of the Obama name before I ran. (Laughter.) Had you? No. (Laughter.) Let's face it. First time you heard it, you probably thought the guy might be Japanese -- I don't know. (Laughter.) Italian? Who knows?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Latino.

THE PRESIDENT: Latino. (Laughter and applause.) Right. The Obama family from Jalisco. (Laughter.)

But education is what gave me opportunity. It's what gave so many of you opportunity. It's the gateway into a middle-class life. (Applause.) So when I hear Governor Romney say hiring more teachers won't grow the economy over the next four years, I have to say, no, actually it will. But more importantly, what about our kids over the next 40 years? What about our economy over the next 40 years?

We can get education to pay for tax breaks we don't need, or we can recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers. We can provide better early childhood education. We can train 2 million more workers at community colleges. (Applause.) We can lower the cost of tuition for our young people. That's an agenda for growth. That's what creates opportunity. That's what we can do together. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.) Four more.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: I mentioned that we ended the war in Iraq, that we're ending the war in Afghanistan. I want to use that money to pay down our deficit, put our people back to work rebuilding roads and bridges and schools all across America. Right here in Florida, we've got huge projects that are going up all over the state that will build the infrastructure to facilitate more trade, move more goods more efficiently, help businesses grow. And we have the resources to do it if we make good decisions.

But Governor Romney said it was "tragic" to end the war in Iraq. He repeated this last week, said we should still have troops on the ground in Iraq. And I fundamentally disagree with that. I think bringing troops home was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And every brave American who wears our country's uniform should know we will make sure as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief we've got the strongest military in the world. And when our troops come home and take off their uniform, we will serve them as well as they've served us -- because if you fought for this country, you shouldn't have to fight for a job or a roof

over your heard when you come home. (Applause.)

And finally, we'll cut the deficit by \$4 trillion, but we're going to do it in a sensible way. We've already cut a trillion, working with Democrats and Republicans. So we can cut more spending. But we're not going to be able to reduce our deficit in a serious way unless the wealthiest households are willing to go back, for incomes over \$250,000, to the same rate that we were paying under Bill Clinton -- when the economy created nearly 23 million new jobs, we went from deficit to surplus, and businesses and investors did very well -- because the economy grows best that way, when it's broad-based and everybody has a stake in how the economy grows.

And I understand Governor Romney disagrees with this. He did an interview and he says he thinks it's fair that he pays a lower tax rate making \$20 million a year than the teacher who's makes \$50,000. I just think that's wrong. And if we're going to be serious -- (applause) -- if we're going to be serious about reducing the deficit then we've got to make choices.

And the choice I make is not asking middle-class families to give up their home mortgage deduction or tax credits they get for raising their kids just to pay for a tax cut for me. I'm not going to ask students to pay more for college, or kick kids off of Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor or elderly or disabled just so I can get a tax break.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: You're welcome. (Applause.)

And by the way, the math still doesn't add up in terms of their plan, because when Governor Romney says he can cut taxes, increase military spending, close the deficit -- all by getting rid of Planned Parenthood and Big Bird -- (laughter) -- he needs a calculator because there's something wrong with his math. He says, don't worry, new tax cuts will pay for themselves. That is what we heard exactly from President Bush back in 2000, 2001. And it didn't work. And we know our plan does.

So this is the choice that we face. This is what the election comes down to. And I said at the convention, over and over again, we're told by our opponents that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. It's sort of a "you're on your own" philosophy. If you don't have health insurance, hope you don't get sick. (Laughter.) If you can't afford to start a business or go to college, borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.)

That is not who we are. That's not how America became great. We believe in individual initiative and we don't believe in helping people who aren't willing to help themselves, but we also understand there are some things we do better together. We understand that in America it's not just about what can be done for us, but what is done by us, together as one nation, as one people.

And that's what 2008 was about. We fought some fierce battles over the last four years, but everything we've gotten done, it happened, ultimately, because the American people came together -- black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, able, disabled -- people came together. (Applause.)

You're the reason Florida seniors are paying \$600 less on their prescription drugs because of Obamacare. You did that. You're the reason that a working family in this state was able to save their home from foreclosure.

There was somebody in the audience today, while we were taking a picture, who talked about their mom -- 90 years old, because of the mortgage modification program we put into place, saved her home, lives with her sister -- 90 and 95. You did that, though. You did that. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake. You made that happen. The kids at Gainesville, or Tallahassee, or here in Miami who are getting an education -- maybe the first in their family, the veterans who are going to college on the New GI Bill -- that's what we were fighting for. (Applause.)

You're the reason that there are young immigrants all across this state who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag, and they don't have to fear now that they're going to be deported from the only country they call home. (Applause.) You made that happen.

You ended "don't ask, don't tell." You allowed us to bring our troops home so their families could greet them and say "Welcome home." (Applause.) You did that.

And so you can't afford to turn away now. You can't. I know that sometimes in politics folks are excited and they have fun, you have nice events like this and everybody gets dressed up -- and you guys are looking very good. (Laughter.) But then sometimes when it gets tougher, people get discouraged and they're wondering, well, I don't know, is change really possible? And we get cynical and we get doubtful. It happens to everybody; there's nothing wrong with that. It happens in our lives; it happens in our politics. It happens in everything that we do. But you can't succumb to that.

And the reason is that when we don't get involved, when we don't insert ourselves into the process, when your voices aren't heard, then somebody else fills the void -- the folks who are writing \$10 million checks to try to buy this election; the folks who are trying to make it harder for Floridians to vote; the politicians in Washington who are trying to tell women that they shouldn't make their own decisions when it comes to their health care. (Applause.) So you're the ones who have to make sure that doesn't happen.

That sign there, "Forward," that's a message to me, but it's also a message to you. You've got that power, that capacity. And so when you think about the next 26 days, I would implore you to ask yourselves, is there something else I can do? Is there some little bit of difference that I can make?

Here in Florida, last time in 2008, if you go precinct by precinct, it's a difference of a couple of hundred votes. It may be just that little bit of extra effort is what makes a difference. And you will see me working harder than I've ever worked in my life, because every time I meet somebody who tells me that their mom was on the verge of losing their home, or their mom was on the verge of not being able to get treatment for a potentially deadly disease; every time I meet a young person who says I can go to college now because that change you made in the student loan program made it possible; every time I meet one of these Dreamer kids who explains how they feel like the weight of the world has been lifted off their shoulders; every time I think about all the people who are working so hard in this country and aren't asking for much, just asking for a shot -- every time I think of them and knowing that they've got to have somebody in Washington who's fighting for them and who's thinking about them every single day -- (applause) -- that's going to make me work as hard as I know how over the next 26 days and over the next four years. And I hope you have that same feeling. (Applause.)

We cannot let up now. We cannot let up. I need you focused. I need you ready to fight. And if we do, we're going to win Florida. And when we win Florida, we're going to win this election. We're going to finish what we started, and remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. Let's go get this done. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Iowa! (Applause.) Thank you! Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.)

Well, first of all, can everybody please give a big round of applause to Rachel for that great introduction? (Applause.) I want to thank the Rams for hosting us here today. I appreciate you guys. (Applause.) Go, Rams! (Applause.)

We've got your outstanding Senator, Tom Harkin. (Applause.) Congressman Bruce Braley. (Applause.) Another Congressman who has -- I guess it's professor emeritus right here -- Dave Loebsack. (Applause.) Two of my oldest friends in Iowa, my co-chairs back in 2008 -- your Attorney General, Tom Miller -- (applause) -- and your Treasurer, Mike Fitzgerald. (Applause.)

And I'm thrilled to see all of you. And I hope you're enjoying the warm weather. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

I just want to know -- look, I'm from Chicago. (Applause.) And I campaigned in Iowa in January. (Laughter.) So this is basically the warmest you will be for the next six months. (Laughter.)

Now, I've come back to Cornell College today -- (applause) -- come back to ask each of you for one big thing. I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.) I'm asking for your vote. In Iowa, you can vote today. Today. As long as you're registered before October 27th, you can vote right up to Election Day. In fact, you can go vote right after this event at the Cole Library. (Applause.) And anyone can find out how to register and where to vote at [Vote.BarackObama.com](http://Vote.BarackObama.com).

So, Iowa, are you going to vote for me today if you haven't already voted? (Applause.) I need you. I need you.

Now, as many of you know, we had our second debate last night. (Applause.) I'm still trying to figure out how to get the hang of this thing -- debating. (Laughter.) But we're working on it. We'll keep on improving as time goes on. I've got one left. (Applause.)

But the interesting thing is that Governor Romney has been running around talking about his five-point plan for the economy for quite some time. And as I pointed out last night, and you guys heard yourselves, it's really a one-point plan. It's really a one-point plan. It says folks at the very top can play by their own set of rules.

That's why they can pay lower taxes than you do, or they can use offshore accounts. Or they can invest in a company, bankrupt it, fire the workers, take away their pensions, ship the jobs overseas, and still make money doing it.

It's the one-point plan that says it's okay for Wall Street to keep engaging in the reckless behavior that got us into the mess we've been fighting back from for the last four years. It's the same philosophy that's been squeezing middle-class families for more than a decade. It's the same philosophy that we saw in the previous administration. And I have seen too much pain and too much struggle to let this country go down that same road again. (Applause.)

So, Iowa, we can't -- I want you to know, folks here in Iowa understand this -- you cannot grow this economy from the top down. You grow this economy from the middle class out. We're not going to go back to what we were doing before. We're moving forward. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, Governor Romney also took another stab at trying to sell us his \$5 trillion tax cut that favors the wealthy. Once again, he refused to tell us how he's going to pay for it. He said he'd let you know after the election. (Laughter.) Now, here's a tip: Usually when a politician tells you he's going to wait until after the election to explain a plan to you, they don't have a pleasant surprise in store for you. (Laughter.) And in this case, it's because just about everybody who's looked at Governor Romney's \$5 trillion in tax cuts says he can't pay for it without blowing a hole in the deficit or raising taxes on middle-class families. It can't be done.

Governor Romney says he has a plan to create 12 million new jobs in the next four years. But when folks started crunching the numbers, it fell apart even faster than his tax plan. (Laughter.) Turns out his jobs math isn't any better than his tax math. (Applause.) The Washington Post called it a "bait and switch."

So let's recap what we learned last night. His tax plan doesn't add up; his jobs plan doesn't create jobs; his deficit reduction plan adds to the deficit. So, Iowa, everybody here has heard of the New Deal; you've heard of the fair deal;

you've heard of the square deal. Mitt Romney is trying to sell you a Sketchy Deal. (Applause.)

We are not buying it. We know better. We've been there. We've tried that. We're not going back. We're moving forward. That's why I need your vote. We've got to finish what we started in 2008. (Applause.) You don't want to invest in that sketchy deal. Let me tell you --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Etch-a-Sketch.

THE PRESIDENT: That, too. (Laughter.)

Four years ago, I told you we'd end the war in Iraq -- and I did. (Applause.) I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) I said we'd focus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and we have, and bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families -- and we have, by \$3,600. I promised to cut taxes for small business owners -- and we have, 18 times. We got back every dime used to rescue the banks, and we passed a law to make sure that taxpayer-funded bailouts are over for good.

We passed health care reform so your insurance company can't jerk you around anymore. (Applause.) We made sure insurance companies have to let parents keep their children on their parents' plan until they're 26 years old if they don't have health insurance. (Applause.) We said to insurance companies, you've got to charge women the same as men because being a woman is not a preexisting condition. (Applause.)

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell" so no one is ever kicked out of the military because of who they love. (Applause.)

When Governor Romney said we should just let Detroit go bankrupt, we said thanks but no thanks, and we reinvented a dying auto industry that's come roaring back to the top of the world. (Applause.)

Last time I was here, I said to students, we've going to help you make sure you can afford a college education -- and we took \$60 billion that was going to banks and middlemen in the student loan program, we said let's cut out the middleman, let's give that money directly to students. And as a consequence, millions of students have benefited from lower interest rates and Pell grants. (Applause.)

Today, four years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, we're moving forward again. After losing 800,000 jobs a month when I took office, our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. (Applause.)

Unemployment has fallen from a peak of 10 percent to 7.8 percent. The stock market has nearly doubled, which means your 401(k)s have started to recover. Foreclosures are at their lowest point in five years. Home values are back on the rise. Manufacturing is coming home to America. Our assembly lines

are starting to hum again. (Applause.)

Look, we've got a lot more work to do, but we've got to build on that progress. And I've got a plan to grow the economy and create jobs and build more security for middle-class families. I talked about it last night. I want to export more products, outsource fewer jobs. We can keep giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas, or we can give those tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Iowa, right here in the United States of America rebuilding our manufacturing base. (Applause.)

I want to control more of our own energy. You heard last night oil production is up. Natural gas production is up. But what we've also said is we've got to develop new sources of energy, and we've got to be more efficient with our economy. And so we raised fuel-efficiency standards on cars so by the middle of the next decade, your car will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.)

We have doubled the amount of renewable energy that we generate from wind and solar and biofuels. Today the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than any time in the last two decades. (Applause.)

And so the question -- so the choice you have, you heard last night, it's not a choice between oil versus solar, or natural gas versus wind. Look, we all agree we got to increase oil production. We all agree we got to increase natural gas production. But the question is whether we build on the progress for the new energy sources of the future. I'm not going to keep on giving corporate taxpayer-funded welfare to oil companies, \$4 billion a year, when we could be using that money to continue to promote wind and solar and long-lasting batteries, and put Americans back to work right now -- (applause) -- seeing that technology develop here in the United States instead of China or Germany, or some other country. (Applause.)

And I've got to tell you, Iowa, this is not a pipedream; there are nearly 7,000 jobs in Iowa right now depending on wind energy. Last night, Governor Romney claimed he didn't have a plan to end wind jobs in Iowa, but he called these jobs "imaginary." His plan would end tax credits for wind energy producers. That is a fact. My plan will keep these investments, and we'll keep reducing the carbon pollution that's also heating the planet -- (applause) -- because climate change isn't a hoax. The droughts we've seen, the floods, the wildfires -- those aren't a joke. They're a threat to our children's future. And we can do something about it. That's part of what's at stake in this election.

I want to give more Americans the chance to get a great education and get the skills they need to compete in the 21st century. (Applause.) I tried to talk about education last night. We kept on getting waylaid. But if you're talking about jobs and economic growth, what's more important than making sure everybody has got the skills they need?

I'm only here because of a great education. All the young people who are making an investment in their college education

right now, you guys understand you've got to be equipped. Michelle, her gateway into opportunity was her education system. Her dad was a blue-collar worker, her mom was a secretary. And right now, as I said, because of the actions we already took, millions of young people are paying less for college because we finally took on that system that was wasting taxpayer dollars, gave it directly to students.

Rachel, by the way -- I took a photo with her parents backstage, and she talked about how -- the fact that we put in place a tax credit for middle-income families to send their kids to college is helping her attend school right now. (Applause.)

But what you saw last night, even though we weren't able to talk about it as much as I would have liked, is a fundamental difference. Governor Romney says hiring more teachers won't grow our economy over the next four years. Well, you know what, yes, it will. But more importantly, what about our kids over the next 40 years? What about our economy for the next 40 years?

We could gut education, pay for Governor Romney's \$5 trillion tax cut -- or we can recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers over the next decade -- (applause) -- helping our young people refocus on science and technology, engineering, math. We should make sure all our young people -- our daughters as well as our sons -- are thriving in these fields. (Applause.) This should be a national mission.

I've got to tell you, we don't have to collect a bunch of binders to find qualified, talented -- (applause) -- driven young women ready to learn and teach in these fields right now. (Applause.)

And when young women graduate, they should get equal pay for equal work. (Applause.) That should be a simple question to answer. When Governor Romney was asked about it, his campaign said, "We'll get back to you." That shouldn't be a complicated question: equal pay for equal work. I want my daughters paid just like somebody else's sons are paid for the same job. That's straightforward. (Applause.)

Now, I've got to say, last night, Governor Romney's top advisor finally admitted, no, the Governor didn't really support that bill. You don't have to wait for an answer from me. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first bill I signed into law as President -- the first bill. (Applause.)

Governor Romney didn't want to talk much last night about how he wants to end funding for Planned Parenthood, how he supports legislation that would turn certain decisions about a woman's health care over to their employers. He didn't want to talk about it because he knows he can't sell it. I don't think your boss should control the health care you get. (Applause.) I don't think insurers should control the health care you get. (Applause.) I certainly don't think politicians should control the health care that you get. (Applause.)

We passed Obamacare -- yes, I like the term -- we passed it -- (laughter) -- because I do care, and I want to put these

choices in your hands where they belong. (Applause.)

Fourth plan -- fourth part of the plan to create jobs right here is use some of the money we're saving from ending those wars in Iraq, winding down the war in Afghanistan, to pay down our deficit, put our people back to work, including our veterans, rebuilding roads and bridges and schools all across America. (Applause.)

Governor Romney and I just have a different theory on this. He said it was "tragic" the way we ended the war in Iraq; doubled down on the belief in a speech just last week, said we should have kept troops on the ground in Iraq. I disagree. I know these troops. I know their families. I know how dedicated they are and the sacrifices they and their families make. And it was time to bring those troops home to their families. It was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And every brave American who wears the uniform of this country, they need to know as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we're going to maintain the strongest military in the world. And when those troops take off the uniform, we're going to serve them as well as they served us -- because nobody should have to fight for a job after they fought for our country. Nobody should have to fight for a roof over their heads or the health care they need after they fought for America. (Applause.)

And finally, I want to cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years, and I've worked with Republicans and Democrats already to cut a trillion dollars' worth of spending. I'm ready to cut more spending that is not contributing to our growth. But we can't just cut our way to prosperity.

We've got to make investments in science and research and infrastructure. And we can't do all that and reduce our deficit unless we ask the wealthiest households to pay a little bit more -- pay higher taxes on incomes over \$250,000. So keep in mind, somebody making \$500,000, they're still keeping the tax break for the first \$250,000, but after that, let's go back to the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President -- (applause) -- our economy created 23 million new jobs, we went from deficit to surplus. (Applause.)

Governor Romney was asked, is it fair that he pays a lower tax rate than a teacher who makes \$50,000. He said, yes, I think it's fair; I think that's how you grow an economy. He's wrong. You look at our economic history -- that's not how we grew an economy, by just having a few folks at the top paying even less than folks in the middle. I'm not going to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home, or raising their kids, or sending their kids to college just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. (Applause.)

I'm not going to ask the students here to pay more for college so I have a little more money in my pocket. I don't need it. (Applause.) I'm not going to kick children out of Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor, or elderly, or disabled.

And Governor Romney again last night, over and over again, he says, I can cut taxes for everybody; I can increase military spending by \$2 trillion; I will lower taxes for middle-class families and I'm going to close the deficit. He keeps on saying it. And when people ask, well, what are you going to cut -- because I don't know about you guys, but if I'm looking at my budget and I'm trying to shrink my debt, I've got to cut something out. So, so far, what he's offered is eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood and getting rid of Big Bird --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- and ending wind tax credits.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: It adds up to less than 1/100th of 1 percent of the federal budget. So he claims his -- now, that was an estimate, by the way. I was doing that off the top of my head. (Laughter.)

He claims his \$5 trillion tax cut will create millions of new jobs and pay for themselves. We have heard this pitch before. You know where we heard it? In the previous administration. We know it doesn't work. We know what we're talking about does create jobs.

And now the choice is up to you. The election now is up to you. It comes down to this. Over and over again, our opponents tell us that because government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If you can't afford to start a business or go to college, borrow money from your parents. If a company releases harmful pollution into the air, you know what, that's the price of progress. That's not who we are. That's not what America is about.

We are in this thing together. (Applause.) That's what this country is about. Here in America, we believe that we're all in this together -- everybody. We understand America is not just about what can be done for us, but what can be done by us, as one people, as one nation.

Iowa, you're the reason that we've got shuttered factories in places like Newton that are now humming again with workers manufacturing components for amazing wind turbines. You made that happen because you believed we could do this together. You're the reason a mother in Cedar Rapids -- actually, a mother right here in this audience -- doesn't have to worry about surgery for her daughter because the insurance company can't limit her coverage.

You're the reason a student in Ames, or Iowa City, or Cornell College can get help paying for a college education, and we've got a New GI Bill for our returning veterans to get the education they need. (Applause.) That all happened because of you. And we've got to do it again.

You're the reason a young immigrant is not going to be sent away from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.) You're the reason that we were able to bring our

troops home, and those families are reunited with their loved ones. You made that happen.

So if we don't fight as hard as we can over the next three weeks, all that could be set aside. That's what we're fighting for. That's what we're fighting for. That's what we're fighting for. You cannot turn away. And if your voices aren't heard, then the lobbyists and the special interests, they'll fill the void -- the folks who are writing the \$10 million checks to try to buy this election; the folks who are trying to make it harder for people to vote in this election. And you can't let that happen. I'm not going to let that happen. (Applause.) We've worked too hard together over the last four years to let that happen. (Applause.)

Back in 2008, it started here in Iowa. (Applause.) You're the ones who first showed America that change was possible. And everything we fought for is now at stake. And we can choose to go back to the same top-down policies that got us into this mess, or you can choose to move us forward with the policies that have been getting us out of this mess.

You can choose to go back to a foreign policy that gets us into wars with no plan for getting out, or you can help move us forward and end the Afghan war responsibly and bring our troops home, and focus on the terrorists who were going to attack us. (Applause.)

You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for women and for immigrants and for gays and for lesbians -- or you can stand up and say, we want to move forward. We believe in the country where no matter who you are, or what you look like, or where you come from, or who you love, you can make it if you try. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake in this election. That's what I still believe in. And if that's what you still believe in, then we've got to fight as hard as we can for the next three weeks. And I promise you, if you are willing to stand with me, and knock on doors with me, and work as hard as you can, and talk to your friends and your neighbors and your classmates, and if you will vote for me, we will win Linn County again. We will win Iowa again. (Applause.) We will win this election again. We'll finish what we started, and we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you and God bless America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Veterans Memorial Park  
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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, New Hampshire! (Applause.) Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: I'm fired up. (Applause.) First of all, I'm fired up about this weather. (Applause.) I mean, I've got to say that generally when I look at a trip to New Hampshire in October, I'm not thinking it's going to look like this. (Applause.) But this is spectacular. (Applause.)

It's good to be back. And it's good to be with a great friend and an outstanding governor -- Governor Lynch. Please give him a big round of applause. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

And I love your outstanding Senator, Jeanne Shaheen. (Applause.) Jeanne was especially happy because it was her granddaughter, Ellie, who sang the National Anthem today. Give Ellie a big round of applause. (Applause.)

Nineteen days, New Hampshire. Nineteen days. (Applause.) In nineteen days, you're going to step into a voting booth, and you've got a big choice to make. It's not just a choice between two candidates or parties -- it's about two different visions for this country that we love.

Governor Romney's got his sales pitch. He's been running around talking about his five-point PowerPoint plan for the economy. (Laughter.) But as we saw the other night -- (applause) -- what he's selling is not a five-point plan.

It's really just a one-point plan: Folks at the top get to play with a different set of rules than you do.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo, now -- vote. (Applause.)

They can pay lower taxes; they can keep their money offshore; they can buy companies, load it up with debt, lay off workers, strip their pensions, send their jobs overseas -- they can still make money doing it, turning a big profit. It's the same philosophy that's been squeezing middle-class families for more than a decade. It's the same philosophy that got us into this mess.

For the last four years, I've watched the American people, with their resilience and resolve, overcoming the pain and struggle and dealing with the consequences of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. We've worked too hard to let this country go down that path again. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: New Hampshire, we cannot grow this economy from the top down. This economy grows from the middle out, when everybody has ladders of opportunity; if they work hard they can succeed, they can get ahead. That's how we move ahead. When workers have a decent living, have a little money in their pockets -- that means they're out there as customers buying goods, and that means businesses do better, and that means businesses make more profits, then they hire more workers. That's how you grow an economy. (Applause.)

That's why we can't go backward. That's why we've got to move forward. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

On Tuesday, Governor Romney took another stab at trying to sell us this \$5 trillion tax cut that favors the wealthy. He took another swing at it, and he whiffed. (Applause.) Instead of telling us how he'd pay for it, he said, I'll let you know after the election.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And then when I asked him about it, he said, I'm a businessman, I know the numbers will work -- take my word for it.

Now, I'm going to let you in on a little tip: When a politician tells you he's going to wait until after the election, it's not because their plan is so good that they don't want to spoil the secret. (Laughter.) That's usually not what's going on. (Applause.) And in this case, just about everybody who's looked at his tax plan says he can't pay for it without blowing a hole in the deficit, or raising your taxes -- raising taxes on the middle class.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: -- vote.

So then Governor Romney says he's got another plan to create 12 million jobs in the next four years. But when folks started crunching the numbers, his jobs plan fell apart even faster than his tax plan. The Washington Post called it a "bait and switch." A bait and switch.

So let's recap. He's got a tax plan that doesn't add up. He's got a jobs plan that doesn't create jobs. He's got a deficit plan that doesn't reduce the deficit. Listen, New Hampshire, you've heard of the New Deal; you've heard of the Square Deal and the Fair Deal. Mitt Romney is trying to sell you a Sketchy Deal. (Applause.)

We don't need a sketchy deal. We know better, because the last time this sketchy deal was tried was in the previous administration -- made the same sales pitch; told you the same stuff: Look, if we cut these taxes, the economy is going to grow so much, the deficit is going to come down, don't worry about it. Just like they said we didn't have to pay for two wars. It didn't work, and that's why you're not buying. We have been there. We've tried it. We're not going back. We're moving forward. I need your help to finish what we started in 2008. (Applause.)

Now, I made some commitments four years ago. I told you I'd end the war in Iraq -- and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- we are. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and we have. (Applause.) And today, a new tower rises above the New York skyline, and al Qaeda is on the path to defeat, and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut middle-class taxes -- and we have, by \$3,600. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small business owners -- and we have, 18 times. (Applause.) And by the way, you'll hear Governor Romney talk about small businesses. What he doesn't tell you is his definition of small businesses includes Donald Trump -- (laughter) -- includes hedge fund managers.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: -- vote.

We got back every dime used to rescue the banks. And then we passed a law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good. We put that in place. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I said in this great country of ours, nobody should go bankrupt when they get sick, and so we passed health reform -- yes, I like the name "Obamacare" -- (applause)

-- so your insurance companies can't jerk you around anymore. (Applause.) So young people can stay on their parent's plans till they're 26. (Applause.) So women can't be charged more than men for their insurance -- being a woman is not a preexisting condition. (Applause.)

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell" -- (applause) -- because anybody who is willing to sacrifice and serve this country we love shouldn't be prevented because of who they love. (Applause.)

When Governor Romney said we should let Detroit go bankrupt, we said, no, thanks; we're not going to take that business advice. (Laughter.) We reinvented a dying auto industry that's come roaring back to the top of the world. (Applause.)

And you may have heard, by the way, Governor Romney trying to claim that I did what he advised. Did you hear that?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Unbelievable. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Malarkey!

THE PRESIDENT: Everybody in the auto industry knows that's not what he said. He just went ahead and said it.

Today, four years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, we're moving forward again. (Applause.) After losing 800,000 jobs a month when I took office, our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. Unemployment has fallen from 10 percent to 7.8 percent. Home values are back on the rise. The stock market has nearly doubled. Manufacturing is coming home. Our assembly lines are getting back to work. (Applause.)

We need to keep moving forward. (Applause.) We've got more work to do. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Look, we have more work to do, though. I will not be satisfied until everybody who wants to work hard can find a job. (Applause.) And that means we've got to have a plan to grow not just the economy and create jobs, but create good jobs, and provide security for the middle class.

So, number one, I want to send fewer jobs overseas, sell more products overseas. (Applause.) Governor Romney has no problem giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas, or outsourcing. I want to reward companies that are investing right here -- investing in New Hampshire, investing in Manchester, insourcing, opening new plants, hiring new workers -- creating new jobs right here in America. (Applause.) That's what we need to do.

I want to control more of our own energy and how we use

energy. After 30 years of doing nothing, we raised fuel standards, so by the middle of the next decade your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) We've doubled the amount of renewable energy we generate from sources like wind and solar, even as we've increased the production of oil and natural gas. So today, America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the last two decades. (Applause.) Think about that. Our oil imports are going down.

So now you've got a choice between a plan that reverses this progress, or one that builds on it. Governor Romney feels comfortable with taxpayers providing oil companies \$4 billion a year in taxpayer-funded corporate welfare.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't --

AUDIENCE: Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: We're not going to boo! We're going to vote! (Applause.)

But you know what, I understand why you wouldn't be happy with that idea, because we should be taking that \$4 billion and investing it in the energy sources of tomorrow. (Applause.) We don't want China to win the race for clean energy technology. We want that technology developed here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

And, by the way, those investments not only create good jobs here at home, create new industries here at home, but it also reduces the carbon pollution that's heating our planet. Climate change is not a hoax. Droughts and floods and fires, they're not a joke. They are a threat to our children's future and we've got to deal with it in a serious way that also grows our economy. We can do that. (Applause.)

Number three, I want the best education system in the world right in the United States. (Applause.) Michelle and I are only where we are because of the chance an education gave us. And today, because of the actions my administration took, millions of students all across the country are paying less for college. (Applause.) We took a system that was wasting tens of billions of dollars on banks and lenders -- we said let's cut out the middleman, give money directly to the students. And as a consequence, young people are getting a better deal. (Applause.)

Now, Governor Romney wants to reverse some of these choices. He wants to gut some of our investment in education to help pay for this \$5 trillion tax cut. I think we should make sure that we are doing more in education: Hiring new math and science teachers so that they can get the lead in the technology that's going to shape our economy in the future. (Applause.) Provide job training for 2 million workers at our community colleges. Work with colleges and universities to keep tuition low. (Applause.)

That's my agenda for change. That's what we need to do.

We can have that future, but you've got to vote. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

I suspect we've got some teachers in the audience. Governor Romney said hiring more teachers won't grow our economy. Then he said class size doesn't matter. He said class size doesn't matter. There's not a teacher or a parent who doesn't believe this. Making sure that our kids are thriving in math and science -- where we know there are going to be more jobs -- that will grow our economy. Having them be able to get a job as an engineer -- maybe start the next Apple or the next Intel -- that will create jobs. That should be a national mission. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

And, by the way, we want our sons to thrive in math and science and engineering, but we also want our daughters to thrive in those fields, too. (Applause.) See, we don't have to order up some binders to find qualified, talented, driven young women who can learn and excel in these fields right now. (Applause.) And when these young women graduate, I want them to receive equal pay for equal work. (Applause.)

I don't know why this is so complicated. (Laughter.) Governor Romney still won't say whether or not he supported a law to protect that right, no matter how many times he's asked. This is not -- this is not that hard. I've got two daughters. I want to make sure they get paid the same as somebody's sons for doing the same job. (Applause.) Pretty straightforward. Any confusion there?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: You know where I stand. Look, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, this was the first bill I signed into law. (Applause.) And I know you want the same thing for your daughters, or sisters, or moms, or grandmas as I do. (Applause.) And this is not -- as I said in the debate, this is not just a women's issue, this is a family issue, this is an economic issue.

I also believe women should make their own health care decisions. (Applause.) I know you've got -- and it's not just Washington that sometimes deals with this issue. You've got a state legislature up here that sometimes acts like it knows better than women when it comes to women's own health care decisions. My opponent has got the same approach. Governor Romney said he'd end funding for Planned Parenthood, despite all the work it does to provide women with mammograms and breast cancer screenings.

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote!

AUDIENCE: Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: All right, you guys are getting it. You guys are getting it. (Laughter.)

We made sure that insurance companies are providing women with contraception. He supported legislation that would turn those decisions over to a woman's employer. Think about that.

Do you think, like, your boss, or your insurance company, or some politician in Concord or Washington should get control of your health care choices?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: The health care law we passed puts those choices in your hands where they belong. That's where they're going to stay as long as I'm President of the United States, as long -- (applause) -- as long as you vote.

AUDIENCE: Vote! Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: All right. Now, we also have to make sure that we're using the money we're saving from ending the war in Iraq, winding down the war in Afghanistan, to put our people back to work here doing some nation-building here at home. (Applause.)

We've got a debate on Monday on foreign policy, and I'm very interested in seeing what Governor Romney has to say about that. (Laughter.) You know, he said that it was "tragic" the way I ended the war in Iraq. Last week he said we should still have troops in Iraq.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Vote. Vote. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE: Vote! Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Look, one of the great honors of my job is serving as Commander-In-Chief, and meeting the amazing men and women in our Armed Services who serve us every single day. I think bringing our troops home after doing the job they did in Iraq was the right thing to do. (Applause.) Reuniting them with their families was the right thing to do. (Applause.) The 33,000 troops that we've brought home this year from Afghanistan -- that was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And every brave American who wears this country's uniform should know this: As long as I'm your Commander-In-Chief, I will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. And when you take off that uniform, we're going to serve you as well as you've served us -- because nobody who has fought for us should ever have to fight for a job when they come home, or a roof over their heads when they come home, or the benefits they've earned when they come home. (Applause.)

And finally, we've got to cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years. I've put forward a plan to do it, and I've worked with Republicans and Democrats already to cut spending that we didn't need or we could afford, and I'm ready to do more. But I'm not going to cut things like education. (Applause.) I'm not going to cut research that helps grow our economy.

We can't get this done unless we also ask the wealthiest households to pay higher taxes on their incomes above \$250,000 -- pay the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President. We created 23 million new jobs, and we went from a deficit to

surplus. That's how you do it. (Applause.)

Governor Romney said he thinks it's fair that he pays a lower tax rate than a teacher who makes \$50,000.

AUDIENCE: Boo -- vote! Vote! Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote!

He is wrong. I'm not going to ask middle-class families to give up your deductions on a home mortgage, or your deductions for raising a kid, just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. I'm not going to ask students who are here to pay more for college, or kick kids out of Head Start, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans just to pay for a tax cut we don't need -- tax cut we don't need. That's not who we are. That's not what we're about. (Applause.)

Governor Romney and, frankly, his allies in Congress, they have banked on this idea that somehow in America everybody is on their own. If you get -- if you don't have health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If you can't afford to start a business or go to college, he says, borrow money from your parents. You know what, that's not who we are. That's not what we're about.

We believe in self-reliance, we believe in individual initiative -- but we also believe we're all in this together. We understand America is not just what can be done for us, but what can be done by us, together, as one nation, as one people -- (applause) -- black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, abled, disabled, everybody coming together. That's what we're fighting for. That's our vision of America. (Applause.)

That's the vision we fought for in 2008. And because of you we were able to make amazing things happen. You're the reason there's a little girl with a heart disorder who needs surgery but now has the security of knowing she's going to get that surgery because there aren't any lifetime limits on her insurance coverage. You made that happen. (Applause.)

You're the reason a young man who'll never -- who thought he'd never be able to afford his dream to go to medical school now is going to have that chance. You made that possible. (Applause.)

You're the reason a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.)

You're the reason folks who served us so bravely are now embracing their family again and hearing those words: "Welcome home." Welcome home. Welcome home. That happened because of you. (Applause.)

So in 19 days, New Hampshire, you can keep moving this country forward. In 19 days, you get to choose between the top-down policies that got us into this mess, or the policies

that are getting us out of this mess. In 19 days, you can choose a foreign policy that takes us into wars without a plan to get us out, or turning the page and ending wars responsibly, and bringing our troops home and focusing on building America. (Applause.)

In 19 days, you can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for immigrants, or gays, or women -- or you can stand up and say we are going to move forward -- (applause) -- that we're a country that will continue to be one that treats everybody with dignity and fairness; a country where no matter what you look like, or where you come from, or who you love, you can make it if you try. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake, New Hampshire. That's why I'm asking for your vote. I believe in you. I need you to keep believing in me.

I'm asking for your help to finish the job. And if you'll stand with me, and work with me, and knock on some doors for me, make some phone calls with me, if you'll vote for me in New Hampshire, we'll win New Hampshire again. (Applause.) We'll win this election. We'll finish what we started, and remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Delray Tennis Center  
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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Florida! (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.) I fired up right now! (Applause.) It is good to be in Florida.

Give it up for Congressman Ted Deutch, who's here. (Applause.) Your Mayor, Nelson McDuffie, is here. (Applause.) State Senator Maria Sachs. (Applause.) A great candidate for Congress, Lois Frankel. (Applause.) And my friend and your former governor, Charlie Crist, is here. (Applause.)

And I want everybody to give a huge round of applause to Scott for that introduction. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. You guys really are fired up! (Applause.)

Now, I was mentioning Scott. Every time I need a pick-me-up I try to see Scott. (Laughter.) In addition to some outstanding pizza. And Scott and Charlie Crist, they remind us that the values we're fighting for, they're not Democratic values, they're not Republican values, they are American values. And that's what this election is all about. (Applause.)

Now, two weeks from today, Americans in all 50 states will step into the voting booth. But here in Florida, you get to start voting on Saturday. (Applause.) And as Scott just told you, if you need to know where to vote, you go to [Vote.BarackObama.com](#). But I need you to vote because you've got a very big choice to make. It's not just a choice between two candidates or two parties. It is a choice between two very different visions for this country that we love. (Applause.)

Now, last night we had our third and last debate. (Applause.) And I hope that during the debate I made those differences very clear. (Applause.) Because the greatest responsibility I have as President is to keep the American people safe. That's why I ended the war in Iraq, so we could go after the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11. (Applause.) That's why we decimated al Qaeda's core leadership and brought Osama bin Laden the justice he deserved. (Applause.) That's why we're ending the war in Afghanistan, because after a decade of war, it's time to do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.)

In a world of new threats and profound challenges, America needs leadership that is strong and is steady. Governor Romney's foreign policy has been wrong and reckless. Last night he was all over the map. Did you notice that? During the debate he said he didn't want more troops in Iraq, but he was caught on video saying it was unthinkable not to leave 20,000 troops in Iraq, troops that would still be there today.

Last night he claimed to support my plan to end the war in Afghanistan. I'm glad he supports it. But he's opposed a timeline that would actually bring our troops home. Early in this campaign he said he'd do the opposite of whatever I did in Israel, but last night I reminded him that cooperation with Israel has never been stronger. (Applause.)

Last night he said he always supported taking out Osama bin Laden, but in 2007, he said it wasn't worth moving heaven and earth to catch one man.

Now, we've come up with a name for this condition. It's called Romnesia. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Romnesia! Romnesia! Romnesia!

THE PRESIDENT: We had a severe outbreak last night. (Applause.) It was at least stage three Romnesia. (Laughter and applause.) And I just want to go over with you some of the symptoms, Delray, because I want to make sure nobody in the surrounding area catches it. (Laughter.) If you say that you love American cars during a debate, but you wrote an article titled, "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt," you might have Romnesia. (Applause.)

If you talk about how much you love teachers during a debate -- (applause) -- but said just a few weeks ago that we shouldn't hire any more because they won't grow the economy, what do you have?

AUDIENCE: Romnesia!

THE PRESIDENT: I'll bet you've got some Romnesia. (Applause.) If you say you love Medicare -- and by the way, there's a theme here -- he keeps on loving stuff and then wants to end it or cut it or not help it. But if you say that you love Medicare, but your plan turns it into a voucher that ends the guaranteed benefit of Medicare, you definitely have Romnesia. (Laughter and applause.)

So, I mean, we're breaking down the symptoms here. If

you've come down with a case of Romnesia, if you can't seem to remember the policies on your website, or the promises that you've been making over the six years that you've been running for President, if you can't even remember what you said last week -- (applause) -- don't worry, Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. (Applause.) We can fix you up. We can cure this disease. (Applause.) There's a cure!

Listen, let me just say this. In all seriousness, I mean, we're accustomed to seeing politicians change their positions from four years ago. We are not accustomed to seeing politicians change their position from four days ago. (Laughter.)

And we joke about Romnesia, but you know what -- this is actually something important -- this is about trust. There's no more serious issue in a presidential campaign than trust. (Applause.) The person who leads this country, you've got to have some confidence that he or she means what he or she says -- (applause) -- that if they tell you they're going to do something or that this is what they believe, that they're going to actually try to do it.

It doesn't mean that every candidate is going to get everything done all at once perfectly, but you want somebody to be able to look you in the eye and say, here's what I believe. Here's what I stand for. Here's what I'll fight for. (Applause.) Here's what I care about. Here's who I'm going to be looking out for in the debates in Washington.

But part of the reason I think this is hard for Governor Romney to do is his job plan doesn't really create jobs. His deficit plan doesn't reduce the deficit; it adds to it. His foreign policy is from the 1980s. His social policy is from the 1950s. His economic policies are from the 1920s. So everything he's doing right now is to hide his real positions and try to win this election.

He wants to just spend all his time and focus on telling people what he thinks is wrong with America. I mean, if you notice, in his debates, in his speeches, he is really excellent at listing all the things that are wrong. He can just go over it verbatim, just boom, boom, boom -- PowerPoint presentation. (Laughter.) But you know what -- that's not leadership you can trust.

And, Florida, you know me. (Applause.) You can trust that I say what I mean, and I mean what I say. (Applause.) And, yes, we've been through tough times. But you've never seen me quit.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And there's no quit in America.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: So for over the last four years, we've been making real progress, fighting our way back from these policies that failed America. Our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half

years. (Applause.) Unemployment has fallen to its lowest level since I took office. Home values are rising. The stock market has nearly doubled. Our assembly lines are getting back to work. And our heroes are coming home. (Applause.)

I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families -- (applause) -- and I did, by \$3,600. I promised to cut taxes for small business owners like Scott -- and we have, 18 times. (Applause.) I promised we would fix the financial situation that was broken when I came into office, but we got back every single dime, with interest, that we used to rescue the banks. (Applause.) We passed a law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good.

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell" -- (applause) -- so that nobody is ever kicked out of the military because of who they love.

When the heartbeat of American manufacturing was flat-lining, we said thanks, Governor, I know you've got all this private sector experience, but your advice isn't going to work this time. And today, the American auto industry's engines are roaring at full throttle again. (Applause.)

I said that I would make sure that nobody in America goes bankrupt when they get sick -- and we delivered on that promise. (Applause.) I said I'd make college more affordable for our young people -- and we delivered on that promise. (Applause.) I do what I say. You've seen me. (Applause.)

We're not yet where we need to be, but we've made real progress. And now we need to build on that progress. And, Florida, that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.) That's why I'm running.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, in this campaign, I've laid out a plan for jobs and middle-class security. And unlike Mitt Romney, I'm actually proud to talk about what's in it -- (laughter) -- because my plan actually will move America forward. And, by the way, the math in my plan adds up. (Laughter.) If we've got any math teachers out there, you can go ahead and look in this plan -- (applause) -- and you'll see that the numbers work. I won't be running the okeydoke on you. (Laughter.)

If you want to take a look at it, you check it out at [BarackObama.com/plans](http://BarackObama.com/plans). Share it with your friends. Share it with your neighbors. Share it with your coworkers. Folks who are still not convinced, they can look right here and find out what it is I intend to do in a second term. There are still people out there who are trying to make up their minds. Some of you here may still be trying to make up your minds. Maybe you just thought --

AUDIENCE: No! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: No? Some people here might have thought it was a concert going on or something and wandered in by

mistake. (Laughter.) Thought Scott was giving away free pizza. (Applause.) So for those of you who are still making up your minds -- or your friends, or your family -- I ask folks, compare my plan to Governor Romney's. See which plan is better for you and for America's future.

Now, let me just summarize it real quick. First, my plan builds on our manufacturing growth by ending tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to reward small businesses and manufacturers who are creating jobs right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

Second, my plan will cut our oil imports in half by 2020 so we control more of our own energy here in America. (Applause.) And by the way, today we are less dependent on foreign oil than any time in 20 years. And one reason is because we increased fuel-efficiency standards on cars and trucks so that they will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. And we need to build on that progress -- not just by producing more oil and gas, but by investing in clean energy technology that's creating jobs here in Florida and all across America. (Applause.)

Number three --

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. But I got this plan I want to talk about, so -- (applause) -- I do.

Number three, my plan will make it a national mission to educate our kids and train our workers so that they can compete better than anybody in the world. I want to recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers over the next decade. (Applause.) I want to train 2 million workers at our community colleges with the skills that businesses are looking for right now. I want to work with colleges and universities to keep down the growth in tuition costs because I want every young person to be able to get the higher education that they're willing to work for. (Applause.)

Number four, my plan is going to cut the deficit by \$4 trillion -- remember I said the numbers actually add up. (Laughter.) We're going to do it in a balanced way by cutting spending we don't need, but by also asking the wealthiest Americans to pay a little bit more -- (applause) -- so we can invest in research, invest in technology, those things that keep new jobs and businesses coming to America. (Applause.)

And I will not, in our pursuit of reducing the deficit, turn Medicare into a voucher because no American should spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. That's not what Medicare is about. (Applause.)

And finally, my plan will use the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to put our people back to work doing some nation-building here at home, repairing roads, fixing bridges, building schools all across America. And when our veterans come home, we will serve them as well as they've served us and make sure that they are out there getting the jobs that are going to help build America. (Applause.)

By the way, I just want to point out, in the same way that Governor Romney didn't mention the Afghan war or our troops in his convention speech, Governor Romney didn't even mention our veterans last night.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote.

He didn't say a word about it. Now, he may write off half the country as victims behind closed doors, but the men and women and their families who have served this country so bravely, they deserve better from somebody who's applying to be Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.) It is my greatest honor serving as their Commander-in-Chief, and I will fight for our troops and our veterans every single day. (Applause.)

So that's the plan we need, Florida. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy that has good middle-class jobs to offer. That's how you make sure that you've got increased take-home pay. That's how you make sure that businesses are taking root all across Florida and all across America.

And now it's up to you to choose the path we take from here. Starting on Saturday, Florida, you can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess, or you can choose the policies we're using to get us out of this mess. (Applause.) You can choose a foreign policy that's reckless and wrong, or you can choose one that is steady and strong. (Applause.) You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for immigrants and gays and women or, in this election, you can decide we will remain an inclusive, generous country where no matter who you are, or what you look like, or where you come from, or who you love, you can make it if you try. You've got a place in the American family. That's what's at stake right now. (Applause.)

We can go back, or we can choose to move forward, to focus on the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century; to work together as one nation, as one people, to make it another American Century.

That's the kind of President I've been, Florida. That's the kind of President I intend to be. I'm asking for your vote. I'm asking for your help. I believe in you, and I'm asking you to believe in me. And if you stand with me, and work with me, and knock on some doors with me, and make some phone calls with me, if you do that, we will win Palm Beach County again. We'll win Florida again. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started. We will win this election. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Iowa! (Applause.) Hello Quads! It's good to be back. This is about as close as I get to home these days, so it is good to be back. Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.)

At the outset, let's give Cassandra a huge round of applause for her service to our country and a great introduction. (Applause.) We've got your congressman here, Dave Loebsack; your mayor, Bill Gluba. (Applause.) And we've got all of you, and I'm really excited to see you. (Applause.)

Now, this is the first stop on our 48-hour fly-around-campaign marathon extravaganza. (Applause.) We're going to pull an all-nighter. No sleep. We're starting here in Iowa, we're going to Colorado, then we're going to go to Nevada, then we're going to Florida, Virginia, Ohio. (Applause.) I am going to stop in Chicago to vote. (Applause.) We've got early vote in Illinois just like we've got early vote here in Iowa.

But I had to start in Iowa to ask you for your vote, to ask you for your support so we can finish what we started. (Applause.) Because this is where it all began 4 years ago -- on your front porches, in your backyards. This is where the movement for change began. And Iowa, you will once again choose the path that we take from here.

I know at this point -- because you guys have seen a lot of TV commercials -- you've heard Governor Romney's sales pitch.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, don't boo -- vote. (Applause.) He has been running around saying he's got a five-point plan for the economy. Let me tell you, it turns out it's only a one-point plan. (Laughter.) Folks at the very top get to play by a very different set of rules than you do. They can keep

paying lower tax rates than you do, keep their money in off-shore accounts. They can buy up a company, load it up with debt, lay off the workers, strip away their pensions, send the jobs overseas -- and they still make a big profit while the middle class gets stuck with the bill.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. That was his philosophy in the private sector, that was his philosophy as governor, that's his philosophy now. It's not a very inspiring vision for our country.

So two weeks from the election -- because he knows that if he actually told everybody what he wants to do he probably wouldn't get any votes, so he's doing everything he can to make sure that you don't notice what he's been saying. And we've come up with a name for this condition -- it's called Romnesia. (Laughter.) Romnesia. I want to go over the symptoms with you, then, for it, because I don't want you to catch it. I don't want it to spread.

If you say you won't give a big tax cut to the wealthy, but you're caught on video promising your tax cut would include the top 1 percent, then you might have Romnesia. (Laughter.)

If you talk about how much you love teachers during a debate, but just a few weeks ago you said we shouldn't hire any more teachers because they won't grow the economy, you probably have Romnesia. (Laughter.)

If you sit on stage in a nationally televised debate saying how much you love cars -- you're a car guy -- except you wrote an article titled "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt," then you almost certainly have Romnesia.

If you can't seem to remember the policies on your own website, or the promises you made over the last six years that you've been running for President, or the promises you made six days ago, you probably have Romnesia -- but don't worry, Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. We can pick you up. There's a cure. We can make you well. (Applause.) As long as you vote, Iowa, we can cure folks of this malady, of this disease. (Applause.)

Listen, smart people who don't have a dog in this fight -- independent analysts, economists -- they took out their pencils, they had their green eyeshades, they crunched the numbers. Turns out Governor Romney's economic plan is a sketchy deal. The results are not what you'd want to write home about. The Washington Post calls his jobs plan a "bait and switch." The bait is the promise that his plan creates 12 million jobs; the switch is the fact that his plan doesn't create 12 million jobs. (Laughter.) That's the bait and the switch. In fact, it won't even create jobs right now.

And then Governor Romney wants to spend \$5 trillion on tax cuts that favor the wealthy, \$2 trillion on defense spending that our military isn't asking for, and he wants you to believe that he can do that without adding to the deficit or raising middle-class taxes. The problem is you'd need to invent a new

kind of math to actually make this true.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Arithmetic!

THE PRESIDENT: The arithmetic does not work.

So we know Governor Romney's jobs plan doesn't create jobs. His deficit plan doesn't reduce the deficit. And we joke about Romnesia, but all of this speaks to something that's really important, and that is the issue of trust. There's no more serious issue on a presidential campaign than trust. Trust matters. (Applause.)

And here's the thing: Iowa, you know me. You know that I say what I mean, and I mean what I say. There are some folks in this crowd who have probably been following me since I was running for the United States Senate. (Applause.) And you know what? You can -- like this guy right here, who I served with in the United States Senate [sic], George Shadid. And you could take a videotape of things I said 10 years ago, 12 years ago, and you'd say, man, this is the same guy -- has the same values, cares about the same people, doesn't forget where he came from, knows who he's fighting for. (Applause.)

And you know what? I haven't finished all the work that we set out to do in 2008, but I have fought for you every single day that I've held this office. (Applause.) And with your help, I've kept the commitments that I've made.

I told you we'd end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) I said we'd begin the process of ending the war in Afghanistan -- we are. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and we have. And a new tower rises over the New York skyline, al Qaeda is on the path to defeat, and Osama bin Laden is dead. I kept that promise. (Applause.) I kept that promise.

I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families and small businesses -- and we've done that. I promised to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good -- and we have. (Applause.) I promised to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" -- and today you can't be kicked out of the military because of who you are or who you love. (Applause.)

I said I'd bet on American workers and American ingenuity, and while the other guy was saying "let Detroit go bankrupt," I went in there and worked with the workers and the management, and we've saved a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, we are moving forward. After losing 9 million jobs in the Great Recession, our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. Manufacturing is at its highest level since the '90s. Unemployment has fallen to its lowest level since I took office. Home values and home sales are rising. Our assembly lines are humming again. We've got a long way to go, Iowa, but we've come too far to turn back now. We can't afford to go back to what got us into this mess. We've got to stick with policies that are getting out of this mess. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of

America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, the good news is I've got a plan that will actually create jobs, that will actually reduce the deficit, that will actually create middle-class security. And unlike Mitt Romney, I'm proud to talk about what's actually in my plan -- (applause) -- because my math actually adds up.

If you want to take a look at it, check it out at [barackobama.com/plans](http://barackobama.com/plans). I want you to share it with your friends, share it with your neighbors, share it with your co-workers. There are still people out there who may be trying to make up their minds. Maybe somebody here thought they were visiting the haunted house over there and just kind of wandered over, trying to figure out what's going on -- (laughter) -- and they haven't made up their mind yet. I want them to know.

I want everybody out there to compare my plans to Governor Romney's, have the information you need, see which plan is better for you and for America's future.

First of all, I want to end tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas. (Applause.) I want to reward small businesses and manufacturers who are creating jobs right here in the United States of America. That's what I want to do. (Applause.)

Second, I want to cut our oil imports in half by 2020 so we control more of our own energy. Some of you may know we are today less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the last two decades because of the steps we've taken -- because we increased fuel standards on cars and trucks, so they're going to go twice as far on a gallon of gas; because we've been producing clean energy, including right here in Iowa.

Today, there are factories in Iowa where once laid-off workers are back on the job building wind towers, building wind blades. I want to build on that progress. I don't want fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries and wind turbines manufactured in China -- I want them manufactured here in Iowa. I want them made in the United States of America, and we can do that. (Applause.)

Number three, we are going to make it a national mission to educate our kids and train our workers better than anybody else in the world. (Applause.) I want to recruit a hundred thousand new math and science teachers, train 2 million workers at community colleges with the skills that businesses are looking for right now. I want to work with colleges and universities to cut the growth of tuition so our young people can afford a higher education without getting loaded up with debt. (Applause.) We can do that.

Number four, my plan will cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years, but we're going to do it in a balanced way. We're going to cut out spending we don't need, but we're also going to ask the wealthiest Americans to pay a little bit more. And we're going to do that so we can invest in research

and technology that keeps new jobs and businesses coming to America. And I'll never turn Medicare into a voucher. (Applause.) No American should spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies.

And finally, I'm going to use the savings from ending the war in Iraq and ending the war in Afghanistan to put our people back to work right here at home, do some nation-building here repairing roads, bridges, schools all across America. (Applause.) And when our veterans like Cassandra come home, we're going to serve them as well as they've served us. We're going to make sure that they've got the support that they need -- (applause) -- because nobody who has fought for America should have to fight for a job when they come home. (Applause.)

So, Iowa, that's the plan that we need. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy that creates good middle-class jobs; that makes sure that folks have the sense that not only are they doing well now but their future prospects are going to be bright. That's how you're going to encourage new businesses to start here and stay here. That's how you actually increase take-home pay -- not by talking about it and then wanting to cut taxes for folks at the very top. This is how you build an economy where everyone who works hard has a chance to get ahead. That's what America is about. That's the basic bargain that we believe in.

And now it's up to you, Iowa -- right here, right now, today. You've got a chance to choose the path that we're going to take from here. It's up to the young people who are here today to choose the future that you want to see. (Applause.) You can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess, or you can choose the policies that are helping us to get out of this mess. You can choose a foreign policy that is reckless and wrong, or you can choose the kind of leadership that I've shown that's steady and strong and clear -- sends clear messages to our allies and to our enemies. You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years on women and immigrants and gays.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Or in this election, you can stand up for the kind of America that says, we embrace everybody. We believe in giving everybody a fair shot, and everybody doing their fair share, everybody playing by the same rules. It doesn't matter whether you're black or white or Hispanic or Asian or Native American; whether you're young or old, able, disabled, gay straight -- it doesn't matter. (Applause.) No matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you are -- you can make it here if you try. That's the America we believe in. (Applause.)

So listen, Iowa, we've been through tough times over these last four years, but we've been through tougher times before. The good news is we always bounce back. We always come out on top. Because the American people are tougher than any tough times because we pull together, because we look after one another, because we leave nobody behind, because we don't turn back, because we're always look at the horizon in front

of us, because we're always moving forward -- and that's why I'm asking for your vote today. (Applause.) That's why I'm asking for your vote in this election.

And if you give me that vote, I promise you I will always listen to your voices, I will always fight for your families, I'll spend every waking day continuing to make sure that your lives are a little bit better. (Applause.) This is where it got started, Iowa. I believe in you, and I'm asking you to keep believing in me.

And if you'll roll up your sleeves, and if you'll work with me and knock on some doors with me and make some calls with me, we'll win Scott County again. We'll win Iowa again. We'll win this election again. And we'll finish what we started and remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

The Carillon at Byrd Park  
Richmond, Virginia

1:11 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Virginia! (Applause.) Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: I'm sorry -- are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Let's begin by giving it up for your outstanding United States Senator, Mark Warner. (Applause.) And the man who's going to join him in the United States Senate, Tim Kaine. (Applause.) These guys are great friends of mine. They were great governors of this great commonwealth, and they will be an extraordinary team fighting for you in Washington. (Applause.)

You also have a great Congressman coming out of Virginia, Bobby Scott, in the house. (Applause.) Your Mayor, Dwight Jones, is here. (Applause.) And all of you are here. (Applause.) Can I just say this is a nice-looking crowd here. (Applause.)

Now, you may have noticed that my voice sounds just a little hoarse. (Laughter.) We are right in the middle of our 48-hour fly-around campaign extravaganza. (Applause.) We pulled an all-nighter last night. We just came from Florida. We were in Iowa and Colorado and Nevada before that. We're heading up to Ohio later today. And I'm going to stop in my

hometown of Chicago to vote. (Applause.)

I can't tell you who I'm voting for because it's a secret ballot. (Laughter.) But the good news is Michelle said she voted for me. (Applause.) She did. And I've come to Virginia today to ask you for your vote just 12 days from now. (Applause.) I need your vote! (Applause.) I've come to ask for your help in keeping America moving forward. (Applause.)

You've now seen three debates, months of campaign events, and way too many TV commercials.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: So you've heard what the argument is about here. You understand what the choice is. You've heard Governor Romney's sales pitch. He's been running around --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, don't boo -- vote! (Applause.)

He's been running around saying he's got a five-point plan for the economy -- turns out it's a one-point plan. (Laughter.) Folks at the very top get to play by a different set of rules than you do. They get to pay a lower tax rate. They get to outsource jobs. They want to roll back Wall Street reforms that we put in place to make sure we don't have taxpayer-funded bailouts.

That was his philosophy in the boardroom; that was his philosophy as governor. And if it sounds familiar, it's because that's exactly what we tried in the last decade, before I came into office. It led to falling incomes and record deficits and the slowest job growth in half a century, and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

We have now been working for four years to clean up the mess those policies left behind. (Applause.) And now Governor Romney wants to take us back to those policies, but he knows that they're probably not very popular. He knows his plan isn't any different than the policies that got us into trouble. So in the final weeks of this election, he's counting on you forgetting. He's hoping that you come down with a case of what we call Romnesia. (Applause.)

He's hoping you won't remember that his economic plan is more likely to create jobs in China than it is in America -- because it actually rewards companies that ship jobs and profits overseas. He's hoping you won't remember that he wants to give millionaires and billionaires a \$250,000 tax cut -- because the only way he can pay for that tax cut is by raising your taxes or blowing a hole in the deficit.

He's hoping that you'll come down with a severe case of -

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AUDIENCE: Romnesia!

THE PRESIDENT: -- Romnesia before you cast your ballot. But, Richmond, I want you all to know this. This is a curable

disease. If you feel any symptoms coming on, if you're starting to get a little woozy -- (laughter) -- your eyes are getting a little blurry, some ringing in your ears, if you can't remember what you said just a week ago -- (applause) -- if you can't remember the plans on your own website, and you're worried you might be coming down with a case of Romnesia, I want you to know -- Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. (Applause.) We can make you well. We can fix you up. All you've got to do is vote. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Richmond, I want to explain something. We joke about this, but this goes to a pretty serious issue, the most serious issue of any presidential contest, and that is the issue of trust. Trust matters. You want to know that whoever is in the Oval Office is going to fight for you. You want to know that they're not just going to take the politically expedient path, that they're guided by a compass in terms of how are we going to make sure the American people have a chance to succeed if they're working hard, and more importantly, that the next generation is going to have the kind of America we want them to have. (Applause.) And you know what, you know me.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: You know I say what I mean, and I mean what I say. (Applause.) We haven't finished all the work we set out to do in 2008 just yet, but every single day I set foot in the Oval Office, you know I'm thinking about you. I'm fighting for your families. (Applause.) And with your help, we have met major commitments that I made four years ago.

I told you we'd end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- we are. I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- al Qaeda is on the path to defeat and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.) There's a new tower rising above the New York skyline. Our heroes are coming home. I've kept those promises. (Applause.)

I was proud and humbled to learn that we have Colin Powell's support in this campaign. (Applause.) I'm grateful to him for his lifetime of service to his country, both as a soldier and as a diplomat. And every brave American who wears this uniform of this country should know that as long as I'm your Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.) We will be relentless in pursuit of our enemies.

Those are promises I've kept. Four years ago, I promised to cut middle-class taxes for families and small businesses -- and we have. I promised not only to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts, but I said we'd get every dime of money that was used to rescue the financial system -- we have, with interest. (Applause.)

I promised we'd repeal "don't ask, don't tell."  
(Applause.) Today, you can't be kicked out of our military

because of who you love.

I said I'd make sure that Americans don't go bankrupt when they get sick -- and we passed Obamacare, and it was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

I promised that we'd get help to young people so they could afford college -- and we have. (Applause.) I bet on American workers and American ingenuity, and saved a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. (Applause.) On issue after issue, we are moving forward.

After losing 9 million jobs in the Great Recession, our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs in the last two and a half years. The unemployment rate is falling. Manufacturing is coming back. Our assembly lines are humming. Housing prices are beginning to rise.

We've got a long way to go, Virginia, but we've come too far to come back now. (Applause.) We can't afford to go backwards to the same policies that got us into this mess; we've got to go forward with the policies that are getting us out of this mess. And that's why I'm running for a second term. And that's why I need your help. (Applause.)

I've got a plan that will actually create jobs, not just talk about creating jobs; a plan that will actually create middle-class security, not just use the words but not deliver on the promise. Unlike my opponent, I'm actually proud to talk about what's in my plan, because the arithmetic works. (Applause.)

If you want to take a careful look at it, go to [BarackObama.com/plans](http://BarackObama.com/plans). I want you to share it with your friends and your neighbors and your co-workers. There's still people out there who are undecided, trying to make up their minds. Maybe somebody in this crowd got dragged by your girlfriend or your boyfriend. Your grandma said you got to go to the Obama rally and you said, all right, grandma. (Laughter.) But you're not yet convinced. Take a look at this plan. Compare it to what Governor Romney's plans are. See which plan you think is better for you. I want you to have the information you need to make an educated choice about this issue, about America's future and your own. (Applause.)

The first thing in my plan -- I want to end tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to give those tax breaks to companies that are investing in Richmond, investing in Virginia, helping small businesses and manufacturers create jobs right here at home. That's a priority. (Applause.)

Number two, I want to cut our oil imports in half by 2020, so we control more of our own energy. (Applause.) Because of what we've done to increase oil production and natural gas production, to invest in clean coal technology, to make sure that we're also investing in the clean energy source of the future like wind and solar and biofuels -- (applause) -- we today are less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the last two decades. (Applause.)

We passed regulations to make sure that fuel standards on cars and trucks are doubled, so that you'll go twice as far on a gallon of gas. And that will save you money. That's good for our national security. It's good for our environment. I want to build on that progress. I don't want the cars of the future, long-lasting batteries, wind turbines, solar panels -- I don't want them made in China. I want them made right here in Virginia. (Applause.) I want to put people back to work here in the United States. (Applause.) We can do that.

Number three, I want to make it a national mission to educate our young people, to train our workers. (Applause.) I want to recruit 100,000 math and science teachers. (Applause.) We've got to step it up when it comes to math and science and technology. I want to train 2 million workers in our outstanding community colleges so they've got the skills to get the jobs that are out there right now. (Applause.) And I want to work with colleges and universities to cut the growth of tuition in half. (Applause.) I want to make sure that young people are not burdened with debt when they're pursuing the education they need to compete. We can do that.

Number four, my plan will cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years in a balanced way. Yes, we're going to cut spending we don't need -- we've already cut a trillion dollars. But I'm going to ask the wealthiest to pay a little bit more so we can invest in the research and technology that will keep new jobs and businesses coming to America. (Applause.) And in the process of making sure that we're reducing our deficit, I'm not going to turn Medicare into a voucher program. No American should spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. (Applause.)

And you know what -- I think we've seen again this week -- I don't think any male politician should be making health care decisions for women. (Applause.) I don't think your boss or your insurance company should be making those decisions for you either. I believe women are capable and should make their own health care decisions for themselves. (Applause.)

That's why the health care law we passed puts those choices in your hands, where they belong. That's where they are to stay as long as I'm President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Finally, I'll use the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to put our people back to work to do some nation-building here at home -- fixing our roads and our bridges, repairing our schools, laying out broadband lines into rural communities so they can compete in the global economy. And when our veterans come home, we are going to make sure we've got the resources to serve them as well as they've served us -- because nobody who fights for this country should have to fight for a job, or a roof over their heads, or the care they need when they come home. (Applause.)

This is the plan we need, Virginia. This is how you build a strong, sustainable economy. This is how you create good, middle-class jobs. This is how you encourage new businesses to start here and to stay here. This is how you increase take-home pay. This is how you build an economy where everybody who works hard has a chance to get ahead. That's

what we can do together. (Applause.)

But it's up to you, Virginia. You're going to have to make a choice. It's up to the young people here to decide what kind of future you want for yourselves. It's up to the not-so-young people, like me -- and some of you -- (laughter) -- to make sure we make the right choice for future generations.

Sure, we can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess -- but I think we have to choose the policies that are getting us out of this mess. (Applause.) You can choose a foreign policy that's wrong and reckless -- or you can choose one that's steady and strong. (Applause.)

You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for women, and immigrants, and gays -- or in this election, you can stand up for that basic principle, enshrined in our founding documents, that we're all created equal. (Applause.) That everybody has a voice in America. That it doesn't matter who you are, or what you look like, or where you come from, or who you love -- (applause) -- black or white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, young, old, rich, poor, gay, straight, abled or disabled -- (applause) -- it doesn't matter, you have a place in America. You can make it if you try. That's what's best in our country. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

Virginia, we've been through some tough times, but we always bounce back -- because the American people are always tougher than any tough times. We always come out on top because we pull together, because we look after one another, because we don't leave people behind. We don't close the door behind us if we're successful -- we open it up a little wider so folks can walk through. We don't turn back. We look forward at that distant horizon, at the next destination. (Applause.) Our destiny is not written for us, it's written by us -- and we're going to write that next chapter together. (Applause.)

That's why I'm asking for your vote in this election. (Applause.) That's why I'm asking for your vote. And I promise you, if you give me four more years, you'll have a President who always hear your voice; a President who will always fight for you and your family; a President who spends every waking hour trying to make your lives just a little bit better. (Applause.)

Virginia, I believe in you. I'm asking you to keep believing in me. (Applause.) And if you're willing to roll up your sleeves with me, and work with me, knock on some doors with me, make some phone calls with me, we'll win Richmond. (Applause.) We'll win the Commonwealth of Virginia again. We'll win this election. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. Thank you, Virginia. God bless America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

Colorado State Fairgrounds  
Pueblo, Colorado

10:35 A.M. MDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Pueblo! (Applause.) Hello, Colorado! (Applause.) It's good to be back! (Applause.) It is good to be back. And thank you so much for being here. This is a good-looking crowd.

Can everybody please give Crystal a big round of applause for that great introduction. (Applause.) There are a couple other people I want to acknowledge. First of all, one of our campaign co-chairs, former Secretary of Transportation, former Secretary of Energy, former mayor, good friend -- please give a big round of applause to Federico Peña. (Applause.) And we've got one of the finest senators that the state of Colorado ever had, who is now doing a great job looking after the natural resources of this beautiful country of ours -- your own, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar. (Applause.)

It is great to be with all of you. We spent the night here last night, and everybody has been so hospitable. And then, this morning, before we came here we stopped by Romero's for some green chili. (Applause.) I got to admit that we're saving some to take back to the White House. (Laughter and applause.) So I'm going to work with the White House chefs to see if we can figure out some of the secrets here. (Laughter.)

But, listen, unless you've been able to hide from your TV set or your cable is broke, you're probably aware right now that we've got a pretty intense campaign going on. (Applause.) And the reason it's so intense is because the choice that we face this November could not be bigger. It's not just a choice between two candidates. It's not just a choice between two parties. More than any election in recent memory, this is a choice between two fundamentally different paths for our country -- two fundamentally different visions of where this country needs to go.

And the direction that we choose -- the direction that you

choose when you walk into that voting booth in November, it won't make a difference just in our lives; it will make a difference in our kids' lives and our grandkids' lives for decades to come. (Applause.)

Now remember that four years ago we came together as Democrats, but also independents and Republicans, to restore the basic bargain that built the greatest middle class and the most prosperous economy the world has ever known. And it's a bargain that says -- it's very simple -- it says, if you work hard, hard work should be rewarded. (Applause.) It's an idea that says if you put in the effort, if you take responsibility for yourself and your community, you should be able to find a job that pays the bills. (Applause.) You should be able to afford a home that you can call your own. You should be able to count on health care if you get sick. You should be able to retire with dignity and respect. And most importantly, you should be able to give your kids the kinds of education and opportunity that lets them dream even bigger than you dreamed and do even better than you did. (Applause.)

That idea is at the heart of America. That's the American promise. Now, we understood that restoring that promise wouldn't be easy. It would take more than one year or one term or even one President. After all, we had been coming off a decade in which the middle class had been getting hammered, jobs had been getting shipped overseas, wages and incomes were going down, the cost of everything from health care to groceries was going up. And it all culminated in the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes -- a crisis that robbed too many of our friends and neighbors of their jobs and their homes and their savings, and put the American Dream even further out of reach.

So we knew that we had a lot of work to do. And over the last three and a half years, we have focused on righting the ship, making sure that we didn't slip into a depression, saving an auto industry, creating 4.5 million new jobs, half a million new manufacturing jobs -- (applause) -- getting health care done, helping young people go to college. We have been working to get us moving forward.

And as tough as things have been -- and we know our job is not done yet -- what we've learned over these last three and a half years is that the crisis didn't change who we are. It hasn't changed our character. It hasn't changed what has made us great. It hasn't changed why we came together, what we believe in, why we feel such an urgency to get to work. Because we understand that we need to build an economy where hard work pays off, so that no matter who you are, what you look like, where you come from, what your last name is -- here in America, you can make it if you try. (Applause.) That's what this campaign is about, Colorado. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, look, there are no quick fixes. There are no easy solutions to the challenges we face. But I know in my bones that we have the capacity to meet those challenges. Think about what we've got going for us. We've still got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best business

people in the world. We've got the best scientists, the best researchers, the best colleges, the best universities. We are a young nation and we've got a diversity of talent and ingenuity that comes from every corner of the globe. (Applause.)

So when you hear people saying, America is in decline, or you hear folks for political reasons trying to paint things as dark as they can, let me tell you something -- there isn't a country on Earth that wouldn't trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.) What is standing in our way right now isn't the lack of technical solutions or good plans. What's standing in our way is the politics in Washington -- folks who think compromise is a dirty word, folks who think the only thing we can do to grow the economy is to go back to the same top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And I promise you, that's their only idea -- to go back to the things that didn't work. Mr. Romney, his friends in Congress, they believe -- they've got two ideas. One, tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. Two, they want to get rid of regulations that help keep our air and water clean -- regulations that protect our consumers, regulations that make sure that Wall Street doesn't do the same kinds of things that created the financial crisis.

And their idea is, is that if we give these big tax cuts to folks who don't need them and are doing really well, and we let corporations run roughshod, even if they're not doing the right thing, that somehow that's going to lead to jobs and prosperity for everybody. That's what they're proposing. That's what they will do if they win this election.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Crystal mentioned this -- the centerpiece of Mr. Romney's entire economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut -- a lot of it is going to the wealthiest Americans. But last week, we found out he expects the middle class to pick up the tab to pay for it.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: So you've got a \$5 trillion tax plan and to pay for it you raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000 -- not to reduce the deficit, not to grow jobs, not to invest in education, but just to give another \$250,000 tax cut to people making more than \$3 million a year.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, you know what, they have tried to sell us this trickle-down tax cut fairy dust before. It did not work. It did not work then. It is not going to work now. It is not a plan to create jobs. It is not a plan to cut the deficit. It's not a plan to move our economy forward. We do not need -- I do not need a tax cut. We don't need tax cuts for folks who are doing really, really, really well. We need

to keep taxes low for working Americans like you. (Applause.)

We need to keep tax cuts in place for families who are trying to raise kids, and keep them healthy and send them to college, and keep a roof over their heads. And that's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised that I would cut middle-class taxes. I kept that promise. (Applause.) And the average middle-class family, their taxes are about \$3,600 lower than when I came into office. So if you talk to your friends and they say, oh, he's some big taxing Democrat, you tell them, actually, he's cut your taxes. Now I want to keep taxes exactly where they are on the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. So if you're a family making under \$250,000 -- which is 98 percent of American families -- you won't see your income taxes go up by one single dime. (Applause.)

Now, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, if you make more than \$250,000 a year, you still get a tax cut on your first \$250,000. But if you make \$3 million, then we're going to go take the rest of it and tax that a little bit more at the rate we taxed it under Bill Clinton. (Applause.)

And listen, the reason we do that is not because we love taxes. I would end up having to pay more under my plan. And it's not like I love paying taxes, but I understand that I've got to do a little bit more. I've been so blessed. And it will help us bring down our deficit and invest in things like education that will help us grow as an economy. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, understand also -- we're going to make sure that government does its part. We've already cut a trillion dollars of spending that we didn't need, and we'll keep streamlining government to make it more effective. But we're just asking folks like me to go back to the rates we paid under Bill Clinton, and that was a time when the economy created nearly 23 million new jobs -- the biggest budget surplus in history. (Applause.)

And it actually was good for businesses and good for folks at the top, too. Because you know what happens? If a steel worker or a construction worker, they've got a job and they've got a little more money in their pockets, maybe they buy that new car. And that means that now that business has more profits, maybe they hire more workers. If a teacher or a receptionist has a little bit more money in their pockets, maybe they go over to another restaurant. Maybe they go to Romero's and they eat out. And now the restaurant hires a couple more workers -- everybody does better. That's how the economy grows best -- from the middle out, from the bottom up, not from the top down.

When all of us share in prosperity, we all do better. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for President -- because I believe we're all in this together. (Applause.)

We've got a bunch of examples of the differences, the choice in this election. When the American auto industry was on the brink of collapse, more than 1 million jobs at stake, Governor Romney said, let's "let Detroit go bankrupt."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I said I believe in American workers, I believe in this American industry, and now the American auto industry has come roaring back and GM is number one again. (Applause.) So now I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs not just in the auto industry, but in every industry. I don't want those jobs taking root in places like China. I want them taking root in places like Pueblo. (Applause.)

Governor Romney brags about his private sector experience, but it was mostly investing in companies, some of which were called "pioneers" of outsourcing. I don't want to be a pioneer of outsourcing. I want to insource. I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas; let's give those tax breaks to companies that are investing here in the United States of America, making American products with American workers and selling them around the world. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

Here's another difference. At a moment when homegrown energy, renewable energy is creating new jobs in states like Colorado and Iowa, my opponent wants to end tax credits for wind energy producers.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Think about what that would mean for a community like Pueblo. The wind industry supports about 5,000 jobs across this state. Without those tax credits, 37,000 American jobs, including potentially hundreds of jobs right here, would be at risk. Colorado, it's time to stop spending billions in taxpayer subsidies on an oil industry that's already making a lot of profit -- (applause) -- and let's keep investing in new energy sources that have never been more promising. That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for President. (Applause.)

I'm running because in 2008 I promised to end the war in Iraq, and I ended it. (Applause.) I promised to go after al Qaeda and go after bin Laden, and we did it. (Applause.) We've set a timeline to end the war in Afghanistan, to make Afghans responsible for their own security. And we could not have done all this if it had not been for our outstanding men and women in uniform. (Applause.) Here in Pueblo, the Home of Heroes, you know what it means to care for our veterans. (Applause.) I want to thank you for everything you've done and are doing to look after our men and women who have worn the uniform. And I promise you that as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, this country will care for our veterans and serve them as well as they've served us. Nobody who has fought for our country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

So my plan will create a Veterans Job Corps, so we can put returning heroes back to work as cops and firefighters in communities that need them. And I want to take about half the money that we're no longer spending on war, and let's put people back to work -- do some nation-building right here at home. (Applause.) Let's renew our roads and our runways and our wireless networks. And let's work on our water infrastructure.

Here in the Southwest, water is the lifeblood of our communities. It was 50 years ago, this month, that President Kennedy came to Pueblo and he signed the Fry-Ark bill. Today, my administration is making sure, 50 years later, that you've got the resources to finish the job so that we are leaving your kids and your grandkids clean water, clean drinking water that is long overdue. That's the kind of investment in America that creates jobs now and makes life better for the future. That's what this election is about. That's the America we want to build. (Applause.)

Colorado, I'm running to make sure that we're once again the country that leads the world in education. (Applause.) I want to help our schools reward and hire the best teachers, especially in math and science. I want to give 2 million more Americans the chance to study at community colleges and get the skills they need for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) I want to get colleges and universities to bring tuition down once and for all. (Applause.) Because in the 21st century, higher education is not a luxury, it's an economic necessity. And I want to make sure none of our young people who are willing to put in the effort are locked out of opportunity. (Applause.)

So the stakes are big in this election on every issue. On homeownership, my opponent says, let's just let foreclosures bottom out. That's his answer. What I've said is, let's let every homeowner refinance at historically low rates, save you \$3,000 that you can then spend to restore equity in your home or help your kids go to college. (Applause.) That is good for the economy. It'll be good for the housing market.

Mr. Romney wants to reverse the Affordable Care Act -- Obamacare. Let me tell you something. Right now, 6.5 million young people can stay on their parent's plan because of the health care law I passed. (Applause.) Millions of seniors are seeing lower prescription drug costs. (Applause.) We are going to make sure that if you've got a preexisting condition, you can now get health insurance. (Applause.) We're not going backwards. We're not going to take that away. And we're certainly not going to follow Mr. Romney's lead and go back to the days when women didn't have control of their own health care choices. Women can make their own decisions. We don't need politicians doing it. (Applause.)

Mr. Romney thinks "don't ask, don't tell" was a good idea. I think anybody who loves this country should be able to serve this country. That was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

Mr. Romney believes in something called self-deportation, thinks Arizona is a model for immigration laws across the

country.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I think we did the right thing to say that a young person who comes to America -- is brought here, is raised here, is friends with our kids, is going to school with our kids, is American in every single way except for a piece of paper should have the chance to be a part of the American family. That was the right thing to do. (Applause.) We're going forward, not backwards. (Applause.)

On every single one of these issues, there is a choice. And it's about whether we go back to the failed policies of the past or whether we actually finally start once again working around that core idea that built this country -- the idea that if you work hard here you can make it. The idea that in America, everybody gets a fair shot and everybody does their fair share, and everybody plays by the same set of rules. (Applause.) The idea that in America, we rise or fall together, and government can't solve every problem and it shouldn't try, and it certainly can't help folks who are aren't willing to help themselves. But there are some things that we can do together as a people that makes us all better off, that makes our country strong, and that our economy works best when the middle class is growing and feels secure. (Applause.)

Now, I've got to tell you, we've got less than three months left in this election -- less than three months. Time is flying. And over the next three months, you will see more negative ads, more money spent than you've ever seen in your life. I mean, these super PACs, these guys are writing \$10 million checks and giving them to Mr. Romney's supporters.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And, basically, they all have just the same argument. They all say the same thing. They say the economy is bad and it's Obama's fault -- every ad is the same argument.

Now, let me tell you something. That may be a strategy to try to win an election, but they can't hide the fact that they don't have a plan to grow the economy. (Applause.) They don't have a plan to create more jobs. They don't have a plan to revive the middle class. I've got that plan. That's why I'm running. (Applause.)

So when you talk to your friends and your neighbors, some of them may think we'll be better off if we cut taxes for the wealthy and get rid of every regulation, set our sights lower and stop providing the kind of assistance we need to kids to go to college. And you've got to tell them, look, if you think that's going to work better -- that's how democracy works -- you should vote for those other folks. Feel free to try to send them to Washington.

But I believe -- and you believe -- we've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We've got too much more work to do. We've got too many good jobs we've got to create. We've got too many teachers we still need to hire. We've got too

many schools we need to rebuild. We've got too many students we need to help go to college. We've got too much homegrown energy we need to generate right here in Colorado. (Applause.) We've got more troops we need to come home. We've got more doors of opportunity that we need to open for every young person here in Pueblo, here in Colorado, all across the country. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake right now. That's why I'm running for President. That's why I'm asking for your vote -- (applause) -- not just for me, but for the country that you believe in. You've got to be registered to vote. We've got folks here who are ready to help you do that. Here in Colorado, you can register online. You go to GottaRegister.com. But don't wait until the last minute. Grab some friends, get online -- let's get this done. (Applause.)

Back in 2008, I made a promise to you. I said, I'm not a perfect man and I won't be a perfect President. But what I did say is I'd always tell you what I thought, I'd always tell you where I stood, and most importantly, I would spend every waking minute fighting as hard as I knew how for you. (Applause.)

I have kept that promise, Colorado. I kept that promise because I believe in you. (Applause.) I believe in this country. And if you still believe in me and you're willing to stand with me, and knock on some doors with me, and make some phone calls with me and take your friends to the polls for me, I promise you we will win Colorado. We will win this election. We will finish what we started. And we will remind the world why the United States is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you very much, everybody. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, everybody. (Applause.) It is good to be back home!

Let me, first of all, just say something about Barbara. I think so many of you know the incredible contributions she had made to the city. She was a leader in early childhood education. She has helped to reshape and redesign how we think about teaching our young people so that they get a great education. And she has just been an extraordinary friend to me and so many people all across this city and all across the country.

And her and Jim Bowman were folks who took me under their wing, and Michelle under their wing, when we were young and still trying to find our way. They have been great friends ever since. And I could not be prouder to be with her today -- especially since she let all of you tear up her backyard. (Laughter.) So please give Barbara Bowman a big round of applause. (Applause.)

I've got so many good friends here, so many familiar faces, people who were with me when I ran my first state senate campaign. (Applause.) That's when we were -- I had these little flyers we made at Kinko's. (Laughter.) We were very proud of them. The Internet didn't really exist at that point. You remember that? And we had to walk around knocking on doors and folks were -- "Barama?" (Laughter.) "Yo momma." (Laughter.) No, no -- it's Obama. (Laughter.)

So when I look at friends who were there and helped me get my start when raising \$5,000 was a big deal. And you guys scratched and clawed and helped me get that first seat in the state Senate.

I know that a couple of friends of mine from my service in the state senate are here. First of all, former senate president, Emil Jones, is in the house somewhere -- (applause)

-- and was one of my strongest supporters. And the new senate president, who at the time we were just on the judiciary committee together -- and he was probably the smartest guy there, so it's not a surprise that he is now the state senate president -- John Cullerton is here. So give them a big round of applause. (Applause.)

Now, we have gone through as difficult and challenging four years as we've seen in not just a generation, but several generations. We had already seen a decade in which job growth had stagnated, jobs were being shipped overseas. The average wages and incomes of middle-class families had actually gone down when you take inflation into account, even though the costs of everything from health care to a college education were going up. All of it culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

And so, we've spent the last three and a half years trying to get things back on track, trying to right the ship -- saving an auto industry that was on the brink of collapse, creating 4.5 million new jobs, half a million jobs in manufacturing, which is the highest rate that we've seen since the 1990s. Slowly, we've been trying to help the housing market recover.

But the fact is we've still got millions of people around the country who are struggling. We've still got folks who are out of work, folks who have lost their homes or their homes are underwater, young people who still are trying to figure out how they can afford college, or if they've gone to college, a

And what I try to remind people is that when we ran in 2008, our task was not simply to get back to where we were in 2007. Our job was to rebuild an economy where here in America, if you were willing to work hard and take responsibility for your own life, you could make it -- where you could find a job that pays a living wage so you could pay the bills and support a family, where you could have a home that you would call your own, that you weren't bankrupt when you got sick and you could retire with dignity and respect -- and most importantly, an economy in which you knew that you could get your kid a good education and your grandchild a good education, and that they could dream bigger and do better than you ever imagined.

That's what we've been fighting for. That's why we came together in 2008 -- not just Democrats, but independents and even some Republicans -- understanding that that basic bargain was at risk, the notion that here in America, everybody gets a fair shot and everybody does their fair share and everybody plays by the same set of rules. That's what we've been fighting for.

And that's why, in addition to dealing with that immediate aftermath of this economic crisis, we also said let's do something about health care, and let's make sure that everybody who is out there working hard and doing the right thing, that they're not going to go bankrupt because they get sick, that they're going to have health care they can count on. And we got that done. (Applause.)

That's why we set out to reform Wall Street, because we believe that we've got to have a dynamic, vibrant financial

sector, but we want the financial sector to do what it's supposed to be doing, which is financing businesses and families and growing an economy, not just making reckless bets. And we got that done with Wall Street reform. (Applause.)

That's why we took on the student loan system and said that instead of having \$60 billion going to banks as middlemen on the student loan programs, let's have that money go directly to students so that millions more young people could benefit from Pell grants and lower student loan rates -- because we've got to make sure that they've got those ladders of opportunity. And we got that done. (Applause.)

That's why we said we need to end the war in Iraq, because it was time to do some nation-building here at home and it would allow us to refocus our attention on going after al Qaeda and bin Laden. And we got that done. (Applause.)

So our goal has never been just to get back to the pre-crisis situation. Our goal has been to build an economy that lasts for the long haul, for our kids and for our grandkids. That work is not yet finished. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, we have as stark a choice in this election as we've seen in my lifetime. In some ways, it's starker than it was in 2008. The Republican nominee, Mr. Romney, and his new running mate, Congressman Ryan, their basic idea is that what's holding us back is not banks that take reckless risks, or insurance companies that are taking advantage of consumers, or the fact that we've still got a global economic crisis that we're digging our way out of. Their view is that if we give tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans and we get rid of all kinds of regulations -- regulations that help make sure that our air is clean and our water is clean, regulations that we've put in place to protect consumers from unscrupulous lenders, regulations that we've put in place to make sure that women are getting equal pay for equal work -- (applause) -- regulations to protect workers and consumers -- that somehow if we get rid of that stuff, then somehow the economy is going to thrive and prosperity will trickle down on everybody.

Now, the problem is we tried it for a decade and it did not work. They have tried to sell this top-down tax cut fairy dust before. (Laughter.) And it did not work. But that's their theory, and you see it most prominently in how they would tackle the debt and the deficit.

We've got a real problem with our debt and our deficit. It is a medium- and long-term problem. And what I've said is let's go forward with a balanced approach to reduce our deficit, getting rid of spending that we don't need but still making investments in education, still making investments in basic research, still making investments in rebuilding our roads and our bridges. Let's make sure that we still have a strong Medicare and Social Security system, and make sure that the most vulnerable among us are cared for.

But their idea is let's have another \$5 trillion tax cut

on top of the Bush tax cuts, even if it means gutting education investment, even if it means we're not rebuilding America, even if it means voucherizing our Medicare system, even if it means that we are weakening the safety net. And this \$5 trillion tax cut is not to lower our deficit. It's not to help invest in America. This \$5 trillion tax cut would be used basically to give folks like me or Mr. Romney an additional \$100,000, \$200,000, million dollars that we don't need and would probably be hard-pressed to spend. (Laughter.)

So what makes it worse is the analysis that's already been done by not my office, by independent economists and folks who evaluate tax plans for a living -- the only way to actually cut taxes \$5 trillion more on top of the Bush tax cuts would be to ask middle-class families to pay an average of \$2,000 more to play for my tax cut, or Mr. Romney's tax cut.

Now, that can't be a theory that is designed to promote an economy that lasts. That's not something that is going to help young people who are struggling to pay for college get to where they want to go. That's not the kind of approach that historically made America an economic powerhouse, made us the envy of the world.

I've got a different theory. I believe that we grow best not from the top down but from the middle out; that we grow best when we create ladders of opportunity so that everybody can succeed, no matter what they look like, no matter where they come from, no matter what their last name is.

And we've got evidence that my approach of deficit reduction -- a balanced approach of spending cuts and asking folks who can afford it to pay a little bit more and go back to the Clinton tax rates -- the last time we did this we created 23 million new jobs, went from deficit to surplus, and by the way, folks at the top did very well also. (Applause.)

What happens is when teachers and construction workers and receptionists and ordinary folks, when they've got a little extra money to spend, they spend it. (Laughter.) They maybe get rid of the old beater and buy a new car. They go out and buy a new appliance. Maybe they go to a restaurant. Heaven forbid they take a vacation once in a while. And that means businesses have more customers and they hire more workers. And we get a virtuous cycle.

That's how we have built our economy, historically. And that's an example of what is at stake in this election. That's the choice, and it couldn't be starker. This is not an election between two candidates or two parties. This is a choice between two fundamentally different visions about America and how we move forward. (Applause.)

Now, how we deal with our fiscal challenges, that's just one example. But across the board, there's a stark choice. I believe we should give tax breaks to companies that are investing here in the United States. (Applause.) Mr. Romney wants to continue to give tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas. I think that's the wrong way to go.

And when we saved the auto industry, Mr. Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said let's bet on American

workers. And now the American auto industry has come roaring back. And I believe that manufacturing can come roaring back here in America if we make good choices.

Mr. Romney says, "my top priority -- the first thing I'll do is kill Obamacare." Well, let me say this. We've got 6.5 million young people already who have got health insurance on their parent's plan because of Obamacare. (Applause.) Seniors are paying lower prescription drug costs now because of Obamacare. Children with preexisting conditions can't be refused insurance because of Obamacare. (Applause.) And soon, all adults will be able to get health insurance even if they've got a preexisting condition, because of Obamacare. (Applause.)

We've got preventive care for everybody. Insurances can't drop you. And women are having more control over their health care choices. That was the right thing to do. We're not going backwards. We're going forward. (Applause.)

Mr. Romney, his plan for strengthening our housing market is just let the thing bottom out, let foreclosures bottom out. That's not a solution. What we've said is let's let families whose homes are underwater, let's let them refinance at historically low rates, and put an extra \$3,000 in their pocket. And that can help them build up equity, strengthen the housing market, circulate in the economy. That's a choice in this election.

I said "don't ask, don't tell" was the wrong thing to do. And we ended "don't ask, don't tell." (Applause.) Mr. Romney disagrees. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

Mr. Romney says that it was a mistake to set a timetable to get our troops out of Afghanistan. I think after a decade of war, it's time to help Afghans take responsibility for security in their own nation. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

Helping the children of immigrants who have grown up in this country, lived in this country, are Americans in everything except having some papers -- not sending them to countries they, in many cases, they've never even been, but embracing them and giving an opportunity to put a stake down here in the country that they loved -- that was the right thing to do. Mr. Romney has got another idea. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

So on almost every issue -- whether it's clean energy where we've doubled fuel-efficiency standards on cars, doubled clean energy, created jobs around the country, we can create more -- Mr. Romney has got a different view. On student loans, Mr. Romney says kids, they should just borrow money from their parents -- not realizing perhaps that some kids might not have parents whom they can borrow money from. That's a different point of view. It is a different vision about how America should work.

And in all these choices, what's at stake is whether or not we're going to continue to be a country where everybody has got a shot -- where we're building a strong middle class, where the story of someone like me, raised by a single mom who can become the President of the United States, and a young girl who

grew up just a couple of miles from here, down in South Shore, whose dad had a blue-collar and mom worked as a secretary, can end up as the First Lady of the United States -- I want to keep that story alive for America. (Applause.) I don't want that story to stop now. That's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.)

Now, this is going to be a close election. It's going to be close because there are a lot of folks still hurting out there and a lot of folks still feeling anxious. And as President of the United States, these things happen on my watch and I've got responsibilities, and the other side will spend more money than ever just trying to deliver the message over and over again that the economy is still not where it needs to be and it's Obama's fault. That's going to be their message. And they're spending more money than we've ever seen in our history, trying to deliver that message. It's not a plan to create jobs or revive the middle class, but it's a plan to win the election. And it oftentimes feeds into the fear people have, but also the cynicism that folks have.

But here's the good news. You guys taught me that no matter how bad we may be outspent, no matter how much we may sometimes be counted out, when the American people focus in on the values that we hold most dear, when we focus on what's best in us, when we remember the story of our own families -- our parents and our grandparents, great-grandparents, some who came here as immigrants, some who came here in chains, folks who went through hardships we can't even imagine but somehow said to themselves, you know what, I may just have a low-paying job right now but I can imagine if I work hard maybe my child will own a business some day; I may not be able to go to college, but I can imagine some day my child going to college -- that persistence and resilience and grit and hopefulness and optimism that says we are not bound by the circumstances of our birth, we can shape our own destiny -- when the American people focus on that, then amazing things happen.

That's what we saw in 2008 -- that spirit coming to the fore. And as tough as things have been, that spirit is still out there all across America. I see it every single day. We just have to make sure that we're fighting for it.

I used to say back in 2008 -- and I didn't have to tell you guys because a lot of you all have known me for a long time -- I'm not a perfect man, and I said I wouldn't be a perfect President. But I promised you that I'd always tell you what I thought, I'd always tell you where I stood, and I would wake up every single day thinking about you and fighting as hard as I knew how to make your lives a little bit better. Because in your stories, I saw my own. In your grandparents, I saw my grandparents, and in your kids, I saw Malia and Sasha. And I've kept that promise -- every single day I've been thinking about you. (Applause.)

And I still believe in you. (Applause.) And if you still believe in me, and are willing to fight with me -- (applause) -- and knock on doors with me, and make phone calls with me -- if you are as determined as I am to keep bringing about hope and keep bringing about change -- if you're ready to finish what we started in 2008, we will not lose this election. We

will keep going forward. We won't go backwards. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Iowa! (Applause.) It is good to be back in Oskaloosa. (Applause.) It is good to see all of you. If you've got a chair, please feel free to take a seat. I want everybody to feel relaxed out here. It's a beautiful summer day.

I've been talking to some kids; I guess school starts up in a couple of days, so they were looking a little depressed. (Laughter.) But it's okay. School is going to be great. I know you guys have had a great summer.

Before I start, I just want to acknowledge an outstanding member of Congress who is fighting every day on behalf of the people of his district -- Dave Loebsack is here. Give Dave a big round of applause. (Applause.) There he is. Thank you, Dave.

It has been great to be back in Iowa. Back in 2007-2008, I was on your farms and in your backyards and on your porches. And that's where our movement for change really began, right here in Iowa. (Applause.) And we spent a lot of time on bus tours like this one all across the state.

And it was good also to be back at the Iowa State Fair, although when I was just a candidate, they let me go on the bumper cars. (Laughter.) And I went up on the Big Bend -- you guys ever been on that, where they just shoot you up about 500 feet in the air? I was with Malia and I started screaming, and she looked at me, saying, come on, Dad, get it under control. (Laughter.) But it was terrifying. Anyway, Secret Service does not let me do that anymore. But I was still able to get a beer and a pork chop -- (applause) -- so I was pretty happy about that. I was pretty happy about that.

Here's the thing -- I'm back because our journey is not done. We're spending three days driving all the way across the state, just like we did in 2007 and 2008; we're going from Council Bluffs all the way to the Quads, Quad Cities, because once again you face a critical choice in November. In some

ways, this is even more important an election than 2008, because this choice could not be bigger.

It's not just a choice between two candidates. It's not just a choice between two political parties. It is a choice between two fundamentally different visions of how America became great and how it's going to stay great, two fundamentally different visions of the path we need to take for the future of our kids and our grandkids. (Applause.)

And the direction that you choose when you walk into the voting booth in November, it's going to determine not our lives next year or five years from now. It's going to determine the future for decades to come for our kids and our grandchildren.

Four years ago when we came together -- and it wasn't just Democrats, by the way; we had independents and we had some Republicans. We came together because a lot of us realized that the core idea, the basic bargain that made this country, was under threat. And it's a basic bargain that says if you work hard in this country, you can get ahead; that if you take responsibility, than you can make it, and you can get into the middle class. You can feel a sense of security. That you can find a job that pays the bills and have a home you call your own. That you won't go bankrupt when you get sick. That you can retire with dignity and respect. And most importantly, that you can give your kids a great education and they can do even better and dream even bigger than you ever imagined. That's the American Promise. That's the American Dream. That's what we've been fighting for. (Applause.)

Now, we knew restoring that basic idea wouldn't be easy because we had just gone through a decade in which that bargain, that promise wasn't being kept. Jobs had gotten shipped overseas. People were working harder, but making less, while the cost of everything from health care to college was going up. We fought two wars on a credit card, adding enormously to our debt. And all this culminated then in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

And so, we knew this wasn't going to be easy. And when the crisis hit in 2008 and 2009, millions of people all across this country -- some of our friends and neighbors and family members -- lost their jobs, lost their homes, lost their savings. And that made the American Dream even a little bit further out of reach.

Now, I told you when I ran the first time that this was not going to be easy, restoring that bargain; that there weren't any quick fixes to our solutions. But what I also insisted, and what I still believe, is we've got everything we need to solve these challenges. (Applause.) We have everything we need right here in America to make the middle class strong again.

We've got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. (Applause.) Everybody knows we've got the best farms in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best scientists, the best researchers. We've got the best universities. We've got the best colleges. We are a young nation still, partly because

we're still a magnet for talent from all around the world. We've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity of any other country.

And so even though there are some people who like to talk about America in decline, or they try to paint things as dark as possible -- especially during election season -- there is no doubt in my mind that there's not another country on Earth that wouldn't gladly trade places with us. We've got everything we need to succeed. (Applause.)

And most of all, what we've got is the American character. I've seen it over the last three and a half years. I see it in folks who lose their jobs at the age of 50 or 55 and they go back to a community college, studying hard, sitting next to 20-year-olds, and retrain, and suddenly they go back and they get a job in a new industry. Or the small business owner who could barely keep their doors open but decided, you know what, I'm not going to take a salary, I'm not going to take any pay, because I want to make sure my workers are taken care of because they've got families to support.

All across America, it turns out Americans are tougher than any tough times. We are resilient, and we work hard, and we may get knocked down but we always get back up. That has been the character of America, and that character has not changed. (Applause.)

And it's because of that character that over the last three and a half years we've made some progress. We're not all the way back to where we need to be, but we've created four and a half million new jobs -- half a million new jobs in manufacturing. (Applause.) We have seen small businesses start to open back up. We've seen workers getting retrained and getting rehired. And so we've made progress.

But our goal in 2007-2008 wasn't just getting back to where we were before the crisis. Our goal was to make sure that we built an economy that lasts; where we built an economy where middle-class folks and folks aspiring to the middle class can succeed. That has been our goal. That's what we're still fighting for. We are not yet done, and that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America -- because we've got more work to do. (Applause.)

Now, I said we've got everything we need to solve our problems. The main impediment we've got, the main roadblock we've got is politics in Washington. (Applause.) You've got another party that thinks compromise is a dirty word, and that believes the only way we can move forward is to go back to the same top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. You're right!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, you may have heard that Governor Romney just chose his running mate, Congressman Ryan.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: He's a good man, he's a family man. He's

the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress, and he's an articulate spokesperson for Governor Romney's views. The problem is those views are wrong. I fundamentally disagree with their vision for America. (Applause.) Their basic prescription for America is to get rid of more regulations on big banks and big corporations, give more tax breaks to the very wealthiest Americans, and their belief is somehow that prosperity then will trickle down on everybody else. That's their view.

Look, the centerpiece of Governor Romney's entire economic plan -- the centerpiece of it, his main idea -- his one big idea is to give another \$5 trillion tax cut on top of the Bush tax cuts that he's keeping -- he wants to keep in place -- \$5 trillion. To give you some sense of perspective, our entire defense budget is about half a trillion dollars a year. So this tax cut would be the equivalent of what we spend on the national defense every single year for the next 10 years -- \$5 trillion. Last week we found out that he expects you to pay the tab. Governor Romney's tax plan would actually raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000 to pay for this big tax break that's going mostly to the wealthiest folks.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Understand, this is not asking you to pay more taxes to reduce our deficit or to help kids get an education or to rebuild some roads and bridges and ports around the country. This is asking you to pay more to give an average \$250,000 tax break to folks making \$3 million a year or more. That is his big idea.

Now, they have tried to sell this kind of trickle-down fairy dust before. (Laughter.) And frankly, they tried it as recently as 2001, 2002, 2003. And what did we get? The most sluggish job growth in generations, incomes and wages going down, jobs going overseas, and a huge economic crisis -- and, by the way, the deficits kept on going up so by the time I walked into office we had a trillion-dollar deficit.

Why would we want to try that again? I don't know about you, but my general rule is if I do something and it doesn't work, and then I do it again and it doesn't work again, I stop doing it. (Laughter.) I stop doing it. I try something else. (Applause.)

So they don't have a plan to cut the deficit. They don't have a plan to create jobs. They sure don't have a plan to revive the middle class. We don't need more tax cuts for folks like me -- folks who are doing fine. We need tax relief for working Americans. (Applause.)

So when I came into office, I had promised you that I would cut taxes for middle-class Americans. And guess what? I kept that promise. (Applause.) The Republicans like to call Democrats the big tax-and-spend folks, but it turns out that your tax rates are lower by about \$3,600 for the typical family than they were when I came into office because I kept my promise. (Applause.)

So now what I want to do is to keep your income tax rates exactly where they are. I don't want your taxes going up for the first \$250,000 of income that you make -- which, by the way, covers about 98 percent of all Americans and 97 percent of all small businesses. Your taxes -- your income taxes would not go up one single dime next year if Congress does what I've asked them to do. (Applause.)

What I have said is, for those who are fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, you'd still get a tax cut for the first \$250,000 you make, but after that we're asking you to pay a little bit more to help pay down the deficit, and help to invest in making college affordable for young people, and making sure that we've got teachers on the job, and making sure that we're investing in science to help cure cancer and Alzheimer's. (Applause.) That's how our economy can grow. That's how our economy will grow.

We're going to make sure government does its part. A lot of people don't realize we've already cut a trillion dollars of government spending to lower our deficit -- a trillion dollars. And we can do more. I think government has to make sure that it's good stewards for your taxpayer dollars, that it's not being wasted -- and there's still more waste that we can get out of there. But we can't close the deficit and invest in our future just by cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans, cutting education, cutting the things that help us grow. And by the way, the proposal that I'm putting forward that says folks like me and Governor Romney have to pay a little bit more -- we actually have tried that, too. We tried it under Bill Clinton, when we created 23 million new jobs, the biggest budget surplus in history. (Applause.)

And guess what -- folks at the top, they did good, too. And the reason is, when you give a family farmer, or you give a construction worker, or you give a receptionist, or you give a nurse or a teacher a little bit more money in their pockets, what do they do?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Spend it.

THE PRESIDENT: They spend it. Maybe they can finally trade in that 10-year-old car and get a new car. Maybe they get a new appliance because the dishwasher or the washing machine is broken. Maybe they buy a new computer for their kids who are about to go to college. Maybe they go to a restaurant or, heaven forbid, take a vacation once in a while.

And what that means is then businesses have more customers, and businesses hire more workers, and everybody does better. You get what's called a virtuous cycle of everybody feeling more confident about the economy because everybody has got a stake in the economy.

See, I don't believe in an economy from the top down; I believe that the economy grows from the middle class out and from the bottom up. (Applause.) And when everybody is doing well and everybody has got a fair shot, everybody ends up doing better. That's how we grow this economy. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

So there are differences in this election on almost every issue. When the automakers were on the brink of collapse, Governor Romney said "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said, let's bet on American workers. (Applause.) And three and a half years later, the auto industry has come roaring back.

So now, I want to make sure that American manufacturing, advanced hi-tech manufacturing, is taking root right here in America -- not in China, not in Germany -- right here in Iowa, right here in Oskaloosa, right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oskaloosa!

THE PRESIDENT: You know, Governor Romney, he likes to brag about his private sector experience. His main private sector experience -- he did make a lot of money -- was investing in companies, some of which were called "pioneers" of outsourcing. I don't want a pioneer of outsourcing. I want somebody who is fighting for insourcing. I want to bring business back to America. (Applause.)

I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give them to companies that are investing right here in Iowa and right here in the United States of America, hiring American workers, making American products that we're selling around the world stamped with three proud words: Made in America. That's what I believe in. That's why I'm running. (Applause.)

Let me give you another example. We're at a moment right now when homegrown energy, like wind energy, is creating new jobs all across Iowa and all across the country. And guess what, Governor Romney said let's end the tax credits for wind energy production. Let's get rid of them.

He said that new sources of energy like wind are "imaginary". His running mate calls them a "fad." During a speech a few months ago, Governor Romney even explained his energy policy this way -- I'm quoting here -- "You can't drive a car with a windmill on it." (Laughter.) That's what he said about wind power. "You can't drive a car with a windmill on it." Now, I don't know if he has actually tried that. I know he has had other things on his car. (Laughter and applause.)

But if he wants to learn something about wind, all he has got to do is pay attention to what you've been doing here in Iowa. (Applause.) If he saw what you've been doing, he'd see that there are places like Newton, where a few years ago the Maytag plant closed down, jobs dried up. Folks are now back to work manufacturing these enormous new towers and blades for some of the most sophisticated, high-tech wind turbines on the planet. The wind industry now supports 7,000 jobs here in Iowa -- 75,000 jobs across the country. (Applause.) These jobs aren't a "fad". These are good jobs, and they're a source of

pride that we need to fight for.

And if Governor Romney understood what you've been doing, he'd know that we used to have to import most of the parts were used for wind turbines -- they're now being made here in America, by American workers in American factories. That's not "imaginary" -- that's real. (Applause.) That's part of what we're fighting for in this election.

If he knew what you've been doing, he'd know that 20 percent of Iowa's electricity now comes from wind, powering our homes and our factories and our businesses in a way that is clean and renewable. In fact, over the past 4 years, we've doubled the amount of electricity America generates for wind. Across America, we've built the equivalent of 12 new Hoover Dams' worth of wind energy. Think about that. Think about that. (Applause.)

So Governor Romney may have figured out that you can't drive a car with a windmill on it, but he doesn't seem to know that America now has enough wind turbines installed to generate enough electricity from wind to power nearly 13 million homes with clean energy. That's how we leave something better for the next generation. That's worth fighting for. That's what's at stake right now. (Applause.)

So I want to stop giving \$4 billion in taxpayer subsidies that are going to oil companies that are making huge profits and have been subsidized for a hundred years, and let's keep on investing in the new homegrown energy that's creating jobs right here in Iowa. That's a difference in this election. That's why I'm running for President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

We've got a whole lot of differences between me and Governor Romney.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're better! You are better! You are better!

THE PRESIDENT: You know, I've got to say I agree with that. (Laughter.) My ideas are, at least.

Look, in 2008, I said we'd end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) We said that we'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.) We are now bringing troops home from Afghanistan. (Applause.) America is safer and more secure than when I came into office, because of the extraordinary sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. (Applause.)

That's why we've invested so much in making sure that the

VA is doing its job, making sure that our veterans get the benefits that they have earned. Because they shouldn't have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads after they've fought for us. We've got to serve them as well as they've served us. (Applause.)

But as they're now coming home, I want to take about half the money that we're saving after a decade of war and let's help put veterans and Americans back to work rebuilding America, doing some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) Let's rebuild our ports and our roads and our bridges and our airports. We can put folks back to work right now. It's good for the economy now. It will be good for the economy 10 years from now and 20 years from now.

I want to set up a Veterans Jobs Corps that helps local communities hire veterans for firefighters and cops in communities that need them most. (Applause.) Those are smart investments in the future. Governor Romney may have a different idea. I want to put folks back to work rebuilding America. And now is the time to do it.

His other idea is, let's get rid of Obamacare; he says, I'm going to "kill it." Well, let me tell you something, it's true I do care. So I don't mind folks calling it Obamacare. (Applause.) And what I've said is that in a country as rich as ours, we should not see anybody going bankrupt when they get sick. (Applause.)

The Supreme Court has now spoken. We are moving forward with this law. Six and a half million young people can now stay on their parent's plan. (Applause.) Insurance companies can't deny you coverage because of a preexisting condition. (Applause.) Insurance companies can't drop your coverage when you need it the most. (Applause.) For a lot of rural communities, a lot of farmers, it's hard buying health insurance on your own -- you're now going to be able to pool with other folks so you can get discounted rates just like people who work for big companies. That will help a lot of communities all across Iowa. (Applause.)

So we're not going to go backwards and refight the same fights we had over the last three years. We're going forward. We're not going backwards. We don't need to have those same arguments in Washington. What we need to do is go ahead and implement this law, and make sure it works. And if anybody has got good ideas to help further lower health care costs, I'm happy to work with them. But we're not going backwards. We're going forwards. That's what America needs right now. (Applause.)

I'm running to make sure that we've got the best education system in the world. I want to help local communities hire the best teachers -- especially in math and science -- give 2 million more slots available in community colleges so people can get trained for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. And I want to make college more affordable for every single young person in America. (Applause.) We've already done a lot of work making sure that they're getting help, but I'm also going to work with the colleges and universities to lower tuition once and for all. Because a

higher education is not a luxury in this economy, it is an economic necessity and I want to make sure opportunities are open for everybody, not just for the few. (Applause.)

All these issues -- bringing manufacturing back, helping young people go to school, giving you more health care security -- all these issues tie together. It goes back to what made this country great. And when I think about my own life, when I think about Michelle's life -- we didn't come from wealth. We didn't come from fame. But we were lucky enough to be born in a country where here, everybody gets a fair shot, everybody does their fair share, everybody plays by the same set of rules -- no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, you can make it here if you try. That's the story of America. That's your story.

Your parents, your grandparents, your great-grandparents - they went through struggles. They went through hardship. Nothing was given to them. But they did live in a country where you had a shot. And we now have an obligation to pass that on to the next generation. That's what we have to fight for.

And over the next three months, you're going to see more TV advertising than you've ever seen in your life. And these folks are spending more money -- they've got people writing \$10 million checks. And almost all the ads are the same; they basically say, the economy is not where it needs to be and it's Obama's fault. They just kind of repeat that over and over and over again.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: And it's not!

THE PRESIDENT: Well, you know what, let me tell you something. That may be a plan to win an election, but it's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to make our future better. It's not a plan to revive the middle class. They don't have that plan. I do have that plan. (Applause.)

But I'm going to need your help. I'm going to need everybody here registering to vote. I'm going to need you to get your friends and neighbors to register to vote. You can get forms online. You can go to [gottaregister.com](http://gottaregister.com) -- that's gotta, g-o-t-t-a. (Laughter.)

But what I learned from you here in Iowa in 2008 is other folks may outspend me, folks may write me off, but when you've got ordinary folks pulling together, cutting through the nonsense and focuses on what's important -- when you guys get involved -- you can't be stopped. Nothing can stop you. (Applause.)

You will decide the future of this country. And I'm asking for your help. Because we've got more schools to build, we've got more teachers to hire. We've got more troops who have got to come home. We've got more manufacturing plants that we've got to build. We've got more Americans we need to put back to work, and we've got more doors of opportunity that we have to open for all Americans.

And if you're willing to stand with me and work with me

and make phone calls with me and knock on some doors with me, then we can finish what we started in 2008. (Applause.) We can make this middle class strong again. We can make sure that the future is bright for our kids again. And we can remind the world just why it is the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. Thank you. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Waterloo! (Applause.) What a beautiful evening here in Iowa! (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.) This is spectacular! It feels good to be back. (Applause.)

A couple of acknowledgments I want to make -- first of all, Mike is a pretty humble guy, but this is the Iowa Firefighter of the Year. Give him a big round of applause for that great introduction. (Applause.) We are proud of him, and every single firefighter that puts their life at risk for us. We are grateful to them.

A couple other outstanding folks here -- you've got your own Attorney General, Tom Miller, in the house. (Applause.) Congressman Bruce Braley is here. (Applause.) And Mayor Buck Clark is here. (Applause.) And all of you are here. (Applause.)

Now, listen, if you've got a seat, feel free to sit down, because I've got some things to say. I've got some things to say. First of all, it is good to be back. Some of you may remember that one of my first stops after I announced for the presidency was right here in Waterloo. (Applause.) Back -- way back when in 2007. I had no gray hair. (Laughter.) Maybe I had a little bit, but you couldn't see it. (Laughter.) Now you can see it.

But the reason that's important, it's worth reminding people, is because it was on your front, it was in your backyards, where our movement for change began. We spent a lot of time on bus tours like the one I'm taking right now -- although the bus wasn't as nice as it is now. (Laughter.) And we went to school gyms and family farms and small businesses across the state. And so it was pretty good being back here --

yesterday I went to the State Fair and I had a pork chop and a beer. (Applause.) And it was good. (Laughter.) Today I just had a beer. (Laughter.) I didn't get the pork chop. But the beer was good, too.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll fry you a pork chop!

THE PRESIDENT: You say you'll fry me a pork chop, huh? (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four more beers?

THE PRESIDENT: Somebody just said -- it's true, at the State Fair, instead of saying "four more years," they were saying, "four more beers." (Laughter.) So I bought him four more beers. (Laughter.) Told him he had to register to vote, though, to get one of the beers. (Laughter.)

Now, here's the thing. The reason I'm back -- other than I just love being in Iowa -- (applause) -- the reason I'm back is because that journey we started in 2008, we're not finished yet. (Applause.) So just like we did in 2007, we started over in Council Bluffs, and we are driving all the way to the Quads. And we want to make sure that everybody understands the choice that you face in November.

And this choice could not be bigger, because it's not just a choice between two candidates; it's not just a choice between two parties. More than any recent election, more than 2008, this is a choice between two fundamentally different visions of where we need to go as a country.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: And the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth in November, that's going to have an impact not just on your lives, it will have an impact on your children and your grandchildren for decades to come.

Now, remember why we came together in 2008. And it was Democrats and independents, but it was also some Republicans. It was because we saw that the basic bargain that built this country, that created the most prosperous economy the world has ever known, that basic bargain wasn't being met. And let me tell you what that bargain is. It says that if you work hard, your work should be rewarded. (Applause.) It says that if you act responsibly and you put in enough effort, you can find a job that pays the bills. (Applause.) You can have a home that you call your own. You won't go broke just because somebody in your family gets sick. You can retire with dignity and respect. (Applause.) And most importantly, you can give your kids a great education so they can dream even bigger and do even better than you did. (Applause.)

That is the American promise. That is what made this country great. But the problem was, for a decade we had seen that bargain wasn't being met. The promise wasn't being kept. So we had seen a decade in which jobs were being shipped overseas, and wages and incomes for working people were going down -- even though folks at the very top were doing very well -- and the costs of everything from health care to college were

going up. We ran two wars on a credit card. We went from surplus to deficit. So when I walked into office we already had a \$1 trillion deficit. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

That's the track record of the other party the last time they were in charge. And we knew that restoring the bargain that made this country great would not be easy. It was going to take more than one year, or one term, or even more than one President, but we knew we had to get started. And obviously it became that much harder when the middle class was hammered by this crisis, because a lot of folks lost jobs, lost homes, lost savings, and that American Dream seemed even further out of reach.

But I told you there wouldn't be any quick fixes, there wouldn't be any easy solutions, but what I also promised you -- and I absolutely believe this -- is we've got everything we need to meet our challenges. (Applause.) Waterloo, we've still got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) And the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best scientists, and the best researchers in the world. We've got the best farmers in the world. We've got the best colleges and universities in the world. (Applause.) We are still a young nation, full of promise, and we've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity from every corner of the globe.

So no matter what the naysayers say, no matter how dark they try to paint things when they're running against me in an election, there is not another country on Earth that wouldn't trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.) Because people around the world still believe that America is the place where, if you work hard, no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, you can still make it. (Applause.)

That's the idea that we are running to rebuild. That is the campaign. That is what my presidency is about. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Waterloo, there is one thing standing in our way, though. It is strange politics in Washington. You've got a party that says "compromise" is a dirty word. Folks who want to go back to the same top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

You may have heard my opponent chose as his running mate Congressman Ryan this weekend and --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, no, listen, I know Congressman Ryan. He is a decent man. He is a family man. He is the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress. And he's an articulate spokesperson for Governor Romney's vision. The problem his vision is wrong. (Applause.) See, my opponent, Governor Romney, and his friends in Congress, they believe --

this is their whole platform, this is their basic plan, as much detail as you get, this is what you get. Their plan to grow the economy is to eliminate regulations, including on big banks and insurance companies -- some of the regulations we put in place to make sure, for example, that we don't have another taxpayer-funded bailout, so he wants to get rid of regulations, and then what he wants to do is give more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans. And the idea, then, is that jobs and prosperity will trickle down on everybody. That's the centerpiece of his plan. You can go on his website.

His economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it going to the wealthiest Americans. Now, keep in mind, these are the same folks who say the deficit is our biggest problem, but they want to pass a new \$5 trillion tax cut -- \$5 trillion, that's with a "t" -- (laughter.) So just to give you some perspective, our annual defense budget, everything we spend on national security, is just a little over \$500 billion. So this would be, every year for 10 years, a tax cut as big as our defense spending.

And here's the kicker, though -- he says he's going to pay for it. So people asked, well, how are you going to pay for it? It turns out that he expects you to pay for it.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: He expects middle-class families to pick up the tab. Governor Romney's plan, according to independent analysts, would actually raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, keep in mind this is not \$2,000 to reduce the deficit, or create jobs, or build new schools, or help kids go to college, or send a man to the moon. This is \$2,000 each that you'd have to pay to give another \$250,000 tax cut to folks who are making \$3 million a year or more.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's crazy! (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I'm not making this stuff up. You can look on their website.

Now, here's the thing -- we've tried this before. We tried this trickle-down fairy dust before. And guess what -- it didn't work then, it won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to lower the deficit. It's not a plan to move our economy forward. It's not a plan to revive the middle class.

We do not need more tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. We need to give tax relief to working families who are trying to raise their kids, keep them healthy, send them to college, keep a roof over their heads. That's the choice in this election. That's one of the reasons I'm running for a second term as President. (Applause.)

So, Waterloo, I've got a different idea. Four years ago,

I came into office -- I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families. That's exactly what I've done -- by a total of about \$3,600 for the typical family. So if you talk to somebody who is feeling not convinced and undecided in the election, you tell them your taxes are lower -- your federal taxes are lower now than when I came into office. (Applause.)

Now, what I want to do is I want to keep everybody's taxes right there where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. (Applause.) So if your family makes under \$250,000 -- like 98 percent of families do, and 97 percent of small businesses do -- then you won't see your income taxes go up by a single dime next year. Not one dime. (Applause.)

But if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent -- like I am -- you'll still get a tax break on your first \$250,000. But for the amount that you make over that, we're asking you to contribute a little bit more so we can pay down our deficit without gutting education, without getting rid of transportation projects, without gutting all the things that help make America grow.

Now, government -- I'll make sure government still does its part to reduce our debt and our deficits. We've cut out already a trillion dollars' worth of spending we don't need. And we can do more. I want to make government efficient. We've got to make sure that your tax dollars are being well spent. But we can't bring down our deficit and our debt just by asking us to get rid of the things that help open up opportunity to Americans. (Applause.)

So instead, we're asking folks like me to go back to the rates we paid under Bill Clinton -- which, by the way, was a time when we created 23 million new jobs, went from deficit to surplus, and we created a whole lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

See, Waterloo, this comes down to your basic philosophy, but also, when you look at the evidence of our economic history -- when teachers and nurses and firefighters and receptionists and construction workers, when you've got a little more money in your pocket, what do you do? You spend it. Because times are tight, right? So if you've got a little extra money, now maybe you finally trade in that 10-year-old car you've been driving. Maybe you buy a computer for your kid who is about to go to college. So suddenly businesses have more customers, which means they're making more profits, which means they're hiring more workers, who then spend more money, and suddenly the economy gets better for everybody -- including folks at the top.

I don't believe in top-down economics. I believe in middle-class-out economics. I believe in bottom-up economics. I believe in making sure everybody has got a fair shot. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: But you know what? That's not the only

difference between me and Mr. Romney. When the auto industry was on the brink of collapse -- you remember that -- more than a million jobs at stake, Governor Romney said, let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said, let's bet on American workers. (Applause.) And management and workers got together in a great, iconic American industry, and you know what? Three years later, the American auto industry is roaring back. (Applause.)

I want to see high-tech, advanced manufacturing come back all across America in other industries. I don't want those jobs in China or Germany. I want them here in Iowa. (Applause.) Governor Romney says, well, no, look, I understand the economy because I've been in the private sector. Well, a lot of that experience was investing in companies, including those that were called "pioneers" in the business of outsourcing. He wants to keep giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas. I want to end those tax breaks once and for all and start rewarding companies that are investing right here in the United States of America, hiring American workers, making American products. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

That's not the only difference. Right now, we're seeing homegrown energy, new sources of energy creating jobs right here in Iowa. So what does Governor Romney want to do? He wants to end the tax credit for wind energy producers. He said these new sources of energy are "imaginary." Congressman Ryan, his running mate, calls them a "fad." During a speech a few months ago, Governor Romney even explained his energy policy. This is what he said -- he said, "You can't drive a car with a windmill on it." (Laughter.) That's what he said about wind power -- you can't drive a car with a windmill on it. (Laughter.) I mean, maybe he's tried it; he's put other things on the roof. (Laughter and applause.)

But if he really wants to learn something about wind energy, he should come to Iowa. (Applause.) Then he'd know that 7,000 Iowa jobs depend on the wind industry -- more than any other state in America. (Applause.) These jobs aren't a "fad." They're our future. He'd know that the parts for making these high-tech wind turbines, they're now made in Iowa. They're made in America. That's not "imaginary." (Applause.) I've been to the places in Newton, Iowa where some of this stuff is being made. (Applause.)

I understand he may not have figured out how to drive a car with a windmill on it, but if he came to Iowa, he'd know that 20 percent of Iowa's electricity now comes from wind energy. America has doubled the amount of electricity we get from wind over the last four years, enough power for nearly 13 million homes -- clean, renewable energy. That's something you leave behind for the next generation. That is worth fighting for. There are 37,000 American jobs at stake in this wind energy tax credit. We should support it. I support it. (Applause.)

And instead of giving \$4 billion in taxpayer subsidies to oil companies that are making plenty of money every time you go to the pump, we should be investing in homegrown energy that's never been more promising. That's the choice in this election. That's why I'm running for a second term.

(Applause.)

I'm not done yet. In 2008, I promised to end the war in Iraq -- I ended it. (Applause.) Governor Romney said the way I ended it was "tragic". I said I'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- I went after them. (Applause.) We're now beginning a transition out of Afghanistan. And so all of this is possible only because of the extraordinary service of our men and women in uniform. And that's why I've made sure to make historic investments in the VA -- because somebody who has fought for us shouldn't have to fight for a job when they come home. (Applause.)

But if we're serious about them coming home to a strong economy, then we've got to do some building here at home, some nation-building -- take half of the money that we've been spending over a decade of war and let's start doing some rebuilding here in America. (Applause.) Let's put Americans back to work rebuilding roads and bridges and ports and airports, laying broadband lines in rural communities. (Applause.) Let's create a Veterans Jobs Corp so returning heroes can get jobs as firefighters and cops in communities that need them.

There's a lot of work to be done right here in America, and I'm running to rebuild America. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

And I'm running make sure America once again has the best education system in the world and the best training system for workers in the world. (Applause.) I want to help our schools hire and reward the best teachers, especially in math and science. I want to give 2 million more Americans the chance to go to community colleges to train for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) I want to get colleges and universities to bring down the cost of tuition, so that every young person can get the kind of education that they need to succeed in the 21st century. (Applause.)

I want to help homeowners refinance their homes, save \$3,000 at these historically low rates. Governor Romney thinks we should just let the housing market bottom out. That's a difference in this election.

I believe that you should have some health care security. That's why I passed Obamacare. And I like Obamacare. (Applause.) I like the phrase "Obamacare", because you know what, I do care. (Applause.) I care about all those folks with preexisting conditions who now are going to be able to get coverage. (Applause.) I care about folks who already have insurance, making sure insurance companies don't jerk them around right when they need that insurance the most. (Applause.)

I care about the 6.5 million young people who are now able to stay on their parent's plan and don't have to go without insurance. (Applause.) I care about the seniors who now have more discounts on their prescriptions drugs -- and we're closing the doughnut hole. (Applause.)

So, Waterloo, we don't need another two years of arguing about health care. The Supreme Court has spoken. We are

implementing this law. We are moving forward. We're not moving backwards. (Applause.)

All these things -- health care security, American manufacturing, rebuilding America and putting construction workers back to work, making sure our kids are getting a great education and can afford college -- all these things that make up a middle-class life, they all tie together. It goes back to that central idea of America, that here in this country everybody gets a fair shot, everybody does their fair share, everybody plays by the same set of rules. It's the same promise our parents and grandparents passed on to us. And now, our job is to pass it on to our kids. (Applause.)

Now, over the next three months, the other side will spend more money than we have ever seen. Now, you noticed their ads generally don't tell you what it is that they're going to do, because they know their plans won't sell. You haven't forgotten. You didn't get amnesia. (Laughter.) You didn't forget the last time they tried what they're selling.

So basically, the argument that they're going to make over and over again is just the same one, which is the economy is still not where it needs to be and it's Obama's fault.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: And you know what? Listen, the economy is not where it needs to be. We've still got too many folks out of work and too many homes underwater. And we haven't brought back all the jobs that need to be brought back. But you know what, what they're offering -- it's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to reduce the deficit. They don't have a plan to grow the economy. They don't have a plan to revive the middle class.

The plan I've put forward can do that. But I need your help. I need your help. (Applause.) Your friends have to be registered. Your family has to be registered. You can get a voter registration form online. Just go to GottaRegister.com. This is not GotToRegister.com -- this is g-o-t-t-a register, GottaRegister.com -- (applause) -- because we've come too far to turn back now.

We've been outspent before. I've been counted out before. But here's what I know. When all of you decide to mobilize and organize, and when you focus on those values that are best in America, when you remember the stories of your family and your parents, your grandparents -- the hard work, the sacrifice -- recognizing sometimes times are tough and sometimes we get knocked down but we get back up, we are determined, we are tougher than any tough times -- and most importantly, that reminder that when we do things together, when we're focused on how we build this country together, we can't be stopped -- that's more powerful than any money. (Applause.) That's more powerful than any TV commercials.

So we've got to keep on going, because we've got too many schools we still need to build; too many teachers we still need to hire; too many kids we still need to send to college. We've got too many roads we still need to build; too much

energy we've still got to generate right here at home; too many troops we've got to bring home; too many doors of opportunity that we've got to open up for every young person who's willing to make the effort. That's what's at stake right now.  
(Applause.)

And if you're willing to stand with me, and work with me, and vote for me, we will win Iowa. (Applause.) We will win in November. (Applause.) And we will finish what we started and remind the world why America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you! (Applause.) It's good to be back! (Applause.) It is good to be back in New Hampshire. (Applause.)

Well, first all, thank you guys all for being here. I know it's a little bit warm.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Laughter.) So for those of you, everybody who is standing, I want you to kind of bend your knees a little bit. (Laughter.) We usually see a few folks kind of dropping out a little bit when it's this warm. If you've got a seat, feel free to sit down and relax.

I want everybody to give a big round of applause to Beth Talbot -- (applause) -- not only for the great introduction, but for being an outstanding teacher. I love teachers. (Applause.) Love them.

Two other people I want to acknowledge -- first of all, congressional candidate, Annie Kuster is here. Give Annie a big round of applause. (Applause.) And my national co-chair back in 2008, one of my earliest supporters in New Hampshire, great guy -- Paul Hodes is here. Give Paul a big round of applause. (Applause.) And all of you are here, and I'm very happy about that. (Applause.)

Let me also say, by the way, thank you for returning Malia and Sasha safe and sound. They were up here for camp for a month. They had a wonderful time, but their parents missed them a lot. (Laughter.) So we were glad to get them back. But you guys took good care of them while they were up here, so I appreciate that. (Applause.)

Now, while they were at camp -- there are no TVs at camp -- but unless you've been able to hide your TV set or your cable is broke, you may be aware that there is a campaign going on right now. (Laughter and applause.) And part of the reason the campaign is so intense is because the choice we face in November could not be bigger. It's not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties, it is a choice between two fundamentally different visions about where to take the country; two fundamentally paths for America.

And the decisions that you make, the direction you choose for us to walk in when you walk into that voting booth in November, it's going to have an impact not just on your lives but it's going to have an impact on your kids and your grandkids and generations to come.

Some of you were involved in 2008 when we came together. (Applause.) And it wasn't just Democrats -- we had independents, we had even some Republicans.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: There you go. (Laughter.) And the idea was that we needed to restore the basic bargain that made this country great; the basic bargain that created the most prosperous economy that the world has even known.

And it's a simple bargain. It says, if you work hard,

that work should be rewarded. It says that if you put in enough effort and you take seriously your responsibilities, you should be able to find a job that pays the bills, you should be able to afford a home you can call your own, you should count on health care if you get sick -- (applause) -- you should be able to retire with some dignity and some respect after a lifetime of labor -- (applause) -- and most important, you should be able to give your kids the kind of education and opportunity that allows them to dream bigger and do better than you ever did. (Applause.)

That's the American promise. That's the American Dream. And we knew restoring it wouldn't be easy; that it would take more than one year or one term or even one President, because we had gone through a decade in which that promise was not being kept. We had seen a decade in which incomes and wages were going down even as the cost of everything from health care to college were going up.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Say it again, Mr. President, so we can hear it again!

THE PRESIDENT: We had seen a decade -- (laughter and applause) -- in which jobs were being shipped overseas, in which we took a surplus and turned it into a deficit, ran two wars on a credit card -- all culminating in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. And middle-class families who were already getting hammered lost their jobs, lost their savings, some lost their homes. And the American Dream seemed even further out of reach.

So when I ran for office, I told you there are no quick fixes, there are no easy solutions. But what I also insisted was that if we pull together, we have everything we need to meet our challenges. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, we can!

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we can. We still have the best workers in the world, the best entrepreneurs and small businesspeople in the world, the best scientists, the best researchers, the best universities, the best colleges in the world. (Applause.)

We're still a young nation, and we've got the greatest

diversity of talent and ingenuity. There's a reason why people still want to come here -- because no matter what the naysayers say and no matter how stark the other side tries to paint the situation during election time, there is not another country on Earth that wouldn't gladly change places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

Most of all, the American character has not changed. In fact, we saw during this crisis how people may have gotten knocked down, but they got right back up. (Applause.) Folks -- people in their 50s, 60s losing their jobs, go back to school, they get retrained and find a new one. Small business people keeping their doors open even if it meant them not taking a salary, because they understood their workers had families that were depending on them.

We may have gone through tough times, but it turns out we're tougher than tough times. (Applause.) And that's how we saved an auto industry on the brink of collapse. That's how we created 4.5 million new jobs, half a million in manufacturing.

We are not there yet. We've still got a long way to go, because we've got to make sure that here in America, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, here in America, you can make it if you try. That's what this campaign is about. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I've got to say -- remember, I said this is a choice in this election. We've got a particular vision about how to move the country forward. My opponent and his running mate have a very different view. They believe the best way forward is to go right back to the old top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Their ideas are pretty simple; they're not hard to explain. They think that if we get rid of more regulations on big corporations and big banks -- some of which we put in place to prevent another taxpayer-funded bailout -- and if we do more tax cuts for the very wealthiest Americans, then somehow prosperity is going to rain down on all of you. (Laughter.)

That's their theory. In fact, the centerpiece of my opponent's entire economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it going to the wealthiest Americans. His new running mate, Congressman Ryan --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- he put forward a plan that would let Governor Romney pay less than 1 percent in taxes each year.

And here's the kicker -- he expects you to pick up the tab.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney's tax plan -- this is not my analysis now; this is the analysis of independent folks who analyze tax plans for a living -- (laughter) -- that's what they do -- (laughter.) Their analysis showed that Governor Romney's tax plan would actually raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000 --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- not to reduce the deficit, not to grow jobs, not to invest in education, but to give another tax cut to folks like him.

Now, ask Governor Romney and his running mate when they're here in New Hampshire on Monday -- they're going to be coming here on Monday -- ask them if that's fair. Ask them how it will grow the economy. Ask them how it will strengthen the middle class.

They have been trying to sell this trickle-down snake oil before. (Laughter.) It did not work then. It will not work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It will not reduce the deficit. It will not move the economy forward. It's the wrong direction for America. (Applause.)

Now, the truth is I think they know it's not a very popular idea. You can tell that because now they're being dishonest about my plans, since they can't sell their plans. (Laughter.) I mean, they are trying to throw everything at the wall just to see what will stick.

The latest thing they've been trying is to talk about Medicare. Now, you would think they would avoid talking about Medicare, given the fact that both of them have proposed to voucherize the Medicare system.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: But I guess they figure the best defense is to try to go on offense. So, New Hampshire, here is what you need to know: Since I have been in office, I have strengthened Medicare. (Applause.) I have made reforms that have extended the life of the program, that have saved millions of seniors with Medicare hundreds of dollars on their prescription drugs. (Applause.) The only changes to your benefits that I've made on Medicare is that Medicare now covers new preventive services like cancer screenings and wellness visits for free. (Applause.)

Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan have a very different plan. What they want to do is they want seniors to get a voucher to buy their own insurance, which could force seniors to pay an extra \$6,400 a year for their health care.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Again, this is not my estimate. Remember those guys who analyze these things for a living? That's their assessment. That doesn't strengthen Medicare. That undoes the very guarantee of Medicare. That's the core of the plan written by Congressman Ryan and endorsed by Governor Romney.

So here is the bottom line: My plan saves money in Medicare by cracking down on fraud and waste and insurance company subsidies. (Applause.) And their plan makes seniors pay more so they can give another tax cut to millionaires and billionaires.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: My plan has already extended the life of Medicare by nearly a decade. (Applause.) Their plan would put Medicare on track to be ended as we know it. It would be an entirely different plan -- a plan in which you could not count on health care because it would have to be coming out of your pocket. That's the real difference between our plans on Medicare.

That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. And I need your help. (Applause.)

Now, four years ago I promised to cut middle-class taxes. That's exactly what I've done -- by a total of about \$3,600 for the typical family. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you, Mr. President!

THE PRESIDENT: So just like we've got a difference on Medicare, we've got a difference on taxes. Right now, what I want to do is keep taxes right where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. So if your family makes under \$250,000 -- which -- that includes 98 percent of Americans --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's me!

THE PRESIDENT: -- that's you -- (laughter) -- 97 percent of small businesses -- you won't see your income taxes increase by a single dime next year. (Applause.)

Now, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, you'll still keep your tax cut on the first \$250,000 you make. That's a pretty good deal. But all we're asking is for folks like me who make more than \$250,000, we're asking that you contribute a little bit more above \$250,000 so we can pay down this deficit and invest in things like making college more affordable -- (applause) -- making sure our teachers aren't laid off, making sure our firefighters are there to respond to emergencies, making sure our economy grows.

And, keep in mind, asking the wealthy to pay a little bit more, that doesn't eliminate our deficit. We're still going to have to make sure that government does its part by cutting away all the spending we don't need. And I've already cut a trillion dollars in spending, and we've slated another

trillion more.

But we can't just reduce our deficit and our debt by gutting education, and gutting research and development, and gutting infrastructure. And all we're asking folks like me to do is go back to the rates we paid under Bill Clinton -- which, by the way, was a time when we created nearly 23 million new jobs, the biggest budget surplus in history, and a bunch of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

See, I'm getting all fired up. (Applause.) And I want to explain that this is not just good for middle-class families and working families, it's good for everybody. Because what happens when a police officer or a firefighter or a teacher or a construction worker or a receptionist -- what happens when they've got a little more money in their pocket?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: They spend it on basic necessities. So maybe they go out and finally, after 10 years, buy a new car. Or maybe they buy a new computer for their kid who's going off to college. And that means business suddenly has more customers. And that means businesses are making more profits. And that means businesses are hiring more workers, who in turn have more money to spend, which makes businesses do even better. That's how you grow an economy -- not from the top down, but from the middle out and from the bottom up. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, the choice could not be clearer. When the auto industry was on the verge of collapse, Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said, a million jobs are at stake -- let's bet on American workers and American manufacturing. (Applause.) And three and a half years later, the American auto industry has come roaring back. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

Governor Romney likes to tout his private sector experience, even though a lot of that experience was investing in companies that were called "pioneers" in the business of outsourcing manufacturing jobs.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: He wants to keep on giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas. I want to give tax breaks to companies that are investing here in New Hampshire -- (applause) -- here in the United States, hiring American workers to make American products to sell around the world. That's the difference in this election. (Applause.)

Governor Romney thinks new sources of clean energy are "imaginary." Since I took office, we have in fact doubled the use of renewable energy like wind and solar. Thousands of Americans have good jobs because of it. It's not imaginary, it's real.

New Hampshire, we've got to stop giving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer subsidies to big oil companies that are making plenty of profits, and use that money to help American homegrown energy that has never been more promising. (Applause.) That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

In 2008 I promised I would end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) I said we'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.) We now are transitioning so that Afghans take more responsibility for their security and we can start bringing our troops home from there. (Applause.) All of these things we did only because of the incredible courage and dedication and patriotism of our men and women in uniform. (Applause.) And that's why we've made historic investments in the VA -- because I believe that anybody who has fought for America in uniform should not have to fight for a job when they come home -- (applause) -- shouldn't have to fight for the benefits they've earned.

AUDIENCE: USA! USA! USA!

THE PRESIDENT: So we could not be prouder of them. But we want them to return to a strong economy, which means that after a decade of war, it's time to do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.)

Let's create a Veterans Jobs Corps that can help returning heroes get jobs as firefighters and cops in communities that need them the most. (Applause.) Let's take some of the savings from war to rebuild our roads and our bridges and our schools all across America -- (applause) -- to lay broadband lines and wireless networks that can make us more competitive. Let's put some construction workers back to work. That helps everybody, and that will help America be strong for decades to come. That's the choice in this election. That's what's at stake. (Applause.)

I want to make sure that we've got the best education in the world. I want to help school districts like this one hire and reward the best teachers, especially in math and science. (Applause.) I want to give 2 million more Americans the

chance to go to community colleges and learn the skills that businesses are hiring for right now. And I want college and universities to bring their tuitions down, because in the 21st century, our young people have to be able to get a college education, a higher education. (Applause.) It's not a luxury, it is a necessity. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

And, yes, New Hampshire, I'm running again because I still believe, in America, nobody should go broke because they get sick. (Applause.) I'm kind of fond of the term "Obamacare," because I do care. That's why we passed the law. That's why 6.5 million young people can stay on their parent's plan now. That's why seniors are seeing discounts on their prescription drugs. (Applause.) That's why families who have got somebody with a preexisting condition can now get health care. (Applause.) It was the right thing to do. The Supreme Court has spoken. We are not going backwards, we are going forward. (Applause.)

We're not going back to the day when serving the country you love depended on who you love. We ended "don't ask, don't tell." It was the right thing to do. (Applause.) We're not going back. We're not going back to the day when women didn't have control of their own health care choices. We're going forward, we're not going back. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, there is a choice. And all these issues -- manufacturing and health care and education -- all these things tie together because it's part of what not only makes up a middle-class life, but also creates rungs of opportunity for people to get into the middle class. That's what we believe in. That's what we're fighting for. That's how the economy grows. And that's what we learned from our parents and our grandparents and our great-grandparents -- some who came here as immigrants -- folks working hard, overcoming obstacles, understanding that in America, not only could you do better but your future generations could do better. That's what's at stake in this election, and that's why I'm running for a second term as President. (Applause.)

Now, let me say this -- let me close up by saying this. Over the next three months, you will see more negative ads than you have ever seen in your life. These folks on the other side, they're writing \$10 million checks. And basically, their argument is going to be the same one over and over again: The economy is not where it should be, and it's Obama's fault. They'll just keep on repeating it because they know their own plans don't sell.

So all they'll try to do is just hope that if they can tap into people's frustration and anxiety, that somehow they're going to win, even though what they're selling won't work. It's not -- what they're selling is not a plan to create jobs, it's not a plan to reduce the deficit, it certainly is not a plan to revive the middle class. But they are counting on just outspending us to win.

But here is the good news. Here is the good news, New Hampshire -- I've been counted out before and I've been

outspent before. But what I've learned -- and you guys helped teach this to me -- is that when the American people, when they cut through the nonsense, when you focus on what's important, when you're reminded of what values built this country, when you remember that we are all in this together, and you affirm the basic American notion that everybody in this country gets a fair shot and everybody should do their fair share, and everybody should play by the same set of rules -- when you are focused on the things that make us a great country, we don't lose. (Applause.) You will help get us there.

We've got too many more jobs we've got to create, too many more teachers we've got to hire, too many young people who need to go to college, too many troops we've got to come home -- (applause) -- more energy we've got to generate, more opportunity that we've got to open up to everybody. (Applause.)

So if you're willing to stand with me and fight with me, and make phone calls with me, and knock on doors with me -- (applause) -- if you're willing to vote for me, we will win New Hampshire. We will win this election. And we will finish what we started and remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. God bless the United States of America.

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2012

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

Rochester Commons  
Rochester, New Hampshire

3:55 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, New Hampshire! (Applause.) Thank you!

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you! (Applause.) Thank you so much. What a beautiful day in New Hampshire. (Applause.)

A couple people I want to acknowledge. First of all, thanks to your outstanding young mayor, T.J. Jean -- (applause) -- and his folks, who are standing right next to him. They're pretty proud of him. He's doing a great job.

Please give Amy a great big round of applause for the wonderful introduction. (Applause.) One of the national co-chairs of our campaign and your outstanding senator, Jeanne Shaheen, is here. (Applause.) And congressional candidate Carol Shea-Porter is here. (Applause.) And all of you are here -- (applause) -- on a beautiful Saturday.

Now, first of all, I've got to just say thanks to all of you for looking after Malia and Sasha while they were up here. They were here for a month at camp, and they did a great -- they just had a great time, and enjoyed all the water sports, playing basketball and tennis, and arts and crafts. And, most importantly, there was some ice cream involved in the thing. (Laughter.) They were quite pleased about that. So we missed them, though. Parents, it's tough when your kids are away, isn't it? (Laughter.) We've missed them so much. And they promised they'd write -- and they did -- and they'd just say, "We're doing fine. Bye." (Laughter.) It's tough.

But, anyway, I can see why they enjoyed themselves because New Hampshire is one of the most beautiful states in the country and we are just so pleased to be here. (Applause.)

Now, they didn't -- Malia and Sasha didn't get any TV when they were at camp, but --

AUDIENCE: Awww --

THE PRESIDENT: -- no, there's nothing wrong with that. That's good. (Laughter.) But unless you've been able to hide your television set, you may be aware that there's a pretty intense campaign going on right now.

Now, the reason it is so hotly contested is because the choice that we face this November couldn't be bigger. It's not just a choice between two candidates or two political parties. This is a choice between two fundamentally different visions for our country; two fundamentally different ideas about the direction that we should be going in. And the direction that we choose, the direction you choose when you walk into that voting booth in November is going to have an impact not just on your lives, it's going to have an impact on your children, your grandchildren, and generations to come.

Now, four years ago, we came together as Democrats, but also independents and some Republicans, because we knew we had to restore the basic bargain that built America -- what made us an economic superpower, what created the greatest middle class we've ever seen. And it's a pretty simple bargain. It's the idea that if you work hard, you should be able to get ahead. It's a deal that says if you put in enough effort and you act responsibly, that you can find a job that pays the bills; you can afford a home that you call your own; you can count on health care when you get sick; you can retire with dignity and respect; and, most importantly, you can give your kids the kind of education and opportunity that allows them to dream even bigger and do even better than you ever did. (Applause.) That's the American idea. That's what we came together to fight for in 2008.

It's a simple American promise. And we knew it wouldn't be easy restoring that promise. We knew it would take more than one year or one term, or even one President, because we had gone through a decade in which that promise wasn't being kept.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you, Mr. President!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you, too, sweetie. (Applause.) We had seen a decade, before I came into office, in which jobs were being shipped overseas. We had run two wars on a credit card, gone from surplus to deficits. Wages and incomes actually went down during this period, even as the costs of everything from health care and college were going up. A few folks at the top were doing really, really well, but for a lot of middle-class families, folks were working harder and harder, and seems like if you were lucky you were just treading water. And that was before the economic crisis, which hammered so many families all across this state and all across this country -- people losing their jobs, their homes, their savings -- making the American Dream even further out of reach.

So when I ran four years ago, when we talked about how we were going to restore that basic bargain four years ago, I told you there were no quick fixes, there were no simple solutions. But what I said was, if we were willing to work hard, and we were willing to come together, I had no doubt we could meet every single challenge, because we've got so many things going for us. We've got the best workers in the world. We've got the best entrepreneurs and small businesspeople in the world. We've got the best scientists and researchers, the best colleges and universities in the world. (Applause.)

Compared to other developed countries, we're a young nation. And part of it is because we've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity. People still want to come here from every corner of the globe because they understand what America means. And so no matter what the naysayers say, no matter how dark the other side tries to paint things around election time, there is not another country on Earth that would not gladly trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

They understand, we understand that here in America, if you're willing to work hard, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, you can make it if you try. That's what the last four years has been about -- whether it's been saving the auto industry, or getting health care passed, or creating 4.5 million new jobs, or making sure that young people have an easier time affording college. It's all about that idea of making sure hard work is rewarded. That's what my presidency has been about. That is what this campaign is about. That is why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, my opponent and his new running mate, they just have a different view of things. They've got wonderful families, they're good people, but they believe in a different vision. They think the best way forward is the kind of top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place. They truly believe that if you roll back regulations that we put in place to control Wall Street, or if you get rid of regulations we put in place to avoid our air getting dirtier and our water getting dirtier, and then if you combine that with more tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans, then somehow prosperity will come raining down on all of you. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's why we're in a drought!  
(Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not exaggerating here. You can go on their website, look at Congressman Ryan's budget. The centerpiece of Governor Romney's entire economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut, a lot of it going to folks like me, a lot of it going to the wealthiest Americans. His new running mate, Congressman Ryan, put forward a plan that would let Governor Romney pay less than 1 percent in taxes each year.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: That's a pretty good deal, just paying 1 percent in taxes. You're making millions of dollars.

Now, here's the kicker -- they expect you to pick up the tab. Governor Romney's tax plan would actually raise taxes on middle-class families with children by an average of \$2,000. Now, this is not my analysis. This is the analysis of independent economists whose job it is to analyze these plans. Every media outlet has checked on the numbers here, and their estimate is that it would cost you an extra \$2,000 -- not to grow the economy, not to reduce the deficit, not to make sure that our schools are working well or we're building roads or we're strengthening the middle class. All this would be just to give another tax cut to folks like Governor Romney. It would give the average person who is making more than \$3 million a year another \$250,000 in tax cuts.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan will be here in New Hampshire on Monday, so you can tell them if you think this is fair. (Laughter.) And you should ask them, how do you think that's going to grow the economy again? How is that going to strengthen the middle class?

Look, we have tried this kind of trickle-down snake oil before. (Laughter.) It didn't work then. It won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to reduce our deficit. It's not a plan to strengthen our economy. It's not a plan to strengthen the middle class. (Applause.)

It won't work. We're moving forward. They want to take us backwards. That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, the truth is, if you ask them or you ask their consultants, I think they know their economic plan isn't really popular. (Laughter.) And that's why they've got to be dishonest about my plan. They are just throwing everything they can at the wall to see if it sticks.

Their latest approach is to try to challenge me on Medicare. Now, let's just think about this for a second -- Governor Romney wants to turn Medicare into a voucher system. Congressman Ryan wants to turn Medicare into a voucher system.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I, on the other hand, have strengthened Medicare. (Applause.) We made reforms that extended the life of the program, saved millions of seniors with Medicare hundreds of dollars on their prescription drugs; we're closing the doughnut hole. (Applause.) The only changes to benefits that we made was to make the benefits better by making sure that Medicare now covers new preventive services like cancer screenings and wellness visits for free. (Applause.)

Meanwhile, Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan want to give seniors a voucher to buy insurance on their own, which -- again, somebody did the analysis; not us, somebody else -- and they estimate that this could force seniors to pay as much as an extra \$6,400 a year for their health care.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: How many people think that's a good deal?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: That doesn't strengthen Medicare. It undoes the very guarantee of Medicare. But that's the core of the plan that was written by Congressman Ryan and endorsed by Governor Romney.

And if they want to talk about benefits, they should be straight with you. Those new cancer screenings and prescription drug discounts, all those things we put into place with the Affordable Care Act, those things would be eliminated if Governor Romney had his way. So it would take something away from seniors and it wouldn't replace it with something better.

So here's the bottom line, New Hampshire -- my plan saves money in Medicare by cracking down on fraud and waste, and making sure insurance companies aren't getting unfair subsidies. (Applause.) Their plan makes seniors pay more so they can give another tax cut to rich folks who don't need a tax cut.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: My plan has extended the life of Medicare by nearly a decade. Their plan would shorten the life of Medicare and end Medicare as we know it, because they'd turn it into a voucher system.

So those are the differences between our plans on Medicare. But that's just one example of the choice in this election. That's what's at stake. That's why I'm running. And you can see it on every issue.

When it comes to taxes, four years ago, I came before you and I said middle-class families need relief, especially during this crisis; I'm going to lower taxes on middle-class families. Guess what? I kept that promise. (Applause.) So if you start getting into an argument with your Republican cousin or friend or what have you -- (laughter) -- you just tell them, look, the typical family is paying \$3,600 less in federal taxes since President Obama came into office. (Applause.) And right now, what I want to do is I want to keep taxes right where they are for your first \$250,000 of income. Now, that means -- 98 percent of Americans make less than \$250,000; 97 percent of small businesses make less than \$250,000. So under my plan, you wouldn't see your taxes -- your income taxes go up a single dime next year. (Applause.) That's a contrast with Governor Romney's plan.

But in the interest of full disclosure here, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, you're still going to get a tax cut on the first \$250,000 of income. You get to keep that. All we're asking is that you contribute a little bit more so that we can pay down our deficit in a responsible way and invest in things like education that help us grow. (Applause.) And you'll hear some people say, well, just taxing the top 2 percent, that won't eliminate the deficit. It's true. Government is still going to have to do its part in cutting away spending we don't need. And we've already cut a trillion dollars' worth of spending, and we're slated to do another trillion and a half under my budget plan.

But we're not going to do it all on the backs of middle-class families, and gutting education, and gutting science and research, and no longer investing in our infrastructure. All we're asking is that folks like me go back to the rates we paid under Bill Clinton -- which, by the way, worked out pretty good. (Applause.) We created 23 million new jobs, we had a surplus instead of a deficit, and we created a whole bunch of new millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

And part of the reason it worked out pretty well -- when a teacher or a construction worker or a nurse or a receptionist, when they've got a little extra money in their pockets, what do they do?

AUDIENCE: They spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: They spend it on basic necessities. And that means maybe that old beat up car you've been hanging on to for the last 12 years, you decide, all right, it's time to get a new one. Or maybe you decide, you know what, our kids are going to college, let's make sure they've got a new computer. And that means, then, business has more customers, which means business gets more profit, which means they then hire more workers, which means those workers then have a little more money in their pockets. Everybody does better.

That's how you grow an economy -- not from the top down, but from the middle out and the bottom up. When everybody is doing well, we all prosper. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, the choice could not be clearer. When the auto industry was on the brink of collapse, Governor Romney said, let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said, let's bet on American workers. And three and a half years later, the American auto industry is back. (Applause.)

Governor Romney likes to tout his private sector experience, except a lot of that experience is investing in companies that have been called "pioneers" of outsourcing. We don't need more outsourcing, we need some insourcing. (Applause.) I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas, like Governor Romney is promoting. I want to give those tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Rochester, right here in New Hampshire, right

here in the United States of America, with American workers making American products, selling them around the world, stamped with three proud words: Made in America. That's what I'm fighting for. (Applause.)

My opponent thinks new sources of clean, homegrown energy like wind energy are "imaginary." That's what he called them. (Laughter.) Congressman Ryan said they were a "fad." Listen, since I took office, America has doubled the use of renewable energy. (Applause.) Thousands of good American jobs have been created. It's helping us to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. That's not imaginary, that's real.

We need to stop giving \$4 billion of taxpayer subsidies to oil companies that are making money every time you go to the pump. (Applause.) Let's give those tax breaks to producers of clean, renewable energy right here in the United States of America. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

I'm running because I made a promise to you in 2008, we'd end the war in Iraq -- and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- and we did. (Applause.) We're transitioning in Afghanistan so we can begin to bring our troops home. (Applause.) All of this was accomplished only because of the incredible service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform -- (applause) -- which is why we've already passed tax breaks for companies that hire veterans, and we've made historic investments in the VA -- because my attitude is anybody who has fought for our country shouldn't have to fight for a job when they come home. (Applause.)

So now, New Hampshire, after a decade of war, I want to take some of those savings and let's do some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) Let's take about half the money we're no longer spending on war and let's put it to use putting people back to work rebuilding roads and runways and ports, and wireless networks and broadband lines into rural communities, and creating a Veterans Jobs Corps that can help returning heroes get back to work as cops and firefighters in communities that need them. That's the America we want to build. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

I want to make sure we've got the best education system in the world. (Applause.) So I want to help local school districts hire and retain the very best teachers -- especially in math and science -- (applause) -- create 2 million more slots for Americans to go to community colleges to learn the skills that businesses are looking for right now. And I want to keep working to reduce the cost of tuition for colleges and universities -- (applause) -- because a higher education is not a luxury, it's an economic necessity in the 21st century. That's a choice we've got to make in this election. (Applause.)

And yes, New Hampshire, I'm running because I believe in this nation. I still believe you shouldn't go bankrupt when you get sick. (Applause.) I'm actually kind of fond of the term "Obamacare." (Applause.) I fought for that bill because I cared, because I cared about the 6.5 million young people

who can now get insurance by staying on their parent's plan.  
(Applause.)

I care about the millions of seniors who are now getting discounts on their prescription drugs and free preventive care because of what we did. (Applause.) I care about all those folks here in New Hampshire and around the country with preexisting conditions who can now get health insurance because of what we did. (Applause.) The Supreme Court has spoken. This law is here to stay. We don't need to refight this battle for another three and a half years. We're not going backwards, we're moving forward. (Applause.)

We're not going to put -- we're not going to go back to the days when serving the country you love depended on who you love. We ended "don't ask, don't tell." It was the right thing to do. (Applause.) We're not going backwards, we're going forward.

I believe women should be in charge of their own health care decisions. (Applause.) We're not going backward, we're going forward. (Applause.)

On issue after issue, there is a clear choice. Now, over the next three months, the other side is going to spend more money than we have ever seen. I mean, they are writing \$10 million checks -- individuals -- just to run the same ad over and over again. It's variations on the same theme, which is, the economy is not where it needs to be and it's Obama's fault. They'll just say that over and over again. (Laughter.) And the reason they've got to say that -- that's their only message -- is because they know their economic plan won't sell.

They may have a plan to win the election, but they don't have a plan to create jobs. They don't have a plan to grow the economy. They don't have a plan to help the middle class. I do. (Applause.)

But here's the thing -- I've been outspent before. I've been counted out before. But what gives me hope, what gives me confidence is you. (Applause.) Because I know when the American people start paying attention after all the ads have been done and they cut through all the nonsense, and they start remembering the story of their families -- their parents, their grandparents -- all the struggles they went through, what it means to work hard and get ahead, and overcome obstacles -- the same kind of story I've got in my life as a son of a single mom; the same kind of story that Michelle has in her life -- her parents, dad a blue-collar worker, mom a secretary -- we know what it's been like to go through hard times. But we also know what it's like to have hope and determination and resilience, and to watch the next generation do better. And when you guys are focused on that idea, which is the essence of who we are, then all that other money, all that other stuff doesn't matter. (Applause.)

So, New Hampshire, I'm going to need your help. We've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We've still got more good jobs to create, more good teachers to hire, more

students to help to go to college, more troops to bring home, more homegrown energy to generate, more doors of opportunity to open for everybody who is willing to walk through them and work hard and put in the effort. (Applause.)

And if you're willing to stand with me one more time -- (applause) -- if you're willing to knock on some doors and make some phone calls, talk to your friends and talk to your neighbors -- we will finish what we started, we will win New Hampshire, we will win this election. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. God bless the United States of America.  
Thank you.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

University of Colorado-Boulder  
Boulder, Colorado

1:44 P.M. MDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Colorado! (Applause.) Go Buffs!  
(Applause.)

Can everybody please give Ryan a huge round of applause for that beautiful introduction? (Applause.) Americans like Ryan are why I ran for this office in the first place and why I am running for it again.

It's great to see your outstanding Governor, John Hickenlooper. (Applause.) One of the finest senators that we've got in the country, Michael Bennet. (Applause.) Outstanding Congressman, Jared Polis. (Applause.) And it is good to be back in Boulder, Colorado! (Applause.)

Now, the last time I was here, I stopped by The Sink for some pizza. I signed my name on the ceiling. I hope it's still there. I hope nobody vandalized it. (Laughter.) And a girl I met there was so surprised that she spilled her frozen yogurt on my pants. (Laughter.) But it was worth it because I've been told that The Sink renamed one of their pizzas after me. (Applause.) I'm deeply moved by this. (Laughter.) So the next time you go there, just ask for "The POTUS." It's got pepperoni, sausage, green pepper, black olives, and onion. We put the olives and the onion on there for Michelle so you can say that you had some vegetables on your pizza. (Laughter.)

Now, I've got to address a sensitive subject. I know you guys are a little bummed out about the game yesterday. I know the "Rocky Mountain Showdown" did not go down the way you wanted. So I'll tell you what, we are going to give you a chance to get even. We are giving the Buffs and the Rams a second chance to go at it this fall. We've set up a "Rocky Mountain Rumble" to see which school can register more voters, CU or Colorado State. (Applause.)

Now, I was at Colorado State last week, and because we had volunteers in the crowd to help, they got a little bit of

a head start. So they are up by just 41 votes. But today, we are in Boulder, so let's get it done. There are volunteers throughout the audience; they can help you register today.

When you go home, you can register your classmates, your friends. You go online to something called GottaRegister.com. I apologize in advance to English teachers, but this is not "Got To Register" this is gotta -- G-o-t-t-a-register.com. And this is important because just over two months from now, for the first time in many of your lives, you will get a chance to pick a President. And by doing so, you will get to a chance to choose the path that we take from here.

Now, last week, the other party gave their pitch at their convention down in Florida.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo, vote. (Laughter and applause.)

I will say, though, that it was something to behold. (Laughter.) Despite all the challenges that we face in this new century, what they offered over those three days was an agenda that was better suited for the last century. It was a rerun. It could have been on "Nick at Nite." (Laughter.) We've seen it before. You might as well have watched it on a black-and-white TV, with some rabbit ears. (Laughter.)

And if you didn't DVR it, the basic recap goes something like this: The economy is not doing what it should be; it's all Obama's fault -- that was a key theme -- (laughter) -- and Governor Romney knows the secret to creating jobs and growing the economy.

And then, there was a lot of talk about "hard truths" and "bold choices," but the interesting thing was nobody ever bothered to tell us what they were. And when Governor Romney finally had a chance to reveal the secret sauce, he did not offer a single new idea. It was just retreads of the same old policies we've been hearing for decades, the same policies that have been sticking it to the middle class for years.

They talked a lot about me, and they talked a lot about Governor Romney, but they didn't spend a lot of time talking about you. They didn't talk about families like Ryan's, and what it might mean to go back to a time when folks with preexisting conditions couldn't get health care. You didn't hear them spend a lot of time talking about young people and the debt that they're incurring when they go to college.

They spent even less time talking about what plans they had to actually meet these challenges and solve these problems. And you know why they didn't talk about it, it's not just because they know you won't like it -- and you won't like it -- (laughter) -- because you've already seen what happens when we try what they're offering, and you've lived through it, and you know we can't afford to repeat it, but it's also that they are exhausted of ideas.

See, it turns out we know that making the middle class pay for another budget-busting \$250,000 tax cut for folks making \$3 million a year or more won't magically translate into jobs and prosperity for everybody else. (Applause.)

We know families aren't going to be better off if we undo Wall Street reform that we fought so hard to pass, and that can prevent another financial crisis. We know we're not going to be better off if we strip away regulations that protect our air and our water. (Applause.) We know we're not going to be better off if we strip away protections to make sure you've got health care when you get sick.

Seniors are pretty certain that the best way to strengthen Medicare isn't to give them vouchers that leaves them to pay off any additional costs out of their own pockets.

The point is everything you heard from them -- what little you did hear -- we've heard before. They have tried to sell us this tired, trickle-down, you're-on-your-own snake oil before. (Applause.) Those ideas don't work. They didn't work then, they won't work now. They did not create jobs. They did not cut the deficit. They did not strengthen the middle class. They are not a plan to move this country forward.

And we believe in something better. (Applause.) We believe in an America that says our economic strength has never come from the top down. It comes from the middle out. It comes from the bottom up. It comes from students and workers and small business owners, and a growing, thriving middle class. (Applause.) It comes from teachers and receptionists and firefighters and construction workers who are helping to build this country each and every day. That's the backbone of this country. (Applause.)

We believe in an America that doesn't let how much money you've got determine whether or not you've got good health care, whether or not you can get a good college education.

We believe in an America that doesn't just lead by the force of our amazing military -- and we are so grateful for their service -- but we also know that we've got to combine that with the strength of our ideals and the power of our example. (Applause.)

We believe in an America where no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you love, you can pursue your own version of happiness, and you can make it here if you try. (Applause.) And that's what we've been working for four years now, Colorado. That's what this campaign is about, and that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, on Thursday night, I'm going to offer you what I believe is a better path forward -- a path that will grow this economy and create more jobs and strengthen the middle class.

And the good news is you get to choose the path we take.

Now, you can go with their plan to give massive new tax cuts to folks who have already made it, or we can go forward with my plan to keep taxes low for every American who is still trying to make it. (Applause.) If you talk to a Republican out there who says, oh, Obama and Democrats, they're all about tax and spend and all this -- remind them I promised four years ago to cut taxes for middle-class families. And the typical middle-class family is paying a total of about \$3,600 less in taxes now than when I came into office. (Applause.) I kept my promise. I kept that promise.

And now I'm running to make sure taxes aren't raised a single dime for the first \$250,000 of income, which means 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses will see their taxes remain low, because they're the ones who need relief, not folks like me, not folks like Mr. Romney. He needs it even less than I do. (Laughter and applause.)

But this is ultimately going to be your choice. Now, you can choose whether we cede new jobs and new industries to countries like China, or whether we fight for those jobs in states like Colorado. (Applause.) My opponent likes to tout his private-sector experience. And he was incredibly successful, and clearly disciplined and hardworking. But keep in mind that his experience was investing in companies that were called "pioneers" in the business of outsourcing jobs.

When the auto industry was on the verge of collapse, he said, let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." And I've got a different vision for America. I bet on American workers and I bet on American manufacturing. And today, the U.S. auto industry has come roaring back. (Applause.) And, by the way, the cars they're making are better and more fuel efficient than ever. That's how we move forward. That's how we move forward. (Applause.)

I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas. I want to give tax breaks to companies that are starting businesses right here in Boulder, creating jobs right here in Colorado, making sure that here in the United States of America we're making stuff again stamped with three proud words: Made In America. That's the path forward that I'm offering in this election. (Applause.)

You can decide whether Governor Romney's advice -- "just borrow more money from your parents" -- is an acceptable answer to young people who are trying to go to college. Or you can take the path that we've already started on, making sure America once again leads the world in educating our kids and training our workers for the jobs of tomorrow. (Applause.)

I want to make sure that we are helping more young people afford the kind of education that you can get right here at CU Boulder. Let's make more people be able to go to community colleges to be trained for the jobs that employers are hiring for right now. Governor Romney wants to end the tax credit that we created to help families save up to \$10,000 over four

years on their college tuition. I want to extend it, I don't want to end it -- because in America today, a higher education cannot be a luxury, it is an economic necessity that every family should be able to afford.

And you know that in your own lives. That's why you're here. (Applause.) That's why you're making an investment in yourself. And I want to make sure that America is standing by you every step of the way, because if you succeed, then we succeed. (Applause.) If we're producing more engineers, then America is producing more jobs. If we've got great teachers - - (applause) -- then we're going to see the next generation be able to compete all over the world. That's what's at stake in this election.

Now, Colorado, you look out at this amazing vista and you say to yourself, part of what's at stake is energy and how we deal with this planet. You can choose an energy plan written by and for the oil companies. Or you can choose what I've offered, an all-of-the above strategy for American energy.

Governor Romney called renewable energy "imaginary." He said the jobs that -- actually it was Congressman Ryan who said that the jobs they create are "fads." Let me tell you, there are 10,000 good Colorado jobs right now that depend on wind and solar power. (Applause.) These jobs are worth fighting for.

And so I think it's time to stop giving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer subsidies to big oil companies that are making money every time you fill up a tank of gas. Let's keep investing in homegrown energy sources that have never been more promising, that are good for our economy, that are good for our national security, that will create jobs and are good for our planet as well. That's the path we're offering. That's the choice we're going to have in this election. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you, Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back, but we got to vote. It's up to you whether we go back to a health care system that let insurance companies decide who to cover and when. Or we can keep moving forward with the new health care law that's already cut costs and covered more people and saved more lives. (Applause.)

Governor Romney promised that on his first day of office, he's going to sit right down and grab a pen, and end Obamacare.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, what that means is right away he'd kick nearly 7 million young people off their parent's plan. He'd take hope away from tens of millions of Americans with preexisting conditions by repealing reform. He calls it Obamacare and I like the name. I do care. (Applause.)

We fought to pass that law for families like Ryan's. We

know the heartbreak of a broken health care system. So I don't mind if folks think I care. I do care. (Applause.) And I don't know exactly what the other side is proposing. I guess you could call it "Romney Doesn't Care." (Laughter.) But this law is here to stay. (Applause.) We're not going to refight the battles of the last four years. We're going to implement this law, make the health care system work for families all across America. It is time to move forward. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

Of course, this isn't the only battle that they want to refight. They want to refight some battles we thought were settled in the last century. So in November, you will have some say as to whether women should be trusted to make their own health care decisions. I think they are. (Applause.)

You will have some say as to whether students who were brought here by their parents as infants and have gone to school here, and understand themselves to be Americans and have pledged allegiance, that suddenly they should be kicked out of the only country they've ever known.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think so. I've got a different view. (Applause.)

You will have some say as to whether we should rewrite the Constitution the way the other side is proposing, to prevent gay Americans from being able to marry the person they love.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: You can reaffirm that the strength of our character doesn't come from shoving people to the sidelines. It comes from hearing every voice, harnessing every talent -- realizing that in America, we are greater together than we are on our own. That's who we are. (Applause.) That's who we are and that's what's at stake in this election.

This November, you get to decide the future of the Afghanistan war. Governor Romney had nothing to say about Afghanistan last week. Yes, he hasn't offered a plan for the 33,000 troops who will have come home from this war by the end of this month. (Applause.)

He said that ending the war in Iraq was "tragic." I think it was the right thing to do. And I said I would do it, and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd take out bin Laden, and we did. (Applause.)

We are bringing our troops home from Afghanistan. And I've set a timetable. We will have them all out of there by 2014. Governor Romney doesn't have a timetable. I think he's wrong. That's what's at stake in this election. And as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will serve our veterans as well as they've served us, because nobody who fights for us should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

So, Boulder, on issue after issue, Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan want to go backwards. But the story of America is about going forwards. Nobody understands that better than folks in the West, because this is a region that was settled by people who understand we're not looking back, we're going forward. (Applause.) We're going forward to the next frontier, to new horizons. And in two months, you get to choose the path that will lead us to that better future.

But understand, over the next two months the other side is going to spend more money than we've ever seen in our lives, with an avalanche of attack ads and insults and making stuff up, just making stuff up. (Laughter.) And they'll be supported by \$10 million checks that are being written by wealthy donors who are trying to protect things just as they are.

And what they're counting on is that you get so discouraged by this, that at a certain point you just say, you know what, I'm going to leave it up to somebody else. I'm going to let big oil write the energy bills, and I'm going to let insurance companies decide when to cover somebody, and we're going to let politicians dictate what a woman can or can't do when it comes to her own health.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: They're counting on you to accept their version of the things the way they ought to be. And I'm counting on something different. I'm counting on you. (Applause.)

You've always had powerful forces in this country who benefit from the status quo, and they bet against the American people. And I've always bet on you. I don't believe you're cynical. I don't believe in your complacency. Those other guys, they always lose the bet over the long term. And they're going to lose the bet this time as well. (Applause.)

But that's going to depend on you. It's going to depend on you registering to vote. It's going to depend on you showing up to vote. I was over at the The Buff before I came here and the food looked really good. (Laughter.) People were having mimosas and Bloody Mary's. (Laughter.) And I was thinking to myself, I could see folks, like, forgetting to vote. (Laughter.) They're having too much fun.

But that's why you're so important, because you're going to have to set an example for the person next to you in class. You're going to have to remind them, have you voted yet? You're going to have to call up your family or your cousins in the other states. You're going to have to reach up and close that gap between what America is and what it should be -- because you know what, you can't wait on somebody else. It turns out other folks are waiting on you. They're waiting to see if you'll register. They're waiting to see if you'll vote. They're waiting to see if you'll lead.

Colorado, we have come too far to turn back now. We've

got more good jobs to create. We've got more homegrown energy to generate. We've got more young people to send to college. We've got more good teachers to hire. (Applause.) We've got more good schools to build. We've got one more war to end. We've got more troops we've got to bring home. We've got more veterans we've got to take care of. (Applause.) We've got more doors of opportunity that we have to open for every single person who's willing to work hard and walk through them. (Applause.) That's why I'm asking you for a second term.

And if you're willing to work with me and knock on some doors with me, make some phone calls with me; if you're willing to vote for me in November, we will win Boulder and we will win Colorado. We will win this election. (Applause.) We will finish what we started. And we will remind the world why it is that the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Toledo! (Applause.) Thank you, thank you. It is good to be in Toledo, Ohio. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Obama! Obama! Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much. Now, first of all, I've got to say thank you for Kenyatta, for that outstanding introduction. Give Kenyatta a big round of applause. (Applause.) I was listening backstage and I thought I heard a little preaching going on there. (Laughter.) Folks in the crowd were going "yeah", "wow." (Laughter.) So Kenyatta can talk -- no doubt about it.

It is great to see so many good friends --

AUDIENCE: We love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.) It's great to see so many good friends who work so hard on behalf of working families every day. We've got Sherrod Brown -- (applause) -- one of the best senators in the country. Marcy Kaptur, one of the best congresswomen in the country. (Applause.) We've got my friend and your friend, daughter of a Teamster, our Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis in the house. (Applause.) We've got your outstanding UAW President Bob King in the house. (Applause.) President of the AFL-CIO, Rich Trumka, is here. (Applause.) And the President of the National Education Association, Dennis van Roekel. (Applause.)

So we've got some working people in the house here. (Applause.) And to everybody who is working hard each and every day, Happy Labor Day. (Applause.) Happy Labor Day.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We got your back, Obama.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.) Now, for those of you who have got a seat, feel free to take a seat. I've got some things to say. I've got some things to say here. For those of you who don't have a seat, make sure to bend your

knees a little bit. We don't want you fainting. Sometimes, folks are standing too long -- they drop off. (Laughter.)

Now, we're on our way to our convention in Charlotte this week. (Applause.) But I wanted to stop here in Toledo to spend this day with you -- (applause) -- a day that belongs to the working men and women of America -- teachers and factory workers, construction workers and students and families and small business owners. And I know we've got some proud autoworkers in the house helping to bring Toledo back. (Applause.)

After all, it's working folks like you who fought for jobs and opportunity for generations of American workers. It's working people like you who helped to lay the cornerstones of middle-class security, things that people now sometimes take for granted, but weren't always there -- the 40-hour workweek, weekends, paid leave, pensions, the minimum wage, health care, Social Security, Medicare. Those things happened because working people organized and mobilized.

It is unions like yours that helped to forge the basic bargain of this country -- the bargain that built the greatest middle class and the most prosperous country and the most prosperous economy that the world has ever known. (Applause.)

And you know what that bargain is, because it's a simple one. It's a bargain that says if you work hard, if you're responsible, then your work should be rewarded. (Applause.) That if you put in enough effort, you should be able to find a job that pays the bills. You should afford a home to call your own. That you'll have health care you can count on if you get sick. That you can put away enough to retire, maybe take a vacation once in a while -- nothing fancy, but you can enjoy your friends and your family. And, most importantly, that you can provide your children with an education to make sure that they do even better than you did. (Applause.)

It's an American promise that says no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, no matter who you love, you can make it here if you try. (Applause.) And that's what we're fighting for, Toledo. That's what's at stake in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, last week, the other party gave their sales pitch at their convention down in Florida.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo, vote. (Laughter and applause.) Vote. And I have to say, it was something to see. Despite all the challenges that we face in this new century, we saw three straight days of an agenda out of the last century. It was a rerun. You might as well have watched it on black-and-white TV, with some rabbit ears on there. (Laughter and applause.) It should have been on "Nick at Nite." (Laughter.)

Now, if you didn't DVR it, let me give you a basic recap of what they said. The economy is bad. It's all Obama's fault. And Governor Romney has the secret to creating jobs and growing the economy. That's a basic summary. They spent the most time on me. (Laughter.) They were talking about me. (Laughter.)

And there was a lot of "hard truths" and "bold choices," they said, but nobody ever bothered to tell you what they really were. And when Governor Romney had his chance to let you in on the secret sauce of job creation -- (laughter) -- he did not offer you a single new idea. It was just a retread of the same old policies that have been sticking it to the middle class for years. (Applause.)

And then, after the convention, Governor Romney came here to Ohio, and he said he's going to be the coach that leads America to a "winning season." The problem is everybody has already seen his economic playbook. We know what's in it.

On 1st down, he hikes taxes by nearly \$2,000 on the average family with kids in order to pay for a massive tax cut for multi-millionaires. That's on 1st down. It sounds like unnecessary roughness to me. (Laughter and applause.)

On 2nd down, he calls an audible, and undoes reforms that are there to prevent another financial crisis and bank bailout. He wants to get rid of rules that are there to protect our air and our water, and workers' rights, and protections to make sure health care is there for you when you get sick.

And then, on 3rd down, he calls for a Hail Mary -- ending Medicare as we know it by giving seniors a voucher that leaves them to pay any additional cost out of their pocket. There's a flag on the play -- loss of up to an additional \$6,400 a year for the same benefits you get now.

That's their playbook. That's their economic plan. And I've got one piece of advice for you about the Romney/Ryan game plan, Ohio: Punt it away! (Applause.) It won't work. It won't win the game. You don't need that coach. That's a losing season.

Now, there was one person at Governor Romney's convention last week who wasn't entirely on script. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no -- because while they were busy telling folks how bad everything is, your Governor, John Kasich --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote! (Laughter and applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: John Kasich stood up there and told everybody that Ohio is now number one in the Midwest in job

creation, fourth best in America -- which got folks kind of confused, because if it's all Obama's fault and nothing is going right, what's going on in Ohio? (Applause.)

Now, I guess the theory was that it's all the Governor's doing. But I think we need to refresh his memory -- because a lot of those jobs are autoworker jobs like yours. (Applause.) The American auto industry supports one in eight jobs in this state. And just a few years ago, when the auto industry was flat-lining, what was in his and Governor Romney's playbook? "Let Detroit go bankrupt." You remember that?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, think about what that would have meant not just for Ohio but for America. If we had turned our backs on you, if America had thrown in the towel like that, GM and Chrysler wouldn't exist today. The suppliers and the distributors that get their business from these companies would have died off, too. Then even Ford could have gone down as well. Production: shut down. Factories: shuttered. Once proud companies chopped up and sold off in scraps. And all of you -- the men and women who built these companies with your own hands -- you would have been benched for good. That's not a good play. We didn't run that play.

More than one million Americans across the country would have lost their jobs in the middle of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. In communities across the Midwest, it would have been another Great Depression. And it's not just the workers themselves; think about everybody who depends on you -- schoolteachers, small business owners, the server in the diner who knows your order before you walk in, the bartender who knows your order before you walk in. (Applause.) Their livelihoods were at stake as well, and so was something else.

How many autoworkers here worked the assembly line, but your dads and your granddads, maybe your mom, grandmas worked on that same line? How many people are second or third or fourth generation? How many of you have sons and daughters who hope to work on those same assembly lines? (Applause.)

These jobs are worth more than just a paycheck. They're a source of pride. They're a ticket into a middle-class life. These companies are worth more than just the cars that they build. They're a symbol of America's innovation. They're a source of our manufacturing might. If that is not worth fighting for, then what is?

Ohio, we're not about to take a knee and do nothing. We weren't going to give up on your jobs and your families and your communities. We weren't going to let Detroit go bankrupt, or Lordstown go bankrupt, or Toledo go bankrupt. I stood with American workers. I stood with American manufacturing. I believed in you. I bet on you. (Applause.) I'll make that bet any day of the week. And because of that bet, three years later, that bet is paying off for America. (Applause.) Three years later, the American auto industry has come roaring back -- nearly 250,000 new jobs.

So it's a little funny watching Governor Romney and

Governor Kasich and others just try to rewrite history now that you're back on your feet. These are the folks who said if we went forward with our plan, then -- I'm quoting here -- "you can kiss the American automotive industry goodbye." Now they're saying it was their idea all along. (Laughter.) Seriously. Or what they're saying is, well, the problem is that you, the workers, made out like bandits in this whole thing; that we did what we did because it was all about paying back unions. Really? I mean, even by the standards of political campaigns, that's a lot of you know what.

Workers made some of the biggest sacrifices. About 700,000 retirees saw a reduction in the health benefits they had earned. Hours were reduced, pay and wages scaled back. You gave up promises made to you over the years for the sake and the survival of your fellow workers and their families and the company. You made sacrifices. (Applause.) Which is why I don't understand why these folks have the nerve to talk about you like you're some greedy special interest that needs to be beaten down.

After all that unions have done to build and protect the middle class, they were standing up there at their convention saying you're responsible for the problems we face. Their plan says the best way to help workers is to roll back workers' rights; to overturn laws that make sure construction workers get a fair wage; to blame teachers and firefighters and police officers and other public servants for our economic challenges -- instead of what happened on Wall Street and a historic financial collapse.

So, Toledo, what you need to know is this: When they're trying to take your collective bargaining rights away, when they're trying to pass so-called "right to work" laws that really mean right to work for less and less, you should know this isn't about economics. This is about politics.

This notion that we should have let the auto industry die and that we should pursue anti-worker policies in the hopes that unions like yours will unravel -- it's part of the same old you're-on-your-own, top-down philosophy that says we should just leave everybody to fend for themselves.

Now, on Thursday night, I'm going to offer you what I believe is a better path forward -- (applause) -- a path that's going to grow this economy and create more good jobs, and strengthen the middle class. (Applause.) And the good news is, starting on October 2nd, Ohio gets its say because you get to vote early. (Applause.) You can choose which path we take. You could choose their plan.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo.

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: You can choose to give massive new tax cuts to folks who have already made it. Or you can choose my plan -- to keep taxes low for every American who is in the middle class and every American who is striving to get into

that middle class. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes by a total -- for middle-class families, and I have cut taxes by a total of about \$3,600 for the typical family. (Applause.) And now I'm running to make sure that taxes aren't raised a single dime on the first \$250,000 of any family's income. Now, that's 98 percent of Americans. It may be 99.9 percent of this auditorium. (Applause.) Your taxes won't go up, because my belief is you need relief. I don't need relief. Mitt Romney doesn't need relief. He needs it less than me. (Laughter.)

But that's a choice in this election. You can choose whether we give up new jobs and new industries to countries like China, or whether we fight to keep those jobs in states like Ohio. (Applause.) Unlike my opponent, I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to give those tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Toledo, right here in the United States -- all across Ohio, all across the Midwest. (Applause.)

You can decide whether borrowing money from your parents is an answer when a young person asks how they're going to go to college. You heard about that, right? This young college student says, how can I get some help going to college? He says, well, you need to borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.) Now, I guess that's one path. That's one approach.

I've got a different approach that says let's make sure Americans once again lead the world in educating our kids and training our workers for the jobs of tomorrow. (Applause.) And that means let's hire more great teachers, especially in math and science. Let's help more folks go to community colleges to get trained in the skills that employers are hiring for right now. (Applause.) Because the truth is, some sort of higher education, whether it's four-year or a two-year technical school -- some form of higher education -- that's not a luxury anymore. That is an economic necessity that every family should be able to afford. And that's what I'm going to be fighting for. (Applause.) That's what I'm going to be fighting for. (Applause.)

Now, Ohio, you can choose an energy plan like the other guy is offering that's written by and for the oil companies. Or you can choose an all-of-the-above strategy for American energy, which means we drill for more oil, we mine for more coal. But it also means that we're going after the new energy sources of the future.

Now, my opponent said renewable energy sources are "imaginary." The folks here in Toledo manufacturing solar panels might disagree with that. (Applause.) These jobs aren't a "fad" -- they're not imaginary. They're our future. And unlike my opponent, I want to stop giving a \$4 billion-a-year taxpayer subsidy to big oil companies that are making money every time you go to the pump, and I want to use that money to invest in homegrown energy sources that have never been more promising and are creating jobs right here in Ohio. (Applause.)

It's up to you whether we go back to the old health care system that let insurance companies decide when to cover you and when to drop you, and drop you when you needed it most. But I think we should keep moving forward with the new health care law that's already cutting costs and covering more people and saving lives. They call it Obamacare. It's true, I care. It's true. (Applause.)

I guess the other side's plan is the "Romney Doesn't Care" plan. (Laughter.) But now is not the time to refight the battles of the last four years. We need to move forward.

You get to decide what the future of the war in Afghanistan is. Last week, did you notice Governor Romney did not say a word about our troops who are in harm's way over there? And because of my plan, 33,000 of them will have come home by the end of this month. (Applause.)

He said ending the war in Iraq was "tragic." I think it was the right thing to do. I said we'd end that war -- and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd go after al Qaeda -- we did. (Applause.) I said we'd take out bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.)

Our troops are out of Iraq. We're bringing them home from Afghanistan. And as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will serve our veterans as well as they've served us, because nobody who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

So we've got some big choices we've got to make. And the other side is going to spend the next two months -- they're fighting back with everything they've got. They're going to give you an avalanche of attack ads and insults and distraction. And they may massage the truth a little bit. And it will be supported with \$10 million checks from wealthy donors. And they know that even if you don't buy into their plan, even if you don't vote for them, they're thinking, well, maybe we'll discourage people. We'll get folks so disillusioned by all these negative ads, all this negativity, that you'll just decide to sit this one out.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: But you know what, I'm counting on something different. I'm counting on you. (Applause.) I'm counting on you. If you're not registered to vote, then you've got to go to GottaRegister.com. Now, that's not "GotToRegister.com." This is "gotta" -- G-o-t-t-a-Register.com (Applause.)

If you want to find out how to vote early, starting on October 2nd, then you need to go to GottaVote.com. That's not "GotToVote.com," that's "gotta vote" -- (laughter) -- GottaRegister, GottaVote -- because we've got a whole lot of more work to do. (Applause.)

We've got more good jobs to create. We've got more good cars to build. We've got more schools to upgrade, and more

great teachers to hire, and more young people to send to college. (Applause.) And we've got more troops we've got to bring home and more veterans we've got to take care of, and more doors of opportunity that we've got to open up for everybody who is willing to walk through them. That's what's at stake in this election. That's why I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.)

That's why I need you to knock on doors. That's why I need you to get on the phone. (Applause.) I need you to talk to your friends. I need you to talk to your neighbors. I need you to stand with me, Ohio. (Applause.) And if we win Toledo, we will win Ohio. And if we win Ohio, we'll win this election. (Applause.) And if we win this election, we will finish what we started, and we will remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless America.  
(Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

Norfolk State University  
Norfolk, Virginia

12:37 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Norfolk State! (Applause.) Go Spartans! (Applause.) Can everybody please give Ed a huge round of applause not just for that introduction, but for his extraordinary service to our country and to our veterans? (Applause.) It's good to see all of you.

We've got Bobby Scott, your great congressman in the house. We've got your next congressman, Paul Hirschbiel is here. (Applause.) We are very proud to have an Olympic gold medalist, Francena McCorory, 4x400 relay winner. (Applause.) I'm not that fast. (Laughter.) I was watching those folks on TV -- I said, those are some fast people.

It is good to be back in Norfolk! (Applause.) And this is our last stop on the way to the convention in Charlotte. (Applause.) I decided to come back here today despite the fact that, back in March, Norfolk State ruined my NCAA bracket. (Applause.) I had Missouri going pretty deep. But I want you to know I've got no hard feelings. (Laughter.) Let's just say you owe me one. (Laughter.)

Now, I know that whatever I say here today, it's going to be, at best, a distant second to the speech you will hear tonight from the star of the Obama family, Michelle Obama. (Applause.) This is just like a relay, and you start off with the fastest person. (Laughter.) So I'm going to be at home and I'm going to be watching it with our girls. And I'm going to try not to let them see their daddy cry, because when Michelle starts talking I start getting all misty.

AUDIENCE: Awww --

THE PRESIDENT: But I'm looking forward to being in Charlotte myself; I'll go down there tomorrow. And last week, our friends in the other party had their convention.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo, vote! (Applause.) Vote!

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, just in case some of you missed it, some of you didn't DVR the Republican Convention, let me give you a basic recap. Basically, they said, first of all, everything is bad and it's Obama's fault, and Governor Romney knows the secret to creating jobs and growing the economy. The only problem was he kept it secret. (Laughter.) There was a lot of talk about "hard truths" and "bold choices," but they never bothered to tell you what they were. And when my opponent had the chance to offer his secret sauce, he did not offer a single new idea. It was just retreads of the same old policies that have been sticking it to the middle class for years.

They spent a lot of time talking about me, but they didn't spend a lot of time talking about you. (Applause.) They didn't talk a lot about how we're going to move forward so that the middle class is strong, so that the economy is growing for everybody. They spent even less time talking about their plans. And that's not just because they know you won't like it, but it's because they know you saw that happened when we tried it. You've lived through it, and you know we can't afford to repeat it. (Applause.)

Think about it, a plan that says we're going to make middle-class families pay for another budget-busting \$250,000 tax cut for people making \$3 million a year or more -- that's not really persuasive to most people. We don't think that will magically translate into jobs or prosperity for people. We know families won't be better off if we undo all the Wall Street reforms we've put into place to prevent another financial crisis; or that we're going to be better off if we remove rules to protect our air and our water; or if we're going to take away protections we put in place to make sure that health care is there for you when you get sick. (Applause.)

And we are certainly positive that the best way to strengthen Medicare isn't to turn it into a voucher that leaves seniors paying additional costs out of pocket.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: That's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to lower the deficit. It's not a plan to strengthen the middle class. It's not a plan to strengthen this country.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: We believe in something better. (Applause.) We believe in an America that says our economic strength doesn't come from the top down, it comes from the middle out. It comes from the bottom up. It comes from workers and students, and small business owners and a strong, thriving middle class.

We believe in an America where going to school doesn't depend on how much money you have. (Applause.) We believe in an America where getting decent health care doesn't depend on

how much money you've got. (Applause.)

We believe in an America that leads with our military, but also takes care of our veterans and stands up for our ideals and shows the power of our example. (Applause.)

We believe in an America where no matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, what your last name is, you can pursue your own happiness, and you can make it if you try. (Applause.) That's what these last four years have been about. That's what this campaign is about. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Now, the other side may not have been eager to talk about their ideas. But on Thursday night, I'm going to look forward to sharing mine with you. On Thursday night, I will offer what I believe is a better path forward -- a path that will create good jobs and strengthen our middle class and grow our economy. And the good news is, Virginia, that in just two months, you get to choose which path we take. (Applause.)

You can choose their path -- give massive new tax cuts to folks who have already made it, or you can choose my plan. (Applause.) I want to keep taxes low for every American who's out there still trying to make it. I've cut taxes by a total of about \$3,600 for the typical family. I kept my promise to cut taxes for middle-class families and for small businesses. (Applause.)

And now I'm running to make sure that taxes aren't raised by a single dime on your family's first \$250,000 of income, which, by the way, means 98 percent of Americans wouldn't pay a single dime more in income tax. (Applause.)

But that will be up to you. It will be up to your vote. I mean, you can decide whether we give new jobs and new industries to countries like China, or whether we fight for those jobs in places like Virginia. (Applause.) Unlike my opponent, I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give those tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in American plants and American factories and American jobs so we can go out there and make products stamped with three proud words: Made in America. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

When a young person asked Governor Romney what he could do to help folks go to college, he suggested, "borrow money from your parents."

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote! But maybe he wasn't aware that there are actually some young people whose parents would love to give them the money and don't have it. So that's one path.

My path is to make sure America once again leads the world in educating our kids and training our workers. Let's help more young people afford the kind of education you students get here at Norfolk State. (Applause.) Let's keep investing more in our HBCUs. (Applause.) Let's continue to make sure that Pell grants are there for folks who need it. Let's help more folks go to community college to get the skills and the training that companies are hiring for right now. (Applause.)

Governor Romney wants to end the tax credit we created that is saving families up to \$10,000 over four years in tuition costs. I want to expand it. Because higher education, that's not a luxury anymore. It is an economic necessity in the 21st century for every family, and every family should be able to afford it. That's what we're fighting for. That's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

But it's going to be up to you. You'll make the choice. Virginia, you can choose an energy plan written by and for the big oil companies -- that's Governor Romney's plan. Or you can choose a strategy that taps into all of America's resources and ingenuity. Renewable energy isn't "imaginary." Those jobs that we're creating in wind power and solar power, those aren't a "fad." And I think it's time to stop giving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer subsidies that are going to big oil companies that are making money every time you go to the pump, and let's invest in homegrown energy sources that will create good jobs here in the United States of America. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

And it's up to you whether we go back to a health care system that says insurance companies can deny you coverage whenever they want. I think we need to keep moving forward with the new health care law -- it's cutting costs, it's covering more people, it's saving lives. They like to call it Obamacare -- well, let me tell you, I do care. (Applause.) I care about all the young people who are able to stay on their parent's plans now. I care about the seniors who are seeing lower prescription drug costs. I care about folks with preexisting conditions who can't be denied care now. (Applause.)

Governor Romney has promised that he would overturn Obamacare on his first day in office, which means he'd kick nearly 7 million young people off their parent's plans. He'd make seniors' prescription drugs more expensive. Maybe we should call his plan "Romney Doesn't Care." (Laughter and applause.) But I do care. And this law is here to stay. And we're not going to refight the battles we've already fought over the last four years. We're not going backwards. We're moving forward. That's why I'm running for reelection. (Applause.)

This November, you get to decide the future of the war in Afghanistan. By the end of this month, I will have brought home 33,000 troops. (Applause.) I've said we will end this war in 2014. Governor Romney last week didn't have a word to say about Afghanistan. He said the way I ended the war in Iraq was "tragic."

Listen, I promised I'd end the war in Iraq, and I did. I said we'd take out bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.) Getting our troops out of Iraq was the right thing to do. Bringing our troops home from Afghanistan in a responsible way is the right thing to do. (Applause.) And as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will serve our veterans as well as they've served us, because nobody who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. That's a solemn obligation. (Applause.)

That's why I fought to strengthen the Post-9/11 GI Bill. That's why we secured the largest increase in VA funding in decades. (Applause.) That's why I fought to create a new tax cut for business owners who hire veterans. That's why Michelle and Jill Biden challenged CEOs to hire 100,000 of our veterans by the end of the next year. Last month, Michelle and Jill stood with those CEOs and announced they've already hit 125,000 veterans being hired. They are beating their schedule by a year. That's the commitment we've shown. (Applause.)

So, Virginia, Norfolk, on issue after issue, Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan, they want to take us backwards. But the story of America is not about going backwards; it's about going forward. (Applause.) And in two months, you will actually choose whether or not we travel that path.

But I want everybody to understand, over these next two months, over these next 63 days, you will see more ads, more negative ads, more insults and distractions and baloney, than you've ever seen. And it will be supported by \$10 million checks from wealthy donors that like things just the way they are. And they're counting on you, maybe not to vote for Romney, but they're counting on you to feel discouraged. And they figure if you don't vote, then big oil will write our energy future, and insurance companies will write our health care plans, and politicians will dictate what a woman can or can't do when it comes to her own health. They're counting on you just to accept their version of things.

But I'm counting on something different. Those who oppose change, those who benefit from an unjust status quo, they're always betting on complacency and cynicism of the American people. But throughout America's history, they've always lost that bet, and I think they're going to lose that bet this time, too. (Applause.)

But, Virginia, that depends on you. It depends on you registering to vote. It depends on you showing up to vote. It depends on you setting an example for the next person in class, or in your workplace, or in the next town, or your cousin in the next state. You've got to call them. You've got to let them know what is at stake; that we can close the gap between what America should be and what it is right now -- because they may be waiting on you. They're waiting to see if you register. They're waiting to see if you vote.

We've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We've created a lot of jobs, but we've got more jobs to create. We've created a lot of homegrown energy, but we've got more energy to generate. We've got a lot more young people to send to college. We've got a lot more good teachers we've got to

hire, and more good schools we've got to build. (Applause.) We've got more troops we've got to bring home, and we've got more veterans we've got to take care of. We've got more doors of opportunity we've got to open up to everybody who is willing to work hard and walk through those doors. And that's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.)

And if you're willing to stand with me, and you're willing to make some phone calls for me, if you're willing to knock on some doors for me, if you're willing to vote for me, we'll win Norfolk again. (Applause.) We'll win Virginia again. (Applause.) We'll win this election. We will finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you, Virginia, and God bless America.  
(Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

St. Petersburg College  
Seminole, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, St. Pete! (Applause.) I am fired up! (Applause.) I am ready to go -- forward! (Applause.)

It is good to be back in Florida. (Applause.) It is good -- how's everybody doing today? (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: All right. Now, first thing I want to do is make sure everybody is staying hydrated. (Applause.) And if you've been standing here a while, bend your knees. I don't want anybody falling out.

I want to thank Charlie Crist for his introduction, for his support -- (applause) -- for showing that the values that we're fighting for are not Democratic values or Republican values, they are American values. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

We've got one of the finest senators in the country, your Senator, Bill Nelson, here. (Applause.) One of the best members of Congress that we've got -- Kathy Castor is here. (Applause.) And all of you are here. (Applause.) I'm really excited about that.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. That's why I came. (Applause.)

Now, we just had our convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Folks there could not have been more welcoming. Michelle -- what can I say? (Applause.) As the other men in the audience know, our main goal when we marry is to improve our gene pool. (Laughter.) That's why my daughters turned out good. (Laughter.) Because you just -- you marry up and you marry somebody superior to yourself. And you just -- you beg them until they marry you. (Laughter.) Persistence is the key.

And then you've got President Clinton who made the case as only he can. (Applause.) After he spoke, somebody sent out a tweet -- they said, you should appoint him secretary of explaining stuff. (Laughter and applause.) I like that -- secretary of explaining stuff. Although, I have to admit, it didn't really say "stuff." I cleaned that up a little bit. (Laughter.)

And then two days ago, I did my best to lay out the stakes in this election, because they are big stakes. Both sides have made their arguments now. And I know you have a lot of national Republicans in the neighborhood, making their argument.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: We've made ours. And so now you've got a big choice to make. And by the way, don't boo -- vote. (Applause.) Vote.

I honestly believe this is the clearest choice of any time in our generation, because it's a choice not just between two candidates or two political parties. This is a choice between two fundamentally different paths for America, two fundamentally different visions for our future.

Now, ours is a fight on behalf of that basic bargain that built the largest middle class and the strongest economy the world has ever known -- the bargain that says if you work hard it will pay off. (Applause.) The bargain that says responsibility will be rewarded, and everybody has got a fair shot, and everybody does their fair share, and everybody plays by the same set of rules -- (applause) -- from Main Street to Wall Street to Washington, D.C. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

That basic bargain is why I ran for President in the first place, because too many jobs were disappearing overseas; too many families were struggling to make the mortgage, to put food on the table. People were having to borrow just for day-to-day expenses -- to fill up the gas tank. And over time, more and more of that debt built up. And then this whole house of cards came tumbling down in the worst economic crisis, the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression. And millions of innocent Americans lost their jobs and their homes and their life savings. A tragedy that we are still fighting to recover from.

Now, our friends, at their convention, they were more than happy to talk about everything they think is wrong with America, but they didn't say much about how they'd make it right. (Applause.) They want your vote, but they don't want you to know their plan. And that's because --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We want you, President! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: -- that's because all they've got to offer is the same prescriptions that they've had for 30 years: Tax cuts, tax cuts, gut a few regulations, some more tax cuts. Tax cuts when times are good. Tax cuts when times are bad. Tax cuts to help you lose a few extra pounds -- (laughter) -- tax cuts to help your love life. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: It doesn't help! (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Somebody said it doesn't help. (Laughter.) You tried those tax cuts, huh? (Laughter.)

Now, listen, actually it does help when you give it to folks who need it. That's why I've cut taxes for middle-class families and for small business owners 18 times. (Applause.) But I don't believe, and you don't believe, that another round of tax breaks for millionaires is going to bring good jobs back to our shores, or pay down our deficit.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I don't believe that firing teachers or kicking students off of financial aid -- students who go right here to this institution -- (applause) -- that somehow that's going to help our economy, or help us compete with scientists and engineers coming out of China.

After all that we have been through, do we really think that it would make sense to roll back regulations on Wall Street?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: That somehow that's going to help small businesswomen expand, or laid-off construction workers keep their homes?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Let me tell you that we have been there. We've tried what they're peddling. It didn't work. We're not going back. (Applause.) We're going forward. We are going forward. We are going forward. (Applause.)

I won't pretend the path I'm offering is quick or that it's going to be easy. I never have. Sometimes I ask people to go back to 2008 and look at what I said. I said this was going to take some time because these problems have been building up for a long time. Bill Clinton reminded us on Wednesday night, it's going to take more than a few years to solve challenges that have been built up for decades.

But let me tell you something. When our opponents say this nation is in decline, they are dead wrong. This is America. (Applause.) We still have the best workers in the world and the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best scientists and the best researchers. (Applause.) We've got the best colleges and the best universities. (Applause.) We are a young nation with the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity from every corner of the globe. So no matter what the naysayers may say for political reasons, no matter how dark they try to make everything look, there's not a country on Earth that wouldn't gladly trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

And I am here to tell you our problems can be solved, and our challenges can be met. (Applause.) The path we offer may be harder, but it leads to a better place. And I'm asking you to choose that future. I am asking you to rally not just behind me but around a set of goals for your country -- goals in manufacturing and energy, in education and national security, in reducing our deficit. Real, achievable goals that will lead to new jobs and more opportunity, and rebuild this economy on a stronger foundation.

That's what we can do in the next four years, and that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: That's why I'm asking for four more years.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I want you to -- in case you missed it two days ago, I want to repeat in very plain terms what goals I'm talking about.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Go ahead, Mr. President!

THE PRESIDENT: You said I can go ahead? (Applause.) Okay. I'm going to go ahead then. (Laughter.)

Number one, I've got a plan to export more products and outsource fewer jobs. (Applause.) After a decade of decline, this country has now created over half a million jobs in the last two and a half years alone just in manufacturing. (Applause.) That's faster than any time since the '90s. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. (Applause.) And now you've got a choice -- we can keep giving more tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas, just like the other side is arguing for.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Or we can start rewarding companies that open new plants and train new workers and create new jobs right here in Florida. (Applause.) We can help big factories and small businesses double their exports, and create a million new manufacturing jobs in the next four years. You can make that happen. That's part one.

Part two: I've got a plan to control more of our own energy. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) That will save you money. It will help the environment.

We've doubled our use of renewable energy, and thousands of Americans now have jobs building wind turbines and long-lasting batteries. (Applause.) Today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in nearly two decades. Think about that. (Applause.)

So we're moving to control our own energy. The other side, they don't have a real plan. So you've got a choice between a plan that wants to just reverse the progress we've made, or one that builds on it. And let me tell you, unlike my opponent, I'm not going to let oil companies write this country's energy plan, or endanger our coastline, or collect another \$4 billion in corporate welfare from our taxpayers. We're not going to let them do that. (Applause.)

We've got a better path. We're going to invest in wind and solar, clean coal technology. (Applause.) We're going to help farmers and scientists harness new biofuels to power cars and trucks. We're going to put construction workers back to work building homes and factories that waste less energy, and retrofitting old buildings and homes to use less energy. (Applause.)

We're developing a hundred years' supply of natural gas that's right beneath our feet. If you choose this path, we can cut our imports in half by 2020 and support more than 600,000 new jobs in natural gas alone.

That's the second part of the plan. You want to hear the third?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Third, I've got a plan to give more Americans the chance to gain the skills they need to compete. Education was the gateway to opportunity for me and Michelle. (Applause.) It's the gateway to a middle-class life.

For the first time in nearly a generation, every state just about has answered our call to raise their standards for teaching and learning. Some of the worst schools in the country have made real gains in math and reading, including here in Florida. (Applause.) Millions of students are paying less for college today, including students here, because we took on a system that was wasting billions of dollars giving student loan money to banks and lenders instead of directly to students. (Applause.)

So now, you've got a choice. We can gut education like these other folks we're recommending.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Or we can decide that in the United States of America, no child should have her dreams deferred because of a crowded classroom or a crumbling school. (Applause.) No family should have to set aside a college acceptance letter because they don't have the money. No company should have to look for workers in China because they couldn't find ones with the right skills right here at home. (Applause.)

So help me recruit 100,000 math and science teachers in the next 10 years, and improve early childhood education, and give 2 million workers the chance to learn skills in that community college that will lead directly to a job. (Applause.) And let's work with colleges and universities to cut in half the growth of tuition costs over the next 10 years -- because higher education is not a luxury anymore; it is an economic necessity that everybody should be able to afford. (Applause.)

And we can meet that goal together. You can choose that future if you're willing to move forward with me. (Applause.)

Fourth, my plan -- you all get four. (Laughter.) Fourth, my plan would reduce our deficit without sticking it to the middle class. (Applause.) We're all concerned about the deficit. After two wars, two tax cuts that weren't paid for, we have a challenge that we've got to now deal with --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can't go back.

THE PRESIDENT: Can't go backwards. (Applause.)

Independent analysis shows that the plan I've put forward would cut our deficit by \$4 trillion. (Applause.) And I've already worked with Republicans to cut \$1 trillion in spending. I'm willing to do more. We've got to make sure government is lean, and programs that don't work, we've got to get rid of them so we can pay for the things that do.

And I want to reform the tax code, so that it is simple and fair, and so that it asks the wealthiest households to pay higher taxes on incomes over \$250,000. (Applause.) Keep in mind, that means if you're a millionaire, you'd still get a tax -- you'd keep your tax out for the first \$250,000. (Laughter.) But after that, you'd pay the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President, the same rate when we created 23 million new jobs, the biggest surplus in history and a whole lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

And, by the way, the reason that I want to keep tax cuts for middle-class families, but I don't need one, Mitt Romney doesn't need one, is because what happens when middle-class families, when teachers and construction workers and receptionists -- what happens when folks have a little money in their pocket?

AUDIENCE: They spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: And when they spend it that means business has more customers, and that means business makes more profit, which means business hires more workers, who then spend more money. (Applause.) The whole economy gets stronger. (Applause.) Not from the top down, but from the middle out, from the bottom up. That's how we grow an economy. (Applause.) That's how we grow an economy.

This week, President Clinton pointed out the single biggest thing missing from my opponent's plan -- arithmetic. (Applause.) When Governor Romney and his allies tell us we can somehow cut our deficit by spending \$5 trillion more on tax breaks for the wealthy, well, you do the math. How is that going to work?

The fact is Mr. Romney's plan and Congressman Ryan's plan don't add up. And by the way, they don't add to jobs either. They like to talk about how, we're going to create more jobs. But economists who've looked at their plan say this would make the recovery slower, not faster.

I refuse to let that happen. (Applause.) I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. I refuse to ask all the students here to pay more for college to pay for my tax cut. (Applause.) I'm not going to kick children out of Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor or elderly or disabled, all so those with the most can pay less. (Applause.)

And by the way, Florida, you should know I will never turn Medicare into a voucher system. (Applause.) No American should have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. They should retire with the dignity and the respect and the care that they have earned. So, yes, we will reform and strengthen Medicare for the long haul -- that needs to be done -- but we're going to do it by reducing the cost of health care, not by just dumping the cost on seniors and asking them to pay more -- thousands of dollars more. (Applause.)

And while we're at it, we're going to keep the promise of Social Security by taking the responsible steps to strengthen it, and that's not by turning it over to Wall Street.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, rebuilding the economy is essential, but everybody knows our prosperity at home is linked to what we do abroad. Four years ago, I promised to end the war in Iraq -- I did. (Applause.) I said that we would begin to wind down the war in Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) A new tower rises above the New York skyline; meanwhile al Qaeda is on the path to defeat and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

So we're going to keep moving forward. As long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. And when our troops come home and take off their uniform -- like this veteran right here -- we will serve them as well as they have served us. Because no one who fights for this country should ever have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads or the care that they need when they come home. (Applause.)

My opponent has a different view. He said the way I ended the war in Iraq was "tragic." He won't tell us how he'll end the war in Afghanistan. I have, and I will. (Applause.) And while he wants to spend more money on military programs that the Joint Chiefs don't even want, say it won't make us safer, I'm going to use some of that money that we're no longer spending on war to pay down our debt -- (applause) -- and to put more people back to work rebuilding schools and bridges and runways and roads. (Applause.) Because after a decade at war, I think it's time to some nation-building here at home. (Applause.)

So this is the choice that we face. This is what the election comes down to. Over and over the other side spent all the time they had here in Florida saying that bigger tax cuts and fewer regulations are the only way. They kept on arguing over and over again that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. Their basic theory is: If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If a company releases toxic pollution into the air that your children breathe, well, that's just the price of progress. If you can't afford to go to college, take my opponent's advice and borrow money from your parents. (Applause.)

You know what, that's not who we are. That's not what America is about. America, we believe and insist on personal responsibility. We believe in individual initiative. We know we're not entitled to success, we've got to earn it. We honor the businessmen and the strivers and the dreamers and the risk-takers who've always been the driving force behind our free enterprise system, the greatest engine of growth and prosperity that the world has ever known.

But you know what, we also believe that this country only works when we accept certain obligations to one another, to future generations. (Applause.) We believe in the idea of citizenship -- the idea that America is not just about what can be done for us, but what can be done by us -- (applause) -- together, as one nation, as one people. (Applause.)

That's what you believed four years ago. I told you the election wasn't about me, it was about you. And as I look out on this crowd, I am reminded you were the change. (Applause.) Folks here in Florida from every walk of life -- black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, young, old, gay, straight, abled, not -- disabled -- (applause) -- listen, you're the reason that seniors across Florida are saving an average of \$600 every year on prescription drug because of Obamacare -- because of health care reform. You did that. (Applause.)

By the way, I do care. (Applause.) So I like the term Obamacare. Mr. Romney says he's going to repeal it, which means his plan is Romney Don't Care. (Applause.)

You're the reason -- you're the reason that a woman in Doral, who's already working full-time during the day, can now afford to go to school at night because she's getting the financial aid that she needs. (Applause.) That's because of you and what you did. You're the reason there's a working family from Hollywood who was able to save their home from foreclosure, keep their piece of the American Dream. You made that possible.

You're the reason a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.) You're the reason why an outstanding soldier won't be kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love. (Applause.) You're the reason why thousands of families have been able to say to loved ones who serve so bravely: "Welcome

home." (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thanks for bringing me home! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: You're welcome. Welcome home. (Applause.) Thank you for serving us. (Applause.)

And if you turn away now, if you buy into the cynicism that somehow the change we fought for isn't possible, then of course change won't happen. Change won't happen without you. If you give up on the idea that your voice can make a difference, then other folks are going to fill the void -- the lobbyists, the special interests, the people who are writing \$10 million checks, the folks who are trying to keep people from voting --

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- the politicians who want to tell you who you can marry, tell women they can't have control over their own health care choices. (Applause.) Only you can make sure that doesn't happen, Florida. Only you have the power to move us forward. But you've got to use that power.

If you're not registered to vote, go to GottaRegister.com. Not "got to" -- "gotta." G-o-t-t-a -- register.com. If you're not sure about how to vote, go to GottaVote.com. (Applause.) Talk to your friends, talk to your neighbors, talk to your co-workers. Don't just talk to people who agree with you; reach out to folks who don't follow politics that closely. Talk to somebody who's undecided. Talk to some of your Republican friends. And talk to them about a vision for the future that moves everybody forward, not just a few.

I'm asking for your help. So, Florida, can you make some phone calls for me? (Applause.) Can you knock on some doors for me? (Applause.) Will you tell your friends and neighbors what's at stake in this election? (Applause.) Will you register? Will you vote? (Applause.) Because if you do, we will finish what we started. We'll create more good jobs. We'll generate more homegrown energy. We'll hire more great teachers. We'll send more young people to college. We'll bring home more troops. We'll take care of more veterans. (Applause.) We will open the doors of opportunity to everybody who's willing to work hard and walk through them. (Applause.)

We'll win this county. We will win Florida. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started, and remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Florida! (Applause.) Oh, it is good to be in Kissimmee! (Applause.) This crowd looks fired up. (Applause.) And they definitely look ready to go. (Applause.)

Well, first of all, can everybody give a big round of applause to Vivian for the great introduction? (Applause.) Yay, Vivian! It's good to know that we've got one of the finest senators in the country here -- your Senator Bill Nelson is in the house. (Applause.) And an outstanding member of Congress, Corrine Brown is here. (Applause.) And all of you are here. (Applause.) All the VIPs, right here. (Applause.)

Listen, I'm having such a great time. Anybody who wants to sit down, go ahead and sit down. I'm going to talk for a while. (Laughter.) You guys don't sit down because you don't have chairs. (Laughter.) But you guys all have to bend your knees a little bit so you don't faint. You've been standing a while, it's a little hot. All right?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Love you! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Let me just say this. I've got to say, Kissimmee, that sometimes when the reception is this good I just want to say thank you, and leave the stage. (Laughter.) I mean, how am I going to top this -- you guys are being so kind. (Applause.)

You're fired up! (Applause.) All right, all right, all right. Everybody settle down for a second here. (Laughter.) Settle down.

Now, we just had our convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. (Applause.) And folks could not have been more welcoming. We were so grateful to North Carolina and Charlotte for throwing a great party. Michelle -- what can I say? She was amazing. (Applause.) For the young men out there who are not yet married, just give you a tip. You're trying to improve your gene pool, so you marry somebody who is superior to you. That's what I did and it works good. (Applause.) That way you end up with some good-looking kids, smart, talented. (Applause.)

President Clinton, he made the case as well as anybody could. (Applause.) Somebody tweeted after he spoke -- they said, somebody needs to appoint him secretary of explaining stuff. (Laughter.) He broke it down. Secretary of explaining stuff -- I love that.

And then on the final night, I laid out my case about what's at stake in this election. Now, both sides have now made their argument. The other guys, they came down to Florida and -- and so now you know what the choice is, and you've got a big choice to make. And I honestly believe this is the clearest choice of any time in a generation. (Applause.) It is not just a choice between two candidates, it's not just a choice between two parties; it's a choice between two different paths for America, two different visions for our future.

Here's our vision. We're fighting to restore that basic bargain that built the largest middle class the world has ever known, that built the greatest economy the world has ever known. And the whole bargain is real simple -- the promise that if you work hard, it will pay off; the promise that if you act responsibly, you'll be rewarded; that everybody in this country gets a fair shot and everybody does their fair share and everybody plays by the same rules, from Main Street to Wall Street to Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

Now, some of you know, I started my career in public service working in the shadow of steel mills that had closed, and working with folks trying to rebuild their neighborhoods. And that process of jobs disappearing overseas, families struggling with the costs that keep on going up even though their paychecks aren't going up, people taking more and more debt just to pay for tuition or gas or food on the table -- that process had been going on for a decade. And then it culminated in the worst financial crisis and depression we've had -- or recession that we've had since the Great Depression. And millions of people lost their jobs, lost their homes, lost their savings. And it's that tragedy that we've been fighting to recover from ever since.

Now, we've made progress. (Applause.) But we know we haven't made enough. We've got more work to do. Nobody is satisfied with the status quo. There are too many folks out there who still need a job, too many folks whose homes are still underwater. We've got a lot of work to do. And the question is not whether we need to make more progress. The question is how do we do it?

Our friends at the Republican Convention were more than happy to talk about everything they think is wrong with America, but they didn't have much to say about how to make it right. (Applause.) They want your vote, but they don't want you to know their plan. That's because they're offering the same worn-out plan that they've had for 30 years -- tax cuts, tax cuts, roll back some regulations, and then let's have some more tax cuts. Tax cuts when times are good. Tax cuts when times are bad. Tax cuts to lose an extra few pounds -- (laughter) -- tax cuts to improve your love life. (Laughter.) Whatever the issue -- tax cuts.

By the way, when I said that at the last stop we had, in St. Petersburg, a guy yelled out in the crowd -- he said, "It didn't work!" (Laughter.)

Now, listen, I've cut taxes for folks who need it. (Applause.) In 2008, I promised that we would lower the tax burden on middle-class families, and the typical family is paying \$3,600 less in federal taxes compared to when I came into office. We've cut taxes for small businesses 18 times. (Applause.) But I don't believe that another round of tax breaks for millionaires is going to bring back jobs from overseas or bring down our deficit. I don't think that firing teachers is going to strengthen our economy. I don't believe kicking students off of financial aid will help us compete with engineers coming out of China. (Applause.)

I sure don't believe, after everything we've gone through with the crash on Wall Street, that rolling back regulations on Wall Street somehow is going to help local businesses here in Florida or strengthen our housing market. We have been there. We have tried that. It didn't work. It didn't work then; it won't work now. We're not going back. We are moving forward. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.) We're going forward. We're going forward. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I will not pretend that the path I'm offering is easy or quick. I didn't promise in 2008 that it was going to be easy or quick, because these problems have been going on for decades. Bill Clinton made that point on Wednesday night. He said you can't expect that we're going to solve these massive challenges that we've been dealing with for years overnight. But let me tell you something -- we will solve these problems. (Applause.)

You've got my opponent and his vice president saying the nation is in decline. Now, I don't know whether

they're saying that just because they want to win some votes, or because they actually believe it. But either way, they're wrong. (Applause.) America has got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best scientists, the best researchers, the best universities and the best colleges. (Applause.) We are a young nation. We've got a diversity of talent just like you see in this auditorium.

People are coming here from every corner of the globe. Why do you think they want to come here? (Applause.) Because they know that no matter what the other side says, no matter how dark they try to paint the picture, most folks, they would do anything to have a chance to be right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

So our problems can be solved. Our challenges can be met. The path we offer is harder, but it leads to a better place. And I'm asking you to choose that future. I'm asking you to rally not around me, but rally around a set of goals for our country in manufacturing, and education, and energy, national security, reducing the deficit. (Applause.) I've got a plan that will lead to new jobs and more opportunity, and rebuild this economy on a stronger foundation.

And we can keep making the kinds of progress that's needed over the next four years -- which is the reason I'm running for a second term, because I'm confident we can get to where we need to go. (Applause.) I'm confident about it.

But in case you missed it, in case you missed what I said -- what day was that, Thursday? (Applause.) What day is it today? Is it Saturday? (Applause.) I'm just on the road all the time. I forget what day it is. All right, so it was Thursday, now it's Saturday. In case you missed it on Thursday, let me say again what our plan is.

First of all, I've got a plan to export more products and outsource fewer jobs. (Applause.) So after a decade of decline, this country created over half a million new manufacturing jobs in the last two and a half years. (Applause.) We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. (Applause.)

So now, you've got a choice. (Applause.) You can go along with the plan you heard in Tampa and give more tax breaks to corporations that are shipping jobs overseas. Or we can start giving tax breaks to companies that are opening new plants and training new workers and creating new jobs here in Florida, in Kissimmee, here in the United States of America. That's my plan. (Applause.)

We can help big factories and small businesses double their exports. And by the way, here in Florida you're the gateway for an entire market in Latin America, which is why when you hear these folks talking about the Recovery Act and he didn't do this and he didn't do that -- listen, we're expanding ports and infrastructure here in Florida precisely because we can export more. We can create a million new manufacturing jobs in the next four years, because we're selling goods around the world stamped with three proud words: Made in the USA. (Applause.) Made in the USA. Made in the USA. (Applause.) That's part one of our plan, making it here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: U-S-A! U-S-A!

THE PRESIDENT: U-S-A!

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THE PRESIDENT: So you've got a choice on that issue. Let me give you another choice. We need to control more of our own energy. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) That will save you money.

We've doubled our use of renewable energy, which is not only producing power for businesses and homes here in Florida, but it's also creating thousands of jobs building wind turbines and solar panels and long-lasting batteries. (Applause.) Today, the United States is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the last two decades. Think about that. (Applause.)

So we've made progress. And now, the big idea coming out of Tampa was to reverse the progress we've made.

That's option one. Option two is to build on that progress. So unlike my opponent, I'm not going to let oil companies write this country's energy plan. I'm not going to let them continue to collect \$4 billion in corporate welfare from our taxpayers. (Applause.) We've got a better path.

We want to keep investing in wind and solar and cleaner coal. And we want farmers and scientists to harness new biofuels to power our cars and our trucks. We want to put construction workers back to work -- (applause) -- rebuilding factories and homes so they're more energy-efficient, so they waste less energy. We can develop a hundred years' supply of natural gas that's beneath our feet here in the United States.

And if you choose the path I'm offering, we can cut our oil imports in half by 2020, and we can support 600,000 new jobs just in natural gas alone. Think about that. (Applause.) That path is open only if you take it through your vote. So that's two.

Number three, I've got a plan to give more Americans the chance to gain the skills they need to compete. Education was the key to opportunity for me. It was the key for Michelle. It was the key for many of you. It's the gateway to a middle-class life. (Applause.)

So what have we already done? For the first time in a generation, nearly every state has answered our call to raise their standards for teaching and learning. Some of the worst schools in the country have made real gains in math and reading. Millions of students are paying less for college because we stopped using banks and lenders as middlemen for student loans, saved billions of dollars and sent that directly to students to help millions get a better education and not have as much debt. (Applause.)

Now, you've got a choice. We can reverse some of those things that we've done.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Or we can decide that in the United States of America, no child should have their dream deferred because of an over-crowded classroom. (Applause.) No family should be excited about a college acceptance letter and then realize, you know what, honey, we can't afford to send you there. No company should have to look for workers in China because they couldn't find workers here in Florida, or here in the United States that have the skills they need. (Applause.)

So my path is let's recruit and train another 100,000 math and science teachers. (Applause.) Let's improve early childhood education. Let's give 2 million more workers the chance to get better skills at community colleges, skills that will lead directly to a job. (Applause.) And let's work with colleges and universities to cut in half the growth in tuition, so that everybody can afford it. (Applause.) We can meet that goal together. These are achievable goals. That's the path I want you to choose. (Applause.)

Number four, we need to reduce our deficit without sticking it to the middle class. (Applause.) It's important for us to reduce our deficit. It's important for us to reduce our deficit. It's important for us to do it in a responsible way. We don't have to do it all at once, but we've got to get started on it. An independent analysis shows that my plan would cut our deficit by \$4 trillion. (Applause.) And I've worked with Republicans in Congress to cut a trillion dollars in spending already, and I'm ready to do more.

I want to reform the tax code so that it is simple and so that it is fair. (Applause.) I want to get rid of programs that don't work. I want to consolidate some agencies so they're more efficient and more customer-friendly. But I also want to ask the wealthiest households to pay a little bit higher taxes on incomes over \$250,000 -- over \$250,000. (Applause.)

Keep in mind, let's say you make a million dollars --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Sounds good to you, right? You'd still keep your tax cut for the first \$250,000. So it's not like you're not getting any relief at all. The first \$250,000 you still get your tax break. But for every dollar you make after \$250,000, we go back to the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President -- (applause) -- when our economy created 23 million new jobs, when we had all kinds of small businesses succeeding and starting up, when we had the biggest surplus in history and a whole lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

Now, the reason why this works is because -- this whole top-down thing doesn't work. If you give a teacher or a construction worker or a receptionist, just working folks -- if you give them a little more money, what do they do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: And if they spend it then businesses have more customers. And then business makes more profits. And then the businesses say, let's build another plant and let's hire more workers. (Applause.) And now everything gets rolling in a positive direction.

So that's how we build an economy, from the middle out, from the bottom up. It helps everybody when you do it that way. And if you're concerned about the deficit, the first thing you should be concerned about is growing the economy. But let's say even if all you were thinking about is how do we close the deficit gap -- as President Clinton pointed out, the thing that's missing from my opponent's plan is arithmetic. (Applause.) It doesn't add up. He says that we can give a \$5 trillion tax cut, mostly to wealthy individuals, and that somehow the deficit is going to get smaller. Now, how do you think that's going to work? That's not going to work.

And the only way it does work is if you are gutting education, you're not investing in basic science and research, where we're not rebuilding our infrastructure, and we are fraying our safety net, and we're voucherizing Medicare --

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- and maybe, to top it off, we're increasing taxes on middle-class families.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: That doesn't sound like a good plan.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: It doesn't add up.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And by the way, it does not add up to jobs either. Some people looked at Romney's plan -- they said, you know what, this actually would make the recovery slower. Slower. I refuse to let that happen. I refuse to let that happen. (Applause.)

I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for a tax cut for me. I'm not going to ask students to pay more for college, or kick kids off Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for the poor and the elderly and the disabled so those with the most can pay less. (Applause.)

And I want you to know, AARP -- I want you to know I will never turn Medicare into a voucher. (Applause.) These guys are out there running these ads about how somehow we're weakening Medicare. We strengthened Medicare -- extended its life for eight years. Don't take my word for it -- AARP says the same thing. (Applause.)

Because I believe no American should ever have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. After a lifetime of labor, you should retire with dignity and respect. You've earned it. So we do have to reform and we will strengthen Medicare over the long haul, but we're going to do it by reducing the costs of health care -- not by dumping those costs on to seniors. And we're going to keep the promise of Social Security. We'll take responsible steps to strengthen it -- not by turning it over to Wall Street. (Applause.)

Now, there's one last point I want to make and that's about foreign policy because these things are connected. Our prosperity at home is linked to our policies abroad. Four years ago, I promised to end the war in Iraq -- we did. (Applause.) I said we'd wind down the war in Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) While a new tower rises above the New York skyline, -- (applause) -- as we come up on September 11th, we know that al Qaeda is on the path to defeat and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

So I want you to know as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.) When our troops take off the uniform, we will serve them as well as they've served America. (Applause.) Nobody who fights for this country should ever have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

Now, my opponent has got a different view. He said it was "tragic" for me to end the war in Iraq as I did. Well, I did it anyway. (Laughter and applause.) He won't tell us how he'll end the war in Afghanistan, in fact, didn't even mention it in his speech at his convention.

My opponent would spend more money on military programs that our Joint Chiefs don't even want, won't make us safer. I'm going to use that money we're no longer spending on war to pay down our debt, and put more people back to work rebuilding roads and bridges and schools and runways. (Applause.) Let's do some nation-building here at home. That will make us safer. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: So that's what this election comes down to. There's a choice on every issue. Over and over we've been told by the other side that bigger tax cuts, fewer regulations, they're the only way to go; that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. Their basic theory is if you can't afford health insurance, don't get sick.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: A company releases pollution in the air that our children breathe, well, that's the price of progress. If you can't afford college, take their advice and ask your parents if you can borrow the money. (Laughter.)

I've got a different idea -- because I don't think that's what our country is about. We insist on hard work and personal responsibility and individual initiative, and we know we're not entitled to success -- we've got to earn it. We honor the strivers and the dreamers and the entrepreneurs, the risk-takers who have always been the driving force behind our free enterprise system. And we believe that the free enterprise system is the greatest engine of growth and prosperity the world has ever known. That's what attracts people to our shores.

But we also believe that the market doesn't work, this country doesn't work, unless we accept certain obligations to one another; unless we're thinking about future generations; unless we believe in something called citizenship -- that we understand America is not just about what can be done for us, it's about what can be done by us, together, as one nation and one people. (Applause.)

So the election four years ago, it wasn't about me; it was about you. You're the change. The American people rose up, and as a result of what you did, seniors across Florida are saving an average of \$600 every year on prescription drugs. (Applause.) That's because of Obamacare. You did that. (Applause.)

You're the reason a woman in Doral, who is already working full-time during the day, now can afford to go to

school at night because she's got the financial aid that she needs. You did that. (Applause.)

You're the reason there's a working family over in Hollywood who was able to save their home from foreclosure and keep their piece of the American Dream. You made that possible.

You're the reason that a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.)

You're the reason why we ended "don't ask, don't tell." (Applause.) You're the reason why our troops are coming home. (Applause.)

You made that happen. You made that happen. Don't let anybody tell you, you can't make a difference. Don't let anybody tell you that somehow you have no influence, that you can't change the system.

We may not be able to change everything all at once just the way we want it, because this is a big, complex democracy, and not everybody has got a same opinion. And there's nothing wrong with that. And, yes, sometimes things get tangled up in Washington, and sometimes it's frustrating, and change isn't happening the way it should. But whenever the American people stand up, whenever you get involved, whenever you participate, then amazing things happen -- because the American people have great instincts. You are a good and decent people. (Applause.)

And so if you turn away now, if you turn away now, and you buy into the cynicism that you won't make a difference, well, of course, change won't happen. You know who will fill the void, who will step in where you should have been? Lobbyists, special interests, the folks writing the \$10 million checks trying to buy this election, the folks who are trying to make it harder for people to vote.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Washington politicians who want to control who you can marry, want to control health care choices that women are perfectly capable of making themselves. (Applause.)

You can't let that happen. You can't let that happen. I'm talking to you. (Applause.) Only you have the power to move us forward. But that depends on you using that power. I'm asking you for your help. I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.) I'm asking you to make phone calls. I'm asking you to knock on some doors. (Applause.) I'm asking you to talk to your neighbors and talk to your friends and talk to your coworkers. (Applause.) I'm asking you to stand up. I'm asking you to be heard. (Applause.)

And if you do, we will win Florida. And we will win this election. We'll finish what we started, and you and I together will march into that better future. Let's make it happen. (Applause.)

God bless you and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: How's it going, Florida? (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you. (Applause.) Well, look, I am so thrilled to be here! (Applause.) It is good to be back in Florida. And I am so grateful to Mary, not only for her introduction, but for sharing her story, for fighting on behalf of America, for reminding that the values we care about aren't Democratic or Republican values, but are American values. So give Mary a big round of applause. (Applause.)

Now, before I start I have a very important announcement that I've got to make --

Q I love you, President Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you, too. (Applause.)

Actually, there are three things I've got to say before I get started. First of all, if you've got a seat feel free to take a seat, because I'm going to talk for a while. (Applause.) Point number two, if you don't have a seat, bend your knees because sometimes people faint a little bit -- all right -- and you've been standing here a while.

The third thing I want to say, the most important thing I have to say is football starts today. (Applause.) So we intend to be finished to get home in time for kickoff. (Applause.) I don't know -- I know you've got a lot of teams here in Florida, but in Illinois there's just one team -- the Chicago Bears.

AUDIENCE: Boo -- (laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: All right, well, let me move on to another topic then. (Laughter.)

It is so great to be here. We just had our convention in

Charlotte, North Carolina. (Applause.) Folks there could not have been more welcoming. Michelle was -- Michelle. (Applause.) She was amazing. So for the young men out there who are thinking about their futures -- the goal is to marry up and improve your gene pool. (Laughter.) And that's what I have done by marrying Michelle.

Then you have President Clinton who made the case the only way that he can. (Applause.) Somebody sent out a tweet after he spoke -- he said, somebody needs to make him secretary of explaining stuff -- (laughter) -- which I like. I liked that.

And then on Thursday night, I spoke about the stakes in this election. Now, you've now heard both sides make their argument, and I hope you know at this point there's a big choice to make. And it is the clearest choice of any time in a generation. (Applause.) It is not just a choice between two candidates; it's not just a choice between two parties. It is a choice between two fundamentally different paths for America, two very different visions for our future.

And our fight is for that basic bargain that built the middle class in this country and the strongest economy the world has ever known. And it was basically a simple idea -- the idea that here in America hard work will pay off. (Applause.) That here in America, responsibility will be rewarded, that everybody gets a fair shot, and everybody does their fair share, and everybody plays by the same rules -- (applause) -- from Wall Street to Main Street to Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

And that basic bargain is why I ran for President, because I saw too many jobs disappearing overseas, too many families struggling with the costs that keep on going up even though paychecks aren't going up; too many people racking up more and more debt just to make the mortgage, or pay tuition, or put gas in the car, or food on the table. And when this house of cards collapsed in this Great Recession we saw millions of innocent Americans lose their jobs, lose their homes, lose their savings. And we're still trying to recover from that tragedy.

Now, our friends at the Republican Convention, they were more than happy to talk about everything that they think is wrong with America, but they didn't have much to say about how to make it right. (Applause.) They want your vote, but they don't have a plan. Or at least they don't want to tell you their plan.

And that's because they've got the same plan they've had for 30 years: Tax cuts, tax cuts, gut a few regulations, and then give some more tax cuts. Tax cuts when times are good. Tax cuts when times are bad. Tax cuts to help you lose a few extra pounds -- (laughter) -- tax cuts to improve your love life. (Laughter.)

I said that at the last event yesterday and somebody yelled out, I tried it and it didn't work. (Laughter.)

Now, listen, I've given tax cuts to folks who need it. (Applause.) Four years ago I promised I would cut taxes for

middle-class families --

AUDIENCE: And you did!

THE PRESIDENT: And I did. The typical family is paying \$3,600 less in federal taxes since I've been President. We've cut taxes for small businesses 18 times. But I don't believe that another round of tax breaks for millionaires are going to bring good jobs to our shores, or pay down the deficit -- just like I don't think that firing teachers or kicking students off of financial aid is going to help our economy. (Applause.) That's not going to help us compete with China and other countries that are coming up.

After all we've been through, I sure don't believe rolling back regulations we put in place to make sure Wall Street doesn't act recklessly, that rolling those regulations back somehow will help small business women here in Florida, or laid-off construction workers get back to work.

Let me tell you, Florida, what they are selling we are not buying. (Applause.) We've been there, we've tried it. It's not working. We're not going back. We're moving forward. That's why I'm running for a second term for President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, I will not pretend that the path I'm offering is quick or easy. It's going to take more than a few years to deal with problems that have been building up for decades. But let me tell you something -- when our opponent goes around saying that the nation is in decline, he doesn't know what he's talking about. (Applause.) This is America. We've got the best workers in the world, the best entrepreneurs in the world. We've got the best scientists and researchers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best colleges and universities in the world. (Applause.)

We are a young nation. We've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity. People want to come here from every corner of the globe. (Applause.) So no matter what the naysayers tell us, no matter how dark they try to make things look for election time, there's not another country on Earth that wouldn't trade places with the United States. (Applause.)

So I promise you our problems can be solved, and our challenges can be met. The path we offer may be harder, but it will lead to a better place. And I'm asking you to choose that future. I'm asking you to rally around some goals -- concrete, achievable goals in manufacturing and energy, and education, in reducing our deficit that will lead to new jobs and more opportunity, and it will rebuild our economy on a stronger foundation.

That's what the next four years are about. That's why I'm running for President. (Applause.) That's why I need your support. (Applause.)

Now, just in case some of you missed me on Thursday, I want to lay out once again what I'm talking about with this

plan. First, I've got a plan to export more products and send fewer jobs overseas. (Applause.) After a decade of decline, this country has actually created more than half a million new manufacturing jobs over the last two and a half years. (Applause.) We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. (Applause.)

Here on the Space Coast, we started a new era of American exploration that is creating good jobs right here in this county. (Applause.) We've begun an ambitious new direction for NASA by laying the groundwork for 21st century space flight and innovation. And just last month, we witnessed an incredible achievement that speaks to the nation's sense of wonder and our can-do spirit -- the United States of America landing Curiosity on Mars. (Applause.)

So this is an example of what we do when we combine our science, our research, our ability to commercialize new products, making them here in America.

So this is where we've got a choice. We could, as the House Republican budget proposes, cut back on research and technology.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Or we can continue to be at the cutting-edge -- because that's what we've always been about. We can spark new discoveries, launch new careers, inspire the next generation to reach for something better. You've got that choice. We can make sure that not only are we investing in great research, but the products that come out of that research are made here in the United States. (Applause.)

We can change our tax code so we stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's reward them for investing in new plants and equipment here in the U.S., and training new workers here in the U.S., and keeping the research and development here in the U.S., and creating jobs right here in the U.S., making products that we sell around the world stamped with three proud words: Made in the USA. That's what we're fighting for. That's the future we want. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!

THE PRESIDENT: U-S-A!

AUDIENCE: U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!

THE PRESIDENT: We can help big factories and small businesses double their exports. And that creates jobs. And we can create a million new manufacturing jobs in the next four years. And by the way, here in Florida, you are a gateway for this huge Latin American market that's growing. (Applause.) Which is why, during the Recovery Act, we helped local communities revamp their ports and their roads, so that we can move more products onto those container ships that are sending goods down to Brazil and Mexico and other parts -- Argentina, and all across our hemisphere.

And that's also why, by the way, we're attracting more tourists from this region. We made it easier for folks to come visit Florida -- (applause) -- because that creates jobs right here in Florida. So this is all part of the notion that we don't want to just borrow and spend -- we also want to make stuff and sell. (Applause.) That's part one of the plan.

Part two: I've got a plan to control more of our own energy. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars or trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) That will save you money, and it will help the environment. (Applause.)

We've doubled our use of renewable energy. Thousands of Americans have jobs today building wind turbines and long-lasting batteries and solar panels that are being used right here in Florida to generate energy. (Applause.)

I want you guys to know this. Today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in nearly two decades. (Applause.)

So now you've got a choice between a plan that reverses this progress, or one that builds on it. Unlike my opponent, I'm not going to let oil companies write this country's energy plan, or endanger our coastlines, or collect another \$4 billion in corporate welfare from our taxpayers. (Applause.)

We've got a better path, where we keep investing in wind and solar, and clean coal technology, and farmers and scientists harness new biofuels to power our cars and our trucks, and where we put construction workers back to work building factories that waste less energy, retrofitting schools and hospitals and buildings so that they're using less energy. (Applause.) Where we developed a hundred years' supply of natural gas that's right beneath our feet. And if we choose this path, we can cut our oil imports in half by 2020, and that alone will support 600,000 new jobs in natural gas. (Applause.)

We can move forward, but we can't go backwards. (Applause.) That's what the next four years are about. (Applause.)

Part three -- part three: I've got a plan to give more Americans the chance to gain the skills they need to compete. Education was the key to opportunity for me, for Michelle, for many of you. And so we focused on this the minute I came into office. And for the first time in a generation, nearly every state has answered our call to raise their standards for teaching and learning. And some of the worst schools in the country have made real progress and real gains in math and reading. (Applause.)

Millions of students, including some students at this institution, are paying less today for college because we took on a system that was wasting billions of taxpayer dollars sending it to banks; we said let's send it directly to students. (Applause.) And students are paying less for their

college education because of it. (Applause.)

So now you've got a choice.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're our choice!

THE PRESIDENT: That's a good choice. (Applause.)

We can gut our investment in education, as the budget being proposed by the other side would do. Or we can decide in the United States of America, no child should have their dream deferred because of an overcrowded classroom or outdated textbooks. No family should have to set aside an acceptance letter for college because they realize, you know what, honey, we just can't afford it. No company should have to look for workers in some other country because they couldn't find the workers with the right skills right here in the United States. (Applause.)

So we've got to focus on this. Help me recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers, and improve early childhood education, and give 2 million workers the chance to learn skills at their local community college that will lead directly to a job. (Applause.) And help me work with colleges and universities to cut in half the growth of tuition costs over the next 10 years. (Applause.)

We can meet that goal together. We can help the next generation. (Applause.) We can choose that future for America. But I can only do it with you. (Applause.)

And you know what, let's make sure that we're reducing our deficit without sticking it to the middle class. (Applause.) Now, independent analysis says that my plan for reducing our deficits would lower them by \$4 trillion. That's with a "T" -- \$4 trillion. And I've worked with Republicans in Congress already to cut a trillion dollars in spending, and I'm willing to do more. I want to work with them.

I want a tax code that's fair and simpler. But I also want to ask folks like me and Mr. Romney, the wealthiest households in America, the top 2 percent, to just pay a little bit more -- higher taxes on incomes over the first \$250,000 of their income to help reduce our deficit. (Applause.) That's the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President, and we created 23 million new jobs, the biggest surplus in history and a whole lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.) We can do that.

And, by the way, I just want to be clear -- under my plan, first of all, 98 percent of folks who make less than \$250,000, you wouldn't see your income taxes go up a single dime. (Applause.) Because you're the ones who need relief. And what happens when you've got a little more money in your pocket -- what happens?

AUDIENCE: We spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: You spend it. Maybe you buy a new computer for your son or daughter. Maybe you buy a new car after 20 years of driving that old beater around. And what

happens when you spend, then businesses have more customers, and then they make more profit, and then they hire more workers, who then, in turn, go buy more products. That's how we grow an economy -- not from the top down; from the middle out, from the bottom up. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

But what we heard in Tampa -- well, they didn't really say much about it, but what you see on their website, what you've seen Republicans in Congress vote on is a different kind of plan. President Clinton pointed out that the single biggest thing missing from my opponent's plan is arithmetic. (Applause.) Math. Governor Romney and his allies tell us we can somehow lower our deficit by spending trillion more dollars on new tax breaks for the wealthy.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I mean, listen, you've got to do the math, because when my opponents were asked about it today, they couldn't. (Laughter.) It was like two plus one equals five. (Laughter.) They couldn't answer questions about how they'd pay for \$5 trillion in new tax cuts and \$2 trillion in new defense spending without raising taxes on the middle class. That's not bold leadership -- that's bad math. (Applause.) That gets a failing grade.

I refuse to go along with that plan. I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for another tax cut for somebody like me or Mr. Romney. (Applause.) I refuse to ask students to pay more for college, or kick children out of Head Start programs just to give millionaires a tax break. (Applause.) I'm not going to eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor or elderly or disabled, all so those with the most can pay less. (Applause.) And I want you to know, Florida, I will never turn Medicare into a voucher.

You know, I had a wonderful breakfast with two retired couples over at Cocoa -- Gerry and Jan and John and Shirley -- they're here somewhere. There they are, they're over there. And that was a good breakfast, too, wasn't it? It was outstanding. And they were wise enough to move to Florida after they retired because they were living in very cold weather. And they love it here. But we were talking about how, after a lifetime of work, they've been able to save enough to have a comfortable retirement, but that's only because Medicare is there rock-solid for them; only because we have made that commitment that says if you work hard all your life then you should have some basic security -- not to live lavishly, but to know that it's going to be there for you.

And I have to tell you, that is going to be part of what's at stake in this election. Now, I've already strengthened Medicare. We've already added years to the life of Medicare by getting rid of taxpayer subsidies to insurance companies that weren't making people any healthier, and in fact, were making things more expensive for everybody. (Applause.)

So we used part of those savings to help lower the cost

of prescription drugs and offer free preventive care to seniors. I thought that was a good idea. (Applause.) For some reason, my opponents think it's a bad idea. So they want to give the money back to the insurance companies and then put them in charge of Medicare.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: In fact, one report just said that by the end of the next decade, our opponent's plan would mean as much as \$16 billion to \$26 billion in new profits for insurance companies. So basically, your costs would rise by the thousands so that their profits could rise by the billions.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: So here's the bottom line. Their voucher plan for Medicare would bankrupt Medicare. Our plan strengthens Medicare. No American should have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. They should retire with the dignity and the respect and the care that they have earned. (Applause.)

Yes, we will reform and strengthen Medicare for the long haul -- but we'll do it by reducing the cost of health care, not by dumping those costs on to seniors. We're not going to do that. (Applause.)

And while we're at it, we're going to keep the promise of Social Security by taking responsible steps to strengthen it, not by turning it over to Wall Street. And by the way, if you're wondering who is right on this argument about Medicare -

AUDIENCE: You are!

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, but in case some of your friends are wondering -- let's put it that way. (Laughter.) I mean, keep in mind that the AARP, which knows a little bit about this, they took a look at our plan when we passed Obamacare, and they confirmed that it strengthens Medicare. (Applause.) And when you look at their plan, it's confirmed that over time a voucher system will weaken Medicare as we know it.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's why we need a new governor! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I'm talking about the federal election right now. (Laughter.)

Now, rebuilding this economy is essential, but, as Mary said, our prosperity at home is also linked to our security and our policies abroad. So I just want to remind everybody four years ago, I promised to end the war in Iraq -- I did. (Applause.) We said we'd wind down the war in Afghanistan -- and we are doing that. (Applause.) And a few days before 9/11, a new tower is rising above the New York skyline. (Applause.) We're coming back. Meanwhile al Qaeda is on the path to defeat and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

So I just want you to remember when my opponent and his

vice presidential nominee are running around saying somehow we're weakening our military -- let me tell you, as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.) When our troops take off their uniforms we will serve them as well as they have served us -- because nobody should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home after serving on behalf of the United States. (Applause.)

But we've got some disagreements. My opponent says it was "tragic" for me to end the Iraq war the way I did. I think he's wrong. He won't tell us how he'll end the war in Afghanistan. I have. My opponent wants to spend more money on military programs that our Joint Chiefs don't even want. I'll use that money that we're no longer spending on war to pay down our debt -- (applause) -- and to put more people back to work rebuilding roads and schools and bridges. (Applause.) After a decade of war, we need to do some nation-building here at home. That's what we're going to do. (Applause.)

So, Florida, that's the choice that we now face. That's the choice that you face. Over and over we have been told by our opponents that the only answer, the only way are bigger tax cuts and fewer regulations, shrink government -- because their basic idea is that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If there's some toxic pollution that's going into the air that our kids breathe, well, that's the price of progress. If you can't afford to go to college, borrow some money from your parents.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: That's what he said. It's amazing that you guys didn't think of that, students. (Laughter.)

But you know what, that's not who we are. As Americans, we insist on personal responsibility and individual initiative. We know you've got to work hard. We know you're not entitled to success, you've got to earn it. And we honor the small businesspeople and the strivers and the dreamers and the risk-takers who've been the driving force between our free enterprise system, the greatest engine of growth and prosperity that the world has ever known.

But we also believe that this country works only because we also accept certain obligations to one another, because we think about future generations. (Applause.) As citizens, we understand it's not about what can be done for us, but what can be done by us, together, as a nation. (Applause.) Together as one people. (Applause.)

And those of you who were with me in '08 -- (applause) -- you understand this because that election was about you. You brought about change. You're the reason seniors across Florida are saving an average of \$600 every year on their prescription drug because of Obamacare. You did that. (Applause.)

You're the reason a woman in Doral, who's already working full-time during the day, can now afford to go to school at night because she's getting the financial aid that she needs.

(Applause.) You're the reason there's families in Florida who are able to save their homes from foreclosure, and keep that piece of the American Dream. You made that possible.

You're the reason why young immigrants who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag are no longer going to be deported from the only home they've ever known. (Applause.) You're the reason we ended "don't ask, don't tell" so anybody who loves this country can serve this country. (Applause.) You're the reason why families are welcoming back our brave soldiers, saying: "Welcome home." (Applause.)

So, Florida, you can't turn back now.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: We can't give into the cynicism that the other side is peddling. Because what happens, if you give up on the idea that your voice matters, then somebody is going to fill that void. Oil companies will write our energy plans. The drug companies and the insurance companies, they'll write our health care plans. The folks who are writing the \$10 million check who are buying this election; the people who are trying to make it harder for you to vote; the folks who want to tell you who to marry; the people who are trying to tell women that they can't make up their own minds about their health care choices -- (applause) -- they're the folks who are going to be filling that void if you don't step up. (Applause.)

But if you claim the power that you have, if you are determined to move us forward, the American people cannot be stopped. (Applause.)

And I tell you, we've got a lot more work to do. We've got more good jobs to create. We've got more good schools to build, more great teachers to hire, more troops to bring home -- (applause) -- more veterans to take care of. And if you will make some phone calls for me, and knock on some doors with me, talk to your neighbors and your friends about what's at stake -- if you'll register to vote, and make sure you turn out to vote -- (applause) -- then we will finish what we started. (Applause.) We will open the doors of opportunity to all who are willing to work hard to walk through them. (Applause.) We will win Florida. (Applause.) We will win this election. (Applause.) And you and I together will remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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West Palm Beach, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, West Palm Beach! (Applause.) Oh, it is good to be back! (Applause.) You know what, you guys sound pretty fired up! (Applause.) You sound like you might be ready to go. (Applause.) I'm telling you.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thank you. It is good to be back. It is good to see some great friends in the house. We've got your outstanding Senator, Bill Nelson, in the house. (Applause.) We've got your Mayor, Jeri Muoio, in the house. (Applause.) We've got Congressman Ted Deutch in the house. (Applause.) And the chairwoman of the Democratic Party, our great friend, Debbie Wasserman Schultz is in the house. (Applause.) And all of you are in the house. (Applause.)

Now, we just had our convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. (Applause.) The people could not have been nicer. Michelle, she was pretty good. (Applause.) So I want to give advice to young men out there -- when you marry, you marry up, you improve the gene pool. (Laughter.)

President Clinton was amazing. (Applause.) Somebody sent out a tweet right after he spoke that said, he needs to be made secretary of explaining stuff. (Laughter.)

And then on Thursday night, I layed out the stakes in this election. Now, I know I may be preaching a little bit to the choir, but -- (laughter) -- but I want you to know I'm going to need you to then go out and preach to the unconverted. (Applause.)

Both sides have now made their arguments. And there's a choice that we've got to make, and it's the clearest choice we've seen in a generation -- not just between two candidates or two parties, but a choice between two fundamentally

different visions of our future. (Applause.)

We want to restore the basic bargain that built the largest middle class and the strongest economy the world has ever known. A bargain that says hard work pays off, that responsibility is rewarded, that everybody does their fair share, and everybody gets a fair shot, and everybody is playing by the same rules -- (applause) -- from Main Street to Wall Street to Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

That's the basic bargain that led me to run for President. It's what allowed me and Michelle to have extraordinary opportunities in our lives. And we want to make sure the next generation has those same opportunities. (Applause.)

And we have just gone through a decade in which jobs were being shipped overseas, and families were having trouble making ends meet, and they were having to rack up more debt just to pay tuition or fill up a gas tank. And it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

We spent the last three and a half years trying to recover from all the damage that was done. And we've made progress, but not enough. We've got more to do. And so now the question is which direction do we go.

AUDIENCE: Forward!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, the Republicans, they disagree with you.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, don't boo -- vote. (Applause.)  
Vote.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you, Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

They had their convention here in Florida and they talked a lot about me. (Laughter.) But they didn't talk a lot about you. They talked about everything they think is wrong with America, but they didn't really talk about how to make it right. (Applause.) They want your vote, but they didn't really talk about their plan. And that's because their plan boils down to tax cuts, tax cuts, gut a few regulations, and then some more tax cuts. (Laughter.) Tax cuts when times are good. Tax cuts when times are bad. Tax cuts when we've got a surplus. Tax cuts when we have a deficit. Tax cuts to help you lose a few pounds -- (laughter) -- tax cuts to improve your love life. (Laughter.) Whatever is wrong with you, they think tax cuts, especially for folks at the top, will cure all ills.

Now, I've cut taxes for folks who need it. (Applause.) For middle-class families, for small businesses. (Applause.) But I don't believe another round of tax cuts for millionaires are going to bring jobs back from overseas. I don't think another round of tax cuts for billionaires that involve slashing aid for students to pay for it, or asking middle-class

families to pay more, that somehow that's going to reduce the deficit or help grow our economy.

I certainly don't think that it makes a lot of sense for us to be looking at creating a voucher for Medicare to pay for some tax cuts for folks who don't need them and weren't even asking for them. That's not who we are. That's not how we made progress in this country.

I don't think rolling back regulations on Wall Street so that we don't have another taxpayer-funded bailout is a smart idea. (Applause.)

I don't think rolling back health care that is helping Americans all across Florida and all across the country is a good idea. I don't want to go backwards. We have been there. (Applause.) We have done that. It didn't work. We're moving forward. (Applause.) That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I won't pretend that the path I'm offering is easy. I never have. These problems built up over decades are going to take more than a few years to solve. But we can move forward in the right direction. And I am confident we've got what it takes. (Applause.)

Our opponents, they've been talking about how America is in decline. They're wrong. We've got the best workers in the world, the best businesspeople in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best universities in the world, the best researchers in the world. (Applause.) We're a young nation. We're a diverse nation. We attract talent from every corner of the globe.

So no matter how much the other side, for political reasons, tries to paint things as bleak, don't believe them. There's not another nation on Earth that wouldn't trade places with us. (Applause.) Our problems can be solved. Our challenges can be met. The path I offer is harder, but it leads to a better place. I am asking you to choose that future. I am asking you to go forward with me. (Applause.) I am asking you to go forward with me. (Applause.)

And let me tell you exactly -- let me repeat, for those of you who didn't catch it on Thursday, what I'm talking about when I say "moving forward." We are going to put together a real, achievable plan to build this economy on a stronger foundation. It starts with no longer shipping jobs overseas. (Applause.) Let's export goods made here in America. (Applause.)

After a decade of decline, we've now created half a million jobs over the last two years just in manufacturing. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top. (Applause.) So we can take Mr. Romney's advice and continue to give even more tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas, or we can reward companies that are investing in new jobs and new workers and new factories here in the United

States of America. That's what we're fighting for.  
(Applause.)

I want to help American factories and small businesses export more. We can create a million new manufacturing jobs the next four years. You can make that happen.

The second part of our plan -- let's control our own energy. (Applause.) After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on the same gallon of gas. (Applause.) That's good for your pocketbook. It's good for the environment. (Applause.)

We've doubled our use of renewable energy like wind and solar. Today, thousands of Americans have jobs building wind turbines and long-lasting batteries. And today, the United States is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in nearly two decades. (Applause.)

So you have a choice. We can build on that progress, or we can reverse it like my opponent recommends.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: I think he's wrong. Don't boo, vote.  
(Applause.)

Unlike my opponent, I don't intend to let oil companies write our country's energy plan or endanger our coastlines. And I don't want them to keep collecting \$4 billion of corporate welfare from our taxpayers. (Applause.)

We've got a better path. We keep investing in wind and solar, clean coal technology, farmers and scientists harnessing new biofuels to power our cars and trucks, construction workers building homes and factories that are more energy efficient -- developing a hundred years' supply of natural gas. (Applause.) We can cut our oil imports in half by 2020 and support more than 600,000 new jobs in natural gas alone. That's moving forward. We're not going backwards. (Applause.)

Third, we're going to build on the reforms we have initiated and make sure that Americans are getting the chance to get the skills they need to compete in this 21st century economy. Education was the key to opportunity for me, the key to opportunity for Michelle, the key to opportunity for many of you. It's the gateway to a middle-class life. (Applause.)

And that's why, for the first time in a generation, we pushed every state almost, to answer our call to raise standards for teaching and learning. Some of the worst schools in the nation have made real gains in reading and math. (Applause.) Millions of students are saving money, paying less for college, because of the work we did to keep the student loan program on track and improve the Pell Grant program. (Applause.)

So you can take their advice and gut education. Or we can decide in the United States, no child should have her dream deferred because of an overcrowded classroom, or because a

family can't afford to send her to college. No company should have to look for a worker someplace else because they couldn't find the right skills for workers here in the United States. (Applause.)

So I need you to help me recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers, improve early childhood education. (Applause.) Let's provide 2 million more workers the chance to learn skills at community colleges for jobs that are out there right now. And let's work with colleges and universities to lower tuition, because it is not a luxury for young people. It is a necessity. That's what I mean when I say we need to move forward, not backwards. (Applause.)

We can meet these goals together. My plan would reduce our deficit without sticking it to the middle class. (Applause.) Independent analysis shows my plan would reduce our deficit by \$4 trillion. We've got the math all done. We've laid it out there. People have evaluated it. People have analyzed it. I've already worked with the Republicans in Congress to cut a trillion dollars' worth of spending. And I'm willing to do more with Republicans.

I want to reform our tax code, so that's it's simple and it's fair. But I also think it makes sense for folks like me to pay higher taxes on our incomes over \$250,000 -- the same rate Bill Clinton had when he was President, the same rate that created 23 million new jobs, the biggest budget surplus in history, a lot of millionaires to boot. (Applause.)

Now, I guess my opponent has a plan. But there's one thing missing from it --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Arithmetic.

THE PRESIDENT: Arithmetic. (Applause.) Give that young lady an A. (Applause.) She's been doing her homework.

When Governor Romney and his allies in Congress say that the most important thing is to lower our deficit, and then he starts by calling for trillions of dollars more in new tax breaks for wealthy folks -- and they were asked about it today. They couldn't answer. (Laughter.) They couldn't answer the question of how -- you already have deficits, you add \$5 trillion of new tax cuts, \$2 trillion in new defense spending, and somehow you're going to close the deficit without raising taxes on middle-class families? They did not take their arithmetic course. (Applause.) They need to talk to this young lady and get some tutoring. (Applause.) They need to stay after school. (Applause.) They need to get some extra study hall in there. No recess for you. (Laughter.)

Look, I refuse to go along with a plan that asks middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. I refuse to ask students to pay more for college, or kick children out of Head Start programs, or eliminate health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor and elderly or disabled just so those with the most can pay less. (Applause.)

And I want you to hear me now -- I will never turn

Medicare into a voucher. We won't do that. (Applause.) Here's what you need to know. I have strengthened Medicare. We've added years to the life of Medicare. We did it by getting rid of taxpayer subsidies to insurance companies that weren't making people healthier. The other side knows that. In fact, it was in their budget -- all the savings we achieved. Now they're pretending like somehow it affected beneficiaries when they know it doesn't.

We took that money that was going to the insurance companies, used part of it to help lower prescription drug costs for seniors, to offer preventive care for seniors. We thought that was a good idea. They may think it's a bad idea, but I don't. They want to give the money back to the insurance companies, put them in charge of Medicare.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: There was one report that just said that by the end of the next decade under their plan, you would see as much as \$16 billion to \$26 billion in new profits for insurance companies, paid for by taxpayers. Why would we do that? The cost to folks who are currently on Medicare could rise by thousands of dollars so that insurance companies are making those billions of dollars in profits. That's not a good plan.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: So here's the bottom line: Their plan bankrupts Medicare over the long term, and actually over the short term means the trust fund runs out of money by 2016. Our plan strengthens Medicare. I believe no American should ever have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. I believe every American who works hard should be able to retire with the dignity that they have earned. (Applause.)

And I want to be honest with you -- I want to be honest with you. We're going to have to strengthen Medicare for the long haul, and that requires some reforms. But we'll do it by reforming the way that health care delivery system works so that we're reducing the costs of health care -- not by asking seniors to pay thousands of dollars more.

And we're going to keep the promise of Social Security by taking the responsible steps to strengthen it, not by turning it over to Wall Street. (Applause.)

Now, our prosperity at home is linked to our policies abroad, and I've got a track record that you can look at. I said I'd end the war in Iraq -- I did. (Applause.) I said we'd begin bringing troops home from Afghanistan -- and we are. (Applause.) And while a new tower rises above the New York skyline, and as we pause to remember those that were lost this coming Tuesday on September 11th, we know that al Qaeda is on the path to defeat and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

So we've got a track record that you can look at. And as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest

military the world has ever known. Our troops when they take off those uniforms, we will serve them as well as they've served us because they shouldn't have to fight for a job when they come home. (Applause.)

But my opponent has a different idea. He said the way we ended the war in Iraq was "tragic" -- doesn't have a plan to end the war in Afghanistan. But you know what, if you don't even mention Afghanistan that's a problem when you accept the nomination. So I'm assuming he doesn't have a plan. (Applause.)

And while my opponent would spend more money on military programs that our Joint Chiefs don't even want, at a time when we're supposed to be reducing our deficit, I'd use the money that we're no longer spending on war to pay down our debt, and put more people back to work rebuilding bridges and roads and schools and runways. We need to do some nation-building here at home. That's what we need to do. (Applause.)

So that's the choice we now face. That's what this election comes down to. The other side says bigger tax cuts and fewer regulations are the only way. They basically argue, you know what, since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing. If you don't have health care, hope you don't get sick. If you can't afford college, borrow money from your parents.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: That's what he said. I quoted him. I didn't make that up. (Laughter.)

We've got a different idea. That's not what America is about. We believe in individual initiative. We believe you're not entitled to success, you've got to earn it. We believe in hard work. We believe in rewarding the dreamers and the risk-takers and the strivers, the small businesspeople who make this country run. (Applause.) We believe in the free enterprise system. But we also believe we've got obligations to one another. (Applause.) We also believe this country only works when we're thinking about future generations, not just this one. (Applause.)

We understand America is not just about what can be done for us, but what can be done by us, together, as one people, as one nation. (Applause.) That's what we believe. That's what we mean when we say we're going forward. (Applause.)

Four years ago, because you believed, because of your efforts, we were able to bring about change we hadn't seen in decades. (Applause.) You're the reason that seniors here in Florida are paying about \$600 less for prescription drugs because of Obamacare. You did that. (Applause.) You're the reason that there are folks all across this state who can now afford to go to college. You're the reason that happened. (Applause.)

You're the reason that all across this state people who were in danger of losing their homes were able to stay in their homes. That's because of you. You made that possible. (Applause.) You're the reason that a young immigrant who grew

up here and went to school here and pledges allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the country that they love. (Applause.)

You're the reason we ended "don't ask, don't tell."  
(Applause.) You're the reason that families are able to say to their loved ones who served so bravely: "Welcome Home." You're the reason. (Applause.)

But we've got a long way to go. Now, you know, sometimes on a journey you get tired, and there will be voices that whisper in your head to be cynical, to think you can't make it. You've got to turn that away. You can't buy into that cynicism, the notion that change isn't possible -- because if you don't believe it, it won't happen. If you give up, then the other voices will fill the vacuum -- the lobbyists and the special interests, the folks who are writing the \$10 million checks to run all those negative ads.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: The folks who are trying to make it harder for you to vote; Washington politicians who want to decide who can get married, and control choices that women should be making about their own health care. (Applause.) That's what's going to fill the vacuum.

We can't let that happen, Florida. We've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) If you're not registered to vote, I need you to register. Go to [GottaRegister.com](http://GottaRegister.com). (Applause.) If you don't know how to vote -- maybe you're 17, turning 18, first time -- go to [GottaVote.com](http://GottaVote.com). (Applause.) If you're already registered and you're already going to be voting, then you've got to grab your friends, you've got to grab your neighbors, you've got to grab your cousins, your aunts and your uncles -- (applause) -- you've got to corner your -- and your grandparents. (Laughter.) You've got to talk to your co-workers. Don't just talk to each other -- go find some of your Republican friends. (Applause.) They're good people. They're good people. They just need more information from you. (Laughter.)

Go talk to some independents. Make some phone calls. Knock on some doors. (Applause.) Volunteer. (Applause.) We need you to work hard. We've got less than two months left, but let me tell you something -- if you give it your all for these next two months, I'm confident we're going to get there. (Applause.) We can't let up now -- because we've got more good jobs to create, we've got more homegrown energy to generate. (Applause.) We've got more good schools to build and more great teachers to hire. (Applause.) We've got more young people to send to college. (Applause.) We've got more troops to bring home. (Applause.) We've got more vets to take care of. (Applause.) We've got more doors of opportunity we've got to open up to everybody who's willing to fight for it and work for it.

And if you do, we'll win Palm Beach County. (Applause.) And if we win Palm Beach County, we will win Florida. (Applause.) And if we win Florida, we win this election. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started, and remind the world

why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. God bless America. (Applause.)

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AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, everybody! (Applause.) Hello, George Mason! (Applause.) Hello, Patriots! (Applause.) It's good to see you guys! (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you so much.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!  
(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you! Everybody, have a seat. Have a seat. Thank you. Well, it is good to be here. (Applause.)

I am so proud to have Katherine's support. Can you give her a big round of applause for that great introduction? (Applause.) It's also good to know that we've got the former governor and next United States senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia -- Tim Kaine. (Applause.) And your Congressman, Jerry Connolly. (Applause.) And it's good to see all of you!

So, one month. (Applause.) Just one month from tomorrow, Virginia, you're going to step into a voting booth, and you are going to have a very big choice to make. I know folks in this crowd may have already made some decisions, but -- (applause) -- but for the undecideds that are here -- (laughter) -- as well as those who are watching today, I've said this before, this is a choice not just between two candidates or two parties, but a choice between two fundamentally different visions for America.

And today I believe that as a nation, we are moving forward again. We're moving forward. (Applause.) Now, after losing about 800,000 jobs a month when I took office, our businesses have now added 5.2 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. (Applause.) This morning, we found out that the unemployment rate has fallen to its lowest level since I took office. (Applause.) More Americans entered the workforce. More people are getting jobs.

Now, every month reminds us that we've still got too many

of our friends and neighbors who are looking for work. And there are too many middle-class families that are still struggling to pay the bills -- they were struggling long before the crisis hit. But today's news certainly is not an excuse to try to talk down the economy to score a few political points. It's a reminder that this country has come too far to turn back now. (Applause.)

Because of your strength and resilience, the strength and resilience of the American people, we have made too much progress to return to the policies that led to the crisis in the first place. I can't allow that to happen. I won't allow that to happen. And that is why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

I have seen too much pain, seen too much struggle, to let this country get hit with another round of top-down economics. One of the main reasons we had this crisis is because big banks on Wall Street were allowed to make big bets with other people's money on the line -- and now Governor Romney wants to roll back the rules we put in place to stop that behavior? That's not going to happen. That is not going to happen. (Applause.)

One of the main reasons record surpluses under Bill Clinton were turned into record deficits under George Bush is because we put two wars and two tax cuts on a credit card -- and now Governor Romney wants another \$5 trillion in tax cuts that he can't pay for? Not if I have anything to say about it. (Applause.) That's not going to happen. We are not going to let this country fall backward -- not now, not with so much at stake. We've got to move forward. (Applause.)

We need to invest in small business and manufacturers who create jobs here in the United States. We need to recruit 100,000 math and science teachers, train 2 million workers at community college, bring down the cost of college tuition. (Applause.)

We need to cut our oil imports in half and create thousands more jobs in clean energy. We need to use the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to help pay down our deficit and put people back to work doing some nation-building right here at home. That's the agenda we need. (Applause.) That's how you strengthen the middle class. That's how you keep moving forward. That is the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term. (Applause.) That's what we need.

My opponent has been trying to do a two-step and reposition -- (laughter) -- and got an extreme makeover. (Laughter and applause.) But the bottom line is his underlying philosophy is the top-down economics that we've seen before. He thinks that if we just spend another \$5 trillion on tax cuts that, yes, are skewed towards the wealthiest, if we get rid of more regulations on Wall Street then our problems will be solved. Jobs and prosperity will rain down from the sky. The deficits will magically disappear. We will live happily ever after. (Laughter.)

Even though he's been proposing this plan for months now,

he's had a little trouble explaining just how it would work without blowing a hole in the deficit or making middle-class families pick up the tab. The other night, he ruled out asking millionaires and billionaires to pay even a dime more in taxes. He said there's no way that he'd close the loophole that gives big oil companies billions each year in corporate welfare. Ending tax breaks for corporations that move jobs and profits overseas? He'd never heard of such a thing. (Laughter.) Who knew? Who knew? (Applause.)

When he was asked what he'd actually do to cut spending and reduce the deficit, his big example is to go after public television. (Laughter.) So for all you moms and kids out there, don't worry -- someone is finally getting tough on Big Bird. (Laughter.) Rounding him up. Elmo has got to watch out, too. (Laughter.) Governor Romney plans to let Wall Street run wild again, but he's going to bring down the hammer on "Sesame Street." It makes perfect sense. (Laughter and applause.)

Virginia, we can't afford to double down on the same old top-down economic policies that caused this mess in the first place. We cannot afford another round of tax cuts for the wealthy. We can't afford to gut our investments in education, or clean energy, or research and technology. We can't afford to roll back regulations on Wall Street banks or oil companies or insurance companies. That is not a jobs plan. It's not a plan to grow our economy. It's sure not a plan to strengthen our middle class.

We have been there. We have tried that. We're not going back. We are moving forward. We've got a different view about how we create jobs and prosperity in this country. (Applause.)

This country doesn't just succeed when just a few are doing well at the top. It succeeds when the middle class gets bigger. Our economy doesn't grow from the top down -- it grows from the middle out. We don't believe that anybody is entitled to success in this country, but we do believe in opportunity. We believe in a country where hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded, and everybody is getting a fair shot and everybody is doing their fair share and everybody is playing by the same rules. (Applause.)

That's the country we believe in. That's what we've been fighting for over the last four years. That's what we are going to put in place in the next four years if you reelect me as President of the United States of America. That's what we're going to do. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, today, I also want to talk about economic issues that didn't get enough attention in the debate the other night, and that's economic issues that have a direct impact on women, and as a consequence have a direct impact on families. When it comes to the economy, it's bad enough that our opponents want to take us back to the failed policies of the last decade. When it comes to a woman's right to make her

own health care choices, they want to take us back to the policies of the 1950s.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: This election is your chance to make sure that doesn't happen, Virginia. The decisions that affect a woman's health aren't up to politicians; they're not up to insurance companies -- they're up to you. (Applause.) They're up to you. You deserve a President who will fight to keep it that way. That's the President I've been. That's the President I'll be if you give me a second term. (Applause.)

You don't have to take me at my word, you can look at my record. Four years ago, I said I'd pass health reform before the end of my first term. Thanks to your help, that's what we did. (Applause.) The new health care law helps make sure you don't have to worry about going broke just because you or a loved one gets sick. Insurance companies can no longer put lifetime limits on your care, or jack up your premiums without reason, or drop your coverage when you need it most. They can no longer discriminate against children with preexisting conditions. (Applause.) And soon, they will no longer be able to deny you coverage based on preexisting conditions like breast cancer, or charge you more for the same care just because you're a woman. (Applause.)

This law has already allowed nearly 7 million young adults under the age of 26 to sign up and stay on their parent's health care plan. (Applause.) It's already saved millions of seniors on Medicare hundreds of dollars on their prescription medicine. And millions of Americans have actually gotten a rebate from their insurance company if that company -- you've got one? -- (applause) -- see? I just want to tell you, she's not a plant. (Laughter.) I mean, she's a supporter, but I didn't know about -- (laughter) -- but you get a rebate if the insurance company spent too much money on administrative costs and CEO bonuses, and not enough on your health care.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you!

THE PRESIDENT: This law has secured new access to preventive care like mammograms and cancer screenings with no copay, no deductible, no out-of-pocket cost for more than 20 million women. (Applause.)

And now most health plans are beginning to cover the cost of contraceptive care, which is vital for women's health. (Applause.) Doctors prescribe contraception not only for family planning, but as a way to reduce the risk of ovarian and other cancers. And it's good for our health care system in general -- because we know the overall cost of care is lower when women have access to contraceptive services.

Now, before this new law, many health care plans charged high deductibles or copays for these preventive services, or they just didn't cover them that all. According to one study, more than half of all women put off the care they needed because of that. How many of you have gone without the care you needed or the checkup you knew just because you were worried that the insurance copay would go too high, and you

couldn't afford gas, or groceries, or your kid's new soccer uniform? (Applause.) So you have had to make choices and sacrifices.

I don't think a working mom in Arlington should have to wait to get a mammogram just because money is tight. (Applause.) I don't think a college student in Fairfax or Charlottesville should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That's why we passed this law, and I am proud of it. It was the right thing to do, and we are going to keep it. (Applause.)

Now, my opponent has a different view. The other night, he said he'd repeal Obamacare as soon as he took office.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. Vote. (Applause.) Vote.

But after he said that, then he backtracked and said, no, wait, at least I'll make sure to cover folks with preexisting conditions. And then I explained, well, actually, your plan doesn't do that. And then his campaign had to come out and say, actually, that's not true, our plan wouldn't do that. (Laughter.) So Governor Romney was fact-checked by his own campaign. (Laughter.) That's rough. That's rough. (Applause.) Even they know his plan would take away coverage for tens of millions of Americans.

Governor Romney said he'd "get rid of" Planned Parenthood funding. Apparently this, along with Big Bird, is driving the deficits. (Laughter.) And he would have supported an extreme measure in Massachusetts that would have outlawed some forms of contraception. He joined the far right of his party to support a bill that would allow any employer to deny contraceptive coverage to their employees. I mean, think about that -- your boss telling you what's best for your health and safety.

Let me tell you something, Virginia -- I don't think your boss should control the care you get. I don't think insurance companies should control the care you get. I definitely don't think politicians on Capitol Hill should control the care you get. We've seen some of their attitudes. We've read about those. I think there's one person who gets to make decisions about your health care -- that's you. (Applause.)

My opponent has called himself "severely conservative," but let me tell you something, there's nothing conservative -- as Catherine made clear -- there's nothing conservative about a government that prevents a woman from making her own health care decisions. Governor Romney talks about freedom, but freedom is the ability to determine the care you need, when you need it.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Freedom is the ability to change jobs or start your own business without the fear of losing your health insurance. Freedom is the knowledge that you'll no longer be charged more than men for the same health care, or denied

affordable coverage just because you've beat cancer.  
(Applause.)

And at a time when women make up nearly half the workforce and an increasing share of family breadwinners, these are not just health issues or women's issues -- these are economic issues that are vital and affect every family in America. They matter. (Applause.) When a woman is the main breadwinner for her family, but takes home less pay for the same work as a man does because she's a woman, that is not right. (Applause.)

When my opponent's campaign was asked if he'd support legislation giving women the tools to fight for an equal day's pay for an equal day's work, he said "we'll get back to you on that." And since then, he's refused to explain his position. You've already got my answer: Upholding the principle of equal pay for equal work -- that was one of the first bills that I signed into law. (Applause.)

I've named two extraordinary women who understand these issues on the Supreme Court, the highest court in the land. (Applause.) And remember, the next President, the next Congress could tip the balance of the Court in a way that turns back the clock for women and their families for decades to come. The choice between going backward and moving forward has never been so clear.

Virginia, we don't need a President who's promised to rubber-stamp the top-down agenda of the Republicans in this Congress. We don't want to go backward. We've got to go forward.

From the day we began this campaign, we've always said that real change takes time. It takes more than one year or one term or even one President. It takes more than one party. It certainly can't happen if you're willing to write off half the nation before you even take office. (Applause.)

People forget; back in 2008, 47 percent of the country didn't vote for me. But on the night of the election, I said to all those Americans, I said, I may not have won your vote, but I hear your voices and I need your help, and I will be your President, too. (Applause.)

And, Virginia, I don't know how many of you will vote for me this time around, but I promise you -- (applause) -- no matter how many do, I will be your President, too. No matter what, I'll be fighting for you. Because I'm not just fighting for Democratic jobs or Republican jobs -- I'm fighting for American jobs. (Applause.) I'm not just fighting for good schools in blue states or red states -- I'm fighting for good schools in the United States. (Applause.)

The values that we are fighting for and care about of hard work and looking out for one another, those are not rich values or poor values, or business values or worker values, or red, white, black, Asian -- it doesn't matter -- they are American values. (Applause.) They are American values. And if we rally around a new economic patriotism together, if we reclaim our values, we will rebuild this economy, we'll strengthen the middle class.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: We'll keep moving forward. (Applause.)

I am confident our politics is not as divided as our politics suggest.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's why I love you! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I believe we've got more in common than the pundits are willing to tell you. I still believe in you, and I hope you still believe in me. (Applause.) And if you are willing to get out there and make some phone calls, and knock on some doors, beat the pavement -- if you'll vote for me in November -- (applause) -- we will win Fairfax County again. (Applause.) We'll win Virginia again. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started. And I'll remind the world, alongside you, why it is that the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, Virginia. Thank you. (Applause.) God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

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San Francisco, California

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello, San Francisco! (Applause.) Thank you! (Applause.) Thank you, guys. (Applause.) Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you, everybody. I love you back. Thank you, everybody. (Applause.)

Now, there are a couple of people I want to acknowledge who are here tonight. First of all, give it up for your mayor, Ed Lee, in the house. (Applause.) Your attorney general, Kamala Harris, is here. (Applause.) Got a couple of outstanding members of Congress -- Barbara Lee and Pete Stark.

(Applause.) It appears that John Legend and Michael Franti did a pretty good job of firing you up. (Applause.)

And we've got two San Francisco 49ers, Alex Smith -- your quarterback Alex Smith, that tight-end Vernon Davis. (Applause.) I've had a chance to meet them. They seem like wonderful young men and just so impressive and poised. So I can't help but wish them the best of luck until they play my Bears in Week 11.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: What happened, what happened? Come on. (Laughter.) Now, I know that was quite a show. You guys have been having fun. But now we've got to get down to business. We're here because we've got some work to do. We're here because we've got an election to win. (Applause.) We're here because everything we fought for in 2008 is on the line in 2012. And I'm going to need your help to finish what we started. (Applause.)

Now, four years ago, I made a few commitments to you. I told you I'd end the war in Iraq, and I did. (Applause.) I said I'd end the war in Afghanistan, and we are. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus on the people who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and today, al Qaeda is on its heels and Osama bin Laden is no more. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families, and we have by \$3600. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small business owners, and we have 18 times. We got back every dime used to rescue the banks, and we passed a law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good. (Applause.)

We passed health care reform, also known as, aka Obamacare -- (applause) -- and we did so because I do care. I care that folks with preexisting conditions can still get insurance. I care that your insurance companies don't jerk you around. I

care that we make sure that being a woman is not considered a preexisting condition and an excuse to pay people more. (Applause.)

I told you that we would make sure that nobody who serves this country so bravely will ever be kicked out of the military because of who they are or who they love. We ended "don't ask, don't tell." (Applause.)

When Governor Romney said we should let Detroit go bankrupt, we said I don't think we're going to take your business advice. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's now back on top of the world. (Applause.)

Three years -- three years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, our businesses have created more than 5 million new jobs. (Applause.) This past Friday, we found out that the unemployment rate had fallen from a height of 10 percent down to 7.8 [percent], the lowest level since I took office. (Applause.) Manufacturers are coming back to America. Home values are on the rise.

We are not there yet. We're not where we need to be yet. There are still too many Americans looking for work, too many families who are having trouble paying the bills, too many homes underwater, too many young people burdened with debt from going to school. But if there's one thing I know, it is this: We have come too far to turn back now. (Applause.)

The last thing we can afford, California, right now is four years of the very same policies that led us into the mess in the first place. We've spent four years cleaning it up. We don't want another mess. We can't allow that to happen. I won't allow it to happen. And that's why I'm running for a second term for President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

I've seen too much pain and too much struggle to let this country get hit with another round of top-down economics. The centerpiece of my opponent Governor Romney's economic plan is a \$5 trillion tax cut skewed towards the wealthy. He's been pitching this plan for almost two years now.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no -- don't boo, vote. (Applause.) He stood up on stage during one of the primary debates, proudly promised that he -- that his tax cuts would include the top 1 percent. He promised this. But most of the economists who crunched the numbers said Governor Romney's plan would either blow up the deficit or raise taxes on the middle class. It's one or the other. That's how arithmetic works. (Laughter and applause.)

So a few weeks ago, you can start seeing he's figuring out, well, this isn't maybe selling that well. (Laughter.) And then, a few nights ago -- (laughter) -- suddenly a guy pretending to be Mitt Romney stood on a stage next to me -- (laughter and applause) -- and said he's changing his plan. He is just going to pretend it doesn't exist. What \$5 trillion tax cut? (Laughter.) I don't know anything about a \$5 trillion tax cut. Don't pay attention to that tax cut behind the curtain. (Laughter.) During the debate he said, "There is no economist who can say Mitt Romney's tax plan adds \$5 trillion to the deficit if I say I will not add to the deficit with my tax plan." (Laughter.)

Thanks for clearing that up. (Laughter.) We'll take your word for it. (Laughter.) This was almost as believable as when he said he'd bring down our deficit by going after what has been the biggest driver of our debt and deficits over the

last decade -- public television, PBS. (Laughter.) You didn't know this, but for all you moms and kids out there, you should have confidence that finally somebody is cracking down on Big Bird. (Laughter.) Elmo has been seen in a white Suburban. He's driving for the border. (Laughter.) Oscar is hiding out in his trashcan. (Laughter.) We're cracking down on them. Governor Romney's plan is to let Wall Street run wild again, but he's going to bring the hammer down on "Sesame Street." (Laughter and applause.)

Listen, after the debate, I had a bunch of folks come to me -- "Don't be so polite, don't be so nice." (Laughter and applause.) But I want everybody to understand something -- what was being presented wasn't leadership, that's salesmanship. (Applause.) And we cannot afford another round of tax cuts for the wealthy. We can't afford to gut investments in education or clean energy or research and technology. We can't afford to roll back regulations on Wall Street banks, or major polluters, or insurance companies. That is not a jobs plan. That's not a plan to grow the economy. That's not change we can believe in. That's a relapse. We have been there. We have tried that. We are not going back, we are moving forward. That's why you're here. That's why I'm here. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: We have a different vision about how you create jobs and prosperity in America. We have to change our tax code so it stops rewarding companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to reward small businesses and manufacturers who are investing and taking route right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

We can create more jobs controlling our own energy. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) That's good for our economy. It's good for our national security. It's good for our environment. And today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the last two decades. (Applause.)

So we don't want to reverse that progress. We've got to build on it. My plan would cut our oil imports in half. And we can invest in the clean energy that's creating thousands of jobs all across America right now -- (applause) -- wind power and solar power and clean coal, fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries. We're producing oil and natural gas at record rates. But we have to make sure that we're also grabbing for the future. We can't cede that to somebody else.

And unlike my opponent, I will not allow oil companies to collect another \$4 billion every single year in taxpayer-funded corporate welfare. (Applause.) I'm not going to let China win the race for clean energy technologies. I want to see those technologies developed right here in California, right here in the United States of America. (Applause.) And as I said at the convention, yes, my plan will continue to reduce carbon pollution because climate change is not a hoax. (Applause.) Droughts, floods, wildfires -- they're not a joke. They're a threat to our kids' future. That's what we're fighting for.

I believe we've got to have the best education system in the world. (Applause.) That will create jobs. That's good for business -- making sure that everybody has the skills they need to compete and to be good citizens. Education is the

reason I'm standing here today. (Applause.) It's why Michelle was able to do everything she's done in her life. It's true for so many of all the folks here.

So now we've got a choice. We can gut education to pay for tax breaks that we don't need, or we can recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers -- (applause) -- focus on early childhood education, provide job training for 2 million more workers in our community colleges, help to lower tuition costs for our students going to college. We can meet those goals. That's what we're fighting for. That's what's at stake in the next 29 days. That's why I'm running for a second term as President. (Applause.)

I want to use some of the money we're saving from ending the wars in Iraq and winding down our efforts in Afghanistan to pay down our deficit; put people back to work all across America rebuilding roads and bridges, airports and schools. Infrastructure -- that's what I'm talking about. (Laughter.) I'm pitching, you're catching.

Governor Romney, he has a different view. He said it was tragic to end the war in Iraq. In a speech today, he doubled down on that belief. He said ending the war was a mistake. I disagree. Bringing our troops home was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And every brave American who wears the uniform of this country should know that as long as I'm Commander-in-Chief we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. And when our troops take off their uniforms, we will serve them as well as they've served us -- because nobody who has fought for us should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

And yes, we need to cut our deficit and reduce our debt.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you.

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Laughter.) But we do have to reduce our debt and our deficits, and I've put forward a \$4 trillion plan to get it done over the next 10 years. We've already worked with Democrats and Republicans to cut a trillion dollars in spending. I am ready to do more. But we cannot just cut our way to prosperity. We cannot get this done unless we ask the wealthiest households to pay higher taxes on incomes over \$250,000 -- the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President, we created 23 million new jobs, went from deficit to surplus, created a whole lot of millionaires and successful small businesses, as well. (Applause.)

Governor Romney says it's fair that he pays a lower tax rate than a teacher or an autoworker who makes \$50,000.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. You know what, I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home, or raising their kids to pay for a tax cut we don't need. I refuse to pay for a tax cut for millionaires and billionaires by asking those students who are here today to pay more for college, or kicking kids off of Head Start, or eliminating health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor or elderly or disabled. That is not what has built this country. (Applause.) That is not what we believe. That is not what's going to happen. We are going to go forward, not backwards. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

So, San Francisco, California, this is the choice we now face. It's what the election comes down to. Over and over, we are told by opponents that since government can't do

everything, it should do almost nothing. Basic philosophy is, you're on your own. If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. Companies are releasing pollution that our kids are breathing, well, that's just the price of progress. You can't afford to start a business or go to college, just borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.)

That's not who we are. That's not what this country is about. Here in America, we believe in individual initiative. We believe that we can't help folks who don't want to try to help themselves, but we also believe in opportunity. We also believe we're all in this together. We also understand that America is not about what can be done for us; it's about what can be done by us, together, as one nation, as one people.

(Applause.)

That's what you all understood in 2008. That's what change was about. You -- all of us -- coming together. You're the reason there's a little girl somewhere here in California who is going to get the care she needs because an insurance company can't impose some sort of lifetime limit on her coverage. (Applause.)

You're the reason a factory worker who lost his job in Toledo or Lordstown, Ohio is back on the line building some of the best cars in the world.

You're the reason that a student right here has help paying for a college education, or a veteran can go to school on the New GI Bill.

You're the reason a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here, pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.)

You're the reason why a soldier who has served us so bravely will not be kicked out of the military because of who they love. (Applause.) You made that happen. You're the reason that soldier can come home to his loved ones and hear those words, "welcome home." You made that happen. (Applause.)

And so I need you in this election. The next 29 days -- we cannot afford to be complacent, and we cannot afford to be cynical. We've got to look back at the progress we've made, and that should give us confidence. But we have to understand we've got a lot more to do, and if we don't do it, then change won't happen.

Your voice will make a difference. And if you don't make that difference, then other people will fill the void -- lobbyists and special interests, and the folks who write the \$10 million checks to try to win this race, and the ones who are trying to make it harder for people to vote; the politicians in Washington who somehow think that they've got a better idea than women about women's health care choices. (Applause.) Those are the folks that are going to be making decisions if you are not making those decisions.

Only you can make sure those things don't happen. Only you've got the power to move us forward. I will be there with you, but this is a team, people.

From the day we began this campaign, I always said that change takes time. We always said that it would take more than one term or even one President. We said it would take more than one party. And, by the way, no, it doesn't just take me. That's not the deal. The deal is it takes all of us.

That's the deal. (Applause.)

It won't happen if you've got somebody who writes off half

the nation even before he takes office. But it also won't happen if half the nation writes off itself by not participating, or doesn't vote. (Applause.)

In 2008, 47 percent of the country didn't vote for me. But on the night of the election, I said to all those Americans, I may not have won your vote, but I hear your voices. I need your help. I'll be your President, too. (Applause.)

I don't know how many of you will be with me this time around, but I'll be with you. I'll be there fighting for you because I'm not fighting to create Democratic jobs or Republican jobs -- I'm fighting to create American jobs. I'm not fighting to improve schools in red states or blue states -- I'm fighting to improve schools in the United States. (Applause.) I'm not fighting for red values or white values or black values or Latino values or gay or straight values -- I'm fighting for American values. They belong to all of us. (Applause.)

San Francisco, we are not as divided as our politics would suggest. We've got more in common than our pundits believe. I still believe in you. I'm asking you to keep believing in me. I'm asking for your vote. I'm asking you to knock on doors. I'm asking you to make phone calls. And if you do, we will win this election. We'll finish what we started, and we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

University of Miami  
Miami, Florida

3:26 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Miami! (Applause.) How's it going, Hurricanes! (Applause.) Can everybody please give Lizzie a big round of applause for that great introduction. (Applause.)

It's good to see your Senator, former astronaut, Bill Nelson in the house! (Applause.) Your outstanding local Congresswomen, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and Frederica Wilson. (Applause.) A good man who's going to join them in Congress, Joe Garcia. (Applause.) Congresswoman Wilson asked me to also acknowledge some outstanding young people, the Miami Northwestern Senior High School 5,000 Role Model of Excellence Project. (Applause.) Proud of you guys.

And it's good to see all of you. All of you! (Applause.) Because we've got some work to do, Miami. We've got an election to win. In just over two weeks, on October 27th, you get to start voting early. And everything that we fought for in 2008 is on the line in 2012. So I'm going to need you fired up. I need you ready to go. (Applause.) I need your help to finish what we started.

Think about where we've been and how far we've come. Four years ago, I told you we'd end the war in Iraq, and I did. (Applause.) I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan, and we are. (Applause.) I said we'd refocus on the people who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and today, al Qaeda is on the run and Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families, and we have, by \$3,600. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small business owners, and we have, 18 times. We stabilized the banking system, but we got back every dime we used to rescue the banks -- with interest. (Applause.) And we passed a historic law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good.

We passed health care reform, a.k.a. Obamacare --

(applause) -- so your insurance company can't jerk you around anymore, and those of you under 26 can stay on your parent's plan. (Applause.) You can't have insurance companies barring you because you've got a preexisting condition, and they can't charge more just because you're a woman. (Applause.)

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell," so nobody is ever kicked out of the military because of who they love. (Applause.)

When Governor Romney said we should let Detroit go bankrupt, we said, no, we're not going to take your business advice. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's come roaring back to the top of the world. (Applause.) And that makes a difference not just to communities across the Midwest; it's vital for our entire economy. It's something every American can be proud of.

Today, four years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes, we are moving forward. (Applause.) After losing 800,000 jobs the month I was sworn in, our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. (Applause.) The unemployment rate has fallen from a peak of 10 percent down to 7.8 percent -- the lowest level since I took office. (Applause.) So more Americans are getting jobs and manufacturing is coming back. Home values are on the rise.

Now, we know we're not where we need to be -- not yet. That's especially true in places like Florida that were so hard hit. We've still got too many friends and neighbors who are looking for work. We've got too many families who can't pay the bills, too many homes that are still underwater, too many young people still burdened with debt when they graduate from college. (Applause.)

But if there's one thing I know, Florida, it's this: We have come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) The American people have worked too hard to get to this point. After all that we've been through together, after all that we fought through together, why would we go backwards? The last thing we can afford, Florida, right now is four years of the very same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. (Applause.) I won't let that happen. We can't let that happen. That's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Florida, I have seen too much pain and too much struggle because of bad economic policies that happened before we got elected to let this country go through another round of top-down economics.

The centerpiece of Governor Romney's economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut that favors the wealthiest Americans.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.) Vote!

Vote! (Applause.) Now, Governor Romney has been pitching this plan for almost a year now. He stood up on the stage in one of his primary debates and proudly promised that his new tax cuts, on top of the Bush tax cuts, would include the top 1 percent.

Now, you wouldn't know this from listening to the new, latest version of Mitt Romney. (Laughter.) He's trying to go through an extreme makeover. After running for more than a year in which he called himself "severely conservative," Mitt Romney is trying to convince you that he was severely kidding. (Laughter and applause.)

Look, what he was selling was not working -- because people understood his ideas wouldn't help the middle class. So these days, Mitt Romney is for whatever you're for. (Laughter.) Suddenly, he loves the middle class -- can't stop talking enough about them. He loves Medicare, loves teachers. He even loves the most important parts of Obamacare. What happened? (Laughter and applause.)

Now, what does he have to say, this new version of Mitt Romney, about all the things he's actually promised to do as President: Tax breaks for outsourcers -- never heard of such a thing. Saying we should cut back on teachers -- doesn't ring a bell.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote!

Kicking 200,000 young Floridians off their parent's insurance plans -- who, me? (Laughter.) And when he's asked about the cost of his tax plan, he just pretends it doesn't exist -- what \$5 trillion tax cut? I don't know anything about a \$5 trillion tax cut. Pay no attention to the \$5 trillion tax cut on my website. (Laughter and applause.)

Look, Governor Romney thinks we have not been paying attention for the last year and a half. He is going to say whatever it takes to try to close the deal, and he's counting on the fact that you don't remember that what he's selling is exactly what got us into this mess in the first place.

So, Florida, you've got to let him know we remember. We know full well that if he gets a chance, Governor Romney will rubber-stamp the top-down agenda of this Republican Congress the second he takes office, and we cannot afford that future. His plan will not create jobs. It will not help the middle class. It will not speed the recovery -- it will slow down the recovery. It will not reduce the deficit. It will not expand opportunity. We can't afford it. We're not going back. We are moving forward. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Look, America, we know that in this country, jobs and prosperity don't trickle down from the top. They grow from a strong and thriving middle class.

More tax breaks for outsourcers won't create jobs. It didn't over the last decade. You know what does create jobs? Is supporting small businesses and manufacturers who make products right here in America, who hire American workers. That's what we're championing. (Applause.)

That's why we need to stop rewarding companies that ship jobs overseas. Start rewarding companies that create jobs right here in Miami, right here in Florida, right here in the United States. That's the choice you face in this election. (Applause.)

I believe we can create more jobs by controlling more of our own energy. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, your cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (Applause.) And today, the United States of America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in two decades. (Applause.)

So now you've got a choice. My plan would cut our oil imports in half and invest in the clean energy that's creating thousands of jobs all across America right now -- (applause) -- not just oil and natural gas, but wind and solar and clean coal technologies, fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries. And if you want to know how we're paying for it, one of the things we need to do is not allow oil companies to collect another \$4 billion in taxpayer-funded corporate welfare every single year. (Applause.)

I will not let China or anybody else win the race for clean energy technology. I want to see that technology developed right here in Florida, right here in the United States of America, creating jobs right here. (Applause.) And, by the way, yes, my plan will reduce the carbon pollution that's heating our planet, because climate change is not a hoax. (Applause.) More drought and floods and hurricanes and wildfires -- that's not a joke. That's a threat to our children's future. And we can do something about it.

Just like I believe that we can make sure that every young person in America gets the education they need to compete. (Applause.) Education is the only reason that I'm standing here today. (Applause.) Education is the gateway to a middle-class life.

And now you've got a choice. Governor Romney says hiring more teachers won't grow the economy over the next four years; that's not the role of teachers. What about our kids over the next four years? What about our economy over the next 40 years? (Applause.) We cannot gut education to pay for \$5 trillion tax cuts. We need to recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers and provide 2 million workers the opportunity to study at community colleges, and lower tuition costs for our young people. (Applause.) That's what we're fighting for. That's what's at stake in this election. That's what

grows our economy. That's what we can do together. And that's what you can choose for America.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I love you, Barack!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.)

I want to use the money that we're saving from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to pay down our deficit, put our people back to work rebuilding roads and bridges and schools all across America. Governor Romney said it was "tragic" to end the war in Iraq. He said this in a speech just this week -- said we should have left troops on the ground in Iraq.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote. (Applause.)

I think bringing our troops home to their families was the right thing to do. (Applause.)

And every brave American who wears the uniform of this country should know, as long as I'm your Commander-in-Chief, we will sustain the strongest military the world has ever known. (Applause.) And when our troops take off their uniforms, we will serve them as well as they've served us -- because nobody who has fought for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

And finally, yes, we're going to need to cut our deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years. And I've already worked with Republicans and Democrats to cut a trillion dollars in spending; I'm ready to do more. But we're not going to be able to get it done unless we also ask the wealthiest households to pay higher taxes on their incomes over \$250,000 -- (applause) -- the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was President and our economy created nearly 23 million new jobs. That's what we need to do. (Applause.)

Governor Romney has a different view. He said just a couple of weeks ago that it's fair that he pays a lower tax rate than a teacher who is making \$50,000 a year.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote.

He's wrong. I refuse to ask middle-class families to give up their deductions for owning a home or raising their kids just to pay for another millionaire's tax cut. I refuse to pay for that tax cut by asking students at "The U" to pay

more for college -- (applause) -- or kicking children out of Head Start programs, or eliminating health insurance for millions of Americans who are poor or elderly or disabled. That won't help us grow.

My opponent says over and over that he can cut taxes, increase military spending, close the deficit -- but the only thing he's pointed to that he's going to get rid of is Big Bird. (Laughter and applause.) This week he said, don't worry, his new tax cuts will pay for themselves. That may not sound familiar to some of you guys because you're young, but we heard that exact same argument back in 2000, back in 2001, back in 2003. That's how we went from surplus to deficit. We have heard this pitch before. We know it doesn't work. We know our plan does.

This is the choice that we now face. This is what the election comes down to. This is why I'm running for a second term as President. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Over and over, folks like Governor Romney and his allies in Congress tell us that since government can't do everything, it should do almost nothing -- sort of a "you're on your own" philosophy. If you can't afford health insurance, hope you don't get sick. If a company is releasing harmful, toxic pollution into the air that your kids breathe, well, that's the price of progress. If you can't afford to start a business or go to college, borrow money from your parents. (Laughter.)

That's not how we built this country. That's not what made America great. That's not who we are. That's not what we're about. Here in America, we believe we're all in this together. (Applause.) We understand that America is not about what can be done for us. It's about what can be done by us, together, as one nation and one people.

And that's what we came together to restore back in 2008 -- that sense of what we can do together. And the American people all across this country responded. You are the reason that Florida seniors right now are saving an average of \$600 every year on prescription drugs -- because we passed Obamacare, because we passed health care reform. You did that. (Applause.)

You're the reason there's a working family from Hollywood that was able to save their home from foreclosure. You did that. It's because of you.

You're the reason that students in Gainesville, or Tallahassee, or here at "The U" have help paying for their college education, why veterans can go to college now on the New GI Bill.

You're the reason a young immigrant who grew up here and went to school here and pledged allegiance to our flag will no longer be deported from the only country she's ever called home. (Applause.)

You're the reason why soldiers won't be kicked out of our military because of who they love. (Applause.) You're the reason why thousands of families have finally been able to say to the loved ones who served us so bravely, "Welcome home." Welcome home. (Applause.)

And so we can't be tired now. We have to keep going. If you turn away now, if you buy into the cynicism that what we fought for isn't possible, well, of course change won't happen. If you give up on the idea that your voice makes a difference, especially the young people here, then other voices will fill the void -- the lobbyists and the special interests, the people with the \$10 million checks who are trying to buy this election, the ones who are trying to make it harder to vote; the Washington politicians who want to control health care choices women can make for themselves. (Applause.) They will fill the void. They will set the agenda. And they will take us backward.

And only you can make sure that doesn't happen. Only you have the power to move us forward. On October 27th, you can choose -- you can choose. You can choose whether we go back to the policies that got us into this mess, or you can choose to keep moving forward with policies that have been getting us out of this mess. That's the choice. (Applause.)

On October 27th, you can choose to go back to a foreign policy that takes us into wars with no plan to get out, or we can say let's keep moving forward; let's end the Afghan war realistically; let's bring our troops home in a responsible fashion. (Applause.)

On October 27th, you can agree to turn back the clock 50 years for women, and immigrants, and gays, and lesbians. Or you can stand up and say we want to keep moving forward. (Applause.) I believe that America is a country where you can succeed no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you love. (Applause.)

That's what's at stake. That's what's at stake in this election. That's why I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.) Back in 2008, I won, but 47 percent of the country didn't vote for me. But I didn't just dismiss 47 percent of the country. What I said was, you may not have voted for me, but I heard your voices, and I'll fight just as hard for you as I will for everybody else. (Applause.)

And I kept that promise. I have been fighting for every American to make sure they get a fair shot. (Applause.) And I have been willing to do it and able to do it, because every single day the American people have inspired me.

I still believe in you, and I need you to keep believing in me. I need you to help me finish the job. And if you're willing to stand with me, and work with me, and knock on some doors with me, and make some phone calls for me, we'll win Florida again. We'll win this election. We'll finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of

America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. God bless the United States of America.  
(Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

George Mason University  
Fairfax, Virginia

11:55 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Virginia! (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.) I can't hear you! (Applause.) Well, it's good to be back. Thank you.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Can everybody please give Cecile a big round of applause for the great introduction and the work she does. (Applause.) We've got your Congressman here -- Gerry Connolly in the house. (Applause.)

Eighteen days. Eighteen days, Virginia. Eighteen days and you're going to step into a voting booth. And you're going to have a very big choice to make -- not just a choice between two candidates or two parties, but between two fundamentally different visions for this country that we love.

Governor Romney has got his sales pitch. We heard it the other night at the debate. He's been running around talking about his five-point plan for the economy.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. Vote! (Applause.)

He wants you to believe that somehow he'll create 12 million jobs, cut taxes by \$5 trillion, even though it favors the wealthiest Americans. None of this will add to the deficit.

When folks who don't actually work for Governor Romney start crunching the numbers, it turns out the tax plan doesn't add up, jobs plan doesn't create jobs, deficit plan doesn't reduce the deficit. An economist at the New York Times put it this morning, "There's no jobs plan -- there's just a snow job on the American people." (Applause.) A snow job.

Virginia, you've heard of the New Deal, you've heard of

the Square Deal, the Fair Deal. Mitt Romney is trying to give you a Sketchy Deal. (Laughter.) A sketchy deal.

And it's really just a one-point plan, not a five-point plan. One point -- folks at the very top play by a different set of rules than all of you.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Listen, don't boo -- vote. (Laughter.)

If he offered you that deal when he was in corporate finance, you wouldn't give him a dime. So why would you give him his vote?

This same philosophy that's been squeezing the middle-class family for more than a decade -- the same philosophy that got us into this mess. We can't go back to that.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I've met too many good Americans who work so hard, show so much resilience, so much resolve -- we have been fighting our way back from some of the same policies he's advocating. We have been there. We have tried it. We can't go back. (Applause.) We are moving forward. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, I believe that the biggest issue in this election is how do we rebuild a strong middle class and provide ladders for opportunity -- all those who want to get into the middle class, who are willing to work hard, willing to take responsibility. Are we going to make sure that we're a country where everybody gets a fair shot, and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same rules? (Applause.)

So the economy is the dominant issue. But I want everybody to understand that that's not the only place where Governor Romney is offering you a sketchy deal. It's bad enough that my opponent wants to take us back to the failed economic policies of the past. But when it comes to issues critical to women -- the right to make your own decision about your health -- (applause) -- the right to be treated fairly and equally in the workplace. (Applause.) Governor Romney wants to take us to policies more suited to the 1950s. Even his own running mate said he's "kind of a throwback to the '50s." That's one thing we agree on. (Laughter.)

He may not have noticed, we're in the 21st century. (Applause.) And in the 21st century, a woman deserves equal pay for equal work. (Applause.) This should be a no-brainer. But no matter how many times Governor Romney is asked whether or not he supports a law upholding that idea, he refuses to say. Why should this be hard? Are you for equal pay for equal work? Are you for making sure that laws enforce that basic principle?

He can't tell you. I can. (Applause.) I support that law. In fact, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first law that I signed into office. (Applause.) And this isn't

just a women's issue. No man should want his wife, or his daughters paid less than a man for doing the same job. (Applause.) This is a family issue. This is an economic issue. It's one that we've got to fight for.

When Governor Romney says he's going to get rid of funding for Planned Parenthood --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: -- vote.

What he apparently doesn't understand is that there are millions of women all across the country who rely on Planned Parenthood not just for contraceptive care, but for preventive care. That's not just a health issue, it's an economic issue.

When Governor Romney said he'd have supported an extreme measure in Massachusetts that could have outlawed some forms of contraception, when he joined the far right of his party to support a bill that would have allowed any employer to deny contraceptive care to their employees --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo --

AUDIENCE: Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: -- vote. (Laughter.)

What he didn't get is that making sure your insurance policy covers contraceptive care is an economic issue also. I don't think your boss should decide what's best for your health and safety.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think your insurance company gets to decide what care you should get.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And I sure don't think any politician should decide. (Applause.) The only person who should decide about your health care is you. (Applause.)

And, by the way, that's why we fought so hard to pass health care reform, a.k.a. Obamacare. That's why we pushed for it. (Applause.)

This law has secured new access to preventive care like mammograms and other cancer screenings for more than 20 million women, with no co-pay, no deductible, no out-of-pocket cost, because I do not believe a working mother should have to put off a mammogram just because money is tight. (Applause.)

This law means that most health plans are now beginning to cover the cost of contraceptive care because I don't think a college student in Charlottesville or Blacksburg or Fairfax should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. (Applause.)

And, by the way for all the young people out here, Obamacare has already allowed nearly 7 million young adults under the age of 26 to sign up to stay on their parent's plans. (Applause.)

For all those who are young at heart but not young in years, it's already saved millions of seniors on Medicare hundreds of dollars on their prescription medicine. (Applause.)

Insurance companies can no longer put lifetime limits on your care or discriminate against children with preexisting conditions. (Applause.) And soon, they'll no longer be able to charge women more for the same care just because they're women. That's what change looks like. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you, Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.)

Now, anybody who thinks that this election doesn't matter, know this: My opponent has promised to repeal all of the things we just talked about as soon as he takes office, says he'd do it on day one. We know full well that if he gets the chance, he'll rubber-stamp the agenda of this Republican Congress the second he takes office. Virginia, we can't give him that chance.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I know he's called him severely -- he's called himself "severely conservative," but there's nothing conservative about a government that prevents a woman from making her own health care decisions.

He talks about freedom, but freedom is the ability to choose the care you need when you need it. Freedom is the ability to change jobs or start your own business without the fear of losing your health insurance. Freedom is the knowledge that you'll no longer be charged more than men for the same health care, or denied affordable coverage just because you beat cancer.

When the next President and Congress could tip the balance of the highest court in the land in a way that turns back the clock for women and families for decades to come, you don't want someone who needs to ask for binders of women. (Applause.) You don't want that guy. You want a President who has already appointed two unbelievable women to the Supreme Court of the United States. (Applause.)

So, Virginia, the choice --

AUDIENCE: Obama! Obama! Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: The choice between going backward and moving forward has never been so clear. But now that we're 18 days out from the election, Mr. "Severely Conservative" -- (laughter) -- wants you to think he was severely kidding about everything he said over the last year. (Laughter.) He told folks he was "the ideal candidate" for the Tea Party. Now suddenly he's saying, "what, who, me?" (Laughter.) He's forgetting what his own positions are, and he's betting that you will, too.

I mean, he's changing up so much and backtracking and sidestepping -- (laughter) -- we've got to name this condition that he's going through. I think it's called "Romnesia." (Laughter and applause.) That's what it's called. I think that's what he's going through.

Now, I'm not a medical doctor, but I do want to go over some of the symptoms with you -- because I want to make sure nobody else catches it. (Laughter and applause.) If you say you're for equal pay for equal work, but you keep refusing to say whether or not you'd sign a bill that protects equal pay for equal work -- you might have Romnesia. (Laughter and applause.)

If you say women should have access to contraceptive care, but you support legislation that would let your employer deny you contraceptive care -- you might have a case of Romnesia. (Applause.)

If you say you'll protect a woman's right to choose, but you stand up at a primary debate and said that you'd be delighted to sign a law outlying -- outlawing that right to choose in all cases -- man, you've definitely got Romnesia. (Applause.)

Now, this extends to other issues. If you say earlier in the year, I'm going to give a tax cut to the top 1 percent and then in a debate you say, I don't know anything about giving tax cuts to rich folks -- you need to get a thermometer, take your temperature, because you've probably got Romnesia. (Applause.)

If you say that you're a champion of the coal industry when, while you were governor you stood in front of a coal plant and said, this plant will kill you -- (laughter) --

AUDIENCE: Romnesia!

THE PRESIDENT: -- that's some Romnesia. (Applause.)

So I think you're being able -- you're beginning to be able to identify these symptoms. And if you come down with a case of Romnesia, and you can't seem to remember the policies that are still on your website -- (laughter) -- or the promises you've made over the six years you've been running for President, here's the good news: Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. (Laughter and applause.) We can fix you up. We've got a cure. We can make you well, Virginia. (Applause.) This is a curable disease. (Laughter.)

Women, men -- all of you -- these are family issues.

These are economic issues. I want my daughters to have the same opportunities as anybody's sons. I believe America does better -- the economy grows more, we create more jobs -- when everybody participates, when everyone is getting a fair shot, everybody is getting a fair shake, everybody is playing by the same rules, everybody is doing their fair share. That's why I'm running for a second term for President of the United States. (Applause.) I need you to help me finish the job. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Four years ago, I told you we'd end the war in Iraq, and we did. (Applause.) I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- we are. I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11, and we have. (Applause.) Al Qaeda is on the path to defeat. Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.)

Four years ago, I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families, and I have. (Applause.) I promised to cut taxes for small business owners -- we have, 18 times. (Applause.)

We got every dime back from the banks that we used to rescue those banks. We passed laws to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good.

We repealed "don't ask, don't tell," to make sure that nobody who wants to serve our country gets kicked out because of who they love. (Applause.)

When Governor Romney said we'd let -- he'd let Detroit go bankrupt, we said, we're not going to take your advice. We reinvented a dying auto industry that's come roaring back to the top of the world. (Applause.)

Four years after the worst economic crisis of our lifetime, we're moving. After losing 800,000 jobs a month when I took office, businesses have now added over 5 million new jobs. Unemployment has fallen from 10 percent to 7.8 percent. Home values are back on the rise. (Applause.) The stock market has nearly doubled -- 401(k)s are starting to recover. Manufacturing is coming home. Assembly lines are humming again. We've got to keep moving forward. We've got to keep moving forward. (Applause.)

We've got more work to do. I've got a plan -- and it's a real plan, not a sales pitch -- to grow the economy and create jobs and build more security for the middle class.

I want to send fewer jobs overseas and sell more products overseas. (Applause.) I want to invest in manufacturers and small businesses that create jobs right here in Virginia, right here in America.

I want us to control more of our own energy, cut oil imports in half, create thousands of clean energy jobs.

I want every child to have the same chance at a great education that Michelle and I received. (Applause.) I want to hire more teachers in math and science, train 2 million workers

at community colleges, bring down the cost of college tuition.  
(Applause.)

I want to use the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to pay down our deficit, put our people back to work right here, doing some nation-building here at home.  
(Applause.)

That's the agenda you need. That's the agenda we need. That's how we strengthen the middle class. That's how we'll keep moving forward. And in 18 days, you're going to have a chance to say whether we keep moving forward.

In 18 days, you can choose between top-down economic policies that got us into this mess, or the middle class-out policies that are getting us out of this mess. (Applause.)

In 18 days, you can choose a foreign policy that gets us into wars with no plan to get out, or you can say let's end the Afghan war responsibly; let's bring our troops home. (Applause.) Let's focus on making sure that we're building America.

In 18 days, you can let them turn back the clock 50 years for immigrants, and gays, and women, or we can stand up and say we are a country in which everybody has a place. (Applause.) A country where no matter where you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from -- black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, young, old, gay, straight, abled, disabled -- we have a place for everybody. (Applause.) Everybody has got a chance to make it if you try.

That's what's at stake, Virginia. That's why I'm asking for your vote. I believe in you. I need you to keep believing in me. I want to finish the job. And if you're willing to stand with me, and make some phone calls with me, and knock on some doors with, get your friends to vote for me -- we will win Fairfax County again. We will win Virginia again. (Applause.) We'll finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. God bless the United States of America.  
(Applause.)

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October 24,

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

The Meadow at City Park  
Denver, Colorado

2:54 P.M. MDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Colorado! (Applause.) Thank you! Are you fired up? Are you ready to go? (Applause.) Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Yes! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Yes! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm fired up. Thank you so much, everybody. Can everybody please give Sidra a great round of applause for that wonderful introduction? (Applause.)

We've got some good friends here today. You've got your outstanding governor, John Hickenlooper -- (applause) -- one of the best senators in the country, Michael Bennet -- (applause) -- outstanding congresswoman, Diana DeGette -- (applause) -- your wonderful mayor, Michael Hancock -- (applause) -- my campaign co-chair and former mayor, Frederico Peña. (Applause.) And all of you are here, which makes me excited. (Applause.)

This is the second stop on our 48-hour, marathon-extravaganza fly-around. We are pulling an all-nighter. No sleep; quite a bit of coffee. (Laughter.)

We've just come from Iowa. After this -- we've got some Iowans here? (Laughter.) We are on our way to visit Nevada. We're going to go to Florida, we're going to go to Virginia, we're going to go to Ohio. And I am going to stop in Chicago to vote before this 48-hour day is done. (Applause.) I can't tell you who I'm voting for. (Laughter.) It's a secret ballot. But Michelle says she voted for me. (Applause.) That's what she said.

So we can vote early in Illinois just like you can vote

early in Colorado. And I've come back to Colorado -- and this may not be the last time you'll see me. (Applause.) I've come to ask you for your vote. I've come to ask you to help me keep moving America forward.

We now have gone through three debates, months of campaigning, way too many TV ads.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen!

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, yes. Got an amen over here. (Laughter.) You've heard, now, Governor Romney's sales pitch. He has been running around saying he's got a five-point plan for the economy.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Don't boo -- vote. (Applause.) Vote. That's the way to show your opinion, is to vote.

It turns out it's not a five-point plan Governor Romney has got, it's a one-point plan: Folks at the very top get to play by their own rules -- pay lower tax rates than you do, outsource more jobs, let Wall Street run wild. And if this plan sounds familiar, it's because we tried it. We tried it in the decade before I took office and it led to falling incomes, and record deficits, and the slowest job growth in half a century, and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. And we've been working for four years to clean up this mess that these policies left behind.

Now, Governor Romney knows this. He knows his plan isn't any different than the policies that led to the Great Recession. So in the final weeks of his election, he's counting on you forgetting what he stands for. He's hoping that you, too, will come down with a case of what we like to call Romnesia. (Laughter.)

He's hoping you won't remember that his economic plan is more likely to create jobs in China than here in the United States, because it rewards companies that move jobs and profits overseas. He's hoping you won't remember that he wants to give millionaires and billionaires a \$250,000 tax cut, because the only way he can pay for it is by raising the deficit or by raising your taxes. He's hoping you'll come down with a severe case of Romnesia just before you cast your ballot. (Laughter.)

But, Denver, I want you to know this: If you feel any symptoms coming on -- (laughter) -- you start feeling, oh, I've got a temperature, I got headaches, my eyes are getting blurry, it might be Romnesia -- but don't worry, Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. (Applause.) We can make you well. There's a cure, Colorado, as long as you vote. (Applause.) There's a cure.

Now, we joke about Romnesia, but all this speaks to something that is essential to your choice, and that is trust. When you choose a President, you don't know what is going to come up. I mean, when I was running in 2008, we

didn't know necessarily that we would see the financial system completely implode. We didn't know that the auto industry might go under. We didn't understand what might be happening in terms of an Arab Spring.

But what you were voting on is somebody who you felt you could trust to work for you, to keep you in mind every single day. Trust matters. And one thing I think you've seen, Colorado, over the last four years is that I mean what I say. (Applause.) I do what I say I'm going to do. (Applause.)

We haven't finished everything that we want to get done. That's why I'm running for a second term. But every single day that I set foot in the Oval Office, I'm fighting for your families. And with your help, I've kept many of the major commitments that we made.

I told you we'd end the war in Iraq -- we ended it. (Applause.) I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- we are. I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and now we've got a new tower rising above the New York skyline, and al Qaeda is on the path to defeat; Osama bin Laden is dead; our heroes are coming home. I've kept those promises. (Applause.)

I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families and small businesses -- and we have. I promised to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good -- and we did. I promised to repeal "don't ask, don't tell," and today you can't be kicked out of the military because of who you are and who you love. (Applause.) I bet on American workers and American ingenuity, and we saved a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world.

On issue after issue, we are moving forward. After losing 9 million jobs in the Great Recession, our businesses have now added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. (Applause.) Manufacturing is coming back to our shores. The unemployment rate has fallen. Home values and home sales are rising. Our assembly lines are humming.

We've got a long way to go, Colorado, but we've come too far to turn back now. We cannot go back to the same policies that got us into this mess. (Applause.) We've got to keep moving forward with the policies that are getting us out. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

Now, we --

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, the reason I want four more years is because I've got a plan that will actually create jobs, a plan that will actually create middle-class security. And unlike Mitt Romney, I'm actually proud to talk about what's in my plan -- (applause) -- because it actually adds up. And if you want to check it out, go to [barackobama.com/plans](http://barackobama.com/plans). Share it with your friends. Share it with neighbors. Share it with

co-workers. There are still people out there who are trying to make up their mind. Some of you may be trying to make up your mind. Maybe some --

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, maybe -- no -- somebody may have dragged you here. (Laughter.) Maybe your grandma said, I'm sorry, you've got to come. (Laughter.) Maybe your girlfriend is trying to knock some sense into you; said, no, no, you've got to come to the rally.

So I want you to compare my plan to Governor Romney's. See which plan you think is better for you. See which plan is better for America's future.

Look, I want to end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas, but I also want to reward small businesses and manufacturers that are creating jobs right here in the United States. (Applause.) I want to cut our oil imports in half by 2020. And we're going to develop traditional sources of energy. And today we are less dependent on foreign oil than any time in the last two decades. But it's not enough just to produce more oil and natural gas. We've also increased fuel standards on cars and trucks so your car will go farther on a gallon of gas. (Applause.)

I want to build on the progress we've made doubling clean energy. I want fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries and wind turbines manufactured here in China [sic] -- I want them -- I don't want them manufactured in China, I want them manufactured here in the United States. (Applause.) I want them manufactured right here in Colorado, right here in America. (Applause.)

And by the way, it will be good for our environment. It will help conserve the incredible natural beauty of this state. We can do that.

I want to make it a national mission to educate our kids and train our workers better than anyone else in the world. (Applause.) I want to recruit 100,000 math and science teachers; train 2 million workers at community colleges to get the skills that businesses are hiring for right now. (Applause.) I want to work with our colleges and universities to keep tuition growth low -- cut it in half over the next 10 years. We can do that. (Applause.)

My plan will actually cut the deficit, unlike Governor Romney's. It will actually cut the deficit by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years, but we're going to do it in a balanced way. We'll cut out programs that don't work, but we also need to make sure that the wealthy are paying a little bit more so we can afford to invest in technology and research that will keep new jobs and businesses coming to America.

And I'll never turn Medicare into a voucher. (Applause.) No American should spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies.

And I'll use the savings that we get from ending the war in Iraq and Afghanistan to put our people back to work doing some nation-building here at home -- repairing our roads and our bridges and our schools; extending broadband lines into rural communities; making sure that when our veterans come home, that we are hiring them and they are getting the same kinds of opportunities that they deserve, because they shouldn't have to fight for a job when they come home after fighting for America. That's my plan. (Applause.)

That's the plan we need for Colorado. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy that has good, middle-class jobs to offer. That's how you encourage new businesses to start right here. That's how you help small businesses. That's how you increase take-home pay. That's how you build an economy where everybody who works hard has a chance to get ahead. That's what we can do together.

But right now, it's up to you, Colorado -- right here, right now, today. (Applause.) You will choose the path we take. It's up to young people to make sure that they continue to have opportunities in the future to go to college, to get a good job. It's up to the not-so-young people to choose what -- including me -- to choose what we leave behind for future generations.

So you can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess, or we can choose the policies that are going to keep on getting us out of this mess. You can choose a foreign policy that's wrong and reckless, or you can choose the steady, strong leadership that we need in the world. (Applause.)

You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for women and immigrants and gays, or in this election, you can stand up for that basic principle that we are all created equal. (Applause.) That no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter who you love, here in America, you can make it if you try. (Applause.)

Colorado, we have been through some tough years. But the American people are always tougher. We always bounce back, because we pull together, because we look after one another. We don't turn back. We go forward. We don't leave anybody behind -- we pull them up with us. In America, our destiny is not written for us, it's written by us and we are going to write the next chapter together. And that's why I am asking you for your vote. (Applause.)

And if you give me that vote, Colorado, you'll have a President who hears your voice, a President who fights for your families, a President who spends every waking hour trying to make your lives a little bit better. (Applause.) I believe in you, Colorado, and I'm asking you to keep believing in me. (Applause.)

And if you're willing to roll up your sleeves with me, if you're willing to work with me and knock some doors with me, make some phone calls with me, we're going to win Colorado

again. (Applause.) We're going to win this election. We're going to finish what we started. We'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you. (Applause.) And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT A CAMPAIGN EVENT

Doolittle Park  
Las Vegas, Nevada

9:35 P.M. PDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Nevada! (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Well, this is an unbelievable crowd. First of all, can everybody please give a huge round of applause to Michael for his service to our country. We are proud of him. (Applause.)

We've got here your Congresswoman and next United States Senator, Shelley Berkley in the house. (Applause.) Some outstanding Nevadans who are running for Congress: Steven Horsford -- (applause) -- John Oceguera -- (applause) -- and Dina Titus. (Applause.)

I am so grateful to Katy Perry for the unbelievable performance. (Applause.) Katy! I'm getting to know Katy. She's just a wonderful young lady, and I can tell that part of it is because of her outstanding grandma, Ann, a 50-year resident of Nevada. So give her a big round of applause. (Applause.) That's right. The only thing I have to say is Ann got some lipstick on me when she kissed me. (Laughter.) So fortunately somebody wiped it off before Michelle saw it. (Laughter.) I'm just telling you, you might get me in trouble. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you, Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back! (Applause.)

Now, it is great to see all of you. This is the third stop on our 24-hour [sic] campaign extravaganza fly-around of America. (Applause.) We are pulling an all-nighter. No sleep. And if you're not going to sleep, you might as well be in Vegas, right? (Applause.) Might as well be in Vegas. We've come from Colorado. We were in Iowa. I stopped by to do Leno in L.A. Right after this, we're going to fly to Florida, Virginia, Ohio. (Applause.) I'm going to stop in Chicago to vote. (Applause.) I can't tell you who I'm voting

for because it's a secret ballot. (Laughter.) But Michelle told me she voted for me. (Laughter.)

See, we can vote early in Illinois, just like you can vote early here in Nevada. And I've come to Nevada to ask you for your vote. (Applause.) I've come to ask you to help me keep America moving forward. (Applause.)

Now, you now have seen three debates, months of campaigning, way too many TV commercials. You've heard Governor Romney's sales pitch.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Wait, wait. Wait, don't boo -- vote. Vote. (Applause.) But --

AUDIENCE: Vote! Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: Vote! Vote! Vote!

AUDIENCE: Vote! Vote! Vote!

THE PRESIDENT: This is a feisty crew behind me here. (Applause.) All right, so you've seen all the commercials. You now have seen Governor Romney's sales pitch. He's been running around saying he's got a five-point plan for the economy, except it turns out it's a one-point plan. Folks at the top play by a different set of rules than you do. They get to pay a lower tax rate. They get to outsource more jobs. They want to see Wall Street run wild again.

That was his philosophy in the boardroom. That was his philosophy as Governor. And if it sounds familiar, it's because that was the philosophy that we tried in the decade before I took office, and it led to falling incomes, and the slowest job growth in half a century, and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. And we've been working for four years to clean up the mess they left behind. (Applause.)

Governor Romney knows this. He knows his plan isn't any different than the policies that led to our recession, so in the final weeks of this election, he has been counting on you to forget. He's hoping you come down with -- what?

AUDIENCE: Romnesia!

THE PRESIDENT: He's hoping you come down with what we call "Romnesia." (Laughter.) He's hoping you won't remember that his economic plan is more likely to create jobs in China than here in America, because it rewards companies that move jobs and profits overseas. He's hoping that you won't remember that he wants to give millionaires and billionaires a \$250,000 tax cut, because the only way he can pay for it is either blowing up the deficit or asking you to pay higher taxes. He's hoping you will come down with a severe case of Romnesia before you cast your ballot.

But, Las Vegas, I want you all to know this: If you feel any symptoms coming on -- (laughter) -- fever, a ringing in your ears, blurred vision, not being able to remember what you

said just last week -- if it's coming on, the good news is we can fix you up. Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. We can make you well. (Applause.) There's a cure, Nevada -- all you've got to do is vote! (Applause.) We could cure this thing.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, listen, I want to get serious for a second. We joke about Romnesia, but the reason I bring this up is because it speaks to something serious and that is the issue of trust. When you elect a President, you don't know exactly what's going to be coming up in the future. You don't know what kind of crisis may arise. You don't know what kind of decisions the President may have to make.

But there's no more serious issue in the presidential campaign than who can you trust. Trust matters. Who's going to look out for you? And here's the thing -- Nevada, you know me by now. (Applause.) You know I say what I mean, and I mean what I say.

We haven't finished everything we set out to do in 2008, but you know that every single day that I set foot in that office, I am thinking about you. (Applause.) I am fighting for your families. And with your help, I've been keeping the commitments that I made. (Applause.)

I told you I'd end the war in Iraq -- and I ended the war in Iraq. I said we'd end the war in Afghanistan -- we are transitioning as we speak. I said we'd refocus on the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11 -- and we have, and there's a new tower rising above the New York skyline. Al Qaeda is on the path to defeat. Osama bin Laden is dead. (Applause.) Our heroes, like Michael, are coming home. I have kept those promises.

I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families and small businesses -- and I have. I promised to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good -- and we have. I promised to repeal "don't ask, don't tell," because anybody who loves this country should be able to serve in our military regardless of who they love. (Applause.)

I bet on American workers and American ingenuity, and we saved a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world. On issue after issue, we are moving forward.

After losing 9 million jobs in the Great Recession, our businesses have added more than 5 million new jobs in the past two and a half years. The unemployment rate is falling. Home values and home sales are rising. Our assembly lines are humming. We've got a long way to go, Nevada, but we've come too far to go back now. (Applause.) We cannot afford to go backwards to the policies that got us into this mess. We've got to go forward. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.) That's why I need your vote.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now -- hold on. Hold on a second. Hold on.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: All right, hold on, hold on, hold on -- I got a little more on my plate here. (Laughter.) I got a little more to my agenda.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you, Obama!

THE PRESIDENT: I love you back. (Applause.) But this is about the future. And I have a plan that will actually create jobs and create middle-class security. And unlike Mitt Romney, I'm proud to talk about what's in my plan. (Applause.)

I'm not going to pretend what's in my plan is not in my plan. I'm not going to conveniently forget what I said last week about my plan. And the good news is that the math in my plan actually adds up. (Applause.)

If you want to take a look, you can go to [BarackObama.com/plans](http://BarackObama.com/plans). You can share it with your friends and neighbors and co-workers, because there are still people out there who are trying to make up their minds. Some of you here may have just come to hear Katy Perry and still don't know who to vote for. (Laughter.) I'm just saying it's possible.

Some of you might have been dragged here by your girlfriend or boyfriend. They said, you know what, you have to come to the rally and you didn't feel like coming. But now that you're here, I want you to compare my plans to Governor Romney's plans. See which plan is better for you. See which plan is better for Nevada. See which plan is better for America's future. (Applause.)

Now, the first thing I want to do -- end tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas, reward small businesses and manufacturers who create jobs right here in the United States. (Applause.)

The second thing I want to do is cut our oil imports in half by 2020 so we control our own energy. And that also means making sure that we are creating cars and trucks that have higher gas mileage; making sure that we're developing solar and wind and biofuels -- the energy sources of the future. We are less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in the last two decades because of the steps we've taken.

But we've got more to do. I want to build on that progress. I don't want fuel-efficient cars or solar panels made in China -- I want them made here in Nevada. (Applause.) I want them made here in America with American workers. And we can do it. And, by the way, it will help our environment as well as our economy and our national security. (Applause.)

Number three, we're going to make it a national mission to educate our kids and train our workers better than anybody else in the world. (Applause.) I want to recruit 100,000 math and science teachers, train 2 million workers at our community

colleges to get the skills they need for the jobs that are hiring right now. I want to keep college tuition low so our young people aren't burdened with debt. (Applause.) We can do that.

I want us to reduce our deficit by \$4 trillion, but do it in a balanced way. We'll cut out spending we don't need, but I'm also going to ask the wealthiest to pay a little bit more in taxes, including me -- (applause) -- so we can invest in research and technology, and provide young people with the support they need for their college educations. Those things will keep new jobs and businesses coming to America.

And I'm not going to reduce the deficit by turning Medicare into a voucher -- because no American should spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies. (Applause.)

And finally, I want to use the savings from ending the war in Iraq and Afghanistan to put our people back to work doing some nation-building here at home -- (applause) -- building roads and bridges and schools, sending broadband lines into rural communities.

When our veterans come home, I want to serve them as well as they've served us. (Applause.) I want to help them find jobs as police officers and firefighters and first responders. No one who fights for this country should have to fight for a job, or a roof over their heads, or the care they need when they come home. (Applause.)

So that's the plan, Nevada. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy that has good middle-class jobs. That's how you encourage new businesses to stay here. That's how you increase take-home pay -- not by talking about it, but by implementing plans that do it. That's how you build an economy where everybody who works hard has a chance to get ahead.

That's what we can do together. And now it's up to you. Nevada, right here, right now, today, you have the chance to choose the path we go from here. It's up to the young people here to choose the future that you believe in, that you want to see. It's up to you and the not-so-young people here, like me, to choose the future we want to leave for the next generation. You can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess, or you can choose the policies that are getting us out. (Applause.)

You can choose a foreign policy that's reckless and all over the map, or you can choose one that is steady and strong. You can choose to turn the clock back 50 years for women and immigrants and gays, or in this election you can stand up for the principle that America includes everybody. We're all created equal -- (applause) -- Black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, abled, disabled -- no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from or who you love, in America you can make it if you try. (Applause.) That's what you believe in.

Nevada, we've been through tough times before. We have

been through tough times before. But the American people are always tough. We always come out on top because we pull together, because we look after one another, because we leave nobody behind -- we pull folks up. We don't turn backwards. We look forward. (Applause.) We look forward. We look forward to the distant horizon -- (applause) -- to new possibilities, to new frontiers. That's what we believe and that's who we are.

Our destiny is not written for us, it's written by us. And we can write the next chapter, together, right now. That's why I'm asking for your vote. (Applause.) And if you give me your vote, I promise you I will always hear your voices. (Applause.) I will always fight for your families. I will spend every waking hour trying to make your lives a little bit better. (Applause.)

I believe in you. I need you to keep believing in me. (Applause.) And if you'll stand with me, and work with me, and knock on some doors with me, make some calls for me, we'll win Clark County again. (Applause.) We'll win Nevada again. (Applause.) We'll win this election. We'll finish what we started. We'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

Thank you, Nevada. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE VICE PRESIDENT  
AT CAMPAIGN EVENT

Triangle Park  
Dayton, Ohio

3:58 P.M. EDT

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Hello, Ohio! (Applause.) Hello, everybody back in the next county over there! What a great crowd! (Applause.)

Before I begin, I want you all to look at those two words: Vote Early. Do it now. (Applause.)

Wasn't the President great last night?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Last night, we saw a Commander-in-Chief who is in command of the issues. You guys got to see what I see every day for the last four years, a President who clearly understands America's interest around the world and has the courage to pursue and protect those interests.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is a man who's not only earned my respect and all those who work with him and all of you, but he's earned the respect of all the world leaders. (Applause.) Ladies and gentlemen, the Commander-in-Chief not only knows how to lead America, but this Commander-in-Chief is leading the world. (Applause.)

As my dad would say, this is a man with a steady hand and a clear vision; a man who leads not only by the example of our power, but by the power of America's example. This is a President who says what he means, means what he says, and does what he says. (Applause.)

This is a man the world relies on, and we rely on. And, boy, was the contrast clear last night. (Applause.) Whoa! Whoa! It wasn't even close, was it?

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: No. (Laughter.) As the President pointed out last night, these debates have exposed that Governor Romney and Paul Ryan have a foreign policy right out of the '80s, a social policy out of the '50s, and an economic policy right out of the '20s. (Applause.) The differences in our policies and, I would submit to you, in our values, are profound, and the American people, after four debates, know it.

Ladies and gentlemen, that's why last night you saw Governor Romney rushing to agree with the President on Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria. He disavowed the foreign policy he's been running on for the past two years just like that. Even this one -- this one amazed me. (Laughter.) This one amazed me. He even tried to rewrite the history of his position on rescuing the automobile industry. Whoa! (Laughter.) If I only knew he was ready to help back then. (Laughter.) If I only knew.

Look, half the time, I didn't know whether Governor Romney was there to debate Barack Obama or endorse Barack Obama. (Applause.) I mean, it's hard to tell.

But I have a message for the good governor. Governor, you can't run from the truth. You can't run from your record. You can't run from your policies.

Look at his policies -- opposition to nuclear arms control agreements; wanting to keep 30,000 troops in Iraq; shredding regulations, which he commits to do, letting Wall Street gamble with our money again and letting banks write their own rules again; proposing over \$2 trillion in new tax cuts for the wealthy while raising taxes on the middle class.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Folks, folks, we have seen this movie before and we know how it ends. It ends in a catastrophe for the middle class. It ends in the Great Recession of 2008. And the American people are not prepared to go back -- and we're not either. (Applause.)

Folks, this President is leveling the playing field, getting the middle class back in the game. He knows how to build America, from the middle out. That's how you build America. (Applause.) And thanks to his leadership and the grit of the American people, America is coming back.

There is no quit in America. There never has been any quit in America. (Applause.) The American people know only one way forward -- only one way -- and that is forward. And together -- together, ladies and gentlemen, all of us -- even the 47 percent of us that Romney doesn't think matter -- (applause) -- we're moving forward. (Applause.) Regardless.

I've never met two guys who are more down on America. Every time they turn around, America is in decline; American people won't take responsibility. I don't know where they live. But it's not where we live. It's not who we are. (Applause.)

And, ladies and gentlemen, regardless of what our opponents say, what they try to paint, America is not in decline. Americans are not dependent people. We are strong. We're independent. We take responsibility. And I've got news for Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan - it's never, never, ever been a good bet to bet against the American people. Never. (Applause.)

So, ladies and gentlemen, join me in welcoming my friend, our President, Barack Obama. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Ohio! (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.) I just want to make sure. Are you fired up?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready to go?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Before we get started, I want everybody to give a big round of applause to Joe Biden! (Applause.)

Now, first of all, you need to know Joe Biden is a man who is literally in love with a teacher. He doesn't just say, I love teachers -- he's married to a teacher. (Applause.) But more importantly -- I want everybody to understand this -- I could not ask for a better partner than my Vice President, Joe Biden. (Applause.) There's nobody who knows more about foreign policy than my Vice President. There's nobody who gives me better advice than my Vice President. (Applause.) There's nobody who you'd rather have in a foxhole with you when it matters most than my Vice President. (Applause.) There's nobody who cares more about the middle class and fights harder for America than my Vice President. (Applause.)

I could not do what I do without him having my back every single day. So I want you to give him another big round of applause. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Joe! Joe! Joe! Joe!

THE PRESIDENT: Joe! Joe! Joe! Joe!

AUDIENCE: Joe! Joe! Joe! Joe!

THE PRESIDENT: We've also got a great candidate for Congress -- Sharon Neuhardt is here. Give her a big round of applause. (Applause.)

Now, two weeks, Ohio. Two weeks. Two weeks from today, Americans all across the country will step into the voting booth. But here in Ohio, you can vote early. (Applause.) Here in Ohio, you can vote right after this event. (Applause.) If you want to know where to vote, you go to [Vote.BarackObama.com](http://Vote.BarackObama.com).

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is Biden going to be there?

THE PRESIDENT: He already voted -- and he's proud of it. (Applause.) Anybody who is here who has not yet voted, I want you to go vote. Because you've got a very big choice to make. Not just a choice between two candidates or two parties -- but two different visions for this country that we love.

Now, last night, we had our third debate. (Applause.) And I hope I made clear that there's a big difference between me and Mitt Romney. (Applause.) And it's not just that he's got better hair. (Laughter.) Because the greatest responsibility I have as President is to keep the American people safe. That's why I ended the war in Iraq, so we could go after the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11. (Applause.) That's why, working with Joe Biden and our national security team, we've been able to decimate al Qaeda. That's why we were able to bring Osama bin Laden to justice. (Applause.) That's why we're now ending the war in Iraq -- because after a decade of war, it's time to do some nation-building right here in Ohio, do some nation-building here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

In a world of new threats and challenges, America needs leadership that is strong and steady. Unfortunately, Governor Romney's foreign policy has been wrong and reckless. You heard him last night -- he was all over the map.

During the debate, he said he didn't want more troops in Iraq. But he was caught on a video just a few months ago saying it was "unthinkable" not to leave 20,000 troops in Iraq. Those troops would still be there today instead of back home.

Last night, he claimed to support my plan to end the war in Afghanistan, but he opposed a timeline that would actually bring the rest of our troops home. Last night, he said taking out bin Laden was the right thing to do. Back in 2007, he said it wasn't worth "moving heaven and Earth" to catch one man.

Now, I recognize that -- we must have some doctors in the house, because I've already heard people identify this condition. It's called Romnesia. (Laughter and applause.) And we had a severe case breaking out last night. (Laughter.) So I want to go over the symptoms with you because, Dayton, I sure don't want anybody to catch it here in Ohio. (Laughter.)

If you talk about how much you love teachers during a debate, but just a few weeks ago you said we shouldn't hire any more because it won't grow our economy -- you might have Romnesia. (Applause.)

If you say you won't give a big tax cut to the wealthy, but you're on a video promising your tax cut would include the top 1 percent -- that sounds like a classic case of Romnesia. (Applause.)

If you say that you love American cars during a debate, you're a car guy, but you wrote an article titled, "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt" -- you definitely have a case of Romnesia. (Applause.)

Last night, Governor Romney looked you right in the eye -- looked me in the eye -- and tried to pretend that he never said "let Detroit go bankrupt." Tried to pretend he meant the same thing I did when we intervened and worked to make sure that management and workers got together to save

the U.S. auto industry -- pretended like somehow I had taken his advice. (Laughter.)

The people don't forget. The people of Dayton don't forget.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: The people of Ohio don't forget.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: If Mitt Romney had been President when the auto industry was on the verge of collapse, we might not have an American auto industry today. We'd be buying cars from China instead of selling cars to China.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: And you know how important that is to Ohio. The auto industry supports one in eight Ohio jobs. It's a source of pride to this state. It is a source of pride to our country. It's a source of pride to generations of workers. I refused to walk away from those workers. I bet on those workers. I refused to walk away from those jobs. I understood that Americans can compete. I wasn't about to let Detroit go bankrupt -- or Toledo go bankrupt, or Lordstown go bankrupt. I bet on American workers. I bet on American manufacturing. I would do it again because that bet has paid off for Ohio and for America in a big way. (Applause.)

So here's the good news, Ohio. If you've come down with a case of Romnesia -- (laughter) -- if you can't seem to remember the positions that you've taken not just four years ago but four days ago, if you don't remember the positions that are on your website, if you don't remember the promises you've been making during the six years you've been running for President, you don't have to worry, because Obamacare covers preexisting conditions. (Applause.) We can fix you up! There's a cure! There's a cure! (Applause.) There's a cure, but you've got to vote to make sure that the medicine is there for Romnesia.

Now, we joke about Governor Romney being all over the map, but it speaks to something important -- it speaks of trust. There's no more serious issue in a presidential campaign than trust. Trust matters. You want to know that the person who's applying to be your President and Commander-in-Chief is trustworthy, that he means what he says, that he's not just making stuff up depending on whether it's convenient or not.

So smart people who -- they don't have a dog in this fight, they've crunched the numbers, and we know that Governor Romney's jobs plan doesn't really create jobs. We know his deficit plan doesn't really reduce the deficit. His foreign policy is from the 1980s, before the Cold War was over. His social policy is from the 1950s, and his economic policies are from the 1920s.

He knows he can't sell that even though those are his positions, so in the closing weeks of the campaign, he's doing everything he can to hide his true positions and tell us what he thinks you want to hear, and then spend most of his time telling you what he thinks is wrong with America. Joe Biden just talked about that, talking about America is in decline. He is terrific at making presentations about stuff he thinks is wrong with America. But he sure can't give you an answer about what will make it right. And that's not leadership that you can trust.

You know, Ohio, you know me. (Applause.) You know I mean what I say. (Applause.) You know that I do what I say I'm going to do. (Applause.) You know that I'll make the tough decisions even when they're not popular. Folks don't remember what we did with the auto industry -- it wasn't popular when we did it. It wasn't even popular in Michigan and Ohio. But it was necessary. And because I had folks like Joe Biden with me who can support me when I make tough decisions, we went in and did what we thought was right. And I know people may not agree with every decision we make, but you know that I'm doing it because I am fighting for the American people. I'm doing what I believe. (Applause.)

That's what you need from a President. Yes, we've been through tough times, but there's no quit in America. Our businesses have added more than 5 million new jobs over the past two and a half years. Manufacturing is growing faster than any time since the 1990s. Our unemployment rate has fallen to the lowest level since I took office. Home values are rising. The stock market has rebounded. Our assembly lines are humming again. Our heroes are coming home. (Applause.) We are moving forward.

Four years ago I promised to cut taxes for middle-class families, and I kept that promise. I promised to cut taxes for small businesses. We have, 18 times. We got back every dime we used to rescue the banks, with interest. (Applause.) And then we passed a law to end taxpayer-funded Wall Street bailouts for good. We repealed "don't ask, don't tell," because anybody who wants to serve in our military -- (applause) -- if they're a great soldier or Marine or airman or Coast Guardsman, then they should be able to serve regardless of who they love. (Applause.)

We saved an American auto industry. It's engines are roaring at full throttle with nearly 250,000 new jobs. That's not just something that the Midwest can be proud of, that's something America can be proud of.

Now, we know we're not where we need to be -- not here, not anywhere -- but we've made real progress. We've got to build on that progress. We can't go back to what got us into this mess. We need to move forward with what's getting us out of this mess, and that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, last night and throughout this campaign I've laid out a plan for jobs and middle class security. Unlike, Mitt Romney, I'm proud to talk about what's in my plan -- because, first of all, the math actually adds up. My plan will actually move America forward. It's not just a sales job. It's not a sketchy deal. It's not the okeydoke. (Laughter.) If you want to take a look, check it out at [BarackObama.com/plans](http://BarackObama.com/plans). Share it with your friends. Share it with your neighbors. Share it with your coworkers.

There are still some people out there trying to make up their minds. Some of you here may still be trying to make up your mind.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: I'm just saying somebody might have just been taking a nice walk on a beautiful day -- (laughter) -- and suddenly found themselves in the middle of an Obama rally. And if that's what happened to you, I want you to look at our plan. Compare it to Governor Romney's plan. See which plan you think is better for you and for America's future.

Well, he says he's got a plan. He's got a one-point plan.

But I want to talk about what's in my plan just so everybody knows exactly what I intend to do over the next four years -- because I do what I say I'm going to do. First, my plan builds on our manufacturing base by extending -- by making sure that we're ending tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas. I want to give those tax breaks to small business and manufacturers that create jobs right here in Dayton, right here in the United States of America. That's what I want to do. (Applause.)

Number two, my plan cuts our oil imports in half by 2020, so we control more of our own energy. You may have heard me say this -- today we're less dependent on foreign oil than any time in the last two decades. And one of the reasons is because we've increased fuel standards on cars and trucks, so you go twice as far on a gallon of gas. And I want to build on that progress. I don't want fuel-efficient cars and long-lasting batteries and wind turbines all made in China. I want them manufactured right here in the United States of America. And we can do that. (Applause.)

Number three, my plan is going to make it a national mission to educate our kids and train our workers so that we can compete with anybody in the world. I want to recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers over the next decade; train 2 million workers at community colleges with the skills that businesses are looking for right now. There are jobs to be had right now, but the workers have to be able to get the training for them. I want to make sure colleges and universities keep tuition low so our young people can get a college education without being loaded up with debt. We can do that. (Applause.)

Number four, my plan will cut our deficit by \$4 trillion -- it actually adds up. We can do the math on the website. And the plan, we'll do it in a balanced way over the next 10 years. I'll cut spending we don't need, but we're also going to have to ask the wealthiest among us to do a little bit more. Because that will allow us to invest in research and technology to keep new jobs coming, to keep new businesses coming here to America. (Applause.)

And I'll never balance the deficit by turning Medicare into a voucher. (Applause.) No American should have to spend their golden years at the mercy of an insurance company.

And finally, my plan says let's take the savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and let's put some people back to work right here at home, doing some nation-building -- repairing roads, fixing bridges, remodeling schools, laying down broadband lines, making our economy more competitive.

And when our veterans come home, let's put them back to work in some of these jobs. Let's make sure we're serving them as well as they've served us. Governor Romney did not even mention our veterans last night.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Not a word. Not a word. He may have already written off half the country behind closed doors, but the men and women and their families who have served our country so bravely, that Joe and I talk to almost every day and we see the sacrifices they're making, they deserve better from somebody who's applying to be Commander-in-Chief. We're fighting for them every single day. (Applause.)

So Ohio, that's the plan we need. That's what will create jobs. That's how you build a strong, sustainable economy that good, middle-class jobs have to offer. That's how you encourage businesses to start here in America. That's how you increase take-home pay, not just by talking about it. That's how you build an economy where everybody who works hard has a chance to get ahead. We don't build the economy from the top down. We build it from the middle up.

And now it's up to you -- right here, right now. You've got to decide which path we're going to take. You can choose the top-down policies that got us into this mess, or you can choose the policies that we are promoting that will get us out of this mess. (Applause.) You can choose a foreign policy that's reckless and wrong -- or you can choose the foreign policy that Joe and I have been applying that's steady and strong.

You can choose to turn back the clock 50 years for women, and immigrants, and gays, or you can say, in this election, we believe that everybody has got a place in America. We want to make sure everybody has got opportunity. No matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is, no matter who you love, here in America, you can make it if you try. (Applause.)

So I'm asking for your vote. I'm asking you to help me finish the job. I believe in you, and I need you to keep believing in me. And if you stand with me, and knock on some doors with me, make some phone calls for me, we'll win Montgomery County again. We'll win Ohio again. (Applause.) We'll win this election again. We'll finish what we started. We'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth. (Applause.)

God bless you, Ohio. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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IN THIRD PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

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MR. SCHIEFFER: Good evening from the campus of Lynn University here in Boca Raton, Florida. This is the fourth and last debate of the 2012 campaign, brought to you by the Commission on Presidential Debates. This one is on foreign policy. I'm Bob Schieffer of CBS News.

The questions are mine and I have not shared them with the candidates or their aides. The audience has taken a vow of silence -- no applause, no reaction of any kind -- except right now, when we welcome President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, your campaigns have agreed to certain rules, and they are simple. They've asked me to divide the evening into segments. I'll pose a question at the beginning of each segment. You will each have two minutes to respond, and then we will have a general discussion until we move to the next segment.

Tonight's debate, as both of you know, comes on the 50th anniversary of the night that President Kennedy told the world that the Soviet Union had installed nuclear missiles in Cuba, perhaps the closest we've ever come to nuclear war. And it is a sobering reminder that every President faces at some point an unexpected threat to our national security from abroad.

So let's begin.

The first segment is the challenge of a changing Middle East and the new face of terrorism. I'm going to put this into two segments, so you'll have two topic questions within this one segment on the subject. The first question -- and it concerns Libya.

The controversy over what happened there continues. Four Americans are dead, including an American Ambassador. Questions remain of what happened: What caused it? Was it

spontaneous? Was it an intelligence failure? Was it a policy failure? Was there an attempt to mislead people about what really happened?

Governor Romney, you said this was an example of an American policy in the Middle East that is unraveling before our very eyes. I'd like to hear each of you give your thoughts on that. Governor Romney, you won the toss -- you go first.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, Bob. And thank you for agreeing to moderate this debate this evening. Thank you to Lynn University for welcoming us here. And, Mr. President, it's good to be with you again. We were together at a humorous event a little earlier, and it's nice to maybe be funny this time -- not on purpose. We'll see what happens.

This is obviously an area of great concern to the entire world, and to America in particular, which is to see a complete change in the structure and the environment in the Middle East. With the Arab Spring came a great deal of hope that there would be a change towards more moderation, an opportunity for greater participation on the part of women in public life and in economic life in the Middle East. But instead we've seen in nation after nation a number of disturbing events.

Of course, we see in Syria, 30,000 civilians having been killed by the military there. We see in Libya, an attack, apparently by -- I think we know now -- by terrorists of some kind against our people there, four people dead. Our hearts and minds go to them.

Mali has been taken over -- the northern part of Mali by al Qaeda-type individuals. We have in Egypt a Muslim Brotherhood president. And so what we're seeing is a pretty dramatic reversal of the kind of hopes we had for that region. Of course, the greatest threat of all is Iran, four years closer to a nuclear weapon.

And we're going to have to recognize that we have to do as the President has done -- I congratulate him on taking out Osama bin Laden and going after the leadership in al Qaeda. But we can't kill our way out of this mess. We're going to have to put in place a very comprehensive and robust strategy to help the world of Islam and other parts of the world reject this radical, violent extremism, which is -- it's certainly not on the run. It's certainly not hiding. This is a group that is now involved in 10 or 12 countries. And it presents an enormous threat to our friends, to the world, to America long term, and we must have a comprehensive strategy to help reject this kind of extremism.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, my first job as Commander-in-Chief, Bob, is to keep the American people safe. And that's what we've done over the last four years. We ended the war in Iraq, refocused our attention on those who actually killed us on 9/11. And as a consequence, al Qaeda's core leadership has been decimated.

In addition, we're now able to transition out of

Afghanistan in a responsible way, making sure that Afghans take responsibility for their own security. And that allows us also to rebuild alliances and make friends around the world to combat future threats. Now, with respect to Libya, as I indicated in the last debate, when we received that phone call, I immediately made sure that, number one, we did everything we could to secure those Americans who were still in harm's way; number two, that we would investigate exactly what happened; and number three, most importantly, that we would go after those who killed Americans and we would bring them to justice. And that's exactly what we're going to do.

But I think it's important to step back and think about what happened in Libya. Now, keep in mind that I and Americans took leadership in organizing an international coalition that made sure that we were able to -- without putting troops on the ground, at the cost of less than what we spent in two weeks in Iraq -- liberate a country that had been under the yoke of dictatorship for 40 years, got rid of a despot who had killed Americans. And, as a consequence, despite this tragedy, you had tens of thousands of Libyans, after the events in Benghazi, marching and saying, "America is our friend. We stand with them." Now, that represents the opportunity we have to take advantage of.

And, Governor Romney, I'm glad that you agree that we have been successful in going after al Qaeda, but I have to tell you that your strategy previously has been one that has been all over the map, and is not designed to keep Americans safe or to build on the opportunities that exist in the Middle East.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, my strategy is pretty straightforward, which is to go after the bad guys, to make sure we do our very best to interrupt them, to kill them, to take them out of the picture. But my strategy is broader than that. That's important, of course. But the key that we're going to have to pursue is a pathway to get the Muslim world to be able to reject extremism on its own. We don't want another Iraq. We don't want another Afghanistan. That's not the right course for us.

The right course for us is to make sure that we go after the people who are leaders of these various anti-American groups and these jihadists, but also help the Muslim world. And how do we do that? A group of Arab scholars came together, organized by the U.N., to look at how we can help the world reject these terrorists. And the answer they came up with was this: One, more economic development. We should key our foreign aid, our direct foreign investment -- and that of our friends -- we should coordinate it to make sure that we push back and give them more economic development. Number two, better education. Number three, gender equality. Number four, the rule of law. We have to help these nations create civil societies.

But what's been happening over the last couple of years is as we've watched this tumult in the Middle East, this rising tide of chaos occur, you see al Qaeda rushing in. You see other jihadist groups rushing in. And they're throughout many nations in the Middle East.

It's wonderful that Libya seems to be making some progress, despite this terrible tragedy. But next door, of course, we have Egypt -- Libya is 6 million population, Egypt 80 million population. We want to make sure that we're seeing progress throughout the Middle East, with Mali now having North Mali taken over by al Qaeda; with Syria having Assad continuing to kill -- to murder his own people. This is a region in tumult. And of course, Iran on the path to a nuclear weapon -- we've got real problems in the region.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let's give the President a chance.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney, I'm glad that you recognize that al Qaeda is a threat, because a few months ago, when you were asked what's the biggest geopolitical threat facing America, you said Russia -- not al Qaeda -- you said Russia. And the 1980s are now calling to ask for their foreign policy back because the Cold War has been over for 20 years.

But, Governor, when it comes to our foreign policy, you seem to want to import the foreign policies of the 1980s, just like the social policies of the 1950s, and the economic policies of the 1920s.

You say that you're not interested in duplicating what happened in Iraq, but just a few weeks ago you said you think we should have more troops in Iraq right now. And the challenge we have -- I know you haven't been in a position to actually execute foreign policy, but every time you've offered an opinion, you've been wrong. You said we should have gone into Iraq, despite the fact that there were no weapons of mass destruction. You said that we should still have troops in Iraq to this day.

You indicated that we shouldn't be passing nuclear treaties with Russia, despite the fact that 71 senators -- Democrats and Republicans -- voted for it. You've said that, first, we should not have a timeline in Afghanistan; then you said we should; now you say maybe, or it depends -- which means not only were you wrong, but you were also confusing and sending mixed messages both to our troops and our allies.

So what we need to do with respect to the Middle East is strong, steady leadership, not wrong and reckless leadership that is all over the map. And unfortunately, that's the kinds of opinions that you've offered throughout this campaign, and it is not a recipe for American strength or keeping America safe over the long term.

MR. SCHIEFFER: I'm going to add a couple of minutes here to give you a chance to respond.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, of course, I don't concur with what the President said about my own record and the things that I've said. They don't happen to be accurate.

But I can say this -- that we're talking about the Middle East and how to help the Middle East reject the kind of terrorism we're seeing and the rising tide of tumult and confusion. And attacking me is not an agenda. Attacking me is not talking about how we're going to deal with the challenges

that exist in the Middle East and take advantage of the opportunity there and stem the tide of this violence.

But I'll respond to a couple of the things you mentioned. First of all, Russia I indicated is a geopolitical foe, not a -

THE PRESIDENT: Number one geopolitical --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Excuse me. It's a geopolitical foe, and I said in the same -- in the same paragraph I said, and Iran is the greatest national security threat we face. Russia does continue to battle us in the U.N. time and time again. I have clear eyes on this. I'm not going to wear rose-colored glasses when it comes to Russia or Mr. Putin. And I'm certainly not going to say to him, I'll give you more flexibility after the election. After the election, he'll get more backbone.

Number two, with regards to Iraq, you and I agreed, I believe, that there should have been a status of forces agreement. Did you --

THE PRESIDENT: That's not true.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Oh, you didn't -- you didn't want a status of forces agreement?

THE PRESIDENT: No, what I -- what I would not have done is left 10,000 troops in Iraq that would tie us down. That certainly would not help us in the Middle East.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'm sorry. You actually -- there was an effort on the part of the President --

THE PRESIDENT: You are --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- to have a Status of Forces Agreement --

THE PRESIDENT: He was --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And I concurred in that and said that we should have some number of troops that stayed on. That was something I concurred with --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- your posture. That was my posture as well. You thought it should have been 5,000 troops.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I thought it should have been more troops. But you know what, the answer was --

THE PRESIDENT: This is just a few weeks ago.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- we got no troops through whatsoever.

THE PRESIDENT: This is just a few weeks ago that you

indicated that we should still have troops in Iraq.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, I didn't. I'm sorry, that's --

THE PRESIDENT: You made a major speech.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I indicated that you -- I indicated that you failed to put in place a status of forces agreement --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- at the end of the conflict that existed in Iraq.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor, here's one thing --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let him answer, please.

THE PRESIDENT: Here's one thing I've learned as Commander-in-Chief. You've got to be clear both to our allies and our enemies about where you stand and what you mean. Now, you just gave a speech a few weeks ago in which you said we should still have troops in Iraq. That is not a recipe for making sure that we are taking advantage of the opportunities and meeting the challenges of the Middle East.

Now, it is absolutely true that we cannot just beat these challenges militarily. And so what I've done, throughout my presidency and will continue to do, is, number one, make sure that these countries are supporting our counterterrorism efforts.

Number two, make sure that they are standing by our interests in Israel's security -- because it is a true friend and our greatest ally in the region.

Number three, we do have to make sure that we're protecting religious minorities and women because these countries can't develop unless all the population -- not just half of it -- is developing.

Number four, we do have to develop their economic capabilities. But number five, the other thing that we have to do is recognize that we can't continue to do nation-building in these regions -- part of American leadership is making sure that we're doing nation-building here at home. That will help us maintain the kind of American leadership that we need.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let me interject the second topic question in this segment about the Middle East and so on. And that is -- you both mentioned -- alluded to this, and that is Syria.

The war in Syria has now spilled over into Lebanon. We have, what, more than a hundred people that were killed there in a bomb. There were demonstrations there, eight people dead. Mr. President, it's been more than a year since you saw -- you told Assad he had to go. Since then, 30,000 Syrians have died. We've had 300,000 refugees. The war goes on; he's still there. Should we reassess our policy and see if we can find a better way to influence events there, or is that even possible? And you go first, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: What we've done is organize the international community, saying Assad has to go. We've mobilized sanctions against that government. We have made sure that they are isolated. We have provided humanitarian assistance, and we are helping the opposition organize. And we're particularly interested in making sure that we're mobilizing the moderate forces inside of Syria.

But ultimately, Syrians are going to have to determine their own future. And so everything we're doing, we're doing in consultation with our partners in the region -- including Israel, which obviously has a huge interest in seeing what happens in Syria; coordinating with Turkey and other countries in the region that have a great interest in this.

Now, what we're seeing taking place in Syria is heartbreaking. And that's why we are going to do everything we can to make sure that we are helping the opposition. But we also have to recognize that for us to get more entangled militarily in Syria is a serious step. And we have to do so making absolutely certain that we know who we are helping, that we're not putting arms in the hands of folks who eventually could turn them against us or our allies in the region.

And I am confident that Assad's days are numbered. But what we can't do is to simply suggest that, as Governor Romney at times has suggested, that giving heavy weapons, for example, to the Syrian opposition is a simple proposition that would lead us to be safer over the long term.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, let's step back and talk about what's happening in Syria and how important it is. First of all, 30,000 people being killed by their government is a humanitarian disaster. Secondly, Syria is an opportunity for us because Syria plays an important role in the Middle East, particularly right now, Syria is Iran's only ally in the Arab world. It's their route to the sea. It's the route for them to arm Hezbollah in Lebanon, which threatens, of course, our ally, Israel. And so seeing Syria remove Assad is a very high priority for us. Number two, seeing a replacement government being responsible people is critical for us.

And finally, we don't want to have military involvement there. We don't want to get drawn in to a military conflict. And so the right course for us is working through our partners and with our own resources to identify responsible parties within Syria, organize them, bring them together in a form of, not government, a form of council that can take the lead in Syria, and then make sure they have the arms necessary to defend themselves.

We do need to make sure that they don't have arms that get into the wrong hands, that those arms could be used to hurt us down the road. We need to make sure as well that we coordinate this effort with our allies, and particularly with Israel. But the Saudis and the Qatari and the Turks are all very concerned about this. They're willing to work with us. We need to have a very effective leadership effort in Syria,

making sure that the insurgents there are armed and that the insurgents that become armed are people who will be the responsible parties.

Recognize -- I believe that Assad must go. I believe he will go. But I believe we want to make sure that we have the relationships of friendship with the people that take his place, such that in the years to come, we see Syria as a friend and Syria as a responsible party in the Middle East.

This is a critical opportunity for America. And what I'm afraid of is we've watched over the past year or so, first the President saying, well, we'll let the U.N. deal with it and Assad -- excuse me -- Kofi Annan came in and said we're going to try -- have a ceasefire. That didn't work. Then it looked to the Russians and said, let's see if you can do something. We should be playing the leadership role there -- not on the ground with military, but play the leadership role.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right.

THE PRESIDENT: We are playing the leadership role. We organized the Friends of Syria. We are mobilizing humanitarian support and support for the opposition. And we are making sure that those we help are those who will be friends of ours in the long term and friends of our allies in the region over the long term.

But going back to Libya, because this is an example of how we make choices -- when we went into Libya, and we were able to immediately stop the massacre there because of the unique circumstances and the coalition that we had helped to organize, we also had to make sure that Muammar Qaddafi didn't stay there.

And to the Governor's credit, you supported us going into Libya and the coalition that we organized. But when it came time to making sure that Qaddafi did not stay in power, that he was captured, Governor, your suggestion was that this was mission creep, that this was mission muddle.

Imagine if we had pulled out at that point. Muammar Qaddafi had more American blood on his hands than any individual other than Osama bin Laden, and so we were going to make sure that we finished the job. That's part of the reason why the Libyans stand with us. But we did so in a careful, thoughtful way, making certain that we knew who we were dealing with; that those forces of moderation on the ground were ones that we could work with. And we have to take the same kind of steady, thoughtful leadership when it comes to Syria. That's exactly what we're doing.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor, can I just ask you, would you go beyond what the administration would do? Like, for example, would you put in no-fly zones over Syria?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I don't want to have our military involved in Syria. I don't think there's a necessity to put our military in Syria at this stage. I don't anticipate that in the future. As I indicated, our objectives are to replace Assad and to have in place a new government which is friendly

to us -- a responsible government, if possible. And I want to make sure they get armed and they have the arms necessary to defend themselves, but also to remove Assad.

But I do not want to see a military involvement on the part of our troops. And this isn't going to be necessary. We have -- with our partners in the region, we have sufficient resources to support those groups.

But, look, this has been going on for a year. This is a time -- this should have been a time for American leadership. We should have taken a leading role -- not militarily, but a leading role organizationally, governmentally -- to bring together the parties there, to find responsible parties.

As you hear from intelligence sources even today, the insurgents are highly disparate; they haven't come together; they haven't formed a unity group, a council of some kind. That needs to happen. America can help that happen. And we need to make sure they have the arms they need to carry out the very important role, which is getting rid of Assad.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Can we get a quick response, Mr. President? Because I want to ask about Egypt.

THE PRESIDENT: I'll be very quick. What you just heard Governor Romney said is he doesn't have different ideas, and that's because we're doing exactly what we should be doing to try to promote a moderate Syrian leadership and an effective transition so that we get Assad out. That's the kind of leadership we've shown. That's the kind of leadership we'll continue to show.

MR. SCHIEFFER: May I ask you, during the Egyptian turmoil, there came a point when you said it was time for President Mubarak to go.

THE PRESIDENT: Right.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Some in your administration thought perhaps we should have waited a while on that. Do you have any regrets about that?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I don't, because I think that America has to stand with democracy. The notion that we would have tanks run over those young people who were in Tahrir Square -- that is not the kind of American leadership that John F. Kennedy talked about 50 years ago.

But what I've also said is that now that you have a democratically elected government in Egypt, they have to make sure that they take responsibility for protecting religious minorities -- and we have put significant pressure on them to make sure they're doing that; to recognize the rights of women, which is critical throughout the region. These countries can't develop if young women are not given the kind of education that they need. They have to abide by their treaty with Israel. That is a red line for us, because not only is Israel's security at stake, but our security is at stake if that unravels.

They have to make sure that they're cooperating with us when it comes to counterterrorism. And we will help them with respect to developing their own economy -- because ultimately, what's going to make the Egyptian revolution successful for the people of Egypt but also for the world is if those young people who gathered there are seeing opportunities. Their aspirations are similar to young people's here. They want jobs. They want to be able to make sure their kids are going to a good school. They want to make sure that they have a roof over their heads and that they have the prospects of a better life in the future.

And so one of the things that we've been doing is, for example, organizing entrepreneurship conferences with these Egyptians to give them a sense of how they can start rebuilding their economy in a way that's non-corrupt, that's transparent.

But what is also important for us to understand is, is that for America to be successful in this region, there are some things that we're going to have to do here at home as well. One of the challenges over the last decade is we've done experiments in nation-building in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, and we've neglected, for example, developing our own economy, our own energy sectors, our own education system. And it's very hard for us to project leadership around the world when we're not doing what we need to do here.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor Romney, I'm going to hear your response to that. But I would just ask you, would you have stuck with Mubarak?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No. I believe, as the President indicated, and said at the time that I supported his action there. I felt that -- I wish we would have had a better vision of the future. I wish that, looking back at the beginning of the President's term and even further back than that, that we would have recognized that there was a growing energy and passion for freedom in that part of the world, and that we would have worked more aggressively with our friend and with other friends in the region to have them make the transition towards a more representative form of government, such that it didn't explode in the way it did.

But once it exploded, I felt the same as the President did, which is these freedom voices in the streets of Egypt were the people who were speaking of our principles. And President Mubarak had done things which were unimaginable, and the idea of him crushing his people was not something that we could possibly support.

Let me step back and talk about what I think our mission has to be in the Middle East and even more broadly -- because our purpose is to make sure the world is more -- is peaceful. We want a peaceful planet. We want people to be able to enjoy their lives and know they're going to have a bright and prosperous future and not be at war. That's our purpose. And the mantle of leadership for promoting the principles of peace has fallen to America. We didn't ask for it, but it's an honor that we have it. But for us to be able to promote those principles of peace requires us to be strong, and that begins with a strong economy here at home. And unfortunately, the

economy is not stronger.

When the President of Iraq -- excuse me, of Iran, Ahmadinejad, says that our debt makes us not a great country, that's a frightening thing. The former chief of -- the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that -- Admiral Mullen -- said that our debt is the biggest national security threat we face.

We have weakened our economy. We need a strong economy. We need to have, as well, a strong military. Our military is second to none in the world. We're blessed with terrific soldiers and extraordinary technology and intelligence. But the idea of a trillion dollars in cuts through sequestration and budget cuts to the military would change that.

We need to have strong allies. Our association and connection with our allies is essential to America's strength. We're the great nation that has allies -- 42 allies and friends around the world. And finally we have to stand by our principles.

And if we're strong in each of those things, American influence will grow. But, unfortunately, in nowhere in the world is America's influence greater today than it was four years ago.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And that's because we've become weaker -

THE PRESIDENT: Bob, I think --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- on each of those four dimensions.

MR. SCHIEFFER: You're going to get a chance to respond to that because that's a perfect segue into our next segment, and that is what is America's role in the world. And that is the question: What do each of you see as our role in the world? And I believe, Governor Romney, it's your turn to go first.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, I absolutely believe that America has a responsibility and the privilege of helping defend freedom and promote the principles that make the world more peaceful, and those principles include human rights, human dignity, free enterprise, freedom of expression, elections -- because when there are elections, people tend to vote for peace. They don't vote for war. So we want to promote those principles around the world.

We recognize that there are places of conflict in the world. We want to end those conflicts to the extent humanly possible. But in order to be able to fulfill our role in the world, America must be strong. America must lead. And for that to happen, we have to strengthen our economy here at home. You can't have 23 million people struggling to get a job. You can't have an economy that over the last three years keeps slowing down in its growth rate. You can't have kids coming out of college, half of whom can't find a job today, or a job that's commensurate with their college degree. We have to get our economy going.

And our military -- we've got to strengthen our military long term. We don't know what the world is going to throw at us down the road. We make decisions today in a military that will confront challenges we can't imagine. In the 2000 debates, there was no mention of terrorism, for instance. And a year later, 9/11 happened. So we have to make decisions based upon uncertainty, and that means a strong military. I will not cut our military budget.

We have to also stand by our allies. I think the tension that existed between Israel and the United States was very unfortunate. I think also that pulling our missile defense program out of Poland in the way we did was also unfortunate in terms of, if you will, disrupting the relationship in some ways that existed between us.

And then of course, with regards to standing for our principles, when the students took the streets in Tehran, and the people there protested, the Green Revolution occurred. For the President to be silent, I thought was an enormous mistake. We have to stand for our principles, stand for our allies, stand for a strong military and stand for a stronger economy.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: America remains the one indispensable nation, and the world needs a strong America, and it is stronger now than when I came into office. Because we ended the war in Iraq, we were able to refocus our attention on not only the terrorist threat, but also beginning a transition process in Afghanistan.

It also allowed us to refocus on alliances and relationships that had been neglected for a decade. And, Governor Romney, our alliances have never been stronger -- in Asia, in Europe, in Africa, with Israel, where we have unprecedented military and intelligence cooperation, including dealing with the Iranian threat.

But what we also have been able to do is position ourselves so we can start rebuilding America. And that's what my plan does -- making sure that we're bringing manufacturing back to our shores so that we're creating jobs here, as we've done with the auto industry -- not rewarding companies that are shipping jobs overseas; making sure that we've got the best education system in the world, including retraining our workers for the jobs of tomorrow.

Doing everything we can to control our own energy. We've cut our oil imports to the lowest level in two decades because we've developed oil and natural gas, but we also have to develop clean energy technologies that will allow us to cut our exports in half by 2020. That's the kind of leadership that we need to show.

And we've got to make sure that we reduce our deficit. Unfortunately, Governor Romney's plan doesn't do it. We've got to do it in a responsible way by cutting out spending we don't need, but also by asking the wealthiest to pay a little bit more. That way we can invest in the research and technology

that's always kept us at the cutting edge.

Now, Governor Romney has taken a different approach throughout this campaign. Both at home and abroad, he has proposed wrong and reckless policies. He's praised George Bush as a good economic steward and Dick Cheney as somebody who shows great wisdom and judgment. And taking us back to those kinds of strategies that got us into this mess are not the way that we are going to maintain leadership in the 21st century.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor Romney, wrong and reckless policies?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I've got the policy for a future, an agenda for the future. And when it comes to our economy here at home, I know what it takes to create 12 million new jobs and rising take-home pay. And what we've seen over the last four years is something I don't want to see over the next four years.

The President said by now we'd be at 5.4 percent unemployment. We're 9 million jobs short of that. I will get America working again and see rising take-home pay again, and I'll do it with five simple steps.

Number one, we are going to have North American energy independence. We're going to do it by taking full advantage of oil, coal, gas, nuclear, and our renewables. Number two, we're going to increase our trade. Trade grows about 12 percent per year. It doubles about every five or so years. We can do better than that, particularly in Latin America.

The opportunities for us in Latin America we have just not taken advantage of fully. As a matter of fact, Latin America's economy is almost as big as the economy of China. We're all focused on China. Latin America is a huge opportunity for us - time zone, language opportunities.

Number three, we're going to have to have training programs that work for our workers and schools that finally put the parents and the teachers and the kids first, and the teachers unions are going to have to go behind.

And then we're going to have to get to a balanced budget. We can't expect entrepreneurs and businesses, large and small, to take their life savings or their company's money and invest in America if they think we're headed to the road to Greece. And that's where we're going right now unless we finally get off this spending and borrowing binge. And I'll get us on track to a balanced budget.

And finally, number five, we've got to champion small business. Small businesses are where jobs come from. Two-thirds of our jobs come from small businesses. New business formation is down at the lowest level in 30 years under this administration. I want to bring it back and get back good jobs and rising take-home pay.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let's talk about what we need to compete. First of all, Governor Romney talks about small businesses, but, Governor, when you were in Massachusetts,

small businesses development ranked about 48th, I think, out of 50 states in Massachusetts because the policies that you're promoting actually don't help small businesses. And the way you define small businesses include folks at the very top -- they include you and me. That's not the kind of small business promotion we need.

But let's take an example that we know is going to make a difference in the 21st century, and that's our education policy. We didn't have a lot of chance to talk about this in the last debate. Under my leadership, what we've done is reformed education, working with governors -- 46 states. We've seen progress and gains in schools that were having a terrible time, and they're starting to finally make progress. And what I now want to do is to hire more teachers, especially in math and science, because we know that we've fallen behind when it comes to math and science. And those teachers can make a difference.

Now, Governor Romney, when you were asked by teachers whether or not this would help the economy grow, you said this isn't going to help the economy grow. When you were asked about reduced class sizes, you said class sizes don't make a difference. But I tell you, if you talk to teachers, they will tell you it does make a difference. And if we've got math teachers who are able to provide the kind of support that they need for our kids, that's what's going to determine whether or not the new businesses are created here. Companies are going to locate here depending on whether we've got the most highly skilled workforce.

And the kinds of budget proposals that you've put forward, when we don't ask either you or me to pay a dime more in terms of reducing the deficit, but instead we slash support for education, that's undermining our long-term competitiveness. That is not good for America's position in the world -- and the world notices.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let me get back to foreign policy.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, look --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Can I just get back to --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, I need to speak a moment if you'll let me, Bob --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Okay.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- just about education, because I'm so proud of the state that I had the chance to be governor of. We have, every two years, tests that look at how well our kids are doing. Fourth-graders and eighth-graders are tested in English and math. While I was governor, I was proud that our fourth-graders came out number one of all 50 states in English and then also in math, and our eighth-graders number one in English and also in math. First time one state had been number one in all four measures.

How did we do that? Well, Republicans and Democrats came together on a bipartisan basis to put in place education

principles that focused on having great teachers in the classroom, and that was --

THE PRESIDENT: Ten years earlier, Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- and that was what allowed us to become the number-one state in the nation.

THE PRESIDENT: But that was 10 years before you took office.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And this is -- and we were --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Gentlemen.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Absolutely --

THE PRESIDENT: And then you cut education spending when you came into office.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The first -- and we kept our schools number one in the nation. They're still number one today.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And the principles that we put in place -- we also gave kids not just a graduation exam that determined whether they were up to the skills needed to be able to compete, but also if they graduated in the top quarter of their class they got a four-year, tuition-free ride at any Massachusetts public institution of higher learning.

THE PRESIDENT: That happened before you came into office, though.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: That was actually mine. Actually, Mr. President, you've got that fact wrong.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let me just -- I want to try to shift it, because we have heard some of this in the other debates. Governor, you say you want a bigger military, you want a bigger Navy. You don't want to cut defense spending. What I want to ask you -- we're talking about financial problems in this country -- where are you going to get the money?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, let's come back and talk about the military, but all the way through. First of all, I'm going through from the very beginning -- we're going to cut about 5 percent of the discretionary budget, excluding military. That's number one, all right? And that's --

MR. SCHIEFFER: But can you do this without driving us deeper into debt?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The good news is -- I'll be happy to have you take a look. Come on our website; you'll look at how we get to a balanced budget within 8 to 10 years. We do it by getting -- by reducing spending in a whole series of programs. By the way, number one I get rid of is Obamacare.

There are a number of things that sound good, but, frankly, we just can't afford them, and that one doesn't sound good and it's not affordable. So I get rid of that one from day one. To the extent humanly possible, we get that out. We take program after program that we don't absolutely have to have and we get rid of them.

Number two, we take some programs that we are going to keep, like Medicaid, which is a program for the poor -- we take that health care program for the poor and we give it to the states to run because states run these programs more efficiently. As a governor, I thought, please, give me this program. I can run this more efficiently than the federal government.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Can he do that?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And states, by the way, are proving it. States like Arizona, Rhode Island have taken these Medicaid dollars, have shown they can run these programs more cost-effectively. And so I want to do those two things. It gets us to a balanced budget within 8 to 10 years.

THE PRESIDENT: Bob --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let's get back to the military, though.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Well, that's what I'm trying to find out about.

THE PRESIDENT: He should have answered the first question. Look, Governor Romney has called for \$5 trillion of tax cuts that he says he's going to pay for by closing deductions. Now, the math doesn't work, but he continues to claim that he's going to do it. He then wants to spend another \$2 trillion on military spending that our military is not asking for.

Now, keep in mind that our military spending has gone up every single year that I've been in office. We spend more on our military than the next 10 countries combined -- China, Russia, France, the United Kingdom, you name it -- next 10. And what I did was work with our Joint Chiefs of Staff to think about what are we going to need in the future to make sure that we are safe, and that's the budget that we've put forward.

But what you can't do is spend \$2 trillion in additional military spending that the military is not asking for; \$5 trillion on tax cuts. You say that you're going to pay for it by closing loopholes and deductions without naming what those loopholes and deductions are, and then somehow you're also going to deal with the deficit that we've already got. The math simply doesn't work.

But when it comes to our military, what we have to think about is not just budgets. We've got think about capabilities. We need to be thinking about cybersecurity. We need to be thinking about space. That's exactly what our

budget does, but it's driven by strategy. It's not driven by politics. It's not driven by members of Congress and what they would like to see. It's driven by what are we going to need to keep the American people safe. That's exactly what our budget does.

And it also then allows us to reduce our deficit, which is a significant national security concern, because we've got to make sure that our economy is strong at home so that we can project military power overseas.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Bob, I'm pleased that I've balanced budgets. I was in the world of business for 25 years. You didn't balance your budget, you went out of business. I went to the Olympics that was out of balance, and we got it on balance and made a success there. I had the chance to be governor of our state; four years in a row, Democrats and Republicans came together to balance the budget. We cut taxes 19 times, balanced our budget.

The President hasn't balanced a budget yet. I expect to have the opportunity to do so myself. I'm going to be able to balance the budget.

Let's talk about military spending, and that's this -- our Navy --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Thirty seconds.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Our Navy is old -- excuse me, our Navy is smaller now than any time since 1917. The Navy said they needed 313 ships to carry out their mission; we're now down to 285. We're headed down to the low 200s if we go through with sequestration. That's unacceptable to me. I want to make sure that we have the ships that are required by our Navy.

Our Air Force is older and smaller than any time since it was founded in 1947. We've changed for the first time since FDR -- since FDR, we had the -- we've always had the strategy of saying we could fight in two conflicts at once. Now we're changing to one conflict.

Look, this, in my view, is the highest responsibility of the President of the United States, which is to maintain the safety of the American people. And I will not cut our military budget by a trillion dollars, which is the combination of the budget cuts the President has, as well as the sequestration cuts. That, in my view, is making our future less certain and less secure --

THE PRESIDENT: Bob, I just need to comment on this. First of all, the sequester is not something that I proposed. It's something that Congress has proposed. It will not happen. The budget that we're talking about is not reducing our military spending, it's maintaining it.

But I think Governor Romney maybe hasn't spent enough time looking at how our military works. You mentioned the Navy, for example, and that we have fewer ships than we did in 1916. Well, Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets, because the nature of our military has changed. We have these things

called aircraft carriers where planes land on them. We have these ships that go underwater, nuclear submarines. And so the question is not a game of Battleship where we're counting ships; it's what are our capabilities.

And so when I sit down with the Secretary of the Navy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, we determine how are we going to be best able to meet all of our defense needs in a way that also keeps faith with our troops, that also makes sure that our veterans have the kind of support that they need when they come home. And that is not reflected in the kind of budget that you're putting forward, because it just doesn't work. And we visited the website quite a bit and it still doesn't work.

MR. SCHIEFFER: A lot to cover. I'd like to move to the next segment: Red lines -- Israel and Iran. Would either of you -- and you'll have two minutes -- and, President Obama, you have the first go at this one. Would either of you be willing to declare that an attack on Israel is an attack on the United States -- which, of course, is the same promise that we give to our close allies like Japan. And if you made such a declaration, would not that deter Iran? It's certainly deterred the Soviet Union for a long, long time when we made that promise to our allies.

Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: First of all, Israel is a true friend; it is our greatest ally in the region. And if Israel is attacked, America will stand with Israel. I've made that clear throughout my presidency.

MR. SCHIEFFER: So you're saying we've already made that declaration?

THE PRESIDENT: I will stand with Israel if they are attacked. And this is the reason why, working with Israel, we have created the strongest military and intelligence cooperation between our two countries in history. In fact, this week, we'll be carrying out the largest military exercise with Israel in history -- this very week.

But to the issue of Iran, as long as I'm President of the United States, Iran will not get a nuclear weapon. I made that clear when I came into office. We then organized the strongest coalition and the strongest sanctions against Iran in history, and it is crippling their economy. Their currency has dropped 80 percent. Their oil production has plunged to the lowest level since they were fighting a war with Iraq 20 years ago. So their economy is in shambles.

And the reason we did this is because a nuclear Iran is a threat to our national security and it's a threat to Israel's national security. We cannot afford to have a nuclear arms race in the most volatile region in the world. Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism, and for them to be able to provide nuclear technology to non-state actors, that's unacceptable. And they have said that they want to see Israel wiped off the map.

So the work that we've done with respect to sanctions now

offers Iran a choice: They can take the diplomatic route and end their nuclear program, or they will have to face a united world and a United States President -- me -- who said we're not going to take any options off the table.

The disagreement I have with Governor Romney is that during the course of this campaign, he's often talked as if we should take premature military action. I think that would be a mistake, because when I've sent young men and women into harm's way, I always understand that that is the last resort, not the first resort.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Two minutes.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, first of all, I want to underscore the same point the President made, which is that if I'm President of the United States -- when I'm President of the United States, we will stand with Israel. And if Israel is attacked, we have their back, not just diplomatically, not just culturally, but militarily. That's number one.

Number two, with regards to Iran and the threat of Iran -- there's no question but that a nuclear Iran, a nuclear-capable Iran is unacceptable to America. It presents a threat not only to our friends, but ultimately a threat to us to have Iran have nuclear material, nuclear weapons that could be used against us or used to be threatening to us.

It's also essential for us to understand what our mission is in Iran, and that is to dissuade Iran from having a nuclear weapon through peaceful and diplomatic means. And crippling sanctions are something I called for five years ago -- when I was in Israel speaking at the Herzliya conference, I laid out seven steps. Crippling sanctions were number one and they do work. You're seeing it right now in the economy. It's absolutely the right thing to do to have crippling sanctions. I'd have put them in place earlier, but it's good that we have them.

Number two, something I would add today is I would tighten those sanctions. I would say that ships that carry Iranian oil can't come into our ports. I imagine the EU would agree with us as well. Not only ships couldn't, I'd say companies that are moving their oil can't; people who are trading in their oil can't. I would tighten those sanctions further.

Secondly, I'd take on diplomatic isolation efforts. I'd make sure that Ahmadinejad is indicted under the genocide convention. His words amount to genocide in citation. I would indict him for it. I would also make sure that their diplomats are treated like the pariah they are around the world -- the same way we treated the apartheid diplomats of South Africa. We need to increase pressure time and time again on Iran because anything other than a solution to this which says -- which stops this nuclear folly of theirs is unacceptable to America.

And of course, a military action is the last resort. It is something one would only -- only consider if all of the other avenues had been tried to their full extent.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let me ask both of you, there are -- as you know, there are reports that Iran and the United States as part of an international group have agreed in principle to talks about Iran's nuclear program. What is the deal -- if there are such talks, what is the deal that you would accept?

Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, those are reports in the newspaper. They are not true. But our goal is to get Iran to recognize it needs to give up its nuclear program and abide by the U.N. resolutions that have been in place -- because they have the opportunity to reenter the community of nations. And we would welcome that.

There are people in Iran who have the same aspirations as people all around the world for a better life. And we hope that their leadership takes the right decision. But the deal we'll accept is they end their nuclear program. It's very straightforward.

And I'm glad that Governor Romney agrees with the steps that we're taking. There have been times, Governor, frankly, during the course of this campaign where it sounded like you thought that you'd do the same things we did, but you'd say them louder and somehow that would make a difference. And it turns out that the work involved in setting up these crippling sanctions is painstaking. It's meticulous.

We started from the day we got into office. And the reason it was so important -- and this is a testament to how we've restored American credibility and strength around the world -- is we had to make sure that all the countries participated, even countries like Russia and China, because if it's just us that are imposing sanctions, we've had sanctions in place for a long time. It's because we got everybody to agree that Iran is seeing so much pressure. And we've got to maintain that pressure.

There is a deal to be had, and that is that they abide by the rules that have already been established; they convince the international community they are not pursuing a nuclear program; there are inspections that are very intrusive, but over time what they can do is regain credibility.

In the meantime, though, we're not going to let up the pressure until we have clear evidence that that takes place.

And one last thing, just to make this point -- the clock is ticking. We're not going to allow Iran to perpetually engage in negotiations that lead nowhere. And I've been very clear to them. Because of the intelligence coordination that we do with a range of countries, including Israel, we have a sense of when they would get breakout capacity, which means that we would not be able to intervene in time to stop their nuclear program. And that clock is ticking.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right.

THE PRESIDENT: And we're going to make sure that if they

do not meet the demands of the international community, then we are going to take all options necessary to make sure they don't have a nuclear weapon.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I think from the very beginning, one of the challenges we've had with Iran is that they have looked at this administration and felt that the administration was not as strong as it needed to be. I think they saw weakness where they had expected to find American strength.

And I say that because from the very beginning, the President, in his campaign some four years ago, said he'd meet with all the world's worst actors in his first year. He'd sit down with Chavez and Kim Jong-il, with Castro and with President Ahmadinejad of Iran. And I think they looked and thought, well, that's an unusual honor to receive from the President of the United States.

And then the President began what I've called an apology tour of going to various nations in the Middle East and criticizing America. I think they looked at that and saw weakness. Then when there were dissidents in the streets of Tehran, a Green Revolution, holding signs saying, is America with us, the President was silent. I think they noticed that as well. And I think that when the President said he was going to create daylight between ourselves and Israel, that they noticed that as well.

All of these things suggested, I think, to the Iranian mullahs that, hey, we can keep on pushing along here, we can keep talks going on, we're just going to keep on spinning centrifuges. Now there are some 10,000 centrifuges spinning uranium, preparing to create a nuclear threat to the United States and to the world. That's unacceptable for us.

And it's essential for a President to show strength from the very beginning, to make it very clear what is acceptable and not acceptable. And an Iranian nuclear program is not acceptable to us. They must not develop nuclear capability. And the way to make sure they understand that is by having from the very beginning the tightest sanctions possible. They need to be tightened. Our diplomatic isolation needs to be tougher. We need to indict Ahmadinejad. We need to put the pressure on them as hard as we possibly can, because if we do that, we won't have to take the military action.

THE PRESIDENT: Bob, let me just respond. Nothing Governor Romney just said is true, starting with this notion of me apologizing. This has been probably the biggest whopper that's been told during the course of this campaign. And every fact-checker and every reporter who's looked at it, Governor, has said this is not true.

And when it comes to tightening sanctions, look, as I said before, we've put in the toughest, most crippling sanctions ever. And the fact is, while we were coordinating an international coalition to make sure these sanctions were effective, you were still invested in a Chinese state oil company that was doing business with the Iranian oil sector.

So I'll let the American people decide, judge who is going to be more effective and more credible when it comes to imposing crippling sanctions.

And with respect to our attitude about the Iranian Revolution, I was very clear about the murderous activities that had taken place and that was contrary to international law and everything that civilized people stand for. And so the strength that we have shown in Iran is shown by the fact that we've been able to mobilize the world.

When I came into office, the world was divided; Iran was resurgent. Iran is at its weakest point economically, strategically, militarily, than in many years. And we are going to continue to keep the pressure on to make sure that they do not get a nuclear weapon. That's in America's national interest, and that will be the case so long as I'm President.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: We're four years closer to a nuclear Iran. We're four years closer to a nuclear Iran. And we should not have wasted these four years to the extent they've continued to be able to spin these centrifuges and get that much closer. That's number one.

Number two, Mr. President, the reason I call it an apology tour is because you went to the Middle East and you flew to Egypt and to Saudi Arabia and to Turkey and Iraq, and -- and, by the way, you skipped Israel, our closest friend in the region, but you went to the other nations. And, by the way, they noticed that you skipped Israel. And then in those nations, and on Arabic TV, you said that America had been dismissive and derisive. You said that on occasion America has dictated to other nations. Mr. President, America has not dictated to other nations. We have freed other nations from dictator.

THE PRESIDENT: Bob, let me respond. If we're going to talk about trips that we've taken -- when I was a candidate for office, the first trip I took was to visit our troops. And when I went to Israel as a candidate, I didn't take donors, I didn't attend fundraisers. I went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum there, to remind myself the nature of evil and why our bond with Israel will be unbreakable.

And then I went down to the border town of Sderot, which had experienced missiles raining down from Hamas. And I saw families there who showed me where missiles had come down near their children's bedrooms, and I was reminded of what that would mean if those were my kids -- which is why, as President, we funded an Iron Dome program to stop those missiles. So that's how I've used my travels, when I traveled to Israel and when I traveled to the region.

And the central question at this point is going to be who's going to be credible to all parties involved. And they can look at my track record -- whether it's Iran's sanctions, whether it's dealing with counterterrorism, whether it's supporting democracy, whether it's supporting women's rights, whether it's supporting religious minorities -- and they can say that the President of the United States and the United States of America has stood on the right side of history. And

that kind of credibility is precisely why we've been able to show leadership on a wide range of issues facing the world right now.

MR. SCHIEFFER: What if the Prime Minister of Israel called you on the phone and said, "Our bombers are on the way. We're going to bomb Iran" -- what do you say?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Bob, let's not go into hypotheticals of that nature. Our relationship with Israel, my relationship with the Prime Minister of Israel is such that we would not get a call saying our bombers are on the way or their fighters are on the way. This is the kind of thing that would have been discussed and thoroughly evaluated well before that kind of last minute --

MR. SCHIEFFER: So you're saying --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'm just saying that's just not --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Okay, well, let's see what --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let's come back to what the President was speaking about, which is what's happening in the world, and the President's statement that things are going so well. Look, I look at what's happening around the world and I see Iran four years closer to a bomb. I see the Middle East with a rising tide of violence, chaos, tumult. I see jihadists continuing to spread -- whether they're rising or just about the same level, hard to precisely measure but it's clear they're there. They're very strong. I see Syria with 30,000 civilians dead. Assad is still in power. I see our trade deficit with China larger than it's -- growing larger every year, as a matter of fact. I look around the world and I don't feel that -- you see North Korea continuing to export their nuclear technology. Russia has said they're not going to follow Nunn-Lugar anymore. They're -- back away from a nuclear proliferation treaty that we had with them.

I look around the world -- I don't see our influence growing around the world. I see our influence receding -- in part because of the failure of the President to deal with our economic challenges at home; in part because of our withdrawal from our commitment to our military in the way I think it ought to be; in part because of the turmoil with Israel. I mean, the President received a letter from 38 Democrat senators saying that tensions with Israel were a real problem. They asked him, please repair the tension -- Democrat senators -- please repair the damage in his own party.

THE PRESIDENT: All right, Governor, the problem is, is that on a whole range of issues -- whether it's the Middle East, whether it's Afghanistan, whether it's Iraq, whether it's now Iran -- you've been all over the map. I mean, I'm pleased that you now are endorsing our policy of applying diplomatic pressure and potentially having bilateral discussions with the Iranians to end their nuclear program.

But just a few years ago, you said that's something you'd never do. In the same way that you initially opposed a timetable in Afghanistan; now you're for it, although it

depends. In the same way that you say you would have ended the war in Iraq, but recently gave a speech saying that we should have 20,000 more folks in there. The same way that you said that it was mission creep to go after Qaddafi.

When it comes to going after Osama bin Laden, you said, well, any President would make that call. But when you were a candidate in 2008 -- as I was -- and I said if I got bin Laden in our sights, I would take that shot, you said we shouldn't move heaven and earth to get one man. You said we should ask Pakistan for permission. And if we had asked Pakistan for permission, we would not have gotten it. And it was worth moving heaven and earth to get him.

After we killed bin Laden, I was at Ground Zero for a memorial and talked to a young woman who was four years old when 9/11 happened. And the last conversation she had with her father was him calling from the Twin Towers, saying, "Peyton, I love you, and I will always watch over you." And for the next decade she was haunted by that conversation. And she said to me, "By finally getting bin Laden, that brought some closure to me." And when we do things like that, when we bring those who have harmed us to justice, that sends a message to the world, and it tells Peyton that we did not forget her father.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right.

THE PRESIDENT: And I make that point because that's the kind of clarity of leadership -- and those decisions are not always popular. Those decisions generally are not poll-tested. And even some in my own party, including my current Vice President, had the same critique as you did. But what the American people understand is, is that I look at what we need to get done to keep the American people safe and to move our interests forward, and I make those decisions.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right, let's go and that leads us -- this takes us right to the next segment, Governor, America's longest war, Afghanistan and Pakistan --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Bob --

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor, you get to go first here.

MR. SCHIEFFER: You can't -- okay, but you can't have the President just lay out a whole series of items without giving me a chance to respond.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Well, with respect, sir, you had laid out quite a program there.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, that's probably true. (Laughter.)

MR. SCHIEFFER: And we'll give you -- we'll give you --

THE PRESIDENT: We'll agree --

MR. SCHIEFFER: We'll catch up. The United States is scheduled to turn over responsibility for security in Afghanistan to the Afghan government in 2014. At that point we will withdraw our combat troops, leave a smaller force of

Americans -- if I understand our policy -- in Afghanistan for training purposes. It seems to me the key question here is what do you do if the deadline arrives and it is obvious the Afghans are unable to handle their security? Do we still leave? And I believe, Governor Romney, you go first.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, we're going to be finished by 2014. And when I'm President, we'll make sure we bring our troops out by the end of 2014. The commanders and the generals there are on track to do so. We've seen progress over the last several years. The surge has been successful, and the training program is proceeding apace. There are a large number of Afghan security forces -- 350,000 -- that are ready to step in to provide security, and we're going to be able to make that transition by the end of 2014. So our troops will come home at that point.

I can tell you at the same time that we will make sure that we look at what's happening in Pakistan and recognize that what's happening in Pakistan is going to have a major impact on the success in Afghanistan. And I say that because I know a lot of people just feel like we should brush our hands and walk away -- and I don't mean you, Mr. President -- but some people in our nation feel that Pakistan isn't being nice to us and that we should just walk away from them.

Pakistan is important to the region, to the world, and to us, because Pakistan has a hundred nuclear warheads, and they're rushing to build a lot more. They'll have more than Great Britain sometime in the relatively near future. They also have the Haqqani Network and the Taliban existent within their country.

And so a Pakistan that falls apart, becomes a failed state, would be of extraordinary danger to Afghanistan and to us. And so we're going to have to remain helpful in encouraging Pakistan to move towards a more stable government and rebuild a relationship with us. And that means that our aid that we provide to Pakistan is going to have to be conditioned upon certain benchmarks being met. So for me, I look at this as both a need to help move Pakistan in the right direction and also to get Afghanistan to be ready, and they will be ready by the end of 2014.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: When I came into office, we were still bogged down in Iraq, and Afghanistan had been drifting for a decade. We ended the war in Iraq, refocused our attention on Afghanistan. And we did deliver a surge of troops. That was facilitated in part because we had ended the war in Iraq. And we are now in a position where we have met many of the objectives that got us there in the first place.

Part of what had happened is we had forgotten why we had gone. We went because there were people who were responsible for 3,000 American deaths. And so we decimated al Qaeda's core leadership in the border regions between Afghanistan and Pakistan. We then started to build up Afghan forces, and we're now in a position where we can transition out, because there's no reason why Americans should die when Afghans are perfectly

capable of defending their own country.

That transition has to take place in a responsible fashion. We've been there a long time, but we've got to make sure that we and our coalition partners are pulling out responsibly and giving Afghans the capabilities that they need.

But what I think the American people recognize is after a decade of war, it's time to do some nation-building here at home. And what we can now do is free up some resources to, for example, put Americans back to work -- especially our veterans -- rebuilding our roads, our bridges, our schools; making sure that our veterans are getting the care that they need when it comes to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury; making sure that the certifications that they need for good jobs of the future are in place.

I was having lunch with some -- a veteran in Minnesota who had been a medic dealing with the most extreme circumstances. When he came home and he wanted to become a nurse, he had to start from scratch. And what we've said is let's change those certifications. The First Lady has done great work with an organization called Joining Forces, putting our veterans back to work. And as a consequence, veterans' unemployment is actually now lower than the general population; it was higher when I came into office.

So those are the kinds of things that we can now do because we're making that transition in Afghanistan.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right, let me go to Governor Romney, because you talked about Pakistan and what needs to be done there. General Allen, our commander in Afghanistan, says that Americans continue to die at the hands of groups who are supported by Pakistan. We know that Pakistan has arrested the doctor who helped us catch Obama -- bin Laden. It still provides safe haven for terrorists. Yet we continue to give Pakistan billions of dollars. Is it time for us to divorce Pakistan?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, it's not time to divorce a nation on Earth that has 100 nuclear weapons and is on the way to double that at some point; a nation that has serious threats from terrorist groups within its nation -- as I indicated before, the Taliban, the Haqqani Network. It's a nation that's not like others and it does not have a civilian leadership that is calling the shots there. You've got the ISI, their intelligence organization, that's probably the most powerful of three branches there. Then you have the military and then you have the civilian government.

This is a nation which, if it falls apart, if it becomes a failed state, there are nuclear weapons there, and you've got terrorists there who could grab their hands onto those nuclear weapons. This is an important part of the world for us. Pakistan is technically an ally, and they're not acting very much like an ally right now, but we have some work to do.

And I don't blame the administration for the fact that the relationship with Pakistan is strained. We had to go into Pakistan. We had to go in there to get Osama bin Laden. That

was the right thing to do. And that upset them, but there was obviously a great deal of anger even before that. But we're going to have to work with the people in Pakistan to try and help them move to a more responsible course than the one that they're on.

It's important for them. It's important for the nuclear weapons. It's important for the success of Afghanistan, because inside Pakistan you have a large -- Pashtuns that are Taliban. They're going to come rushing back in to Afghanistan when we go, and that's one of the reasons the Afghan security forces have so much work to do to be able to fight against that.

But it's important for us to recognize that we can't just walk away from Pakistan. But we do need to make sure that as we send support for them, that this is tied to them making progress on matters that would lead them to becoming a civil society.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let me ask you, Governor -- because we know President Obama's position on this -- what is your position on the use of drones?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, I believe that we should use any and all means necessary to take out people who pose a threat to us and our friends around the world. And it's widely reported that drones are being used in drone strikes, and I support that entirely, and feel the President was right to up the usage of that technology, and believe that we should continue to use it to continue to go after the people who represent a threat to this nation and to our friends.

Let me also note that, as I said earlier, we're going to have to do more than just going after leaders and killing bad guys, important as that is. We're also going to have to have a far more effective and comprehensive strategy to help move the world away from terror and Islamic extremism. We haven't done that yet.

We talk a lot about these things, but you look at the record -- you look at the record of the last four years and say, is Iran closer to a bomb? Yes. Is the Middle East in tumult? Yes. Is al Qaeda on the run, on its heels? No. Are Israel and the Palestinians closer to reaching a peace agreement? No, they haven't had talks in two years. We have not seen the progress we need to have. And I'm convinced that with strong leadership and an effort to build a strategy based upon helping these nations reject extremism, we can see the kind of peace and prosperity the world demands.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, keep in mind, our strategy wasn't just going after bin Laden. We've created partnerships throughout the region to deal with extremism -- in Somalia, in Yemen, in Pakistan. And what we've also done is engage these governments in the kind of reforms that are actually going to make a difference in people's lives day to day -- to make sure that their governments aren't corrupt; to make sure that they are treating women with the kind of respect and dignity that every nation that succeeds has shown; and to make sure that they've got a free market system that works. So across the

board, we are engaging them in building capacity in these countries, and we've stood on the side of democracy.

One thing I think Americans should be proud of -- when Tunisians began to protest, this nation -- me, my administration -- stood with them earlier than just about any other country. In Egypt, we stood on the side of democracy. In Libya, we stood on the side of the people. And as a consequence, there's no doubt that attitudes about Americans have changed.

But there are always going to be elements in these countries that potentially threaten the United States, and we want to shrink those groups and those networks, and we can do that. But we're always also going to have to maintain vigilance when it comes to terrorist activities. The truth, though, is that al Qaeda is much weaker than it was when I came into office, and they don't have the same capacities to attack the U.S. homeland and our allies as they did four years ago.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Let's go to the next segment, because it's a very important one. It is the rise of China and future challenges for America. I want to just begin this by asking both of you -- and, Mr. President, you go first this time -- what do you believe is the greatest future threat to the national security of this country?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think it will continue to be terrorist networks. We have to remain vigilant, as I just said. But with respect to China, China is both an adversary but also a potential partner in the international community if it's following the rules. So my attitude coming into office was that we are going to insist that China plays by the same rules as everybody else.

Now, I know Americans had seen jobs being shipped overseas, businesses and workers not getting a level playing field when it came to trade. And that's the reason why I set up a trade task force to go after cheaters when it came to international trade. That's the reason why we have brought more cases against China for violating trade rules than the other -- the previous administration had done in two terms. And we've won just about every case that we filed, that has been decided.

In fact, just recently, steel workers in Ohio and throughout the Midwest, Pennsylvania, are in a position now to sell steel to China because we won that case. We had a tire case in which they were flooding us with cheap domestic tires -- or cheap Chinese tires -- and we put a stop to it and, as a consequence, saved jobs throughout America.

I have to say that Governor Romney criticized me for being too tough in that tire case; said this wouldn't be good for American workers and that it would protectionist. But I tell you, those workers don't feel that way. They feel as if they had finally an administration who was going to take this issue seriously.

Over the long term, in order for us to compete with China,

we've also got to make sure, though, that we're taking care of business here at home. If we don't have the best education system in the world, if we don't continue to put money into research and technology that will allow us to create great businesses here in the United States, that's how we lose the competition. And unfortunately, Governor Romney's budget and his proposals would not allow us to make those investments.

MR. SCHIEFFER: All right. Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, first of all, it's not government that makes business successful. It's not government investments that make businesses grow and hire people. Let me also note that the greatest threat that the world faces, the greatest national security threat is a nuclear Iran.

Let's talk about China. China has an interest that's very much like ours in one respect, and that is they want a stable world. They don't want war. They don't want to see protectionism. They don't want to see the world break out into various form of chaos, because they have to manufacture goods and put people to work. They have about 20,000 -- 20 million, rather, people coming out of the farms every year, coming into the cities, needing jobs. So they want the economy to work and the world to be free and open. And so we can be a partner with China. We don't have to be an adversary in any way, shape, or form. We can work with them. We can collaborate with them if they're willing to be responsible.

Now, they look at us and say, is it a good idea to be with America? How strong are we going to be? How strong is our economy? They look at the fact that we owe them a trillion dollars and owe other people \$16 trillion in total, including them. They look at our decision to cut back on our military capabilities -- a trillion dollars. The Secretary of Defense called these trillion dollars of cuts to our military devastating. It's not my term. It's the President's own Secretary of Defense called them devastating. They look at America's commitments around the world and they see what's happening, and they say, well, okay, is America going to be strong? And the answer is, yes, if I'm President, America will be very strong.

We'll also make sure that we have trade relations with China that work for us. I've watched year in and year out as companies have shut down and people have lost their jobs because China has not played by the same rules, in part by holding down artificially the value of their currency; it holds down the prices of their goods. It means our goods aren't as competitive, and we lose jobs. That's got to end. They're making some progress. They need to make more. That's why on day one I will label them a currency manipulator, which allows us to apply tariffs where they're taking jobs.

They're stealing our intellectual property, our patents, our designs, our technology, hacking into our computers, counterfeiting our goods. They have to understand we want to trade with them, we want a world that's stable, we like free enterprise, but you've got to play by the rules.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Well, Governor, let me just ask you, if

you declare them a currency manipulator on day one, some people say you're just going to start a trade war with China on day one. Is that -- isn't there a risk that that could happen?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, they sell us about this much stuff every year, and we sell them about this much stuff every year. So it's pretty clear who doesn't want a trade war. And there's one going on right now which we don't know about -- it's a silent one, and they're winning. We have enormous trade imbalance with China. And it's worse this year than last year. And it's worst last year than the year before.

And so we have to understand that we can't just surrender and lose jobs year in and year out. We have to say to our friends in China, look, you guys are playing aggressively, we understand it, but this can't keep on going. You can't keep on holding down the value of your currency, stealing our intellectual property, counterfeiting our products, selling them around the world -- even into the United States.

I was with one company that makes valves in process industries. And they said, look, we were having some valves coming in that were broken and we had to repair them under warranty. And we looked them up, and they had our serial number on them, and then we noticed that there was more than one with that same serial number. There were counterfeit products being made overseas with the same serial number as a U.S. company, the same packaging. These were being sold into our market and around the world as if they were made by the U.S. competitor. This can't go on. I want a great relationship with China. China can be our partner, but that doesn't mean they can just roll all over us and steal our jobs on an unfair basis.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Governor Romney is right, you are familiar with jobs being shipped overseas because you invested in companies that were shipping jobs overseas. And that's your right. I mean, that's how our free market works. But I've made a different bet on American workers.

If we had taken your advice, Governor Romney, about our auto industry, we'd be buying cars from China instead of selling cars to China. If we take your advice with respect to how we change our tax code so that companies that are in profits overseas don't pay U.S. taxes compared to companies here that are paying taxes, that's estimated to create 800,000 jobs. The problem is they won't be here; they'll be in places like China.

And if we're not making investments in education and basic research, which is not something that the private sector is doing at a sufficient pace right now and has never done, then we will lose the lead in things like clean energy technology.

Now, with respect to what we've done with China already, U.S. exports have doubled since I came into office to China. And, actually, currencies are at their most advantageous point for U.S. exporters since 1993. We absolutely have to make more progress, and that's why we're going to keep on pressing.

And when it comes to our military and Chinese security,

part of the reason that we were able to pivot to the Asia Pacific region after having ended the war in Iraq and transitioning out of Afghanistan is precisely because this is going to be a massive growth area in the future.

And we believe China can be a partner, but we're also sending a very clear signal that America is a Pacific power, that we are going to have a presence there. We are working with countries in the region to make sure, for example, that ships can pass through, that commerce continues. And we're organizing trade relations with countries other than China so that China starts feeling more pressure about meeting basic international standards. That's the kind of leadership we've shown in the region. That's the kind of leadership that we'll continue to show.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I just want to take one of those points. Again, attacking me is not talking about an agenda for getting more trade and opening up more jobs in this country. But the President mentioned the auto industry and that somehow I would be in favor of jobs being elsewhere. Nothing could be further from the truth. I'm a son of Detroit. I was born in Detroit. My dad was head of a car company. I like American cars, and I would do nothing to hurt the U.S. auto industry.

My plan to get the industry on its feet when it was in real trouble was not to start writing checks. It was President Bush that wrote the first checks. I disagreed with that. I said they need -- these companies need to go through a managed bankruptcy. And in that process, they can get government help and government guarantees, but they need to go through bankruptcy to get rid of excess cost and the debt burden that they'd built up. And fortunately, the President --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney, that's not what you said.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Fortunately, the President -- you can take a look at the op-ed. You can take a look at the op-ed.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney, you did not say that you would provide governor help.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You know, I'm still speaking. I said that we would provide guarantees, and that was what was able to allow these companies to go through bankruptcy, to come out of bankruptcy. Under no circumstances would I do anything other than to help this industry get on its feet. And the idea that has been suggested, that I would liquidate the industry -- of course not, of course not.

THE PRESIDENT: Let's check the record.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: That's the height of silliness. I have never said I would --

THE PRESIDENT: Let's check the record.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- liquidate the industry. I want to keep the industry going and thriving.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor, the people of Detroit don't

forget.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And that's why I have the kind of commitment to make sure that our industries in this country can compete and be successful. We in this country can compete successfully with anyone in the world, and we're going to. We're going to have to have a President, however, that doesn't think that somehow the government investing in car companies like Tessella and Fisker, making electric battery cars -- this is not research, Mr. President. These are the government investing in companies, investing in Solyndra. This is a company -- this isn't basic research. I want to invest in research. Research is great. Providing funding to universities and think tanks -- great. But investing in companies -- absolutely not. That's the wrong way to go.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor, the fact of the matter is --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'm still speaking. So I want to make sure that we make America more competitive and that we do those things that make America the most attractive place in the world for entrepreneurs, innovators, businesses to grow. But your investing in companies doesn't do that. In fact, it makes it less likely for them to come here, because the private sector is not going to invest in a solar company --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor, I'm happy to respond. You've held the floor for a while.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- if you're investing government money in someone else's.

THE PRESIDENT: Look, I think anybody out there can check the record. Governor Romney, you keep on trying to airbrush history here. You were very clear that you would not provide government assistance to the U.S. auto companies even if they went through bankruptcy. You said that they could get it in the private marketplace. That wasn't true. They would have gone through --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You're wrong. You're wrong, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: No, I am not wrong.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You're wrong.

THE PRESIDENT: I am not wrong.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: People can look it up -- you're right.

THE PRESIDENT: People will look it up.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Good.

THE PRESIDENT: But more importantly, it is true that in order for us to be competitive, we're going to have to make some smart choices right now. Cutting our education budget -- that's not a smart choice. That will not help us compete with China. Cutting our investments in research and technology -- that's not a smart choice. That will not help us compete with

China. Bringing down our deficit by adding \$7 trillion of tax cuts and military spending that our military is not asking for, before we even get to the debt that we currently have -- that is not going to make us more competitive.

Those are the kinds of choices that the American people face right now. Having a tax code that rewards companies that are shipping jobs overseas instead of companies that are investing here in the United States -- that will not make us more competitive. And the one thing that I'm absolutely clear about is that after a decade in which we saw a drift, jobs being shipped overseas, nobody championing American workers and American businesses, we've now begun to make some real progress. What we can't do is go back to the same policies that got us into such difficulty in the first place. And that's why we have to move forward and not go back.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I couldn't agree more about going forward, but I certainly don't want to go back to the policies of the last four years. The policies of the last four years has seen incomes in America decline every year for middle-income families, now down \$4,300 during your term. Twenty-three million Americans still struggling to find a good job.

When you came to office, 32 million people on food stamps; today, 47 million people on food stamps. When you came to office, just over \$10 trillion in debt; now \$16 trillion in debt. It hasn't worked. You said by now we'd be at 5.4 percent unemployment. We're 9 million jobs short of that. I've met some of those people. I met them in Appleton, Wisconsin. I met a young woman in Philadelphia who's coming out of college, can't find work. Ann was with someone just the other day that was just weeping about not being able to get work. It's just a tragedy in a nation so prosperous as ours that these last four years have been so hard.

And that's why it's so critical that we make America once again the most attractive place in the world to start businesses, to build jobs, to grow the economy. And that's not going to happen by just hiring teachers.

Look, I'd love to -- I love teachers, and I'm happy to have states and communities that want to hire teachers do that. By the way, I don't like to have the federal government start pushing its way deeper and deeper into our schools; let the states and localities do that. I was a governor -- the federal government didn't hire our teachers.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But I love teachers, but I want to get our private sector growing, and I know how to do it.

MR. SCHIEFFER: I think we all love teachers.  
(Laughter.)

Gentlemen, thank you so much for a very vigorous debate. We have come to the end. It is time for closing statements. I believe you're first, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much, Bob, Governor

Romney, and to Lynn University.

You've now heard three debates, months of campaigning and way too many TV commercials. (Laughter.) And now you've got a choice. Over the last four years, we've made real progress digging our way out of policies that gave us two prolonged wars, record deficits, and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

And Governor Romney wants to take us back to those policies -- a foreign policy that's wrong and reckless; economic policies that won't create jobs, won't reduce our deficit, but will make sure that folks at the very top don't have to play by the same rules that you do. And I've got a different vision for America.

I want to build on our strengths. And I've put forward a plan to make sure that we're bringing manufacturing jobs back to our shores by rewarding companies and small businesses that are investing here, not overseas. I want to make sure we've got the best education system in the world, and we're retaining our workers for the jobs of tomorrow.

I want to control our own energy by developing oil and natural gas, but also the energy sources of the future. Yes, I want to reduce our deficit by cutting spending that we don't need, but also by asking the wealthy to do a little bit more so that we can invest in things like research and technology that are the key to a 21st-century economy.

As Commander-in-Chief, I will maintain the strongest military in the world, keep faith with our troops, and go after those who would do us harm. But after a decade of war, I think we all recognize we've got to do some nation-building here at home rebuilding our roads, our bridges, and especially caring for our veterans who sacrificed so much for our freedom.

We've been through tough times, but we always bounce back because of our character, because we pull together. And if I have the privilege of being your President for another four years, I promise you I will always listen to your voices, I will fight for your families, and I will work every single day to make sure that America continues to be the greatest nation on Earth. Thank you.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you. Bob, Mr. President, folks at Lynn University, good to be with you. I'm optimistic about the future. I'm excited about our prospects as a nation. I want to see peace. I want to see growing peace in this country. It's our objective. We have an opportunity to have real leadership. America is going to have that kind of leadership and continue to promote principles of peace that will make the world a safer place, and make people in this country more confident that their future is secure.

I also to want to make sure that we get this economy going. And there are two very different paths the country can take. One is a path represented by the President, which, at the end of four years, would mean we'd have \$20 trillion in

debt, heading towards Greece. I'll get us on track to a balanced budget.

The President's path will mean continuing declining in take-home pay. I want to make sure our take-home pay turns around and starts to grow. The President's path means 20 million people out of work, struggling for a good job. I'll get people back to work with 12 million new jobs.

I'm going to make sure that we get people off of food stamps, not by cutting the program, but by getting them good jobs. America is going to come back, and for that to happen, we're going to have to have a President who can work across the aisle.

I was in a state where my legislature was 87 percent Democrat. I learned how to get along on the other side of the aisle. We've got to do that in Washington. Washington is broken. I know what it takes to get this country back, and we'll work with good Democrats and good Republicans to do that.

This nation is the hope of the Earth. We've been blessed by having a nation that's free and prosperous thanks to the contributions of the Greatest Generation. They've held a torch for the world to see, a torch of freedom and hope and opportunity. Now it's our turn to take that torch. I'm convinced we'll do it.

We need strong leadership. I'd like to be that leader with your support. I'll work with you. I'll lead you in an open and honest way. And I ask for your vote. I'd like to be the next President of the United States to support and help this great nation, and to make sure that we all together maintain America as the hope of the Earth. Thank you so much.

MR. SCHIEFFER: Gentlemen, thank you both so much. That brings an end to this year's debates. And we want to thank Lynn University and its students for having us. As I always do at the end of these debates, I leave you with the words of my mom, who said, go vote. (Laughter.) It makes you feel big and strong. Good night.

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MR. LEHRER: Good evening from the Magness Arena at the University of Denver, in Denver, Colorado. I'm Jim Lehrer of the PBS News Hour, and I welcome you to the first of the 2012 Presidential Debates between President Barack Obama, the Democratic nominee, and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee.

This debate and the next three -- two presidential, one vice presidential -- are sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates. Tonight's 90 minutes will be about domestic issues and will follow a format designed by the Commission. There will be six roughly 15-minute segments, with 2-minute answers for the first question, then open discussion for the remainder of each segment.

Thousands of people offered suggestions on segment subjects or questions via the Internet and other means. But I made the final selections. And for the record, they were not submitted for approval to the Commission or the candidates.

The segments, as I announced in advance, will be three on the economy, and one each on health care, the role of government, and governing, with an emphasis throughout on differences, specifics, and choices. Both candidates will also have 2-minute closing statements.

The audience here in the hall has promised to remain silent. No cheers, applause, boos, hisses, among other noisy, distracting things, so we may all concentrate on what the candidates have to say.

There is a noise exception right now, though, as we welcome President Obama and Governor Romney. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, welcome to you both. Let's start with the economy, segment one, and let's begin with jobs. What are the major differences between the two of you about how you would go about creating new jobs? You have two minutes -- each of you have two minutes to start. A coin toss has determined, Mr. President, you go first.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much, Jim, for this opportunity. I want to thank Governor Romney, and the University of Denver for your hospitality.

There are a lot of points I want to make tonight, but the most important one is that 20 years ago I became the luckiest man on Earth because Michelle Obama agreed to marry me. (Laughter.) And so I just want to wish, sweetie, you happy anniversary, and let you know that a year from now we will not be celebrating it in front of 40 million people. (Laughter.)

Four years ago, we went through the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. Millions of jobs were lost. The auto industry was on the brink of collapse. The financial system had frozen up. And because of the resilience and the determination of the American people, we've begun to fight our way back. Over the last 30 months, we've seen 5 million jobs in the private sector created. The auto industry has come roaring back and housing has begun to rise.

But we all know that we've still got a lot of work to do. And so the question here tonight is not where we've been, but where we're going.

Governor Romney has a perspective that says if we cut taxes skewed towards the wealthy and roll back regulations that we'll be better off. I've got a different view. I think we've got to invest in education and training. I think it's important for us to develop new sources of energy here in America; that we change our tax code to make sure that we're helping small businesses and companies that are investing here in the United States; that we take some of the money that we're saving as we wind down two wars to rebuild America; and that we reduce our deficit in a balanced way that allows us to make these critical investments.

Now, ultimately, it's going to be up to the voters -- to you -- which path we should take. Are we going to double down on the top-down economic policies that helped to get us into this mess? Or do we embrace a new economic patriotism that says America does best when the middle class does best? And I'm looking forward to having that debate.

MR. LEHRER: Governor Romney, two minutes.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, Jim. It's an honor to be here with you, and I appreciate the chance to be with the President. I'm pleased to be at the University of Denver. I appreciate their welcome, and also the Presidential Commission on these debates.

And congratulations to you, Mr. President, on your anniversary. I'm sure this was the most romantic place you could imagine, here with me. (Laughter.) Congratulations.

This is obviously a very tender topic. I've had the occasion over the last couple of years of meeting people across the country -- I was in Dayton, Ohio, and a woman grabbed my arm and she said, I've been out of work since May, can you help me? Ann yesterday was at a rally in Denver and a woman came up to her with a baby in her arms and said, Ann, my husband has had four jobs in three years, part-time jobs. He's lost his most recent job and we've now just lost our home. Can you help us?

And the answer is, yes, we can help, but it's going to take a different path -- not the one we've been on, not the one the President describes as a top-down, cut taxes for the rich. That's not what I'm going to do. My plan has five basic parts: One, get us energy independent -- North America energy independent. That creates about 4 million jobs. Number two, open up more trade, particularly in Latin America; crack down on China if and when they cheat. Number three, make sure our people have the skills they need to succeed and the best schools in the world -- we are far away from that now. Number four, get us to a balanced budget. Number five, champion small business.

It's small business that creates the jobs in America. And over the last four years, small business people have decided that America may not be the place to open a new business, because new business startups are down to a 30-year low. I know what it takes to get small business growing again, to hire people.

Now, I'm concerned that the path that we're on has just been unsuccessful. The President has a view very similar to the view he had when he ran four years ago, that a bigger government spending more, taxing more, regulating more -- if you will, trickle-down government -- would work. That's not the right answer for America. I'll restore the vitality that gets America working again. Thank you.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President, please respond directly to what the Governor just said about trickle-down, his trickle-down approach, as he said yours is.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me talk specifically about what I think we need to do. First, we've got to improve our education system. And we've made enormous progress drawing on ideas both from Democrats and Republicans that are already starting to show gains in some of the toughest to deal with schools.

We've got a program called Race To The Top that has prompted reforms in 46 states around the country, raising standards, improving how we train teachers. So now, I want to hire another 100,000 new math and science teachers, and create 2 million more slots in our community colleges so that people can get trained for the jobs that are out there right now. And I want to make sure that we keep tuition low for our young people.

When it comes to our tax code, Governor Romney and I both agree that our corporate tax rate is too high. So I want to lower it, particularly for manufacturing, taking it down to 25 percent. But I also want to close those loopholes that are giving incentives for companies that are shipping jobs overseas -- I want to provide tax breaks for companies that are investing here in the United States.

On energy, Governor Romney and I, we both agree that we've got to boost American energy production. And oil and natural gas production are higher than they've been in years. But I also believe that we've got to look at the energy sources of the future like wind and solar and biofuels, and make those investments.

So all of this is possible. Now, in order for us to do it, we do have to close our deficit. And one of the things I'm sure we'll be discussing tonight is how do we deal with our tax code and how do we make sure that we are reducing spending in a responsible way, but also how do we have enough revenue to make those investments.

And this is where there's a difference, because Governor Romney's central economic plan calls for a \$5 trillion tax cut on top of the extension of the Bush tax cuts -- that's another trillion dollars -- and \$2 trillion in additional military spending that the military hasn't asked for. That's \$8 trillion. How we pay for that, reduce the deficit, and make the investments that we need to make without dumping those costs onto middle-class Americans I think is one of the central questions of this campaign.

MR. LEHRER: Both of you have spoken about a lot of different things. And we're going to try to get through them in as specific a way as we possibly can. But first, Governor Romney, do you have a question that you'd like to ask the President directly about something he just said?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, sure, I'd like to clear up the record and go through it piece by piece. First of all, I don't have a \$5 trillion tax cut. I don't have a tax cut of the scale that you're talking about. My view is that we ought to provide tax relief to people in the middle class. But I'm not going to reduce the share of taxes paid by high-income people. High-income people are doing just fine in this economy. They'll do fine whether you're President or I am.

The people who are having a hard time right now are middle-income Americans. Under the President's policies, middle-income Americans have been buried. They're just being crushed. Middle-income Americans have seen their income come down by \$4,300. This is a tax in and of itself. I'll call it the economy tax. It's been crushing.

At the same time, gasoline prices have doubled under the President, electric rates are up, food prices are up, health care costs have gone up by \$2,500 a family. Middle-income families are being crushed. And so the question is how to get them going again? And I've described it. It's energy and trade, the right kind of training programs, balancing our budget and helping small business. Those are the cornerstones of my plan.

But the President mentioned a couple of other ideas I'll just note. First, education. I agree education is key, particularly the future of our economy. But our training programs right now, we've got 47 of them housed in the federal government, reporting to eight different agencies. Overhead is overwhelming. We've got to get those dollars back to the states and go to the workers so they can create their own pathways to get in the training they need for jobs that will really help them.

The second area, taxation: We agree we ought to bring the tax rates down, and I do -- both for corporations and for individuals. But in order for us not to lose revenue and have the government run out of money, I also lower deductions and credits and exemptions so that we keep

taking in the same money when you also account for growth.

The third area, energy: Energy is critical, and the President pointed out correctly that production of oil and gas in the U.S. is up -- but not due to his policies, in spite of his policies. Mr. President, all of the increase in natural gas and oil has happened on private land, not on government land. On government land, your administration has cut the number of permits and licenses in half.

If I'm President, I'll double them and also get the oil from offshore in Alaska, and I'll bring that pipeline in from Canada. And by the way, I like coal. I'm going to make sure we can continue to burn clean coal. People in the coal industry feel like it's getting crushed by your policies. I want to get America and North America energy independent so we can create those jobs.

And finally with regards to that tax cut, look, I'm not looking to cut massive taxes and to reduce the revenues going to the government. My number-one principle is there will be no tax cut that adds to the deficit. I want to underline that -- no tax cut that adds to the deficit. But I do want to reduce the burden being paid by middle-income Americans. And to do that, that also means I cannot reduce the burden paid by high-income Americans. So any language to the contrary is simply not accurate.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let's talk about taxes because I think it's instructive. Now, four years ago when I stood on this stage, I said that I would cut taxes for middle-class families, and that's exactly what I did. We cut taxes for middle-class families by about \$3,600.

And the reason is because I believe that we do best when the middle class is doing well. And by giving them those tax cuts, they had a little more money in their pocket, and so maybe they can buy a new car. They are certainly in a better position to weather the extraordinary recession that we went through. They can buy a computer for their kid who is going off to college, which means they're spending more money; businesses have more customers; businesses make more profits and then hire more workers.

Now, Governor Romney's proposal that he has been promoting for 18 months calls for a \$5 trillion tax cut on top of \$2 trillion of additional spending for our military. And he is saying that he is going to pay for it by closing loopholes and deductions. The problem is that he's been asked over a hundred times how you would close those deductions and loopholes, and he hasn't been able to identify them.

But I'm going to make an important point here, Jim. When you add up all the loopholes and deductions that upper-income individuals are currently taking advantage of, you take those all away, you don't come close to paying for \$5 trillion in tax cuts and \$2 trillion in additional military spending.

And that's why independent studies looking at this said the only way to meet Governor Romney's pledge of not reducing the deficit -- or not adding to the deficit, is by burdening middle-class families; the average middle-class family with children would pay about \$2,000 more.

Now, that's not my analysis. That's the analysis of economists who have looked at this. And that kind of top-down economics where folks at the top are doing well, so the average person making 3 million bucks is getting a \$250,000 tax break, while middle-class families are burdened further, that's not what I believe is a recipe for economic growth.

MR. LEHRER: All right, what is the difference? Let's just stay on taxes for a --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But I get -- right, right.

MR. LEHRER: Let's just stay on taxes for a moment here.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Yes. Well, but virtually --

MR. LEHRER: What is the difference?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- virtually everything he just said about my tax plan is inaccurate.

MR. LEHRER: All right.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: So if the tax plan he described were a tax plan I was asked to support, I'd say, absolutely not. I'm not looking for a \$5 trillion tax cut. What I've said is, I won't put in place a tax cut that adds to the deficit. That's part one. So there's no economist who can say Mitt Romney's tax plan adds \$5 trillion if I say I will not add to the deficit with my tax plan.

Number two, I will not reduce the share paid by high-income individuals. I know that you and your running mate keep saying that, and I know it's a popular thing to say with a lot of people, but it's just not the case. Look, I've got five boys. I'm used to people saying something that's not always true, but just keep on repeating it and ultimately hoping I'll believe it. (Laughter.) But that is not the case, all right? I will not reduce the taxes paid by high-income Americans.

And number three, I will not, under any circumstances, raise taxes on middle-income families. I will lower taxes on middle-income families. Now, you cite a study. There are six other studies that looked at the study you described and say it's completely wrong. I saw a study that came out today that said you're going to raise taxes by \$3,000 to \$4,000 on middle-income families. There are all these studies out there.

But let's get to the bottom line. That is, I want to bring down rates. I want to bring the rates down, at the same time, lower deductions and exemptions and credits and so forth, so we keep getting the revenue we need. And you think, well, then why lower the rates? And the reason is, because small business pays that individual rate. Fifty-four percent of America's workers work in businesses that are taxed not at the corporate tax rate, but at the individual tax rate. And if we lower that rate, they will be able to hire more people.

For me, this is about jobs. This is about getting jobs for the American people.

MR. LEHRER: All right, that's where we started. Yes.

Do you challenge what the Governor just said about his own plan?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, for 18 months, he's been running on this tax plan. And now, five weeks before the election, he's saying that his big, bold idea is "never mind." And the fact is that if you are lowering the rates the way you described, Governor, then it is not possible to come up with enough deductions and loopholes that only affect high-income individuals to avoid either raising the deficit or burdening the middle class. It's math. It's arithmetic.

Now, Governor Romney and I do share a deep interest in encouraging small business growth. So at the same time that my tax plan has already lowered taxes for 98 percent of families, I also lowered taxes for small business 18 times. And what I want to do is continue the tax rates -- the tax cuts that we put into place for small businesses and families.

But I have said that for incomes over \$250,000 a year that we should go back to the rates that we had when Bill Clinton was President, when we created 23 million new jobs, went from deficit to surplus, and created a whole lot of millionaires to boot. And the reason this is important is because by doing that, we can not only reduce the deficit, we can not only encourage job growth through small businesses, but we're also able to make the investments that are necessary in education or in energy.

And we do have a difference, though, when it comes to definitions of small business. Under my plan, 97 percent of small businesses would not see their income taxes go up. Governor Romney says, well, those top 3 percent, they're the job creators, they'd be burdened. But under Governor Romney's definition, there are a whole bunch of millionaires and billionaires who are small businesses. Donald Trump is a small business -- and I know Donald Trump doesn't like to think of himself as small anything. But that's how you define small businesses if you're getting business income.

And that kind of approach, I believe, will not grow our economy because the only way to pay for it without either burdening the middle class or blowing up our deficit is to make drastic cuts in things like education, making sure that we are continuing to invest in basic science and research -- all the things that are helping America grow. And I think that would be a mistake.

MR. LEHRER: All right.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Jim, let me just come back on that point, which is these --

MR. LEHRER: Just for the record --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- small businesses we're talking about --

MR. LEHRER: Excuse me, just so everybody understands, we're way over our first 15 minutes.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: It's fun, isn't it?

MR. LEHRER: It's okay. It's great.

THE PRESIDENT: That's okay.

MR. LEHRER: Great, no problem. As long as you all don't have a problem, I don't have a problem.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: That's good.

MR. LEHRER: Because we're still on the economy. We're going to come back to taxes, and we're going to move on to the deficit and a lot of other things, too. But go ahead, sir.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You bet. President, you're -- Mr. President, you're absolutely right, which is that with regards to 97 percent of the businesses are not taxed at the 35 percent tax rate, they're taxed at a lower rate. But those businesses that are in the last 3 percent of businesses happen to employ half -- half -- of all the people who work in small business. Those are the businesses that employ one-quarter of all the workers in America. And your plan is to take their tax rate from 35 percent to 40 percent.

Now, I talked to a guy who has a very small business. He's in the electronics business in St. Louis. He has four employees. He said he and his son calculated how much they pay in taxes -- federal income tax, federal payroll tax, state income tax, state sales tax, state property tax, gasoline tax. It added up to well over 50 percent of what they earned. And your plan is to take the tax rate on successful small businesses from 35 percent to 40 percent. The National Federation of Independent Businesses has said that will cost 700,000 jobs.

I don't want to cost jobs. My priority is jobs. And so what I do is I bring down the tax rates, lower deductions and exemptions -- the same idea behind Bowles-Simpson, by the way. Get the rates down, lower deductions and exemptions to create more jobs, because there's nothing better for getting us to a balanced budget than having more people working, earning more money, paying more taxes. That's by far the most effective and efficient way to get this budget balanced.

THE PRESIDENT: Jim, you may want to move on to another topic, but I would just say this to the American people: If you believe that we can cut taxes by \$5 trillion and add \$2 trillion in additional spending that the military is not asking for -- \$7 trillion -- just to give you a sense, over 10 years, that's more than our entire defense budget -- and you think that by closing loopholes and deductions for the well-to-do, somehow you will not end up picking up the tab, then Governor Romney's plan may work for you.

But I think math, common sense, and our history shows us that's not a recipe for job growth. Look, we've tried this -- we've tried both approaches. The approach that Governor Romney is talking about is the same sales pitch that was made in 2001 and 2003. And we ended up with the slowest job growth in 50 years. We ended up moving from surplus to deficits, and it all culminated in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Bill Clinton tried the approach that I'm talking about. We created 23 million new jobs. We went from deficit to surplus. And businesses did very well. So in some ways we've got some data on which approach is more likely to create jobs and opportunity for Americans. And I believe that

the economy works best when middle-class families are getting tax breaks so that they've got some money in their pockets, and those of us who have done extraordinarily well because of this magnificent country that we live in, that we can afford to do a little bit more to make sure we're not blowing up the deficit.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The President began this segment, so I think I get the last word. So I'm going to take it.

MR. LEHRER: You're going to get the first part in the next segment.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But he gets the first word of that segment. I get the last word of that segment -- well, I hope -- let me just make this comment.

MR. LEHRER: That's not how it works.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let me repeat what I said. I'm not in favor of a \$5 trillion tax cut. That's not my plan. My plan is not to put in place any tax cut that will add to the deficit. That's point one. So you may keep referring to the \$5 trillion tax cut, but that's not my plan.

Number two, let's look at history. My plan is not like anything that's been tried before. My plan is to bring down rates but also bring down deductions and exemptions and credits at the same time, so the revenue stays in, but that we bring down rates to get more people working. My priority is putting people back to work in America. They're suffering in this country.

And we talk about evidence. Look at the evidence of the last four years. It's absolutely extraordinary. We've got 23 million people out of work or stopped looking for work in this country. It's just -- we've got -- when the President took office, 32 million people on food stamps; 47 million on food stamps today; economic growth this year slower than last year; and last year slower than the year before. Going forward with the status quo is not going to cut it for the American people who are struggling today.

MR. LEHRER: All right, let's talk -- we're still on the economy. This is theoretically now a second segment, still on the economy, and specifically on what to do about the federal deficit, the federal debt. And the question -- you each have two minutes on this. And Governor Romney, you go first because the President went first on segment one.

And the question is this: What are the differences between the two of you as to how you would go about tackling the deficit problem in this country?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Good, I'm glad you raised that, and it's a critical issue. I think it's not just an economic issue. I think it's a moral issue. I think it's, frankly, not moral for my generation to keep spending massively more than we take in, knowing those burdens are going to be passed on to the next generation, and they're going to be paying the interest and the principal all their lives. And the amount of debt we're adding, at a trillion a year, is simply not moral.

So how do we deal with it? Well, mathematically, there are three ways that you can cut a deficit. One, of course, is to raise taxes. Number two is to cut spending. And number three is to grow the economy, because if more people work in a growing economy, they're paying taxes and you can get the job done that way.

The President would prefer raising taxes. I understand. The problem with raising taxes is that it slows down the rate of growth, and you can never quite get the job done. I want to lower spending and encourage economic growth at the same time.

What things would I cut from spending? Well, first of all, I will eliminate all programs by this test if they don't pass it: Is the program so critical it's worth borrowing money from China to pay for it? And if not, I'll get rid of it. Obamacare is on my list. I apologize, Mr. President. I use that term with all respect.

THE PRESIDENT: I like it.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Okay, good. So I'll get rid of that. I'm sorry, Jim, I'm going to stop the subsidy to PBS. I'm going to stop other things. I like PBS. I love Big Bird. I actually like you, too. But I'm not going to keep on spending money on things to borrow money from China to pay for it. That's number one.

Number two, I'll take programs that are currently good programs but I think could be run more efficiently at the state level and send them to the state.

Number three, I'll make government more efficient and cut back the number of employees, combine some agencies and departments. My cutbacks will be done through attrition, by the way.

This is the approach we have to take to get America to a balanced budget. The President said he'd cut the deficit in half. Unfortunately, he doubled it -- trillion-dollar deficits for the last four years. The President has put in place as much public debt -- almost as much debt held by the public as all prior Presidents combined.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President, two minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: When I walked into the Oval Office I had more than a trillion-dollar deficit greeting me, and we know where it came from: two wars that were paid for on a credit card, two tax cuts that were not paid for, and a whole bunch of programs that were not paid for, and then a massive economic crisis.

And despite that, what we've said is, yes, we had to take some initial emergency measures to make sure we didn't slip into a Great Depression, but what we've also said is let's make sure that we are cutting out those things that are not helping us grow. So 77 government programs, everything from aircrafts that the Air Force had ordered but weren't working very well, 18 government programs for education that were well intentioned but weren't helping kids learn.

We went after medical fraud in Medicare and Medicaid very aggressively, more aggressively than ever before, and have saved tens of billions of dollars -- \$50 billion of waste taken out of the system. And I worked with Democrats and Republicans to cut a trillion dollars out of our discretionary domestic budget. That's the largest cut in the discretionary domestic budget since Dwight Eisenhower.

Now, we all know that we've got to do more, and so I put forward a specific \$4 trillion deficit reduction plan. It's on a website, you can look at all the numbers -- what cuts we make and what revenue we raise. And the way we do it is \$2.50 for every cut we ask for \$1 of additional revenue paid for, as I indicated earlier, by asking those of us who have done very well in this country to contribute a little bit more to reduce the deficit.

Governor Romney earlier mentioned the Bowles-Simpson commission. Well, that's how the commission -- bipartisan commission that talked about how we should move forward, suggested we have to do it -- in a balanced way with some revenue and some spending cuts. And this is a major difference that Governor Romney and I have. Let me just finish this point because you're looking for contrast.

When Governor Romney stood on a stage with other Republican candidates for the nomination, and he was asked, would you take \$10 of spending cuts for just \$1 of revenue? And he said no. Now, if you take such an unbalanced approach, then that means you are going to be gutting our investments in schools and education. It means that -- Governor Romney talked about Medicaid and how we could send it back to the states, but effectively, this means a 30 percent cut in the primary program we help for seniors who are in nursing homes, for kids who are with disabilities. And that is not a right strategy for us to move forward.

MR. LEHRER: Way over the two minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: Sorry.

MR. LEHRER: Governor, what about Simpson-Bowles? Will you support Simpson-Bowles?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Simpson-Bowles, the President should have grabbed that.

MR. LEHRER: I mean do you support Simpson-Bowles?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I have my own plan. It's not the same as Simpson-Bowles. But in my view, the President should have grabbed it. If you wanted to make some adjustments to it, take it, go to Congress, fight for it.

THE PRESIDENT: That's what we've done, made some adjustments to it, and we're putting it forward before Congress right now -- a \$4 trillion plan --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But you've been -- but you've been President four years --

THE PRESIDENT: -- a balanced --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You've been President four years. You said you'd cut the deficit in half. It's now four years later; we still have trillion-dollar deficits. The CBO says we'll have a trillion-dollar deficit each of the next four years. If you're reelected we'll get to a trillion-dollar debt. But you have said before you'd cut the deficit in half. And I love this idea of \$4 trillion in cuts -- you found \$4 trillion of ways to reduce or to get closer to a balanced budget, except we still show trillion-dollar deficits every year. That doesn't get the job done.

Let me come back and say, why is that I don't want to raise taxes? Why don't I want to raise taxes on people? And actually you said it. Back in 2010, you said, look, I'm going to extend the tax policies that we have. Now, I'm not going to raise taxes on anyone because when the economy is growing slow like this, when we're in recession, you shouldn't raise taxes on anyone. Well, the economy is still going slow. As a matter of fact, it's growing much more slowly now than when you made that statement. And so if you believe the same thing, you just don't want to raise taxes on people.

And the reality is, it's not just wealthy people -- you mentioned Donald Trump -- it's not just Donald Trump you're taxing. It's all those businesses that employ one-quarter of the workers in America, these small businesses that are taxed as individuals. You raise taxes and you kill jobs. That's why the National Federation of Independent Businesses said your plan will kill 700,000 jobs. I don't want to kill jobs in this environment.

I'll make one more point.

MR. LEHRER: Let's let him answer the taxes thing for a moment.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Okay.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we've had this discussion before --

MR. LEHRER: No, about the idea that in order to reduce the deficit there has to be revenue in addition to cuts.

THE PRESIDENT: There has to be revenue in addition to cuts. Now, Governor Romney has ruled out revenue. He's ruled out revenue.

MR. LEHRER: Is that --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Absolutely. Look, the revenue I get is by more people working, getting higher pay, paying more taxes. That's how we get growth and how we balance the budget. But the idea of taxing people more, putting more people out of work, you'll never get there. You never balance the budget by raising taxes. Spain -- Spain spends 42 percent of their total economy on government. We're now spending 42 percent of our economy on government. I don't want to go down the path of Spain. I want to go down the path of growth that puts Americans to work with more money coming in because they're working.

MR. LEHRER: But, Mr. President, you're saying in order to get the job done, it's got to be balanced.

THE PRESIDENT: If we're serious, we've got to take a balanced, responsible approach. And by the way, this is not just when it comes to individual taxes. Let's talk about corporate taxes. Now, I've identified areas where we can right away make a change that I believe would actually

help the economy. The oil industry gets \$4 billion a year in corporate welfare. Basically, they get deductions that those small businesses that Governor Romney refers to, they don't get. Now, does anybody think that Exxon Mobil needs some extra money when they're making money every time you go to the pump?

Why wouldn't we want to eliminate that? Why wouldn't we eliminate tax breaks for corporate jets? My attitude is if you got a corporate jet, you can probably afford to pay full freight, not get a special break for it.

When it comes to corporate taxes, Governor Romney has said he wants to in a revenue-neutral way close loopholes, deductions -- he hasn't identified which ones they are -- but thereby bring down the corporate rate. Well, I want to do the same thing, but I've actually identified how we can do that. And part of the way to do it is to not give tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Right now you can actually take a deduction for moving a plant overseas. I think most Americans would say that doesn't make sense. And all that raises revenue.

And so if we take a balanced approach, what that then allows us to do is also to help young people, the way we already have during my administration, make sure that they can afford to go to college. It means that the teacher that I met in Las Vegas, a wonderful young lady, who describes to me she's got 42 kids in her class. The first two weeks, she's got some of them sitting on the floor until finally they get reassigned. They're using textbooks that are 10 years old. That is not a recipe for growth. That's not how America was built.

And so budgets reflect choices. Ultimately, we're going to have to make some decisions. And if we're asking for no revenue, then that means that we've got to get rid of a whole bunch of stuff. And the magnitude of the tax cuts that you're talking about, Governor, would end up resulting in severe hardship for people, but more importantly, would not help us grow.

As I indicated before, when you talk about shifting Medicaid to states, we're talking about potentially a 30-percent cut in Medicaid over time. Now, that may not seem like a big deal when it just is numbers on a sheet of paper. But if we're talking about a family who's got an autistic kid and is depending on that Medicaid, that's a big problem. And governors are creative, there's no doubt about it. But they're not creative enough to make up for 30 percent of revenue on something like Medicaid. What ends up happening is some people end up not getting help.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Jim, we've gone on a lot of topics there. And so it's going to take a minute to go from Medicaid to schools --

MR. LEHRER: Come back to Medicaid, yes.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- to oil to tax breaks and companies going overseas. So let's go through them one by one.

First of all, the Department of Energy has said the tax break for oil companies is \$2.8 billion a year. And it's actually an accounting treatment, as you know, that's been in place for a hundred years.

THE PRESIDENT: It's time to end it.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And in one year, you provided \$90 billion in breaks to the green-energy world. Now, I like green energy as well, but that's about 50 years' worth of what oil and gas receives. And you say Exxon and Mobil, actually those \$2.8 billion goes largely to small companies, to drilling operators and so forth.

But you know if we get that tax rate from 35 percent down to 25 percent, why, that \$2.8 billion is on the table. Of course it's on the table. That's probably not going to survive if you get that rate down to 25 percent. But don't forget, you put \$90 billion -- like 50 years' worth of breaks -- into solar and wind -- to Solyndra and Fisker and Tesla and Ener1. I mean, I had a friend who said you don't just pick the winners and losers, you pick the losers. So this is not the kind of policy you want to have if you want to get America energy secure.

The second topic, which is you said you get a deduction for taking a plant overseas -- look, I've been in business for 25 years. I have no idea what you're talking about. I maybe need to get a new accountant. But the idea that you get a break for shipping jobs overseas is simply not the case. What we do have right now is a setting where I'd like to bring money from overseas back to this country.

And finally, Medicaid to states -- I'm not quite sure where that came in except this, which is I would like to take the Medicaid dollars that go to states and say to a state, you're going to get what you got last year plus inflation, plus 1 percent. And then, you're going to manage your care for your poor in the way you think best.

And I remember as a governor, when this idea was floated by Tommy Thompson, the governors -- Republican and Democrats -- said, please let us do that. We can care for our own poor in so much better and more effective a way than having the federal government tell us how to care for our poor.

One of the magnificent things about this country is the whole idea that states are the laboratories of democracy. Don't have the federal government tell everybody what kind of training programs they have to have and what kind of Medicaid they have to have. Let states do this. And, by the way, if a state gets in trouble, well, we could step in and see if we could find a way to help them.

MR. LEHRER: Let's go.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But the right approach is one which relies on the brilliance of our people and states, not the federal government.

MR. LEHRER: We're going on -- still on the economy, but another part of it. All right, this is segment three, the economy. Entitlements, first answer goes to you -- two minutes, Mr. President. Do you see a major difference between the two of you on Social Security?

THE PRESIDENT: I suspect that on Social Security we've got a somewhat similar position. Social Security is structurally sound. It's going to have to be tweaked the way it was by Ronald Reagan and Democratic Speaker Tip O'Neill. But the basic structure is sound.

But I want to talk about the values behind Social Security and Medicare, and then talk about Medicare because that's the big driver of our deficits right now.

My grandmother, some of you know, helped to raise me -- my grandparents did. My grandfather died a while back. My grandmother died three days before I was elected President. And she was fiercely independent. She worked her way up -- only had a high school education, started as a secretary, ended up being the vice president of a local bank. And she ended up living alone by choice. And the reason she could be independent was because of Social Security and Medicare.

She had worked all her life, put in this money, and understood that there was a basic guarantee, a floor under which she could not go. And that's the perspective I bring when I think about what's called entitlements. The name itself implies some sense of dependency on the part of these folks. These are folks who've worked hard, like my grandmother, and there are millions of people out there who are counting on this.

So my approach is to say, how do we strengthen the system over the long term. And in Medicare, what we did was we said we are going to have to bring down the costs if we're going to deal with our long-term deficits, but to do that let's look where some of the money is going -- \$716 billion we were able to save from the Medicare program by no longer overpaying insurance companies, by making sure that we weren't overpaying providers, and using that money we were actually able to lower prescription drug costs for seniors by an average of \$600, and we were also able to make a significant dent in providing them the kind of preventive care that will ultimately save money throughout the system.

So the way for us to deal with Medicare in particular is to lower health care costs. When it comes to Social Security, as I said, you don't need a major structural change in order to make sure that Social Security is there for the future.

MR. LEHRER: We'll follow up on this. First, Governor Romney, you have two minutes on Social Security and entitlements.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, Jim, our seniors depend on these programs, and I know any time we talk about entitlements people become concerned that something is going to happen that's going to change their life for the worse. And the answer is, neither the President, nor I are proposing any changes for any current retirees or near-retirees, either to Social Security or Medicare. So if you're 60 or around 60 or older, you don't need to listen any further.

But for younger people we need to talk about what changes are going to be occurring -- oh, I just thought about one, and that is in fact I was wrong when I said the President isn't proposing any changes for current retirees. In fact, he is on Medicare. On Social Security he's not. But on Medicare, for current retirees, he's cutting \$716 billion from the program -- now, he says by not overpaying hospitals and providers, actually, just going to them and saying we're going to reduce the rates you get paid across the board, everybody is going to get a lower rate. That saying we're cutting the rates. Some 15 percent of hospitals and nursing homes say they won't take any more Medicare patients under that scenario. We also have 50 percent of doctors who say they won't take more Medicare patients.

We have 4 million people on Medicare Advantage that will lose Medicare Advantage because of those \$716 billion in cuts. I can't understand how you can cut Medicare \$716 billion for current recipients in Medicare. Now, you point out, well, we're putting some back, we're going to give a better prescription program. That's \$1 for every \$15 you've cut. They're smart enough to know that's not a good trade.

I want to take that \$716 billion you've cut and put it back into Medicare. By the way, we can include a prescription program if we need to improve it. But the idea of cutting \$716 billion from Medicare to be able to balance the additional cost of Obamacare is, in my opinion, a mistake.

With regards to young people coming along, I've got proposals to make sure Medicare and Social Security are there for them without any question.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: First of all, I think it's important for Governor Romney to present this plan that he says will only affect folks in the future. And the essence of the plan is that you would turn Medicare into a voucher program. It's called Premium Support, but it's understood to be a voucher program.

MR. LEHRER: And you don't support that?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't. And let me explain why.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Again, that's for future people --

THE PRESIDENT: I understand.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- not for current retirees.

THE PRESIDENT: So if you're 54 or 55, you might want to listen, because this will affect you.

The idea, which was originally presented by Congressman Ryan, your running mate, is that we would give a voucher to seniors and they could go out in the private marketplace and buy their own health insurance. The problem is that because the voucher wouldn't necessarily keep up with health care inflation, it was estimated that this would cost the average senior about \$6,000 a year.

Now, in fairness, what Governor Romney has now said is he'll maintain traditional Medicare alongside it. But there's still a problem, because what happens is those insurance companies are pretty clever at figuring out who are the younger and healthier seniors. They recruit them, leaving the older, sicker seniors in Medicare, and every health care economist who looks at it says over time what will happen is the traditional Medicare system will collapse. And then what you've got is folks like my grandmother at the mercy of the private insurance system precisely at the time when they are most in need of decent health care.

So I don't think vouchers are the right way to go. And this is not my -- only my opinion. AARP thinks that the savings that we obtained from Medicare bolstered the system, lengthened the Medicare trust fund by eight years. Benefits were not affected at all.

And ironically, if you repeal Obamacare -- and I have become fond of this term, Obamacare -- (laughter) -- if you repeal it, what happens is those seniors right away are going to be paying \$600 more in prescription care. They're now going to have to be paying co-pays for basic checkups that can keep them healthier. And the primary beneficiary of that repeal are insurance companies that are estimated to gain billions of dollars back when they aren't making seniors any healthier. And I don't think that's the right approach when it comes to making sure that Medicare is stronger over the long term.

MR. LEHRER: We'll talk about -- specifically about health care in a moment. But do you support the voucher system, Governor?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: What I support is no change for current retirees and near-retirees to Medicare. And the President supports taking \$716 billion out of that program.

MR. LEHRER: What about the voucher --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: So that's number one. Number two is, for people coming along that are young, what I'd do to make sure that we can keep Medicare in place for them is to allow them either to choose the current Medicare program or a private plan -- their choice. They get to -- and they'll have at least two plans that will be entirely at no cost to them. So they don't have to pay additional money, no additional \$6,000 -- that's not going to happen. They'll have at least two plans.

And by the way, if the government can be as efficient as the private sector and offer premiums that are as low as the private sector, people will be happy to get traditional Medicare. Or they'll be able to get a private plan. I know my own view is I'd rather have a private plan. I know I'd just as soon not have the government telling me what kind of health care I get. I'd rather be able to have an insurance company. If I don't like them, I can get rid of them and find a different insurance company. Let people make their own choice.

The other thing we have to do to save Medicare, we have to have the benefits high for those that are low-income. But for higher-income people, we're going to have to lower some of the benefits. We have to make sure this program is there for the long term.

That's the plan that I put forward. And by the way, the idea came not even from Paul Ryan or Senator Wyden, who is a co-author of the bill with Paul Ryan in the Senate, but also it came from Bill Clinton's Chief of Staff. This is an idea that's been around a long time, which is saying, hey, let's see if we can't get competition into the Medicare world so that people can get the choice of different plans at lower cost, better quality. I believe in competition.

MR. LEHRER: Okay.

THE PRESIDENT: Jim, if I can just respond very quickly. First of all, every study has shown that Medicare has lower administrative costs than private insurance does, which is why seniors are generally pretty happy with it. And private insurers have to make a profit. Nothing wrong with that, that's what they do. And so you've got higher administrative costs, plus profit on top of that, and if you are going to save any money through what Governor Romney is proposing, what has to happen is, is that the money has to come from somewhere.

And when you move to a voucher system, you are putting seniors at the mercy of those insurance companies. And over time, if traditional Medicare has decayed or fallen apart, then they're stuck. And this is the reason why AARP has said that your plan would weaken Medicare substantially. And that's why they were supportive of the approach that we took.

One last point I want to make: We do have to lower the cost of health care, not just in Medicare, but --

MR. LEHRER: We'll talk about that in a minute.

THE PRESIDENT: -- but overall.

MR. LEHRER: Okay.

THE PRESIDENT: And so --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: That's a big topic. Can we stay on Medicare?

THE PRESIDENT: Is that a separate topic?

MR. LEHRER: Yes, we're going to -- yes, I want to get to it.

THE PRESIDENT: I'm sorry.

MR. LEHRER: But all I want to do is very quickly before we leave the economy --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let's get back to Medicare. Let's get back to Medicare.

MR. LEHRER: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The President said that the government can provide the service at lower cost and without a profit.

MR. LEHRER: All right.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: If that's the case, then it will always be the best product that people can purchase.

MR. LEHRER: Wait a minute, Governor. Wait a minute.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But my experience -- my experience is the private sector typically is able to provide a better product at a lower cost.

MR. LEHRER: Can we -- can the two of you agree that the voters have a choice, a clear choice between the two of you on Medicare?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Absolutely.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Absolutely.

MR. LEHRER: All right. So, to finish quickly, briefly on the economy, what is your view about the level of federal regulation of the economy right now? Is there too much? And in your case, Mr. President, is there -- should there be more? Beginning with you -- this is not a new two-minute segment. Just start, and we'll go for a few minutes, and then we're going to go to health care, okay?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Regulation is essential. You can't have a free market work if you don't have regulation. As a businessperson, I had to have -- I needed to know the regulations. I needed them there. You could have people opening up banks in their garage and making loans. You have to have regulations so that you can have an economy work. Every free economy has good regulation. At the same time, regulation can become excessive.

MR. LEHRER: Is it excessive now, do you think?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: In some places, yes.

MR. LEHRER: Like where? Let me know.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Other places no. It can become out of date. And what's happened with some of the legislation that's been passed during the President's term, you've seen regulation become excessive and it's hurt the -- it's hurt the economy.

Let me give you an example. Dodd-Frank was passed, and it includes within it a number of provisions that I think has some unintended consequences that are harmful to the economy. One is it designates a number of banks as "too big to fail," and they're effectively guaranteed by the federal government. This is the biggest kiss that's been given to New York banks I've ever seen. This is an enormous boon for them. There have been -- 122 community and small banks have closed since Dodd-Frank. So there's one example.

Here's another. In Dodd-Frank, it says if --

MR. LEHRER: You want to repeal Dodd-Frank?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, I would repeal it and replace it. We're not going to get rid of all regulation. You have to have regulation, and there are some parts of Dodd-Frank that make all the sense in the world. You need transparency. You need to have leverage limits for institutional --

MR. LEHRER: Well, there's a specific --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But let's -- but let's mention --

MR. LEHRER: Excuse me --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let me mention the other one. Let's talk the other big one.

MR. LEHRER: No, let's not.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Okay.

MR. LEHRER: Let's let him respond -- let's let him respond to this specific on Dodd-Frank and what the Governor just said.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think this is a great example. The reason we have been in such a enormous economic crisis was prompted by reckless behavior across the board. Now, it wasn't just on Wall Street. You had loan officers that were giving loans and mortgages that really shouldn't have been given because the folks didn't qualify. You had people who were borrowing money to buy a house that they couldn't afford. You had credit agencies that were stamping these as A-1, great investments when they weren't. But you also had banks making money hand over fist, churning out products that the bankers themselves didn't even understand, in order to make big profits, but knowing that it made the entire system vulnerable.

So what did we do? We stepped in and had the toughest reforms on Wall Street since the 1930s. We said you've got -- banks, you've got to raise your capital requirements. You can't engage in some of this risky behavior that is putting Main Street at risk. We're going to make sure that you've got to have a living will, so we can know how you're going to wind things down if you make a bad bet so we don't have other taxpayer bailouts.

In the meantime, by the way, we also made sure that all the help that we provided those banks was paid back -- every single dime -- with interest.

Now, Governor Romney has said he wants to repeal Dodd-Frank, and I appreciate and it appears we've got some agreement that a marketplace, to work, has to have some regulation. But in the past, Governor Romney has said he just wants to repeal Dodd-Frank. Roll it back. And so the question is does anybody out there think that the big problem we had is that there was too much oversight and regulation of Wall Street? Because if you do, then Governor Romney is your candidate. But that's not what I believe.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Sorry, Jim, but that's just not the facts. Look, we have to have regulation on Wall Street. That's why I'd have regulation. But I wouldn't designate five banks as too big to fail and give them a blank check. That's one of the unintended consequences of Dodd-Frank. It wasn't thought through properly. We need to get rid of that provision because it's killing regional and small banks. They're getting hurt.

Let me mention another regulation in Dodd-Frank. You say we were giving mortgages to people who weren't qualified. That's exactly right. It's one of the reasons for the great financial

calamity we had. And so Dodd-Frank correctly says we need to have qualified mortgages, and if you give a mortgage that's not qualified, there are big penalties -- except they didn't ever go on to define what a qualified mortgage was. It's been two years. We don't know what a qualified mortgage is yet.

So banks are reluctant to make loans, mortgages. Try and get a mortgage these days. It's hurt the housing market, because Dodd-Frank didn't anticipate putting in place the kinds of regulations you have to have. It's not that Dodd-Frank always was wrong with too much regulation. Sometimes they didn't come out with a clear regulation.

I will make sure we don't hurt the functioning of our marketplace and our businesses, because I want to bring back housing and get good jobs.

MR. LEHRER: All right. I think we have another clear difference between the two of you. Now let's move to health care, where I know there is a clear difference, and that has to do with the Affordable Care Act -- Obamacare. And it's a two-minute new segment, and that means two minutes each. And you go first, Governor Romney. You want it repealed. You want the Affordable Care Act repealed. Why?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I sure do. Well, in part it comes, again, from my experience. I was in New Hampshire; a woman came to me and she said, look, I can't afford insurance for myself or my son. I met a couple in Appleton, Wisconsin, and they said, we're thinking of dropping our insurance -- we can't afford it. And the number of small businesses I've gone to that are saying they're dropping insurance because they can't afford it -- the cost of health care is just prohibitive, and we've got to deal with cost.

And unfortunately, when you look at Obamacare, the Congressional Budget Office has said it will cost \$2,500 a year more than traditional insurance. So it's adding to cost. And as a matter of fact, when the President ran for office, he said that by this year he would have brought down the cost of insurance for each family by \$2,500 a family. Instead, it's gone up by that amount. So it's expensive. Expensive things hurt families. So that's one reason I don't want it.

Second reason, it cuts \$716 billion from Medicare to pay for it. I want to put that money back in Medicare for our seniors.

Number three, it puts in place an unelected board that's going to tell people ultimately what kind of treatments they can have. I don't like that idea.

Fourth, there was a survey done of small businesses across the country. It said, what's been the effect of Obamacare on your hiring plans? And three-quarters of them said, it makes us less likely to hire people. I just don't know how the President could have come into office, facing 23 million people out of work, rising unemployment, an economic crisis at the kitchen table, and spend his energy and passion for two years fighting for Obamacare instead of fighting for jobs for the American people. It has killed jobs.

And the best course for health care is to do what we did in my state -- craft a plan at the state level that fits the needs of the state, and then let's focus on getting the cost down for people rather than raising it with a \$2,500 additional premium.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President, the argument against repeal.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, four years ago when I was running for office, I was traveling around and having those same conversations that Governor Romney talks about. And it wasn't just that small businesses were seeing costs skyrocket and they couldn't get affordable coverage even if they wanted to provide it to their employees. It wasn't just that this was the biggest driver of our federal deficit, our overall health care cost. But it was families who were worried about going bankrupt if they got sick -- millions of families all across the country.

If they had a preexisting condition, they might not be able to get coverage at all. If they did have coverage, insurance companies might impose an arbitrary limit. And so, as a consequence, they're paying their premiums; somebody gets really sick, lo and behold, they don't have enough money to pay the bills because the insurance companies say that they've hit the limit.

So we did work on this, alongside working on jobs, because this is part of making sure that middle-class families are secure in this country. And let me tell you exactly what Obamacare did. Number one, if you've got health insurance it doesn't mean a government takeover. You keep your own insurance. You keep your own doctor. But it does say insurance companies can't jerk you around. They can't impose arbitrary lifetime limits. They have to let you keep your kid on your insurance plan until you're 26 years old. And it also says that you're going to have to get rebates if insurance companies are spending more on administrative costs and profits than they are on actual care.

Number two, if you don't have health insurance, we're essentially setting up a group plan that allows you to benefit from group rates that are typically 18 percent lower than if you're out there trying to get insurance on the individual market.

Now, the last point I'd make before --

MR. LEHRER: Two minutes is up, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: No, I think -- I had five seconds before you interrupted me. (Laughter.) The irony is that we've seen this model work really well in Massachusetts, because Governor Romney did a good thing, working with Democrats in the state, to set up what is essentially the identical model. And as consequence, people are covered there. It hasn't destroyed jobs. And as a consequence, we now have a system in which we have the opportunity to start bringing down costs, as opposed to just leaving millions of people out in the cold.

MR. LEHRER: Your five seconds went away a long time ago. (Laughter.)

All right, Governor, tell the President directly why you think what he just said is wrong about Obamacare.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, I did with my first statement --

THE PRESIDENT: You did.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- I'll go on.

THE PRESIDENT: Please elaborate.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'll elaborate -- exactly right. (Laughter.)

First of all, I like the way we did it in Massachusetts. I like the fact that in my state we had Republicans and Democrats come together and work together. What you did instead was to push through a plan without a single Republican vote. As a matter of fact, when Massachusetts did something quite extraordinary -- elected a Republican senator -- to stop Obamacare, you pushed it through anyway. So entirely on a partisan basis, instead of bringing America together and having a discussion on this important topic, you pushed through something that you and Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid thought was the best answer, and drove it through.

What we did in a legislature 87 percent Democrat, we worked together. Two hundred legislators in my legislature -- only two voted against the plan by the time we were finished.

What were some differences? We didn't raise taxes. You've raised them by a trillion dollars under Obamacare. We didn't cut Medicare -- of course, we don't have Medicare -- but we didn't cut Medicare by \$716 billion. We didn't put in place a board that can tell people ultimately what treatments they're going to receive. We didn't also do something that I think a number of people across this country recognize, which is put people in a position where they're going to lose the insurance they had and they wanted.

Right now the CBO says up to 20 million people will lose their insurance as Obamacare goes into effect next year. And likewise, a study by McKinsey and Company, of American Businesses, said 30 percent of them are anticipating dropping people from coverage.

So for those reasons -- for the tax, for Medicare, for this board, and for people losing their insurance -- this is why the American people don't want Medicare -- don't want Obamacare. It's why Republicans said, do not do this. And the Republicans had a plan. They put a plan out. They put a plan, a bipartisan plan. It was swept aside. I think something this big, this important, has to be done on a bipartisan basis. And we have to have a President who can reach across the aisle and fashion important legislation with the input from both parties.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney said this has to be done on a bipartisan basis. This was a bipartisan idea. In fact, it was a Republican idea. And Governor Romney, at the beginning of this debate, wrote and said, what we did in Massachusetts could be a model for the nation.

And I agree that the Democratic legislators in Massachusetts might have given some advice to Republicans in Congress about how to cooperate, but the fact of the matter is we used the same advisors and they say it's the same plan.

When Governor Romney talks about this board, for example -- unelected board that we've created -- what this is, is a group of health care experts, doctors, et cetera, to figure out how can we reduce the cost of care in the system overall. Because there are two ways of dealing with our health care crisis. One is to simply leave a whole bunch of people uninsured, and let them fend for themselves; to let businesses figure out how long they can continue to pay premiums until finally they just give up and their workers are no longer getting insured -- and that's been the trend line. Or alternatively, we can figure out how do we make the cost of care more effective. And there are ways of doing it.

So at Cleveland Clinic, one of the best health care systems in the world, they actually provide great care, cheaper than average. And the reason they do is because they do some smart things. They say if a patient is coming in, let's get all the doctors together at once, do one test, instead of having the patient run around with 10 tests. Let's make sure that we're providing preventive care, so we're catching the onset of something like diabetes. Let's pay providers on the basis of performance, as opposed to on the basis of how many procedures they've engaged in.

Now, so what this board does is basically identifies best practices and says let's use the purchasing power of Medicare and Medicaid to help to institutionalize all these good things that we do.

And the fact of the matter is that when Obamacare is fully implemented, we're going to be in a position to show that costs are going down. And over the last two years, health care premiums have gone up, it's true, but they've gone up slower than any time in the last 50 years. So we're already beginning to see progress. In the meantime, folks out there with insurance, you're already getting a rebate.

Let me make one last point. Governor Romney says we should replace it -- I'm just going to repeal it, but we can replace it with something. But the problem is he hasn't described what exactly we'd replace it with, other than saying we're going to leave it to the states. But the fact of the matter is that some of the prescriptions that he's offered, like letting you buy insurance across state lines, there's no indication that that somehow is going to help somebody who has got a preexisting condition be able to finally buy insurance. In fact, it's estimated that by repealing Obamacare, you're looking at 50 million people losing health insurance at a time when it's vitally important.

MR. LEHRER: Let's let the Governor explain what you would do if Obamacare is repealed. How would you replace it? What do you have in mind?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, actually, it's a lengthy description, but number one, preexisting conditions are covered under my plan. Number two, young people are able to stay on their family plan. That's already offered in the private marketplace. You don't have the government mandate that for that to occur.

But let's come back to something the President and I agree on, which is the key task we have in health care is to get the cost down so it's more affordable for families. And then he has as a model for doing that a board of people at the government -- an unelected board, appointed board -- who are going to decide what kind of treatments you ought to have.

THE PRESIDENT: No --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: In my opinion, the government is not effective in bringing down the cost of almost anything. As a matter of fact, free people and free enterprises trying to find ways to do things better are able to be more effective in bringing down the costs than the government will ever be.

Your example of the Cleveland Clinic is my case in point, along with several others I could describe. This is the private market. These are small -- these are enterprises competing with each other, learning how to do better and better jobs.

I used to consult to businesses -- excuse me, to hospitals and to health care providers. I was astonished at the creativity and innovation that exists in the American people. In order to bring the cost of health care down, we don't need to have a board of 15 people telling us what kinds of treatments we should have. We instead need to put insurance plans, providers, hospitals, doctors on target such that they have an incentive, as you say, performance pay, for doing an excellent job for keeping costs down. And that's happening -- Intermountain Health Care does it superbly well. Mayo Clinic is doing it superbly well; Cleveland clinic, others.

But the right answer is not to have the federal government take over health care and start mandating to the providers across America, telling a patient and a doctor what kind of treatment they can have. That's the wrong way to go. The private market and individual responsibility always work best.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me point out, first of all, this board that we're talking about can't make decisions about what treatments are given. That's explicitly prohibited in the law.

But let's go back to what Governor Romney indicated -- that under his plan, he would be able to cover people with preexisting conditions. Well actually, Governor, that isn't what your plan does. What your plan does is to duplicate what's already the law, which says if you are out of health insurance for three months, then you can end up getting continuous coverage and an insurance company can't deny you if it's been under 90 days.

But that's already the law. And that doesn't help the millions of people out there with preexisting conditions. There's a reason why Governor Romney set up the plan that he did in Massachusetts. It wasn't a government takeover of health care. It was the largest expansion of private insurance. But what it does say is that, insurers, you've got to take everybody. Now, that also means that you've got more customers.

But when Governor Romney says that he'll replace it with something, but can't detail how it will be, in fact, replaced -- and the reason he set up the system he did in Massachusetts was because there isn't a better way of dealing with the preexisting conditions problem -- it just reminds me of -- he says that he's going to close deductions and loopholes for his tax plan. That's how it's going to be paid for, but we don't know the details. He says that he's going to replace Dodd-Frank, Wall Street reform, but we don't know exactly which ones. He won't tell us. He now says he's going to replace Obamacare and assure that all the good things that are in it are going to be in there and you don't have to worry.

And at some point, I think the American people have to ask themselves, is the reason that Governor Romney is keeping all these plans to replace secret because they're too good? Is it because that somehow middle-class families are going to benefit too much from them? No. The reason is because when we reform Wall Street, when we tackle the problem of preexisting conditions -- these are tough problems and we've got to make choices -- and the choices we've made have been ones that ultimately are benefiting middle-class families all across the country.

MR. LEHRER: We're going to move to --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, I have to respond to that -- which is my experience as a governor is if I come in and lay down a piece of legislation and say it's my way or the highway, I don't get a lot done. What I do is the same way that Tip O'Neill and Ronald Reagan worked together some years ago. When Ronald Reagan ran for office, he laid out the principles that he was going to foster. He said he was going to lower tax rates. He said he was going to broaden the base. You've said the same thing -- you're going to simplify the tax code, broaden the base.

Those are my principles. I want to bring down the tax burden on middle-income families, and I'm going to work together with Congress to say, okay, what are the various ways we can bring down deductions, for instance. One way, for instance, would be to have a single number -- make up a number -- \$25,000, \$50,000 -- anybody could have deductions up to that amount. And then that number disappears for high-income people. That's one way one could do it.

One could follow Bowles-Simpson as a model, and tax deduction by deduction and make differences that way. There are alternatives to accomplish the objective I have, which is to bring down rates, broaden the base, simplify the code, and create incentives for growth.

And with regards to health care, you had remarkable details with regards to my preexisting condition plan. You obviously studied up on my plan. In fact, I do have a plan that deals with people with preexisting conditions; that's part of my health care plan. And what we did in Massachusetts is a model for the nation, state by state. And I said that at that time. The federal government taking over health care for the entire nation and whisking aside the 10th Amendment, which gives states the rights for these kinds of things, is not the course for America to have a stronger, more vibrant economy.

MR. LEHRER: That is a terrific segue to our next segment, and it's the role of government. And let's see, role of government, and it is -- you are first on this, Mr. President.

And the question is this: Do you believe -- both of you, but you have the first two minutes on this, Mr. President -- do you believe there's a fundamental difference between the two of you as to how you view the mission of the federal government?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I definitely think there are differences. The first role of the federal government is to keep the American people safe. That's its most basic function. And as Commander-in-Chief, that is something that I have worked on and thought about every single day that I've been in the Oval Office.

But I also believe that government has the capacity -- the federal government has the capacity to help open up opportunity and create ladders of opportunity and to create frameworks where the American people can succeed. Look, the genius of America is the free enterprise system

and freedom, and the fact that people can go out there and start a business, work on an idea, make their own decisions. But as Abraham Lincoln understood, there are also some things we do better together.

So in the middle of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln said, let's help to finance the Trans-Continental Railroad. Let's start the National Academy of Sciences. Let's start land grant colleges -- because we want to give these gateways of opportunity for all Americans -- because if all Americans are getting opportunity, we're all going to be better off. That doesn't restrict people's freedom; that enhances it.

And so what I've tried to do as President is to apply those same principles. When it comes to education, what I've said is we've got to reform schools that are not working. We use something called Race to the Top. It wasn't a top-down approach, Governor. What we said is to states, we'll give you more money if you initiate reforms. And as a consequence you have 46 states around the country who have made a real difference.

But what I've also said is let's hire another 100,000 math and science teachers to make sure we maintain our technological lead and our people are skilled and able to succeed. And hard-pressed states right now can't all do that. In fact, we've seen layoffs of hundreds of thousands of teachers over the last several years, and Governor Romney doesn't think we need more teachers.

I do, because I think that that is the kind of investment where the federal government can help. It can't do it all, but it can make a difference. And as a consequence, we'll have a better-trained workforce, and that will create jobs because companies want to locate in places where we've got a skilled workforce.

MR. LEHRER: Two minutes, Governor, on the role of government. Your view?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, first, I love great schools. Massachusetts, our schools are ranked number one of all 50 states. And the key to great schools -- great teachers. So I reject the idea that I don't believe in great teachers or more teachers. Every school district, every state should make that decision on their own.

The role of government: Look behind us -- the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. The role of government is to promote and protect the principles of those documents. First, life and liberty: We have a responsibility to protect the lives and liberties of our people, and that means a military second to none. I do not believe in cutting our military. I believe in maintaining the strength of America's military.

Second, in that line that says, "We are endowed by our Creator with our rights," I believe we must maintain our commitment to religious tolerance and freedom in this country. That statement also says that we are endowed by our Creator with the right to pursue happiness as we choose. I interpret that as, one, making sure that those people who are less fortunate and can't care for themselves are cared by -- by one another. We're a nation that believes that we are all children of the same God, and we care for those that have difficulties. Those that are elderly and have problems and challenges, those that are disabled, we care for them. And we look for discovery and innovation, all these things desired out of the American heart to provide the pursuit of happiness for our citizens.

But we also believe in maintaining for individuals the right to pursue their dreams and not to have the government substitute itself for the rights of free individuals. And what we're seeing right now is, in my view, a trickle-down government approach which has government thinking it can do a better job than free people pursuing their dreams, and it's not working.

And the proof of that is 23 million people out of work. The proof of that is one out of six people in poverty. The proof of that is we've gone from 32 million on food stamps to 47 million on food stamps. The proof of that is that 50 percent of college graduates this year can't find work. We know that the path we're taking is not working. It's time for a new path.

MR. LEHRER: All right, let's go through some specifics in terms of what -- how each of you views the role of government. Education -- does the federal government have a responsibility to improve the quality of public education in America?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, the primary responsibility for education is, of course, at the state and local level. But the federal government also can play a very important role. And I agree with Secretary Arne Duncan, some ideas he's put forward on Race to the Top -- not all of them, but some of them I agree with, and congratulate him for pursuing that. The federal government can get local and state schools to do a better job.

My own view, by the way, is I've added to that. I happen to believe -- I want the kids that are getting federal dollars from IDEA or Title I -- these are disabled kids or poor kids -- or lower-income kids, rather -- I want them to be able to go to the school of their choice. So all federal funds, instead of going to the state or to the school district, I'd have go, if you will, follow the child and let the parent and the child decide where to send their student.

MR. LEHRER: How do you see the federal government's responsibility to, as I say, to improve the quality of public education in this country?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, as I've indicated, I think that it has a significant role to play. Through our Race to the Top program, we've worked with Republican and Democratic governors to initiate major reforms, and they're having an impact right now.

MR. LEHRER: Do you think you have a difference with your views and those of Governor Romney about education and the federal government?

THE PRESIDENT: This is where budgets matter, because budgets reflect choices. So when Governor Romney indicates that he wants to cut taxes and potentially benefit folks like me and him, and to pay for it we're having to initiate significant cuts in federal support for education, that makes a difference.

His running mate, Congressman Ryan, put forward a budget that reflects many of the principles that Governor Romney has talked about. And it wasn't very detailed -- this seems to be a trend -- but what it did do is to, if you extrapolated how much money we're talking about, you'd look at cutting the education budget by up to 20 percent.

When it comes to community colleges, we are seeing great work done out there all over the country because we have the opportunity to train people for jobs that exist right now. And one of the things I suspect Governor Romney and I probably agree on is getting businesses to work with community colleges so that they're setting up their training programs --

MR. LEHRER: Do you agree, Governor?

THE PRESIDENT: Let me just finish the point.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Oh, sure. Oh, yes. It's, by the way, going very well in my state, by the way. Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: I suspect it will be a small agreement -- where they're partnering so that they're designing training programs and people who are going through them know that there's a job waiting for them if they complete it. That makes a big difference, but that requires some federal support.

Let me just say one final example. When it comes to making college affordable, whether it's two-year or four-year, one of the things that I did as President was we were sending \$60 billion to banks and lenders as middlemen for the student loan program, even though the loans were guaranteed so there was no risk for the banks or the lenders. But they were taking billions out of the system. And we said why not cut out the middleman? And as a consequence, what we've been able to do is to provide millions more students assistance, lower or keep low interest rates on student loans.

And this is an example of where our priorities make a difference. Governor Romney, I genuinely believe cares about education, but when he tells a student that you should borrow money from your parents to go to college, that indicates the degree to which there may not be as much of a focus on the fact that folks like myself, folks like Michelle, kids probably who attend the University of Denver just don't have that option. And for us to be able to make sure that they've got that opportunity and they can walk through that door -- that is vitally important -- not just to those kids; it's how we're going to grow this economy over the long term.

MR. LEHRER: We're running out of time, gentlemen, so I think you have a chance to respond to that. Yes, Mr. Governor.

THE PRESIDENT: He has a chance.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Mr. President, you're entitled, as the President, to your own airplane and to your own house, but not to your own facts, all right? I'm not going to cut education funding. I don't have any plan to cut education funding and grants that go to people going to college. I'm planning on continuing to grow, so I'm not planning on making changes there.

But you make a very good point, which is that the place you put your money makes a pretty clear indication of where your heart is. You put \$90 billion into green jobs. And, look, I'm all in favor of green energy. Ninety billion -- that would have hired two million teachers. Ninety billion dollars. And these businesses, many of them have gone out of business. I think about half of them -- of the ones that have been invested in have gone out of business. A number of them happen to be owned by people who were contributors to your campaigns.

Look, the right course for America's government -- we're talking about the role of government -- is not to become the economic player picking winners and losers, telling people what kind of health treatment they can receive, taking over the health care system that has existed in this country for a long, long time and has produced the best health records in the world. The right answer for government is to say, how do we make the private sector become more efficient and more effective? How do we get schools to be more competitive?

Let's grade them. I propose we grade our schools, so parents know which schools are succeeding and failing, so they can take their child to a school that's being more successful. I don't want to cut our commitment to education. I want to make it more effective and efficient.

And by the way, I've had that experience. I don't just talk about it. I've been there. Massachusetts schools are ranked number one in the nation. This is not because I didn't have commitment to education. It's because I care about education for all of our kids.

MR. LEHRER: All right, gentlemen --

THE PRESIDENT: Jim, I --

MR. LEHRER: Excuse me, one -- excuse me, sir. We've got -- we barely have three minutes left. I'm not going to grade the two of you and say your answers have been too long or I've done a poor job --

THE PRESIDENT: You've done a great job, Jim.

MR. LEHRER: Oh, well, no. But the fact is government -- the role of government and governing -- we've lost a pod, in other words. So we only have three minutes left in the debate before we go to your closing statements. And so I want to ask, finally here -- and remember, we've got three minutes total time here. And the question is this: Many of the legislative functions of the federal government right now are in a state of paralysis as a result of partisan gridlock. If elected, in your case -- if reelected, in your case -- what would you do about that? Governor?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Jim, I had the great experience -- it didn't seem like it at the time -- of being elected in a state where my legislature was 87 percent Democrat. And that meant I figured out -- from day one I had to get along and I had to work across the aisle to get anything done. We drove our schools to be number one in the nation. We cut taxes 19 times.

MR. LEHRER: Well, what would you do as President?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: As President, I will sit down on day one -- actually, the day after I get elected, I'll sit down with leaders, the Democrat leaders as well as Republican leaders, as we did in my state -- we met every Monday for a couple of hours, talked about the issues and the challenges in our state, in that case. We have to work on a collaborative basis, not because we're going to compromise our principles, but because there's common ground.

And the challenges America faces right now -- look, the reason I'm in this race is there are people that are really hurting today in this country. We face -- this deficit could crush the future generations. What's happening in the Middle East -- there are developments around the world that are of real concern. And Republicans and Democrats both love America, but we need to have leadership -- leadership in Washington that will actually bring people together and get the job done, and could not care less if it's a Republican or a Democrat. I've done it before. I'll do it again.

MR. LEHRER: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I think Governor Romney is going to have a busy first day, because he's also going to repeal Obamacare, which will not be very popular among Democrats as you're sitting down with them.

But, look, my philosophy has been I will take ideas from everybody -- Democrat or Republican -- as long as they're advancing the cause of making middle-class families stronger and giving ladders of opportunity to the middle class. That's how we cut taxes for middle-class families and small businesses. That's how we cut a trillion dollars of spending that wasn't advancing that cause. That's how we signed three trade deals into law that are helping us to double our exports and sell more American products around the world.

That's how we repealed "don't ask, don't tell." That's how we ended the war in Iraq, as I promised. And that's how we're going to wind down the war in Afghanistan. That's how we went after al Qaeda and bin Laden.

So we've seen progress even under Republican control of the House of Representatives. But, ultimately, part of being principled, part of being a leader is, A, being able to describe exactly what it is that you intend to do -- not just saying I'll sit down, you have to have a plan. Number two, what's important is occasionally you've got to say no to folks both in your own party and in the other party.

And, yes, we had some fights between me and the Republicans when they fought back against us reining in the excesses of Wall Street -- absolutely -- because that was a fight that needed to be had. When we were fighting about whether or not we were going to make sure that Americans had more security with their health insurance and they said no -- yes, that was a fight that we needed to have.

And so part of leadership and governing is both saying what it is that you are for, but also being willing to say no to some things. And I've got to tell you, Governor Romney, when it comes to his own party during the course of this campaign, has not displayed that willingness to say no to some of the more extreme parts of his party.

MR. LEHRER: That brings us to closing statements. There was a coin toss. Governor Romney, you won the toss and you elected to go last. So you have a closing two minutes, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Jim, I want to thank you. And I want to thank Governor Romney, because I think this was a terrific debate and I very much appreciate it. And I want to thank the University of Denver.

Four years ago, we were going through a major crisis. And, yet, my faith and confidence in the American future is undiminished. And the reason is because of its people. Because of the woman I met in North Carolina who decided at 55 to go back to school because she wanted to inspire her daughter, and now has a job from that new training that she's gotten. Because of a company in Minnesota who was willing to give up salaries and perks for their executives to make sure that they didn't lay off workers during a recession. The auto workers that you meet in Toledo or Detroit take such pride in building the best cars in the world, not just because of a paycheck, but because it gives them that sense of pride that they're helping to build America.

And so the question now is, how do we build on those strengths? And everything that I've tried to do, and everything that I'm now proposing for the next four years in terms of improving our education system or developing American energy, or making sure that we're closing loopholes for companies that are shipping jobs overseas and focusing on small businesses and companies that are creating jobs here in the United States, or closing our deficit in a responsible, balanced way that allow us to invest in our future -- all those things are designed to make sure that the American people -- their genius, their grit, their determination is channeled and they have an opportunity to succeed, and everybody is getting a fair shot and everybody is getting a fair share -- everybody is doing a fair share and everybody is playing by the same rules.

Four years ago, I said that I'm not a perfect man and I wouldn't be a perfect President. And that's probably a promise that Governor Romney thinks I've kept. But I also promised that I'd fight every single day on behalf of the American people and the middle class, and all those who are striving to get into the middle class. I've kept that promise. And if you'll vote for me, then I promise I'll fight just as hard in a second term.

MR. LEHRER: Governor Romney, your two-minute closing.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, Jim, and Mr. President. And thank you for tuning in this evening.

This is an important election, and I'm concerned about America. I'm concerned about the direction America has been taking over the last four years. I know this is bigger than an election about the two of us as individuals. It's bigger than our respective parties. It's an election about the course of America -- what kind of America do you want to have for yourself and for your children.

And there really are two very different paths that we began speaking about this evening. And over the course of this month we're going to have two more presidential debates and a vice-presidential debate -- we'll talk about those paths. But they lead in very different directions. And it's not just looking to our words that you have to take into evidence of where they go; you can look at the record.

There's no question in my mind that if the President were to be reelected you'll continue to see a middle-class squeeze, with incomes going down and prices going up. I'll get incomes up again. You'll see chronic unemployment. We've had 43 straight months with unemployment above 8

percent. If I'm President, I will create -- help create 12 million new jobs in this country with rising incomes.

If the President is reelected, Obamacare will be fully installed. In my view, that's going to mean a whole different way of life for people who counted on the insurance plan they had in the past. Many will lose it. You're going to see health premiums go up by some \$2,500 per family. If I'm elected, we won't have Obamacare. We'll put in place the kind of principles that I put in my place in my own state, and allow each state to craft their own programs to get people insured, and we'll focus on getting the cost of health care down.

If the President were to be reelected, you're going to see a \$716 billion cut to Medicare. You'll have 4 million people who will lose Medicare advantage. You'll have hospitals and providers that will no longer accept Medicare patients. I'll restore that \$716 billion to Medicare.

And finally, military. If the President is reelected, you'll see dramatic cuts to our military. The Secretary of Defense has said these would be even devastating. I will not cut our commitment to our military. I will keep America strong and get America's middle class working again.

Thank you, Jim.

MR. LEHRER: Thank you, Governor. Thank you, Mr. President.  
The next debate will be the vice-presidential event on Thursday, October 11th, at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. For now, from the University of Denver, I'm Jim Lehrer. Thank you and good night. (Applause.)

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MS. CROWLEY: Good evening from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. I'm Candy Crowley from CNN State of the Union.

We are here for the second Presidential Debate, a town hall sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates. The Gallup organization chose 82 uncommitted voters from the New York area. Their questions will drive the night. My goal is to give the conversation direction and to ensure questions get answered.

The questions are known to me and my team only. Neither the Commission, nor the candidates have seen them. I hope to get to as many questions as possible, and because I am the optimistic sort, I'm sure the candidates will oblige by keeping their answers concise and on point.

Each candidate has as much as two minutes to respond to a common question, and there will be a two-minute follow-up. The audience here in the hall has agreed to be polite and attentive -- no cheering, no booing, or outbursts of any sort.

We will set aside that agreement just this once to welcome President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, thank you both for joining us here tonight. We have a lot of folks who have been waiting all day to talk to you, so I want to get right to it.

Governor Romney, as you know, you won the coin toss, so the first question will go to you. And I want to turn to a first-time voter, Jeremy Epstein, who has a question for you.

Q Mr. President, Governor Romney, as a 20-year-old college student, all I hear from professors, neighbors and others is that when I graduate I'll have little chance to get employment. What can you say to reassure me, but more importantly, my parents, that I will be able to sufficiently support myself after I graduate?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, Jeremy. I appreciate your question. And thank you for being here this evening. And to all of those from Nassau County here that have come, thank you for your time. Thank you to Hofstra University and to Candy Crowley for organizing and leading this event.

Thank you, Mr. President, also for being part of this debate.

Your question is one that's being asked by college kids all over this country. I was in Pennsylvania with someone who had just graduated. This was in Philadelphia -- and she said I've got my degree, I can't find a job. I've got three part-time jobs; they're just barely enough to pay for my food and pay for an apartment. I can't begin to pay back my student loans.

So what we have to do is two things. We have to make sure that we make it easier for kids to afford college, and also make sure that when they get out of college there's a job. When I was governor of Massachusetts, to get a high school degree you had to pass an exam. If you graduated in the top quarter of your class, we gave you a John and Abigail Adams scholarship -- four years tuition-free to the college of your choice in Massachusetts that's a public institution.

I want to make sure we keep our Pell Grant program growing. We're also going to have our loan program so that people are able to afford school. But the key thing is to make sure you can get a job when you get out of school. And what's happened over the last four years has been very, very hard for America's young people.

I want you to be able to get a job. I know what it takes to get this economy going. With half of college kids graduating this year without a college -- excuse me -- without a job and without a college-level job, that's just unacceptable. And likewise, you got more and more debt on your back. So more debt and less jobs. I'm going to change that. I know what it takes to create good jobs again. I know what it takes to make sure that you have the kind of opportunity you deserve.

And kids across this country are going to recognize we're bringing back an economy. It's not going to be like the last four years. The middle class has been crushed over the last four years. And jobs have been too scarce. I know what it takes to bring them back, and I'm going to do that and make sure when you graduate -- when do you graduate?

Q 2014.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: 2014. When you come out in 2014, I presume I'm going to be president -- I'm going to make sure you get a job. Thanks, Jeremy.

Q Thank you.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Yeah, you bet.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Jeremy, first of all, your future is bright. And the fact that you're making an investment in higher education is critical not just to you, but to the entire nation. Now, the most important thing we can do is to make sure that we are creating jobs in this country, but not just jobs -- good-paying jobs, ones that can support a family.

And what I want to do is build on the 5 million jobs that we've created over the last 30 months in the private sector alone. And there are a bunch of things that we can do to make sure your future is bright.

Number one: I want to build manufacturing jobs in this country again. When Governor Romney said we should let Detroit go bankrupt, I said, we're going to bet on American workers and the American auto industry, and it's come surging back. I want to do that in industries not just in Detroit but all across the country. And that means we change our tax code so we're giving incentives to companies that are investing here in the United States and creating jobs here. It also means we're helping them and small businesses to export all around the world to new markets.

Number two: We've got to make sure that we have the best education system in the world. And the fact that you're going to college is great, but I want everybody to get a great education. And we've worked hard to make sure that student loans are available for folks like you. But I also want to make sure that community colleges are offering slots for workers to get retrained for the jobs that are there right now, and the jobs of the future.

Number three: We've got to control our own energy. Not only oil and natural gas, which we've been investing in, but also we've got to make sure we're building the energy sources of the future -- not just thinking about next year, but 10 years from now, 20 years from now. That's why we invest in solar and wind and biofuels, energy-efficient cars.

We've got to reduce our deficit, but we've got to do it in a balanced way -- asking the wealthy to pay a little bit more along with cuts so that we can invest in education like yours. And let's take the money that we've been spending on war over the last decade to rebuild America -- roads, bridges, schools. We do those things, not only is your future going to be bright, but America's future is going to be bright as well.

MS. CROWLEY: Let me ask you for a more immediate answer, beginning with Mr. Romney. Just quickly, what can you do? We're looking at a situation where 40 percent of the unemployed have been unemployed for six months or more. They don't have the two years that Jeremy has. What about those long-term unemployed who need a job right now?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, what you're seeing in this country is 23 million people struggling to find a job and a lot of them, as you say, Candy, have been out of work for a long, long, long time. The President's policies have been exercised over the last four years and they haven't put Americans back to work. We have fewer people working today than we had when the President took office. If the -- the unemployment rate was 7.8 percent when he took office; it's 7.8 percent now. But if you calculated that unemployment rate taking back the people who dropped out of the workforce, it would be 10.7 percent.

We have not made the progress we need to make to put people back to work. That's why I put out a five-point plan that gets America 12 million new jobs in four years and rising take-home pay. It's going to help Jeremy get a job when he comes out of school. It's going to help people across the country that are unemployed right now.

And one thing that the President said, which I want to make sure that we understand -- he said that I said we should take Detroit bankrupt. And that's right. My plan was to have the company go through bankruptcy like 7-Eleven did and Macy's and Continental Airlines, and come out stronger. And I know he keeps saying, you wanted to take Detroit bankrupt. Well, the President took Detroit bankrupt. You took General Motors bankrupt. You took Chrysler bankrupt. So when you say that I wanted to take the auto industry bankrupt, you actually did.

And I think it's important to know that was a process that was necessary to get those companies back on their feet so they could start hiring more people. That was precisely what I recommended and ultimately what happened.

MS. CROWLEY: Let me give the President a chance. Go ahead.

THE PRESIDENT: Candy, what Governor Romney said just isn't true. He wanted to take them into bankruptcy without providing them any way to stay open, and we would have lost a million jobs. And don't take my word for it. Take the executives at GM and Chrysler, some of whom are Republicans, may even support Governor Romney, but they'll tell you his prescription wasn't going to work.

And Governor Romney says he's got a five-point plan. Governor Romney doesn't have a five-point plan; he has a one-point plan. And that plan is to make sure that folks at the top play by a different set of rules. That's been his philosophy in the private sector. That's been his philosophy as governor. That's been his philosophy as a presidential candidate. You can make a lot of money and pay lower tax rates than somebody who makes a lot less. You can ship jobs overseas and get tax breaks for it. You can invest in a company, bankrupt it, lay off the workers, strip away their pensions and you still make money.

That's exactly the philosophy that we've seen in place for the last decade. That's what's been squeezing middle-class families. And we have fought back for four years to get out of that mess. The last thing we need to do is to go back to the very same policies that got us there.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, the next question is going to be for you here. And Mr. Romney -- Governor Romney, they'll be plenty of chances here to go on, but I want to --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: That Detroit answer --

MS. CROWLEY: -- we have all these folks -- I will let you absolutely --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- and the rest of the answer, way off the mark.

MS. CROWLEY: Okay. You certainly will have lots of time here coming up, because I want to move you on to something that's sort of connected to cars here and go over -- and we want to get a question from Phillip DiCola (ph).

Q Your Energy Secretary, Steven Chu, has now been on record three times stating it's not policy of his department to help lower gas prices. Do you agree with Secretary Chu that this is not the job of the Energy Department?

THE PRESIDENT: The most important thing we can do is to make sure we control our own energy. So here's what I've done since I've been President. We have increased oil production to the highest levels in 16 years. Natural gas production is the highest it's been in decades. We have seen increases in coal production and coal employment.

But what I've also said is we can't just produce traditional sources of energy. We've also got to look to the future. That's why we doubled fuel-efficiency standards on cars. That means that in the middle of the next decade, any car you buy you're going to end up going twice as far on a gallon of gas. That's why we've doubled clean energy production like wind and solar and biofuels.

And all these things have contributed to us lowering our oil imports to the lowest levels in 16 years. Now, I want to build on that. And that means, yes, we still continue to open up new areas for drilling. We continue to make it a priority for us to go after natural gas. We've got potentially 600,000 jobs and a hundred years' worth of energy right beneath our feet with natural gas. And we can do it in an environmentally sound way.

But we've also got to continue to figure out how we have efficient energy, because ultimately that's how we're going to reduce demand and that's what's going to keep gas prices lower.

Now, Governor Romney will say he's got an all-of-the-above plan. But basically, his plan is to let the oil companies write the energy policies. So he's got the oil and gas part, but he doesn't have the clean energy part.

And if we're only thinking about tomorrow or the next day, and not thinking about 10 years from now, we're not going to control our own economic future. Because China, Germany -- they're making these investments. And I'm not going to cede those jobs of the future to those countries. I expect those new energy sources to be built right here in the United States. That's going to help Jeremy get a job. It's also going to make sure that you're not paying as much for gas.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor, on the subject of gas prices?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, let's look at the President's policies, all right, as opposed to the rhetoric, because we've had four years of policies being played out. And the President is right in terms of the additional oil production, but none of it came on federal land.

As a matter of fact, oil production is down 14 percent this year on federal land, and gas production is down 9 percent. Why? Because the President cut in half the number of licenses and permits for drilling on federal lands and in federal waters. So where did the increase come from? Well, a lot of it came from the Bakken Range in North Dakota. What was his participation there? The America brought a criminal action against the people drilling up there for oil -- this massive new resource we have. And what was the cause? Twenty or 25 birds were killed and they brought out a migratory bird act to go after them on a criminal basis.

Look, I want to make sure we use our oil, our coal, our gas, our nuclear, our renewables. I believe very much in our renewable capabilities -- ethanol, wind, solar -- would be an important part of our energy mix. But what we don't need is to have the President keeping us from taking advantage of oil, coal and gas. This has not been Mr. Oil or Mr. Gas or Mr. Coal. Talk to the people that are working in those industries.

I was in coal country. People grabbed my arms and say, please save my job. The head of the EPA said you can't build a coal plant, it's virtually impossible given our regulations. When the President ran for office, he said, if you build a coal plant you can go ahead, but you'll go bankrupt. That's not the right course for America. Let's take advantage of the energy resources we have as well as the energy sources for the future. And if we do that, if we do what I'm planning on doing, which is getting us energy-independent -- North America energy independence within eight years -- you're going to see manufacturing jobs come back, because our energy is low-cost. They're already beginning to come back, because of our abundant energy.

I'll get America and North America energy independent. I'll do it by more drilling, more permits and licenses. We're going to bring that pipeline in from Canada. How in the world the President said no to that pipeline I will never know. This is about bringing good jobs back for the middle class of America and that's what I'm going to do.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, let me just see if I can move you to the gist of this question, which is are we looking at the new normal? I can tell you that tomorrow morning a lot of people in Hempstead will wake up and fill up and they will find that the price of gas is over \$4 a gallon. Is it within the purview of the government to bring those prices down, or are we looking at the new normal?

THE PRESIDENT: Candy, there's no doubt that world demand has gone up. But our production is going up. And we're using oil more efficiently. And very little of what Governor Romney just said is true.

We've opened up public lands. We're actually drilling more on public lands than in the previous administration -- and the previous President was an oil man. And natural gas isn't just appearing magically -- we're encouraging it and working with the industry.

And when I hear Governor Romney say he's a big coal guy -- and keep in mind, when -- Governor, when you were governor of Massachusetts, you stood in front of a coal plant and pointed at it and said, "This plant kills" -- and took great pride in shutting it down. And now suddenly you're a big champion of coal.

So what I've tried to do is be consistent. With respect to something like coal, we made the largest investment in clean-coal technology to make sure that even as we're producing more coal, we're producing it cleaner and smarter. Same thing with oil. Same thing with natural gas.

And the proof is our oil imports are down to the lowest levels in 20 years. Oil production is up; natural gas production is up; and most importantly, we're also starting to build cars that are more efficient. And that's creating jobs. That means those cars can be exported because that's the demand around the world, and it also means that it will save money in your pocketbook. That's

the strategy you need, an all-of-the-above strategy, and that's what we're going to do in the next four years.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: But that's not what you've done in the last four years. That's the problem. In the last four years you cut permits and licenses on federal land and federal waters in half.

THE PRESIDENT: Not true, Governor Romney.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: So how much did you cut it by --

THE PRESIDENT: Not true.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: By how much did you cut them by then?

THE PRESIDENT: Governor, we have actually produced more oil --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, no, how much did you cut licenses and permits on federal land and federal waters?

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney, here's what we did: There were a whole bunch of oil companies --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, I had a question, and the question was how much did you cut them by? How much did you cut them by?

THE PRESIDENT: You want me to answer a question, I'm happy to answer the question.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: All right, and it is?

THE PRESIDENT: Here's what happened: You had a whole bunch of oil companies who had leases on public lands that they weren't using. So what we said was, you can't just sit on this for 10, 20, 30 years, decide when you want to drill, when you want to produce, when it's most profitable for you. These are public lands, so if you want to drill on public lands, you use it or you lose it. And so what we did was take away those leases, and we are now re-letting them so that we can actually make a profit.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And production on private -- on government lands is down.

THE PRESIDENT: And production is up. No it isn't.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Production on government land of oil is down 14 percent --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- and production of gas is down 9 percent.

THE PRESIDENT: -- what you're saying is just not true. It's just not true.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: It's absolutely true. Look, there's no question but that the people recognize that we have not produced more oil and gas --

THE PRESIDENT: I'll give you your time. Go ahead.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- on federal lands and in federal waters. And coal -- coal production is not up; coal jobs are not up. I was just at a coal facility where some 1,200 people lost their jobs.

The right course for America is to have a true all-of-the-above policy. I don't think anyone really believes that you're a person who's going to be pushing for oil and gas and coal. You'll get your chance in a moment. I'm still speaking.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Governor, if you --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And the answer is, I don't believe people think that's the case because I --

THE PRESIDENT: -- if you're asking me a question, I'm going to answer it.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: It wasn't a question.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay. All right.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: That was a statement. I don't think the American people believe that. I will fight for oil, coal and natural gas. And the proof of whether a strategy is working or not is what the price is that you're paying at the pump. If you're paying less than you paid a year or two ago, why, then, the strategy is working. But you're paying more.

When the President took office, the price of gasoline here in Nassau County was about a buck-eighty-six a gallon. Now it's four bucks a gallon. The price of electricity is up. If the President's energy policies are working, you're going to see the cost of energy come down.

I will fight to create more energy in this country to get America energy secure, and part of that is bringing in a pipeline of oil from Canada, taking advantage of the oil and coal we have here; drilling offshore in Alaska; drilling offshore in Virginia, where the people want it. Those things will get us the energy we need.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, could you address -- because we did finally get to gas prices here -- could you address what the Governor said, which is if your energy policy was working, the price of gasoline would not be \$4 a gallon here. Is that true?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, think about what the Governor just said. He said, when I took office the price of gasoline was \$1.80, \$1.86. Why is that? Because the economy was on the verge of collapse. Because we were about to go through the worst recession since the Great Depression, as a consequence of some of the same policies that Governor Romney is now promoting.

So it's conceivable that Governor Romney could bring down gas prices, because with his

policies we might be back in that same mess.

What I want to do is to create an economy that is strong and at the same time produce energy. And with respect to this pipeline that Governor Romney keeps on talking about -- we've built enough pipeline to wrap around the entire Earth once. So I'm all for pipelines. I'm all for oil production. What I'm not for is us ignoring the other half of the equation.

So, for example, on wind energy, when Governor Romney says these are imaginary jobs, when you've got thousands of people right now in Iowa, right now in Colorado, who are working, creating wind power with good-paying manufacturing jobs, and the Republican Senator in Iowa is all for it, providing tax credits to help this work. And Governor Romney says, I'm opposed; I'd get rid of it.

That's not an energy strategy for the future. And we need to win that future. And I intend to win it as President of the United States.

MS. CROWLEY: I've got to move you along. And the next question is for you.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, he got the first -- he actually got the first question, so I get the last question -- last answer on that one.

MS. CROWLEY: Actually in the follow-up it doesn't quite work like that. But I'm going to give you a chance here. I promise you, I'm going to. And the next question is for you, so if you want to continue on. But I don't want to leave all these guys sitting here.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Candy, I don't have a policy of stopping wind jobs in Iowa. And they're not phantom jobs, they're real jobs. I appreciate wind jobs in Iowa and across our country. I appreciate the jobs in coal and oil and gas.

MS. CROWLEY: Okay, thank you --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'm going to make sure that taking advantage of our energy resources will bring back manufacturing to America. We're going to get through a very aggressive energy policy -- 3.5 million more jobs in this country. It's critical to our future.

THE PRESIDENT: Candy, it's okay, I'm used to being interrupted.

MS. CROWLEY: We're going to move you along to taxes. All right, we're going to move you both along to taxes over here and all these folks that have been waiting. Governor, this question is for you. It comes from Mary Polano (ph).

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Hi, Mary.

Q Governor Romney, you have stated that if you're elected President you would plan to reduce the tax rates for all the tax brackets, and that you would work with the Congress to eliminate some deductions in order to make up for the loss in revenue. Concerning these various deductions -- the mortgage deduction, the charitable deductions, the Child Tax Credit, and also the -- oh, what's that other credit? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: You're doing great.

Q Oh, I remember -- the education credits, which are important to me because I have children in college. What would be your position on those things, which are important to the middle class?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you very much. And let me tell you, you're absolutely right about part of that, which is I want to bring the rates down. I want to simplify the tax code, and I want to get middle-income taxpayers to have lower taxes. And the reason I want middle-income taxpayers to have lower taxes is because middle-income taxpayers have been buried over the past four years.

You've seen as middle-income people in this country -- incomes go down \$4,300 a family, even as gasoline prices have gone up \$2,000. Health insurance premiums up \$2,500. Food prices up. Utility prices up. The middle-income families in America have been crushed over the last four years, so I want to get some relief to middle-income families. That's part one.

Now, how about deductions? Because I'm going to bring rates down across the board for everybody, but I'm going to limit deductions and exemptions and credits, particularly for people at the high end, because I am not going to have people at the high end pay less than they're paying now.

The top 5 percent of taxpayers will continue to pay 60 percent of the income tax the nation collects. So that will stay the same.

Middle-income people are going to get a tax break. And so in terms of bringing down deductions, one way of doing that would be to say everybody gets -- I'll pick a number -- \$25,000 of deductions and credits, and you can decide which ones to use. Your home mortgage interest deduction, charity, child tax credit and so forth, you can use those as part of fill in that bucket, if you will, of deductions. But your rate comes down, and the burden also comes down on you for one more reason, and that is every middle-income taxpayer no longer will pay any tax on interest, dividends, or capital gains; no tax on your savings.

That makes life a lot easier. If you're getting interest from a bank, if you're getting a statement from a mutual fund, or any other kind of investments you have, you don't have to worry about filing taxes on that because there will be no taxes for anybody making \$200,000 a year and less on your interest, dividends and capital gains.

Why am I lowering taxes on the middle class? Because under the last four years, they've been buried, and I want to help people in the middle class. And I will not -- I will not under any circumstances reduce the share that's being paid by the highest income taxpayers. And I will not under any circumstances increase taxes on the middle class.

The President's spending, the President's borrowing will cause this nation to have to raise taxes on the American people, not just at the high end. A recent study has shown that people in the middle class will see \$4,000 a year higher taxes as a result of the spending and borrowing of this administration. I will not let that happen. I'll get us on track to a balanced budget, and

I'm going to reduce the tax burden on middle-income families. And what's that going to do? It's going to help those families, and it's going to create incentives to start growing jobs again in this country.

MS. CROWLEY: Thanks, Governor.

THE PRESIDENT: My philosophy on taxes has been simple, and that is I want to give middle-class families and folks who are striving to get into the middle class some relief -- because they have been hit hard, over the last decade, over the last 15, over the last 20 years.

So four years ago, I stood on a stage just like this one -- actually, it was a town hall -- and I said, I would cut taxes for middle-class families, and that's what I've done -- by \$3,600. I said I would cut taxes for small businesses -- who are the drivers and engines of growth -- and we've cut them 18 times. And I want to continue those tax cuts for middle-class families and for small businesses.

But what I've also said is if we're serious about reducing the deficit, if this is genuinely a moral obligation to the next generation, then in addition to some tough spending cuts, we've also got to make sure that the wealthy do a little bit more.

So what I've said is your first \$250,000 worth of income, no change. And that means 98 percent of American families, 97 percent of small businesses, they will not see a tax increase. I'm ready to sign that bill right now. The only reason it's not happening is because Governor Romney's allies in Congress have held the 98 percent hostage, because they want tax breaks for the top 2 percent.

But what I've also said is for above \$250,000, we can go back to the tax rates we had when Bill Clinton was President. We created 23 million new jobs. That's part of what took us from deficits to surplus. It will be good for our economy and it will be good for job creation.

Now, Governor Romney has a different philosophy. He was on "60 Minutes" just two weeks ago and he was asked, is it fair for somebody like you making \$20 million a year to pay a lower tax rate than a nurse or bus driver, somebody making \$50,000 a year. And he said, yes, I think that's fair. Not only that, he said, I think that's what grows the economy.

Well, I fundamentally disagree with that. I think what grows the economy is when you get that tax credit that we put in place for your kids going to college. I think that grows the economy. I think what grows the economy is when we make sure small businesses are getting a tax credit for hiring veterans who fought for our country. That grows our economy.

So we just have a different theory. And when Governor Romney stands here, after a year of campaigning when during a Republican primary, he stood on stage and said, I'm going to give tax cuts -- he didn't say tax rate cuts, he said tax cuts -- to everybody including the top 1 percent, you should believe him, because that's been his history. And that's exactly the kind of top-down economics that is not going to work if we want a strong middle class and an economy that's thriving for everybody.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor Romney, I'm sure you've got a reply there. (Laughter.)

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You're absolutely right. You heard what I said about my tax plan. The top 5 percent will continue to pay 60 percent, as they do today. I'm not looking to cut taxes for wealthy people. I am looking to cut taxes for middle-income people.

And why do I want to bring rates down and at the same time lower exemptions and deductions, particularly for people at the high end? Because if you bring rates down, it makes it easier for small business to keep more of their capital and hire people. And for me, this is about jobs. I want to get America's economy going again. Fifty-four percent of America's workers work in businesses that are taxed as individuals. So when you bring those rates down, those small businesses are able to keep more money and hire more people.

For me, I look at what's happened in the last four years and say this has been a disappointment. We can do better than this. We don't have to settle for how many months -- 43 months with unemployment above 8 percent, 23 million Americans struggling to find a good job right now. There are 3.5 million more women living in poverty today than when the President took office. We don't have to live like this.

We can get this economy going again. My five-point plan does it. Energy independence for North America in five years; opening up more trade, particularly in Latin America; cracking down on China when they cheat; getting us to a balanced budget; fixing our training programs for our workers; and, finally, championing small business.

I want to help small businesses grow and thrive. I know how to make that happen. I spent my life in the private sector. I know why jobs come and why they go. And they're going now because of the policies of this administration.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor, let me ask the President something about what you just said. The Governor says that he is not going to allow the top 5 percent -- I believe is what he said -- to have a tax cut, that it will all even out, that what he wants to do is give that tax cut to the middle class. Settled?

THE PRESIDENT: No, it's not settled. Look, the cost of lowering rates for everybody across the board 20 percent, along with what he also wants to do in terms of eliminating the estate tax, along with what he wants to do in terms of corporate changes in the tax code, it costs about \$5 trillion.

Governor Romney then also wants to spend \$2 trillion on additional military programs, even though the military is not asking for them. That's \$7 trillion. He also wants to continue the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. That's another trillion dollars. That's \$8 trillion.

Now, what he says is he's going to make sure that this doesn't add to the deficit and he's going to cut middle-class taxes. But when he's asked how are you going to do it, which deductions, which loopholes are you going to close, he can't tell you. The fact that he only has to pay 14 percent on his taxes when a lot of you are paying much higher, he's already taken that off the board. Capital gains are going to continue to be at a low rate, so we're not going to get money that way.

We haven't heard from the Governor any specifics beyond Big Bird and eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood in terms of how he pays for that.

Now, Governor Romney was a very successful investor. If somebody came to you, Governor, with a plan that said, here, I want to spend \$7 or \$8 trillion and then we're going to pay for it, but we can't tell you until maybe after the election how we're going to do it, you wouldn't have taken such a sketchy deal.

And neither should you, the American people, because the math doesn't add up. And what's at stake here is one of two things. Either, Candy, this blows up the deficit -- because keep in mind, this is just to pay for the additional spending that he's talking about -- \$7-\$8 trillion -- that's before we even get to the deficit we already have.

Or, alternatively, it's got to be paid for not only by closing deductions for wealthy individuals -- that will pay for about 4 percent reduction in tax rates -- you're going to be paying for it. You'll lose some deductions. And you can't buy this sales pitch. Nobody who's looked at it that's serious actually believes it adds up.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, let me get the Governor in on this. And, Governor, let's, before we get into a vast array of who says -- what study says what, if it shouldn't add up, if somehow when you get in there, there isn't enough tax revenue coming in, if somehow the numbers don't add up, would you be willing to look again at a 20 percent --

MR. ROMNEY: Well, of course they add up. I was someone who ran businesses for 25 years and balanced the budget. I ran the Olympics and balanced the budget. I ran the state of a Massachusetts as a governor, to the extent any governor does, and balanced the budget all four years.

When we're talking about math that doesn't add up, how about \$4 trillion of deficits over the last four years -- \$5 trillion? That's math that doesn't add up. We have a President talking about someone's plan in a way that's completely foreign to what my real plan is.

And then we have his own record, which is we have four consecutive years where he said, when he was running for office, he would cut the deficit in half. Instead, he's doubled it. We've gone from \$10 trillion of national debt to \$16 trillion of national debt. If the President were reelected, we'd go to almost \$20 trillion of national debt. This puts us on a road to Greece.

I know what it takes to balance budgets. I've done it my entire life. So for instance, when he says, yours is a \$5 trillion cut -- well, no, it's not, because I'm offsetting some of the reductions, withholding down some of the deductions and I --

THE PRESIDENT: Candy --

MS. CROWLEY: Governor, I've got to --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'm sorry --

MS. CROWLEY: Actually, I need to have you both hang -- I understand the stakes here. I understand both of you, but I will get run out of town if I don't allow --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: And I just described to you, Mr. President, I just described to you precisely how I'd do it --

MS. CROWLEY: You will get --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- which is with a single number that people can put -- and they can put their deductions and credits into that bucket.

THE PRESIDENT: Are we keeping track of --

MS. CROWLEY: Let me -- Mr. President, we're keeping track, I promise you. And, Mr. President, the next question is for you --

THE PRESIDENT: Great, looking forward to it.

MS. CROWLEY: -- so stay standing. And it's Catherine Fenton who has a question for you.

Q In what new ways do you intend to rectify the inequalities in the workplace, specifically regarding females making only 72 percent of what their male counterparts earn?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Catherine, this is a great question. And I was raised by a single mom who had to put herself through school while looking after two kids. And she worked hard every day and made a lot of sacrifices to make sure we got everything we needed.

My grandmother, she started off as a secretary in a bank. She never got a college education even though she was smart as a whip. And she worked her way up to become a vice president at a local bank, but she hit the glass ceiling. She trained people who would end up becoming her bosses during the course of her career. She didn't complain. That's not what you did in that generation.

And this is one of the reasons why one of the first -- the first bill I signed was something called the Lilly Ledbetter bill, and it was named after this amazing woman who had been doing the same job as a man for years, found out that she was getting paid less, and the Supreme Court said that she couldn't bring suit because she should have found out about it earlier, where she had no way of finding out about it. So we fixed that.

And that's an example of the kind of advocacy that we need, because women are increasingly the breadwinners in the family. This is not just a women's issue. This is a family issue; this is a middle-class issue. And that's why we've got to fight for it.

It also means that we've got to make sure that young people like yourself are able to afford a college education. Earlier, Governor Romney talked about he wants to make Pell grants and other education accessible for young people. Well, the truth of the matter is, is that that's exactly what we've done. We've expanded Pell grants for millions of people, including millions of young women all across the country. We did it by taking \$60 billion that was going to banks and lenders as middlemen for the student loan program, and we said let's just cut out the middle man. Let's give the money directly to students. And as a consequence, we've seen millions of young people be

able to afford college, and that's going to make sure that young women are going to be able to compete in that marketplace.

But we've got to enforce the laws, which is what we are doing. And we've also got to make sure that in every walk of life, we do not tolerate discrimination. That's been one of the hallmarks of my administration. I'm going to continue to push on this issue for the next four years.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor Romney, pay equity for women.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, an important topic, and one which I learned a great deal about, particularly as I was serving as governor of my state, because I had the chance to pull together a cabinet, and all the applicants seemed to be men. And I went to my staff and I said, how come all the people for these jobs are all men? They said, well, these are the people that have the qualifications. And I said, well, gosh, can't we find some women that are also qualified? And so we took a concerted effort to go out and find women who had backgrounds that could be qualified to become members of our cabinet. I went to a number of women's groups and said, can you help us find folks? And they brought us whole binders full of women.

I was proud of the fact that after I staffed my cabinet and my senior staff, that the University of New York in Albany did a survey of all 50 states and concluded that mine had more women in senior leadership positions than any other state in America.

Now, one of the reasons I was able to get so many good women to be part of that team was because of our recruiting effort, but number two, because I recognize that if you're going to have women in the workforce that sometimes they need to be more flexible. My chief of staff, for instance, had two kids that were still in school. She said, I can't be here until 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. at night; I need to be able to get home at 5:00 p.m. so I can be there for making dinner for my kids and being with them when they get home from school. So we said, fine, let's have a flexible schedule so you can have hours that work for you.

We're going to have to have employers in the new economy, in the economy I'm going to bring to play, that are going to be so anxious to get good workers, they're going to be anxious to hire women.

In the last four years, women have lost 580,000 jobs. That's the net of what's happened in the last four years. We're still down 580,000 jobs. I mentioned 3.5 million women more now in poverty than four years ago.

What we can do to help young women and women of all ages is to have a strong economy, so strong that employers are looking to find good employees and bringing them into their workforce, and adapting to a flexible work schedule that gives women the opportunities that they would otherwise not be able to afford.

This is what I've done. It's what I look forward to doing. And I know what it takes to make an economy work. And I know what a working economy looks like. And an economy with 7.8 percent unemployment is not a real strong economy. An economy that has 23 million people looking for work is not a strong economy. An economy with 50 percent of kids graduating from college that can't find a job, or a college-level job -- that's not what we have to have. I'm going to help women in America get good work by getting a stronger economy and by supporting women in the workforce.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, why don't you get in on this quickly, please?

THE PRESIDENT: Catherine, I just want to point out that when Governor Romney's campaign was asked about the Lilly Ledbetter bill, whether he supported it, he said, I'll get back to you. And that's not the kind of advocacy that women need in any economy.

Now, there are some other issues that have a bearing on how women succeed in the workplace -- for example, their health care. A major difference in this campaign is that Governor Romney feels comfortable having politicians in Washington decide the health care choices that women are making. I think that's a mistake.

In my health care bill, I said insurance companies need to provide contraceptive coverage to everybody who's insured, because this is not just a health issue, it's an economic issue for women. It makes a difference. This is money out of that family's pocket.

Governor Romney not only opposed it, he suggested that in fact employers should be able to make the decision as to whether or not a woman gets contraception through her insurance coverage. That's not the kind of advocacy that women need.

When Governor Romney says that we should eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood, there are millions of women all across the country who rely on Planned Parenthood for not just contraceptive care; they rely on it for mammograms, for cervical cancer screenings. That's a pocketbook issue for women and families all across the country, and it makes a difference in terms of how well and effectively women are able to work.

When we talk about child care and the credits that we're providing, that makes a difference in terms of whether they can go out there and earn a living for their family.

These are not just women's issues. These are family issues. These are economic issues. And one of the things that makes us grow as an economy is when everybody participates, and women are getting the same, fair deal as men are. And I've got two daughters and I want to make sure that they have the same opportunities that anybody's sons have. And that's a part of what I'm fighting for as President of the United States.

MS. CROWLEY: I want to move us along here to Susan Katz (ph) who has a question. And, Governor, it's for you.

Q Governor Romney, I am an undecided voter because I'm disappointed with the lack of progress I've seen in the last four years. However, I do attribute much of America's economic and international problems to the failings and missteps of the Bush administration. Since both you and President Bush are Republicans, I fear a return to the policies of those years should you win this election. What is the biggest difference between you and George W. Bush? And how do you differentiate yourself from George W. Bush?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you. And I appreciate that question. I just want to make sure that -

- I think I was supposed to get that last answer, but I want to point out that I don't believe --

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think so, Candy. I want to make sure your timekeepers are working here.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The time --

MS. CROWLEY: The timekeepers are all working.

THE PRESIDENT: All right.

MS. CROWLEY: And let me tell you that the last part, it's for the two of you to talk to one another, and it isn't quite as ordered as you think. But go ahead and use this two minutes any way you'd like to, the question is on the floor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'd just note that I don't believe that bureaucrats in Washington should tell someone whether they can use contraceptives or not, and I don't believe employers should tell someone whether they could have contraceptive care or not. Every woman in America should have access to contraceptives. And the President's statement of my policy is completely and totally wrong.

THE PRESIDENT: Governor, that's not true.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let me come back and answer your question. President Bush and I are different people, and these are different times. And that's why my five-point plan is so different than what he would have done.

For instance, we can now by virtue of new technology actually get all the energy we need in North America without having to go to the Arabs or the Venezuelans or anyone else. That wasn't true in his time. That's why my policy starts with a very robust policy to get all that energy in North America, become energy secure.

Number two, trade: I'll crack down on China. President Bush didn't. I'm also going to dramatically expand trade in Latin America. It's been growing about 12 percent per year over a long period of time. I want to add more free trade agreements so we'll have more trade.

Number three, I'm going to get us to a balanced budget. President Bush didn't. President Obama was right -- he said that that was outrageous to have deficits as high as half a trillion dollars under the Bush years. He was right. But then he put in place deficits twice that size for every one of his four years, and his forecast for the next four years is more deficits almost that large. So that's the next way I'm different than President Bush.

And then let's take the last one, championing small business. Our party has been focused on big business too long. I came through small business. I understand how hard it is to start a small business. That's why everything I'll do is designed to help small businesses grow and add jobs. I want to keep their taxes down on small business. I want regulators to see their job as encouraging small enterprise, not crushing it.

And the thing I find most troubling about Obamacare -- well, it's a long list -- but one of the things I find most troubling is that when you go out and talk to small businesses and ask them what they think about it, they tell you it keeps them from hiring more people.

My priority is jobs. I know how to make that happen. And President Bush had a very different path for a very different time. My path is designed in getting small businesses to grow and hire people.

MS. CROWLEY: Thanks, Governor.

Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I think it's important to tell you that we did come in during some tough times. We were losing 800,000 jobs a month when I started. But we have been digging our way out of policies that were misplaced and focused on the top doing very well and middle-class folks not doing well. And we've seen 30 consecutive -- 31 consecutive months of job growth, 5.2 million new jobs created. And the plans that I talked about will create even more.

But when Governor Romney says that he has a very different economic plan, the centerpiece of his economic plan are tax cuts. That's what took us from surplus to deficit. When he talks about getting tough on China, keep in mind that Governor Romney invested in companies that were pioneers of outsourcing to China, and is currently investing in countries -- in companies that are building surveillance equipment for China to spy on its own folks.

Governor, you're the last person who is going to get tough on China.

And what we've done when it comes to trade is not only sign three trade deals to open up new markets, but we've also set up a task force for trade that goes after anybody who is taking advantage of American workers or businesses, and not creating a level playing field. We've brought twice as many cases against unfair trading practices than the previous administration and we've won every single one that's been decided.

When I said that we had to make sure that China was not flooding our domestic market with cheap tires, Governor Romney said I was being protectionist, that it wouldn't be helpful to American workers. Well, in fact, we saved a thousand jobs. And that's the kind of tough trade actions that are required.

But the last point I want to make is this: There are some things where Governor Romney is different from George Bush. George Bush didn't propose turning Medicare into a voucher. George Bush embraced comprehensive immigration reform; he didn't call for self-deportation. George Bush never suggested that we eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood.

So there are differences between Governor Romney and George Bush, but they're not on economic policy. In some ways, he's gone to a more extreme place when it comes to social policy. And I think that's a mistake. That's not how we're going to move our economy forward.

MS. CROWLEY: I want to move you both along to the next question because it's in the same wheelhouse so you will be able to respond. But the President does get this question. I want to

call on Michael Jones.

Q Mr. President, I voted for you in 2008. What have you done or accomplished to earn my vote in 2012? I'm not that optimistic as I was in 2012. Most things I need for everyday living are very expensive.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we've gone through a tough four years, there's no doubt about it. But four years ago, I told the American people and I told you I would cut taxes for middle-class families, and I did. I told you I'd cut taxes for small businesses, and I have. I said that I'd end the war in Iraq, and I did. I said we'd refocus attention on those who actually attacked us on 9/11, and we have gone after al Qaeda's leadership like never before and Osama bin Laden is dead.

I said that we would put in place health care reform to make sure that insurance companies can't jerk you around, and if you don't have health insurance, that you'd have a chance to get affordable insurance -- and I have.

I committed that I would rein in the excesses of Wall Street, and we passed the toughest Wall Street reforms since the 1930s.

We've created 5 million jobs -- gone from 800,000 jobs a month being lost -- and we are making progress. We saved an auto industry that was on the brink of collapse.

Now, does that mean you're not struggling? Absolutely not. A lot of us are. And that's why the plan that I've put forward for manufacturing, and education, and reducing our deficit in a sensible way, using the savings from ending wars to rebuild America and putting people back to work, making sure that we are controlling our own energy, but not just the energy of today, but also the energy of the future -- all those things will make a difference.

So the point is the commitments I've made I've kept. And those that I haven't been able to keep, it's not for lack of trying and we're going to get it done in a second term. But you should pay attention to this campaign, because Governor Romney has made some commitments as well, and I suspect he'll keep those, too. When members of the Republican Congress say, we're going to sign a no-tax pledge so that we don't ask a dime from millionaires and billionaires to reduce our deficit so we can still invest in education and helping kids go to college, he said, me, too.

When they said, we're going to cut Planned Parenthood funding, he said, me, too. When they said, we're going to repeal Obamacare -- the first thing I'm going to do, despite the fact that it's the same health care plan that he passed in Massachusetts and is working well -- he said, me too.

That is not the kind of leadership that you need, but you should expect that those are promises he's going to keep.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, let me let --

THE PRESIDENT: And the choice in this election is going to be whose promises are going to be more likely to help you in your life, make sure your kids can go to college, make sure that you are getting a good-paying job, making sure that Medicare and Social Security will be there for you.

MS. CROWLEY: Thank you.

Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I think you know better. I think you know that these last four years haven't been so good as the President just described, and that you don't feel like you're confident that the next four years are going to be much better either. I can tell you that if you were to elect President Obama, you know what you're going to get. You're going to get a repeat of the last four years. We just can't afford four more years like the last four years.

He said that by now we'd have unemployment at 5.4 percent. The difference between where it is and 5.4 percent is 9 million Americans without work. I wasn't the one that said 5.4 percent. This was the President's plan -- didn't get there.

He said he would have by now put forward a plan to reform Medicare and Social Security, because he pointed out they're on the road to bankruptcy. He would reform them. He'd get that done. He hasn't even made a proposal on either one. He said in his first year he'd put out an immigration plan that would deal with our immigration challenges -- didn't even file it.

This is a President who has not been able to do what he said he'd do. He said that he'd cut in half the deficit -- he hasn't done that either; in fact, he doubled it. He said that by now, middle-income families would have a reduction in their health insurance premiums by \$2,500 a year. It's gone up by \$2,500 a year. And if Obamacare is passed -- or implemented -- it's already been passed -- if it's implemented fully, it will be another \$2,500 on top.

The middle class is getting crushed under the policies of a President who has not understood what it takes to get the economy working again. He keeps saying, look, I've created 5 million jobs. That's after losing 5 million jobs. The entire record is such that the unemployment has not been reduced in this country. The unemployment, the number of people who are still looking for work, is still 23 million Americans. There are more people in poverty -- one out of six people in poverty.

How about food stamps? When he took office, 32 million people were on food stamps. Today, 47 million people are on food stamps. How about the growth of the economy? It's growing more slowly this year than last year, and more slowly last year than the year before.

The President wants to do well, I understand. But the policies he's put in place, from Obamacare to Dodd-Frank to his tax policies to his regulatory policies -- these policies combined have not let this economy take off and grow like it could have. You might say, well, you got an example of when it worked better? Yes. In the Reagan recession, where unemployment hit 10.8 percent, between that period -- the end of that recession and the equivalent period of time to today, Ronald Reagan's recovery created twice as many jobs as this President's recovery.

Five million jobs doesn't even keep up with our population growth. And the only reason the unemployment rate seems a little lower today is because of all the people that have dropped out of the workforce.

The President has tried, but his policies haven't worked. He's great as a speaker and describing his plans and his vision. That's wonderful, except we have a record to look at. And that record shows he just hasn't been able to cut the deficit, to put in place reforms for Medicare and Social Security to preserve them, to get us the rising incomes we need. Median incomes down \$4,300 a family, and 23 million Americans out of work -- that's what this election is about. It's about who can get the middle class in this country a bright and prosperous future and assure our kids the kind of hope and optimism they deserve.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor, I want to move you along. Don't go away, and we'll have plenty of time to respond. We are quite aware of the clock for both of you. But I want to bring in a different subject here. Mr. President, I'll be right back with you. Lorraine Osario (ph) has a question for you about a topic we have not heard.

THE PRESIDENT: This is for Governor Romney?

MS. CROWLEY: Yes, this is for Governor Romney, and we'll be right with you, Mr. President. Thanks.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Is it Lorena?

Q Lorraine.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Lorraine.

Q Yes, Lorraine. How are you doing?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Good, thanks.

Q President. Romney: What do you plan on doing with immigrants without their green card that are currently living here as productive members of society?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, Lorraine. Did I get that right? Good. Thank you for question. And let me step back and tell you what I'd like to do with our immigration policy broadly, and include an answer to your question.

First of all, this is a nation of immigrants. We welcome people coming to this country as immigrants. My dad was born in Mexico of American parents; Ann's dad was born in Wales and is a first-generation American. We welcome legal immigrants into this country.

I want our legal system to work better. I want it to be streamlined. I want it to be clearer. I don't think you have to -- shouldn't have to hire a lawyer to figure out how to get into this country legally. I also think that we should give visas to people -- green cards, rather, to people who graduate with skills that we need. People around the world with accredited degrees in science and math get a green card stapled to their diploma; come to the U.S. of A. We should make sure that our legal system works.

Number two, we're going to have to stop illegal immigration. There are 4 million people who are waiting in line to get here legally. Those who've come here illegally take their place. So I will not grant amnesty to those who've come here illegally. What I will do is I'll put in place an employment verification system and make sure that employers that hire people who have come here illegally are sanctioned for doing so. I won't put in place magnets for people coming here illegally. So, for instance, I would not give driver's licenses to those that have come here illegally, as the President would.

The kids of those that came here illegally -- those kids I think should have a pathway to become a permanent resident of the United States. And military service, for instance, is one way they would have that kind of pathway to become a permanent resident.

Now, when the President ran for office he said that he'd put in place in his first year a piece of legislation -- he'd file a bill in his first year that would reform our immigration system -- protect legal immigration, stop illegal immigration. He didn't do it. He had a Democrat House, a Democrat Senate, a supermajority in both houses. Why did he fail to even promote legislation that would have provided an answer for those that want to come here legally and for those that are here illegally today? That's a question I think the President will have a chance to answer to answer right now.

THE PRESIDENT: Good, I look forward to it. Was it Lorena? Lorraine. We are a nation of immigrants. We're just a few miles away from Ellis Island. We all understand what this country has become because talent from all around the world wants to come here. People are willing to take risks. People who want to build on their dreams and make sure their kids have even bigger dreams than they have.

But we're also a nation of laws. So what I've said is we need to fix a broken immigration system. And I've done everything I can on my own, and sought cooperation from Congress to make sure that we fixed the system.

First thing we did was to streamline the legal immigration system to reduce the backlog, make it easier, simpler and cheaper for people who are waiting in line, obeying the law, to make sure that they can come here and contribute to our country. And that's good for our economic growth. They'll start new businesses. They'll make things happen that create jobs here in the United States.

Number two, we do have to deal with our border, so we put more Border Patrol on than any time in history, and the flow of undocumented workers across the border is actually lower than it's been in 40 years.

What I've also said is if we're going to go after folks who are here illegally, we should do it smartly and go after folks who are criminals, gangbangers, people who are hurting the community -- not after students. Not after folks who are here just because they're trying to figure out how to feed their families. And that's what we've done.

And what I've also said is for young people who come here, brought here oftentimes by their parents, have gone to school here, pledged allegiance to the flag, think of this as their country, understand themselves as Americans in every way except having papers, then we should make sure that we give them a pathway to citizenship. And that's what I've done administratively.

Now, Governor Romney just said that he wants to help those young people, too. But during the Republican primary he said, I will veto the DREAM Act that would allow these young people to have access. His main strategy during the Republican primary was to say, we're going to encourage self-deportation -- making life so miserable on folks that they'll leave.

He called the Arizona law a model for the nation -- part of the Arizona law said that law enforcement officers could stop folks because they suspected maybe they looked like they might be undocumented workers and check their papers. And you know what, if my daughter or yours looks to somebody like they're not a citizen, I don't want to empower somebody like that.

So we can fix this system in a comprehensive way. And when Governor Romney says the challenge is, well, Obama didn't try -- that's not true. I sat down with Democrats and Republicans at the beginning of my term, and I said, let's fix this system, including senators previously who had supported it on the Republican side. But it's very hard for Republicans in Congress to support comprehensive immigration reform if their standard bearer has said that, this is not something I'm interested in supporting.

MS. CROWLEY: Let me get the Governor in here, Mr. President. Let's speak to, if you could, Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let's.

MS. CROWLEY: -- the idea of self-deportation.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: No, let me go back and speak to the points that the President made and let's get them correct. I did not say that the Arizona law was a model for the nation in that aspect. I said that the E-Verify portion of the Arizona law, which is -- which is the portion of the law which says that employers could be able to determine whether someone is here illegally or not illegally, that that was a model for the nation. That's number one.

Number two, I asked the President a question I think Hispanics and immigrants all over the nation have asked. He was asked this on Univision the other day. Why, when you said you'd file legislation in your first year, didn't you do it? And he didn't answer. He doesn't answer that question. He said the standard bearer wasn't for it. I'm glad you thought I was a standard bearer four years ago, but I wasn't. Four years ago, you said in your first year, you would file legislation. In his first year, I was just getting -- licking my wounds from having been beaten by John McCain, all right. I was not the standard bearer. My view is that this President should have honored his promise to do as he said.

Now, let me mention one other thing and that is self-deportation says let people make their own choice. What I was saying is we're not going to round up 12 million people, undocumented, illegals, and take them out of the nation. Instead, let people make their own choice. And if they find that they can't get the benefits here that they want and they can't find the job they want, then they'll make a decision to go a place where they have better opportunities.

But I'm not in favor of rounding up people and taking them out of this country. I am in favor, as the President has said and I agree with him, which is that if people have committed crimes we've got to get them out of this country.

Let me mention something else the President said. It was a moment ago and I didn't get a chance to -- when he was describing Chinese investments and so forth --

THE PRESIDENT: Candy, hold on a second. At some point --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Mr. President, I'm still speaking.

MS. CROWLEY: I'm sorry --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Mr. President, why don't you let me finish --

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Romney, I'm used to --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'm going -- I'm going to continue -- I'm going to continue. If the President made --

MS. CROWLEY: Go ahead and finish, Governor Romney. Governor Romney, if you could make it short. See all these people, they've been waiting for you. Could you make it short and then --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Yes, just going to make a point. Any investments I have over the last eight years have been managed by a blind trust. And I understand they do include investments outside the United States, including in Chinese companies.

Mr. President, have you looked at your pension?

THE PRESIDENT: Candy --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Have you looked at your pension?

THE PRESIDENT: I've got to say -- Candy --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Mr. President, have you looked at your pension?

THE PRESIDENT: You know, I don't look at my pension. It's not as big as yours so it doesn't take as long. (Laughter.)

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Let me give you some advice.

THE PRESIDENT: I don't check it that often.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Look at your pension. You also have investments in Chinese companies. You also have investments outside the United States. You also have investments through a Cayman's trust.

MS. CROWLEY: We are sort of way off topic here, Governor Romney.

THE PRESIDENT: We're a little off topic here.

MS. CROWLEY: We are completely off immigration.

THE PRESIDENT: I know we were talking about immigration.

MS. CROWLEY: And we've -- quickly, Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: I do want to make sure --

MS. CROWLEY: If I could have you sit down, Governor Romney. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: I do want to make sure that we just understand something. Governor Romney says he wasn't referring to Arizona as a model for the nation. His top advisor on immigration is the guy who designed the Arizona law, the entirety of it. Not E-Verify, the whole thing. That's his policy. And it's a bad policy. And it won't help us grow.

Look, when we think about immigration, we have to understand there are folks all around the world who still see America as the land of promise. And they provide us energy and they provide us innovation, and they start companies like Intel and Google -- and we want to encourage that.

Now, we've got to make sure that we do it in a smart way, in a comprehensive way, and we make the legal system better. But when we make this into a divisive political issue, and when we don't have bipartisan support -- I can deliver, Governor, a whole bunch of Democrats to get comprehensive immigration reform done, and we can't --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'll get it done. I'll get it done the first year --

THE PRESIDENT: -- we have not seen Republicans serious about this issue at all.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, let me move you on here, please. Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: And it's time for them to get serious on this.

MS. CROWLEY: Don't go away, though.

THE PRESIDENT: This used to be a bipartisan issue.

MS. CROWLEY: Right. Don't go away, because --

THE PRESIDENT: I'm here. (Laughter.)

MS. CROWLEY: -- I want you to talk to Carey Ladka (ph), who wants to switch the topic for us.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay. Hi, Carey.

Q Good evening, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, what's your name?

Q It's Carey. Carey Ladka (ph).

THE PRESIDENT: Great to see you, Carey.

Q This question actually comes from a brain trust of my friends at Global Telecom Supply in Mineola yesterday. We were sitting around talking about Libya, and we were reading and became aware of reports that the State Department refused extra security for our embassy in Benghazi, Libya, prior to the attacks that killed four Americans. Who was it that denied enhanced security, and why?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me, first of all, talk about our diplomats, because they serve all around the world and do an incredible job in a very dangerous situation. And these aren't just representatives of the United States. They're my representatives. I send them there, oftentimes into harm's way. I know these folks, and I know these families. So nobody is more concerned about their safety and security than I am.

So as soon as we found out that the Benghazi consulate was being overrun, I was on the phone with my national security team, and I gave them three instructions. Number one, beef up our security and procedures not just in Libya but in every embassy and consulate in the region. Number two, investigate exactly what happened, regardless of where the facts lead us, to make sure that folks are held accountable and it doesn't happen again. And number three, we are going to find out who did this and we are going to hunt them down, because one of the things that I've said throughout my presidency is when folks mess with Americans, we go after them.

Now, Governor Romney had a very different response. While we were still dealing with our diplomats being threatened, Governor Romney put out a press release, trying to make political points. And that's not how a Commander-in-Chief operates. You don't turn national security into a political issue, certainly not right when it's happening.

And people -- not everybody agrees with some of the decisions I've made, but when it comes to our national security, I mean what I say. I said I'd end the war in Libya -- in Iraq, and I did. I said that we'd go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- we have. I said we'd transition out of Afghanistan and start making sure that Afghans are responsible for their own security. That's what I'm doing.

And when it comes to this issue, when I say that we are going to find out exactly what happened, everybody will be held accountable -- and I am ultimately responsible for what's taking place there, because these are my folks, and I'm the one who has to greet those coffins when they come home, you know that I mean what I say.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, I've got to move us along.

Governor?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, Carey, for your question. It's an important one, and I think the President just said correctly that the buck does stop at his desk, and he takes responsibility for that -- for the failure in providing those security resources. And those terrible things may well

happen from time to time. I feel very deeply sympathetic for the families of those who lost loved ones. And today there's a memorial service for one of those that was lost in this tragedy. We think of their families and care for them deeply.

There were other issues associated with this tragedy. There were many days that passed before we knew whether this was a spontaneous demonstration or actually whether it was a terrorist attack. And there was no demonstration involved. It was a terrorist attack. And it took a long time for that to be told to the American people.

Whether there was some misleading or instead whether we just didn't know what happened, I think you have to ask yourself, why didn't we know five days later when the Ambassador to the United Nations went on TV to say that this was a demonstration -- how could we have not known?

But I find more troubling than this that on the day following the assassination of the United States ambassador -- the first time that's happened since 1979 -- when we have four Americans killed there, when apparently we didn't know what happened, that the President, the day after that happened, flies to Las Vegas for a political fundraiser, then the next day to Colorado for another event, another political event. I think these actions taken by a President and a leader have symbolic significance, and perhaps even material significance in that you'd hope that during that time we could call in the people who were actually eyewitnesses. We've read their accounts now about what happened. It was very clear this was not a demonstration. This was an attack by terrorists.

And this calls into question the President's whole policy in the Middle East. Look what's happening in Syria, in Egypt, now in Libya. Consider the distance between ourselves and Israel. The President said that he was going to put daylight between us and Israel. We have Iran four years closer to a nuclear bomb.

Syria -- Syria is not just the tragedy of 30,000 civilians being killed by a military, but also a strategically significant player for America. The President's policies throughout the Middle East began with an apology tour, and pursue a strategy of leading from behind. And this strategy is unraveling before our very eyes.

MS. CROWLEY: Because we're closing in, I want to still get a lot of people in. I want to ask you something, Mr. President, and then have the Governor just quickly. Your Secretary of State, as I'm sure you know, has said that she takes full responsibility for the attack on the diplomatic mission in Benghazi. Does the buck stop with your Secretary of State, as far as what went on here?

THE PRESIDENT: Secretary Clinton has done an extraordinary job, but she works for me. I'm the President, and I'm always responsible. And that's why nobody is more interested in finding out exactly what happened than I do.

The day after the attack, Governor, I stood in the Rose Garden and I told the American people and the world that we are going to find out exactly what happened, that this was an act of terror, and I also said that we're going to hunt down those who committed this crime. And then a few days later, I was there greeting the caskets coming into Andrews Air Force Base, and grieving with the families.

And the suggestion that anybody on my team -- whether the Secretary of State, our U.N. Ambassador -- anybody on my team would play politics or mislead when we've lost four of our own, Governor, is offensive. That's not what we do. That's not what I do as President. That's not what I do as Commander-in-Chief.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor, if you want to reply quickly to this please.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Yes, I surely do. I think it's interesting the President just said something, which is that on the day after the attack he went in the Rose Garden and said that this was an attack of terror.

THE PRESIDENT: That's what I said.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: You said in the Rose Garden the day after the attack it was an act of terror? It was not a spontaneous demonstration?

THE PRESIDENT: Please proceed.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Is that what you're saying?

THE PRESIDENT: Please proceed, Governor.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I want to make sure we get that for the record, because it took the President 14 days before he called the attack in Benghazi an act of terror.

THE PRESIDENT: Get the transcript.

MS. CROWLEY: He did, in fact, sir. So let me call it an act of terror in the Rose Garden. He used the word --

THE PRESIDENT: Can you say that a little louder, Candy? (Applause.)

MS. CROWLEY: He did call it an act of terror. It did, as well, take -- it did, as well, take two weeks or so for the whole idea of there being a riot out there about this tape to come out. You are correct about that. (Applause.)

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The administration indicated that this was a reaction to a video and was a spontaneous reaction.

MS. CROWLEY: They did.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: It took them a long time to say this was a terrorist act by a terrorist group. And to suggest -- am I incorrect in that regard? On Sunday, your Secretary --

THE PRESIDENT: Candy?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- excuse me, the Ambassador to the United Nations went on the Sunday television shows and spoke about how this was a spontaneous reaction.

THE PRESIDENT: Candy, I'm happy to have a longer conversation about foreign policy.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, let me -- I know you -- absolutely. But I want to move you on.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, I'm happy to do that, too.

MS. CROWLEY: And also, people can go to the transcripts and --

THE PRESIDENT: I just want to make sure that --

MS. CROWLEY: -- figure out what was said and when.

THE PRESIDENT: -- all those wonderful folks are going to have a chance to get some of their questions answered.

MS. CROWLEY: Because what I want to do, Mr. President -- stand there for a second, because I want to introduce you to Nina Gonzalez, who brought up a question that we hear a lot both over the Internet and from this crowd.

Q President Obama, during the Democratic National Convention in 2008, you stated you wanted to keep AK-47s out of the hands of criminals. What has your administration done or plan to do to limit the availability of assault weapons?

THE PRESIDENT: We're a nation that believes in the Second Amendment, and I believe in the Second Amendment. We've got a long tradition of hunting and sportsmen, and people who want to make sure they can protect themselves.

But there have been too many instances during the course of my presidency where I've had to comfort families who have lost somebody -- most recently, out in Aurora. Just a couple of weeks ago -- actually probably about a month, I saw a mother who I had met at the bedside of her son who had been shot in that theater. And her son had been shot through the head. And we spent some time and we said a prayer. And remarkably, about two months later, this young man and his mom showed up, and he looked unbelievable -- good as new. But there were a lot of families who didn't have that good fortune, and whose sons or daughters or husbands didn't survive.

So my belief is that, A, we have to enforce the laws we've already got; make sure that we're keeping guns out of the hands of criminals, those who are mentally ill. We've done a much better job in terms of background checks, but we've got more to do when it comes to enforcement.

But I also share your belief that weapons that were designed for soldiers in war theaters don't belong on our streets. And so what I'm trying to do is to get a broader conversation about how do we reduce the violence generally. Part of it is seeing if we can get an assault weapons ban reintroduced, but part of it is also looking at other sources of the violence -- because, frankly, in my hometown of Chicago there's an awful lot of violence, and they're not using AK-47s, they're using cheap handguns.

And so what can we do to intervene, to make sure that young people have opportunity? That our schools are working? That if there's violence on the streets, that working with faith groups and law enforcement, we can catch it before it gets out of control.

And so what I want is a comprehensive strategy. Part of it is seeing if we can get automatic weapons that kill folks in amazing numbers out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill. But part of it is also going deeper and seeing if we can get into these communities and making sure we catch violent impulses before they occur.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor Romney, the question is about assault weapons, AK-47s.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Yes, I'm not in favor of new pieces of legislation on guns and taking guns away or making certain guns illegal. We, of course, don't want to have automatic weapons, and that's already illegal in this country to have automatic weapons.

What I believe is we have to do, as the President mentioned towards the end of his remarks there, which is to make enormous efforts to enforce the gun laws that we have and to change the culture of violence we have. And you ask how are we going to do that? And there are a number of things. He mentioned good schools. I totally agree. We were able to drive our schools to be number one in the nation in my state, and I believe if we do a better job in education, we'll give people the hope and opportunity they deserve and perhaps less violence from that.

But let me mention another thing, and that is parents. We need moms and dads helping raise kids. Wherever possible, the benefit of having two parents in the home -- and that's not always possible -- a lot of great single moms, single dads, but, gosh, to tell our kids that before they have babies, they ought to think about getting married to someone, that's a great idea, because if there's a two-parent family, the prospect of living in poverty goes down dramatically. The opportunities that the child will be able to achieve increase dramatically. So we can make changes in the way our culture works to help bring people away from violence and give them opportunity and bring them in the American system.

The greatest failure we've had with regards to gun violence in some respects is what is known as Fast and Furious, which was a program under this administration. And how it worked exactly I think we don't know precisely, but where thousands of automatic and AK-47-type weapons were given to people that ultimately gave them to drug lords that used those weapons against their own citizens and killed Americans with them. And this was a program of the government. For what purpose it was put in place, I can't imagine. But it's one of the great tragedies related to violence in our society which has occurred during this administration, which I think the American people would like to understand fully.

It's been investigated to a degree, but the administration has carried out executive privilege to prevent all the information from coming out. I'd like to understand, who were the ones that did this, what the idea was behind it, why it led to the violence. Thousands of guns going to Mexico -

THE PRESIDENT: Candy.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- drug lords --

MS. CROWLEY: Governor, if I could, the question was about these assault weapons that once

were banned and are no longer banned. I know that you signed an assault weapons ban when you were in Massachusetts. Obviously with this question, you no longer do support that. Why is that? Given the kind of violence that we see sometimes with these mass killings, why is that, that you've changed your mind?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Well, Candy, actually, in my state, the pro-gun folks and the anti-gun folks came together and put together a piece of legislation. And it's referred to as an assault weapon ban, but it had, at the signing of the bill, both the pro-gun and the anti-gun people came together because it provided opportunities for both that both wanted. There were hunting opportunities, for instance, that hadn't previously been available and so forth. So it was a mutually agreed upon piece of legislation.

That's what we need more of, Candy. What we have right now in Washington is a place that's gridlocked.

MS. CROWLEY: So if you could get people to agree to it, you'd be for it?

THE PRESIDENT: Candy.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: We haven't had the leadership in Washington to work at a bipartisan basis. I was able to do that in my state and bring these two together.

THE PRESIDENT: Candy.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: First of all, I think Governor Romney was for an assault weapons ban before he was against it. And he said that the reason he changed his mind was, in part, because he was seeking the endorsement of the National Rifle Association. So that's on the record.

But I think that one area we agree on is the importance of parents and the importance of schools -- because I do believe that if our young people have opportunity, then they're less likely to engage in these kind of violent acts. We're not going to eliminate everybody who is mentally disturbed, and we've got to make sure that they don't get weapons, but we can make a difference in terms of ensuring that every young person in America, regardless of where they come from, what they look like, have a chance to succeed.

And, Candy, we haven't had a chance to talk about education much, but I think it is very important to understand that the reforms we've put in place, working with 46 governors around the country, are seeing schools that are some of the ones that are the toughest for kids starting to succeed -- we're starting to see gains in math and science.

When it comes to community colleges, we are setting up programs, including with Nassau Community College, to retrain workers, including young people who may have dropped out of school, but now are getting another chance -- training them for the jobs that exist right now. And in fact, employers are looking for skilled workers, and so we're matching them up, giving them access to higher education. As I said, we have made sure that millions of young people are able to get an education that they weren't able to get before. Now --

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, I have to move you along here. You said you wanted to get this question so we need to do it here.

THE PRESIDENT: Just one second, because this is important. This is part of the choice in this election. When Governor Romney was asked whether teachers -- hiring more teachers was important to growing our economy, Governor Romney said that doesn't grow our economy.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, it was guns here so I need to move us along. The question was guns so let me --

THE PRESIDENT: But this will make a difference in terms of whether or not we can move this economy forward for these young people and reduce our violence.

MS. CROWLEY: Okay. Thank you so much.

I want to ask Carol Goldberg to stand up because she gets to a question that both these men have been passionate about. It's for Governor Romney.

Q The outsourcing of American jobs overseas has taken a toll on our economy. What plans do you have to put back and keep jobs here in the United States?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Boy, great question, an important question because you're absolutely right. The place where we've seen manufacturing go has been China. China is now the largest manufacturer in the world -- used to be the United States of America. A lot of good people have lost jobs. A half a million manufacturing jobs have been lost in the last four years -- that's total over the last four years. One of the reasons for that is that people think it's more attractive in some cases to go offshore than to stay here. We have made it less attractive for enterprises to stay here than to go offshore from time to time.

What I will do as President is make sure it's more attractive to come to America again. This is the way we're going to create jobs in this country. It's not by trickle-down government, saying we're going to take more money from people and hire more government workers, raise more taxes, put in place more regulations. Trickle-down government has never worked here, has never worked anywhere.

I want to make America the most attractive place in the world for entrepreneurs, for small business, for big business to invest and grow in America. Now, we're going to have to make sure that as we trade with other nations that they play by the rules, and China hasn't. One of the reasons -- or one of the ways they don't play by the rules is artificially holding down the value of their currency. Because if they put their currency down low, that means their prices on their goods are low, and that makes them advantageous in the marketplace. We lose sales and manufacturers here in the U.S. making the same products can't compete.

China has been a currency manipulator for years and years and years. And the President has a regular opportunity to label them as a currency manipulator, but refuses to do so. On day one, I will label China a currency manipulator, which will allow me as president to be able to put in place, if necessary, tariffs where I believe that they are taking unfair advantage of our

manufacturers.

So we're going to make sure the people we trade with around the world play by the rules. But let me not just stop there. Don't forget what's key to bringing back jobs here is not just finding someone else to punish -- and I'm going to be strict with people who we trade with to make sure they follow the law and play by the rules -- but it's also to make America the most attractive place in the world for businesses of all kinds. That's why I want to bring down the tax rates on small employers, big employers, so they want to be here.

Canada's tax rate on companies is now 15 percent. Ours is 35 percent. So if you're starting a business, where would you rather start it? We have to be competitive if we're going to create more jobs here. Regulations have quadrupled -- the rate of regulations quadrupled under this President. I've talked to small businesses across the country. They say, we feel like we're under attack from our own government. I want to make sure that regulators see their job as encouraging small business, not crushing it. And there's no question but that Obamacare has been an extraordinary deterrent to enterprises of all kinds hiring people.

My priority is making sure that we get more people hired. If we have more people hired, if we get back manufacturing jobs, if we get back all kinds of jobs into this country, then you're going to see rising incomes again. The reason incomes are down is because unemployment is so high. I know what it takes to get this to happen. And my plan will do that. And one part of it is to make sure that we keep China playing by the rules. Thank you.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, two minutes here because we are then going to go to our last question.

THE PRESIDENT: We need to create jobs here. And both Governor Romney and I agree actually that we should lower our corporate tax rate. It's too high. But there's a difference in terms of how we would do it. I want to close loopholes that allow companies to deduct expenses when they move to China that allow them to profit offshore and not have to get taxed, so they have tax advantages offshore. All those changes in our tax code would make a difference.

Now, Governor Romney actually wants to expand those tax breaks. One of his big ideas when it comes to corporate tax reform would be to say if you invest overseas, you make profits overseas, you don't have to pay U.S. taxes. But of course, if you're a small business or a mom-and-pop business or a big business starting up here, you've got to pay even the reduced rate that Governor Romney is talking about. And it's estimated that that will create 800,000 new jobs -- the problem is they'll be in China or India or Germany. That's not the way we're going to create jobs here.

The way we're going to create jobs here is not just to change our tax code, but also to double our exports. And we are on pace to double our exports, one of the commitments I made when I was President. That's creating tens of thousands of jobs all across the country. That's why we've kept on pushing trade deals, but trade deals that make sure that American workers and American businesses are getting a good deal.

Now, Governor Romney talked about China, as I already indicated. In the private sector, Governor Romney's company invested in what were called "pioneers of outsourcing." That's not my phrase. It's what reporters called it. And as far as currency manipulation, the currency has actually gone up 11 percent since I've been President because we have pushed them hard. And we've put unprecedented trade pressure on China. That's why exports have significantly increased under my presidency. That's going to help to create jobs here.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, we have a really short time for a quick discussion here. iPad, the Macs, the iPhones -- they are all manufactured in China. One of the major reasons is labor is so much cheaper here. How do you convince a great American company to bring that manufacturing back here?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: The answer is very straightforward: We can compete with anyone in the world as long as the playing field is level. China has been cheating over the years -- one, by holding down the value of their currency; number two, by stealing our intellectual property -- our designs, our patents, our technology. There's even an Apple store in China that's a counterfeit Apple store selling counterfeit goods. They hack into our computers. We will have to have people play on a fair basis. That's number one.

Number two, we have to make America the most attractive place for entrepreneurs, for people who want to expand a business. That's what brings jobs in. The President's characterization of my tax plan is --

THE PRESIDENT: How much time you got, Candy?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- is completely -- is completely --

MS. CROWLEY: Let me go to the --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: -- is completely false. Let me tell you.

MS. CROWLEY: Let me go to the President here because we really are --

THE PRESIDENT: All right, I'm --

MS. CROWLEY: -- because we really are running out of time. And the question is, can we ever get -- we can't get wages like that. It can't be sustained here.

THE PRESIDENT: Candy, there are some jobs that are not going to come back because they're low-wage, low-skill jobs. I want high-wage, high-skill jobs. That's why we have to emphasize manufacturing. That's why we have to invest in advanced manufacturing. That's why we've got to make sure that we've got the best science and research in the world.

And when we talk about deficits, if we're adding to our deficit for tax cuts for folks who don't need them, and we're cutting investments in research and science that will create the next Apple, create the next new innovation that will sell products around the world, we will lose that race. If we're not training engineers to make sure that they are equipped here in this country, then companies won't come here. Those investments are what's going to help to make sure that we continue to lead this world economy not just next year, but 10 years from now, 50 years from now, 100 years from now.

MS. CROWLEY: Thanks, Mr. President.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Government does not create jobs.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor Romney.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Government does not create jobs.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor Romney, I want to introduce you to Barry Green because he's going to have the last question to you first.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Barry? Oh, there's Barry. Hi, Barry.

Q Hi, Governor. I think this is a tough question. Each of you, what do you believe is the biggest misperception that the American people have about you as a man and a candidate? Using specific examples, can you take this opportunity to debunk that misperception and set us straight?

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: Thank you, and that's an opportunity for me, and I appreciate it. In the nature of a campaign, it seems that some campaigns are focused on attacking a person rather than prescribing their own future and the things they'd like to do. In the course of that, I think the President's campaign has tried to characterize me as someone who's very different than who I am. I care about 100 percent of the American people. I want 100 percent of the American people to have a bright and prosperous future. I care about our kids. I understand what it takes to make a bright and prosperous future for America again. I spent my life in the private sector, not in government. I'm a guy who wants to help, with the experience I have, the American people.

My passion probably flows from the fact that I believe in God and I believe we're all children of the same God. I believe we have a responsibility to care for one another. I served as a missionary for my church. I served as a pastor in my congregation for about 10 years. I've sat across the table from people who are out of work, and worked with them to try and find new work, or to help them through tough times.

I went to the Olympics when they were in trouble to try and get them on track. And as governor of my state, I was able to get 100 percent of my people insured, all my kids, about 98 percent of the adults; was able also to get our schools ranked at number one in the nation, so 100 percent of our kids would have a bright opportunity for a future.

I understand that I can get this country on track again. We don't have to settle for what we're going through. We don't have to settle for gasoline at \$4. We don't have to settle for unemployment at a chronically high level. We don't have to settle for 47 million people on food stamps. We don't have to settle for 50 percent of kids coming out of college not able to get work. We don't have to settle for 23 million people struggling to find a good job.

If I become President, I'll get America working again. I will get us on track to a balanced budget. The President hasn't. I will. I'll make sure we can reform Medicare and Social Security to preserve them for coming generations. The President said he would. He didn't.

MS. CROWLEY: Governor --

GOVERNOR ROMNEY: I'll get our incomes up. And by the way, I've done these things. I served as governor and showed I could get them done.

MS. CROWLEY: Mr. President, last two minutes belong to you.

THE PRESIDENT: Barry, I think a lot of this campaign, maybe over the last four years, has been devoted to this notion that I think government creates jobs, that that somehow is the answer. That's not what I believe.

I believe that the free enterprise system is the greatest engine of prosperity the world has ever known. I believe in self-reliance and individual initiative, and risk-takers being rewarded. But I also believe that everybody should have a fair shot and everybody should do their fair share, and everybody should play by the same rules, because that's how our economy is grown. That's how we built the world's greatest middle class. And that is part of what's at stake in this election. There's a fundamentally different vision about how we move our country forward.

I believe Governor Romney is a good man, loves his family, cares about his faith. But I also believe that when he said behind closed doors that 47 percent of the country consider themselves victims, who refuse personal responsibility, think about who he was talking about -- folks on Social Security who have worked all their lives; veterans who have sacrificed for this country; students who are out there trying to hopefully advance their own dreams but also this country's dreams; soldiers who are overseas fighting for us right now; people who are working hard every day, paying payroll tax, gas taxes, but don't make enough income.

And I want to fight for them. That's what I've been doing for the last four years, because if they succeed, I believe the country succeeds.

And when my grandfather fought in World War II, and he came back, and he got a GI Bill and that allowed him to go to college, that wasn't a handout. That was something that advanced the entire country. And I want to make sure that the next generation has those same opportunities. That's why I'm asking for your vote, and that's why I'm asking for another four years.

MS. CROWLEY: President Obama, Governor Romney, thank you for being here tonight.

On that note, we have come to an end of this town hall debate. (Applause.) Our thanks to the participants for their time, and to the people of Hofstra University for their hospitality.

The next and final debate takes place Monday night at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. Don't forget to watch. Election Day is three weeks from today. Don't forget to vote. Good night.

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MRS. OBAMA: I decided to bring someone out with me. You may know this guy. (Applause.)

I want to start by thanking Amanda for that very kind introduction. We are so proud of her. And we are so grateful for her service. So let's give Amanda another round of applause. (Applause.) And thank you, Amanda, for getting the President to eat some fruit this morning. That's good. (Laughter.)

Well, you guys, this looks amazing. You all sound really fired up. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Fired up!

MRS. OBAMA: And you definitely sound ready to go. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Ready to go!

MRS. OBAMA: And let me tell you, I'm glad to hear it because --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four more years!

MRS. OBAMA: Yes, indeed, with your help! (Applause.) With your help.

Let me just say this. I shared this with the folks earlier today, but being back in the great state of Iowa -- (applause) -- yes, indeed! (Applause.) Where it all began for us. (Applause.) I have to say I'm feeling pretty fired up and ready to go myself.

Our family has so many great memories of our time here in Iowa. As I mentioned earlier, I remember when we went to Pella, and an entire neighborhood sang "Happy Birthday" to Mallia on the Fourth of July. (Applause.) Yes. It was so sweet. I remember, on the big day at the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, we danced with about a thousand folks across the street with the Isiserettes. It's a marching band. We've had them back to the White House since. But that was exciting.

And our girls still talk about our visit to the State Fair. That was like I think the first big State Fair we ever went to. (Applause.) And it was so much fun. We did everything. We rode the bumper cars, and we slid down this big slide. I mentioned how Barack almost dropped Sasha -- (laughter) -- off of the slide. (Applause.) She flew up and he barely -- I wasn't very happy about that. (Laughter.)

And, that is where, yes, we experienced our very first fried Twinkie on a stick. (Applause.) It was here. And it was also pretty funny because he was a senator at the time and he had a lot of press, and they were everywhere. And the girls were holding baby chicks, and the cameras were flashing. So when it was time for him to leave -- he left early -- the girls actually turned around to me and said, "Whew. I'm so glad Daddy is gone." (Laughter.) Now we can really have some fun. (laughter.)

We essentially shut the State Fair down. So we had a great time. And I'll have to say that I'm a little bit jealous that Barack got to go to the State Fair this week without me.

AUDIENCE: Awwww --

MRS. OBAMA: Oh, it's so sad.

THE PRESIDENT: It was good. (Laughter.)

MRS. OBAMA: So today I want to start by saying thank you, truly, thank you. I want to thank everybody in the state for the kindness and generosity and love that you all have shown our family. Regardless of what party you're from, regardless of how you felt about us, you have shown us so much love. (Applause.) And you don't understand how important that was for me because Iowa was my very first experience with a national campaign. And because of you all, this state, the people in this state, our girls still think campaigning is fun. (Laughter.) They really do.

More importantly, because of all of you, Barack and I will always remember what this process can be at its very best. Truly, every election, the folks here in Iowa, you all remind us what democracy is all about. And it's really about getting to know the issues and discussing the issue with your neighbors. It's about meeting your candidates and getting to know them and their families really up close and personal in a way that very few states get to do.

And I will never forget my very first visit here back in 2007, and I remember it well because we were in the backyard of someone's home. It was just such a simple gathering. And I have to admit that I was a little nervous because I hadn't done much campaigning. And back then, people barely even knew who Barack was, let alone who I was.

So I didn't know how it would be. But the folks in that backyard welcomed me like I was an old friend. And within minutes I was so comfortable that I kicked off my high heels and I was standing in the lawn, in the grass, with bare feet, talking and laughing and listening to people's stories. And that's when I learned that that's what campaigning is about -- hearing about what's going on in people's lives, about the jobs that they're juggling and the businesses they're trying to keep afloat, the kids they hope to send to college if they can find a way to afford it.

And the more we talked, the more I felt at home -- because in their stories, I saw my story. I saw Barack's story. And you all know my story. My father worked at the city water plant his entire life; that was pretty much the only job he had. And neither of my parents had the chance to get a college degree. But as I tell people everywhere I go, what I appreciate about my parents was that they saved and they sacrificed, and they poured everything they had into me and my brother so that we could have the kind of educational opportunities they could only dream of. (Applause.)

And like Barack, pretty much all of our college tuition came from student loans and grants. Yes, we can relate to how a lot of folks go to college. But my dad still had to pay a small portion of that tuition himself. And let me tell you, every semester, my father was determined to pay his little portion right on time, because he was so proud to play a small part in sending his kids to college that he couldn't bear the thought of us missing a registration deadline because his check was late.

And really, more than anything else, that's what I try to remind people when I go out and campaign -- that's what's at stake in this election. (Applause.) It's that fundamental promise that no matter who you are or how you started out, if you work hard, in America, you can build a decent life for yourself and an even better life for your kids. (Applause.) That's why we're here.

And whether it's equal pay for women or health care for our families, whether it's supporting our veterans or saving our auto industry, that is what this man, my husband, has been fighting for every single day as President. (Applause.)

And let me just share something with you -- because over the last three and a half years, as First Lady, I have had the chance to see up close and personal what being President is like. And I have seen how the issues that come across a President's desk are always the hard ones -- the problems with no clear solutions, the judgment calls where the stakes are so high and there's no margin for error.

And I have seen that as President, you are going to get all kinds of advice and guidance from all kinds of people. But at the end of the day, when it's time to make that decision all you have to guide you are your values and your vision and your life experiences. And what I've learned is that, in the end, it all boils down to who you are and what you stand for.

And we all know who my husband is, don't we? (Applause.) And we all know what he stands for. And I remind people, your President is the son of a single mother who struggled to put herself through school and pay the bills. He's the grandson of a woman who woke up before dawn every day to catch a bus to her job at a bank. And even though Barack's grandmother was good at her job and worked hard to support his family, like so many women, she hit that glass ceiling and watched men no more qualified than she was -- men she'd actually trained -- climb that ladder ahead of her.

So I remind people that Barack knows what it means when a family struggles. And he knows what it means to want something better for your kids and your grandkids. (Applause.) And that's why I love him, and that's why I will have his back forever. (Applause.)

And that is also what I think about when I kiss our girls goodnight. I think about the world I want to leave for them and for all our sons and daughters. I think about how I want to give our kids a foundation for their dreams and opportunities worthy of their promise -- because all of our kids in this country are worthy. (Applause.) We want give them that sense of limitless possibility, the belief that here in America, the greatest country on the planet, there is always something better out there if you're willing to work for it. (Applause.)

So I know that we cannot turn back now -- not now. We have come so far, but we have so much more to do. And if we keep on moving forward, then we need to work our hearts out for this man that I have the pleasure of introducing here today -- my husband and our President, President Barack Obama. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you! (Applause.) Hello, Davenport! (Applause.) It is good to be back in the Quads. (Applause.) I see a lot of familiar faces, a lot of good friends.

First of all, let me just say that I, too, could not be prouder of Amanda Irish -- her service to this country, everything that she's done. She wants to go back to medical school. She is going to be a great doctor, and she's going to help a lot of people. Give her a big round of applause. (Applause.)

Your Mayor and a great friend of mine for a long, long time, Bill Gluba is here. (Applause.)

There is another friend of mine who's here that isn't going to come up on stage, but I want to make a special mention to him. He's from the other side of the river. He's an Illinoisan. (Applause.) But I tell you what, this is a guy who served his country, looked after veterans, was a fighter for working families, and was the first guy outside of Chicago to endorse me and support me when I ran for the United States Senate back in 2004. And if had not been for his support, I wouldn't be standing here today. He has shown even more courage in battling Parkinson's, and is somebody who I will always think of when I think of integrity and public service. So I just want everybody to give a big round of applause to former Congressman Lane Evans -- a great friend of mine. (Applause.) Lane is right there.

And finally, let me say something about my wife. I don't usually like to follow her speaking -- (laughter) -- because, let's face it, on the charisma rankings in my household, you've got her, the girls, Bo -- (laughter) -- and then my mother-in-law and then me. Actually, my mother-in-law is before Bo, obviously. (Laughter.) I love my mother-in-law, too -- that's where Michelle got her looks from. So when other Obamas are participating I tend to kind of shine quite a bit much.

But I've called her the "rock" of our family. That may sell it short. I don't know anybody who is more honest, who is stronger, who knows who she is, knows what's important, remembers where she came from, is the best mom in the world, keeps me in line, keeps me straight, keeps me humble -- and she's cute. (Applause.) So I told people back in 2008, I won't be a perfect President, and I'm not a perfect man, but we do have a perfect First Lady. Please give it up for Michelle Obama. (Applause.)

Now, as Michelle mentioned, this is our third day in Iowa. I started out in Council Bluffs and we drove here, all the way to the Quads -- west to east. And we've stopped all across the state -- everywhere we've gone we have had fun. It is true, I have eaten a lot. (Laughter.) At the State Fair I had a pork chop and a beer. (Applause.) And it was very good.

But we met farmers who have been hurt badly by the drought, and talked to them about the importance of Congress getting its act together and passing a farm bill. (Applause.) That's not an issue that's been partisan in the past, there's no reason it should be now -- especially when farmers and ranchers are hurting.

We met folks who have helped Iowa become a leader in wind energy -- (applause) -- and talked about how we need to keep investing in clean, renewable energy. This morning I had breakfast with Amanda and a number of other veterans, and listened to their stories about not only the pride they took in service to their country, but also they were pretty honest about some of the difficulties when they came home. And I reminded them that as Commander-in-Chief, one promise I guarantee I'll keep -- we are going to make sure we serve our veterans as well as they served us. (Applause.)

And everywhere I went, I was reminded -- because I'd see folks who I hadn't seen in a couple of years: friends, neighbors, hit spots we had gone to in 2007-2008 -- I was reminded of how this movement for changed started in folks' backyards and in school gyms, and in VFW halls and in diners all across this state. And this may be the last stop on our particular trip here this week, but that journey that we started back in 2008, it's not finished.

We've got a lot more work to do. We've got unfinished business to attend to. I've come here to ask you to stand with me and help me finish the job. (Applause.) I'm asking you to help finish what we started, to bring about the change that is going to make America live up to its promise -- not just for this generation but for generations to come. That is why I am running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Three months -- less than three months from now, less than three months -- not that I'm counting -- (laughter) -- you will face a choice. And that choice could not be bigger.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: It's a choice that you face this November that is not just about two candidates or two political parties -- it's a choice between two fundamentally different visions of where to take America. And the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth is not going to have a direct -- not just going to have a direct impact on your lives, it's going to have an impact on your kids' lives and your grandchildren's lives.

When we came together in 2007-2008 -- Democrats, independents and, yes, some Republicans -- we came together to restore that basic bargain that built this country -- Michelle talked about it. Simple idea: Here in this country, if you work hard you can get ahead. Here in this country, if you take responsibility and you put in the effort, you should be able to find a job that supports a family, you should be able to find a home you can call your own, you shouldn't go bankrupt when you get sick, you should be able to retire with dignity and respect -- (applause) -- and, most of all, you should be able to give your kids the kind of education and opportunity that allows them to dream even bigger and do even better than we ever did. (Applause.) That is the basic American promise, and that promise was being broken.

We had seen a decade where jobs were being shipped overseas, and where wages and incomes were going down except for a few at the very top, even while the cost of everything from health care to college were skyrocketing. We saw 2 wars fought on a credit card, surplus going into deficit, all culminating in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

So we knew that restoring that basic American idea that if you work hard you can get ahead, that it wouldn't be easy; that it was going to take more than one year or one term or even one President. And that was all before we saw how badly this financial crisis hammered middle-class families -- folks losing their homes and losing their jobs, losing their savings, all pushing that American Dream a little further out of reach.

And I told you in -- four years ago, I said, don't look for quick fixes; we didn't get into this overnight, we're not going to solve it overnight. But what I said, and what is still true is we've got all the things we need, all the ingredients. We've got the capacity to meet our challenges. We've still got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best farmers in the world. We've got the best small businesspeople in the world. We've got the best scientists and researchers and colleges and universities in the world. (Applause.)

We're a young nation, and we've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity. People want to come here from every corner of the globe. No matter what the naysayers may say, there is not another country on Earth that would not trade places with the United States of America. (Applause.) People around the world understand this is still a place where no matter what you look like or where you come from or what your last name is, you can make it. And that's the idea we're trying to rebuild. (Applause.) That's why we're -- that's what this campaign is about. That's what the last three and a half years have been about.

Every day, I've woken up thinking about you. That's what we thought about when we put in place the Recovery Act to help make sure that everybody who needed it got a tax cut; to make sure that teachers could stay on the job, and firefighters and cops. (Applause.) That's what I was thinking about when we saved the auto industry that was about to go under. (Applause.) That's how we worked with businesses to help create 4.5 million new jobs -- half a million in manufacturing.

But we've got a long way to go. We've got more work to do. We know that. And the big challenge we have right now is not a lack of big ideas, it's not a lack of solutions. Our problem is politics in Washington. (Applause.) We've got folks on the other side who think "compromise" is a dirty word, and basically have only 2 ideas to grow the economy.

One is to get rid of regulations that we put in place to make sure that we don't have another tax-funded bailout -- taxpayer-funded bailout when the banks make reckless decisions, or make sure that polluters aren't polluting, or make sure insurance companies aren't taking advantage of you. So they want to strip away those regulations. And the other big idea they've got is the same kind of top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

Governor Romney's big idea is a \$5 trillion tax cut, on top of the Bush tax cuts -- a lot of which would be going to the wealthiest Americans who've already been doing very well.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Romney Hood!

THE PRESIDENT: And here's the kicker: He's expecting you to pay for it.

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: Because \$5 trillion is a lot of money. That's 10 times our defense budget, so that would be the equivalent of our defense budget in tax cuts every single year. And his basic idea is that middle-class families with children would see their tax bill go up an average \$2,000. This is not my analysis. This is an analysis that was done by independent economists.

And they're asking you to pay more in your taxes not to reduce the deficit, or grow jobs, or invest in education, but to give another \$250,000 tax cut to people making \$3 million a year or more.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, his allies in Congress have the same view. You heard that he announced Congressman Ryan as his running mate -- and look, Congressman Ryan, I know him, he's a good man, a family man. But he is the ideological leader of this Republican Congress. And he's a very articulate spokesperson for Governor Romney's vision. The problem is the vision is wrong. (Applause.) We don't agree with it.

They have tried to sell us this top-down, trickle-down economics before. (Laughter.) We just tried it right before I took office. And guess what, it did not work. It didn't work then, and it won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to reduce the deficit. It's not a plan to move our economy forward. Now, secretly, I think they know this. They understand their economic plan isn't very popular -- because they started making all kinds of stuff up about my plan.

I'll give you an example. Lately, they've been talking about Medicare. Now, keep in mind these are -- both Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan in the past have said they want to voucherize the Medicare system.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Here's what I've done. I've strengthened Medicare. I've made reforms that save millions of seniors with Medicare hundreds of dollars on their prescription drugs. (Applause.) We're closing the doughnut hole. I've proposed reforms that will save Medicare money by getting rid of wasteful spending in the health care system. (Applause.) Reforms that will not touch your Medicare benefits.

And Governor Romney and his running mate have a different plan. They want to turn Medicare into a voucher system. That means seniors would no longer have the guarantee of Medicare -- they'd get a voucher to buy private insurance. And if it doesn't keep up with costs, well, that's the seniors' problem.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: It was estimated that Governor Romney's running mate, his original plan would force seniors to pay an extra \$6,400 a year.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: My plan has extended Medicare by nearly a decade. Their plan ends Medicare as we know it. My plan reduces the cost of Medicare by cracking down on fraud and waste and subsidies to insurance companies. Their plan makes seniors pay more to help finance another tax cut for folks who don't need it.

That's an example of the difference between our two philosophies. That's the choice in this election. And that is why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: You know, when it comes to taxes, four years ago I promised to cut middle-class taxes -- I did it. If anybody tells you democrats are all big tax-and-spend, you tell them, well, my taxes are lower than they were before President Obama took office by about \$3,600 for a typical family. (Applause.)

So now, I want to keep taxes right where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. (Applause.) If your family makes under \$250,000 -- like 98 percent of Americans, and 97 percent of small businesses -- you won't see your income taxes increase by a single dime next year. (Applause.)

Now, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent you will still keep the tax cut on the first \$250,000 you make. But if you're making more than that, we're going to ask you to contribute just a little bit more to help pay down the deficit and allow us to still invest in things like education that help the economy grow. (Applause.)

That won't solve the whole deficit problem. We've still got to make some smart cuts. I've already cut a trillion dollars of spending -- we can do more. But we can't just balance our budget on the backs of middle-class families --

AUDIENCE: No!

THE PRESIDENT: -- not just on the backs of the poor.

So what I said is, look, I know folks like me are in a position to do a little bit more, go back to the rates we paid under Bill Clinton -- a time when we created 23 million new jobs, we had a budget surplus instead of a deficit. (Applause.) And guess what, you know what, millionaires did good too. (Laughter.) Businesses and corporations did well too. And here's the reason -- when a teacher or a firefighter or a receptionist or a construction worker, when they've got a little more money in their pockets, when you've got a little more money in your pockets, what do you do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: You spend it. Because times are tough. You maybe haven't bought a new car in 10 years. Maybe you've got an old broken appliance that's just been sitting there, doesn't work. Maybe your kid is going to college and you want to make sure they've got a computer to help them with their studies.

So you go out, and now businesses have more customers. And when businesses have more customers, they make more profit. And when they make more profit,

they hire more workers. And then those workers have a little more money and they go out and spend some more. (Applause.)

See, when you look at the history of this country, we didn't grow through top-down economics, we grew through middle class-out economics. We grew from bottom-up economics. We grew together, where everybody got a fair shot, and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same set of rules. That's the choice in this election. And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

So on almost every issue, you're going to have a choice. When the auto industry was on the brink of collapse, Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said that's a million workers at stake, and I believe in American workers. And three years later, the American auto industry has come roaring back.

So now I want to make sure American manufacturing is taking root here. Let's change this tax code once and for all -- stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give them to companies that are investing here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

Governor Romney wants to keep those tax breaks. He likes to talk about his private sector experience, but a lot of it was investing in companies that have been called "pioneers" of outsourcing. We don't need more outsourcing, we need more insourcing. (Applause.) That's a difference in this election. That's a choice in this election.

I want to make sure we've got the best education system in the world. (Applause.) I want to make sure that local school districts can hire more teachers, especially in math and science. I want to make sure that 2 million more people can go to community colleges so they can get trained for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. And I want to keep pushing on colleges on universities to lower tuition so every young person can afford to get a higher education. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

Governor Romney wants to end the tax credits for wind energy.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Wind energy creates 7,000 jobs in Iowa -- 7,000 jobs. Governor Romney said these new sources of energy are "imaginary." Congressman Ryan said they're a "fad". Those 7,000 jobs aren't a fad, they're our future.

We should stop giving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer subsidies to the big oil companies that are already making money, and help create homegrown sources of energy that put Americans back to work and help free ourselves from dependence on foreign oil. That's the choice in this election. (Applause.)

In 2009, I said I'd end the war in Iraq -- and I did. (Applause.) I said we would refocus attention on al Qaeda and bin Laden -- and we did. (Applause.) We've set a timeline to end the war in Afghanistan. All this was possible because of incredible men and women in uniform like Amanda. (Applause.) So now we've got an obligation to make sure that our VA and all our services are doing what we need to do for our veterans now that they're coming home.

But part of that is also taking some of the savings after a decade of war and using them to put folks back to work doing some nation-building here at home. (Applause.) Let's rebuild some roads and some bridges. Let's create a Veteran's Jobs Corps so they can get jobs as firefighters and cops in communities that need them. (Applause.) That's the America I want to build. That's a choice in this election. (Applause.)

And let me just tell you one more choice -- Governor Romney said one of the first things he's going to do on day one is he's going to kill Obamacare.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I've got to say, I've grown kind of fond of the term Obamacare. (Applause.) Because I do care. (Applause.) I care about all the families in Iowa and Illinois and all across the country that I've met who have preexisting conditions and now they know they're going to be able to get health care coverage. (Applause.) I care about 6.5 million young people who can now stay on their parent's plan because of Obamacare. (Applause.) I care about the seniors who are getting discounts on their prescription drugs because of Obamacare. (Applause.)

So maybe Governor Romney wants to have another three years' worth of argument about health care. I want to move forward. The Supreme Court has spoken. We are implementing it. It is helping families all across this nation. We are moving forward, not backward. That's a difference in this election. (Applause.)

So on all these issues -- whether it's health care security, making sure Medicare is there for future generations, making sure that we're rebuilding America, making sure our kids are getting the best education possible -- these are all ingredients of what we know to be a middle-class life. It's what Michelle talked about. It's what helped Michelle and me have the opportunities to do things that our parents could not have imagined.

And now, we want to make sure the next generation has it. And I know you guys feel the same way because you've got that same story. Your parents, your grandparents, your great-grandparents -- the struggles they went through to give us a shot. We've got an obligation now to make sure our children have that same shot, that same opportunity. That's why this election is so important. That's what we're fighting for. (Applause.)

And you know, over the next three months the other side will spend more money than we have ever seen on ads telling you one thing -- that the economy is not so good and it's Obama's fault. And you know, their economic theory doesn't sell, so that's going to be their message. And it may be a plan to win the election, but it's not a plan to create jobs or reduce the deficit or grow the economy. They don't have a plan to revive the middle class, but I do.

And so I tell you what, we've come too far to turn back now. (Applause.) We've got too many jobs we've got to create. We've got too many teachers we've got to hire. We've got too many students who need to afford to be able to go to college. (Applause.) We've got more energy we've got to generate and more troops we've got to bring home. (Applause.) We've got more doors of opportunity that we've got to open to everybody who is willing to work hard to walk through them. (Applause.)

So if you're willing to work with me one more time, and stand with me one more time, and knock on some doors one more time, and make some phone calls one more time: if you're willing to vote for me this November, we'll win Davenport, we'll win Iowa, we'll win this election. We'll finish what we started. And we'll remind the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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MRS. OBAMA: Oh, my goodness! (Applause.) This is so sweet.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

MRS. OBAMA: We love you guys, too. (Applause.) Let me start by --

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

MRS. OBAMA: Four more! (Applause.) But I want to start by thanking Jennifer for -- (applause.) We are so proud of her. And we are so grateful for her sacrifice and her service, and for Andrew's service and sacrifice as well. So I just want to thank her for that wonderful introduction and for all she's doing for our country. (Applause.)

And, yes, it sounds like you all are pretty fired up. (Applause.) And very ready to go. (Applause.) And I'm really glad to hear that. First of all, it's good to see my husband. (Laughter.) Because I haven't seen him in a good week.

THE PRESIDENT: Five days.

MRS. OBAMA: Five days?

THE PRESIDENT: Five days.

MRS. OBAMA: It seemed like a week, it was so long. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I missed you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you!

MRS. OBAMA: Just take care of him. (Laughter.)

But I am just as happy to be back in the great state of Iowa, where it all began. (Applause.) So you guys are getting me all fired up just being here. It is so beautiful here. (Applause.) It is so beautiful. Good to be back. Our family has so many wonderful memories of our time here in Iowa. In Pella, I remember that an entire neighborhood sang "Happy Birthday" to Malia on the Fourth of July. (Laughter.) That was so sweet. She was a little, bitty something, too.

And on the day of the big Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, I remember how we danced down the street with the Isiserettes. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: That's what they were called.

MRS. OBAMA: It was the Isiserettes -- and a few thousand folks across the state, as well, were there, too. So that was fun.

THE PRESIDENT: That was fun.

MRS. OBAMA: And our girls, Malia and Sasha, they still talk about our visit to the State Fair. (Applause.) We had a ball. We rode the bumper cars; we slid down that big slide -- where Barack almost lost Sasha. (Laughter.) She flew up --

THE PRESIDENT: I held on.

MRS. OBAMA: It wasn't pretty. Wasn't happy about that. (Laughter.) And, yes, we experienced the magic of our first fried Twinkie. (Applause.) Yes, we did. Even though you say I don't let you eat them, you eat what you want. (Laughter.)

But we were surrounded by the press, so Barack left and the girls looked at me and they said, "Oh, I'm so glad Dad is gone." (Laughter.) Now we can have fun. (Laughter.) So after he left, we stayed. We cut loose. We stayed until the fair shut down. It was a ball. And I have to say that we're all very jealous that Barack got to go back to the fair without us last week. Did you have a fried Twinkie?

THE PRESIDENT: Pork chop and beer. (Laughter and applause.)

MRS. OBAMA: He's so pleased with himself. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: It was good. It was tasty.

MRS. OBAMA: But in all seriousness, though, because of those wonderful memories and so many more, I want to start by saying thank you. Truly. Thank you for the kindness, generosity and love that you have shown our family -- I mean, throughout the state, consistently. (Applause.) Iowa was our very first experience with a national campaign, truly. And it is because of all of you that Malia and Sasha still think campaigning is fun. (Laughter.) They do. Now, they never really want to go, but they're like, that was fun. (Laughter.)

But more importantly, because of you, Barack and I will always remember what this process can be at its very best. Every election, you all remind us what democracy is all about. It's about people getting to know the issues and discussing them with their neighbors. It's about meeting your candidates and getting to know them and their families up close and personal.

I will never forget the very first visit that I made here back in 2007, and I think it was the very first campaign event I did, so of course I was nervous. And it was in the backyard of someone's home, and I have to admit I really didn't know what it would be like. I hadn't done much campaigning, and back then people barely even knew who Barack was, let alone who I was.

But the folks in that backyard welcomed me like an old friend, and within minutes, I was so comfortable that I remember kicking off my heels and I was standing barefoot in the grass, just talking and laughing and listening to people's stories. And I heard about what was going on in folks' lives -- the jobs they were juggling, the businesses they were trying to keep afloat, the kids they hoped to send to college if they could just find a way to afford it.

And the more we talked, the more at home I felt -- because what I learned was that in all of those stories I saw my story; I saw Barack's story. I mean, you all know that story by now. My father worked at the city water plant his entire life. And neither of my parents had a college degree, but they saved and sacrificed so that my brother and I could have the kind of education they only dreamed of.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Whitney Young!

MRS. OBAMA: And while -- Whitney Young? Oh, my goodness, that's my high school. (Laughter.) Go, Dolphins! (Laughter.)

And while pretty much all of our college tuition came from student loans and grants, my dad still had to pay a small portion of that tuition himself. And every semester, my dad was determined to pay his little portion of our tuition bill and to pay it on time -- because he was so proud to be able to play even just a little part in sending his kids to college. So he couldn't bear the thought that me or my brother would miss a registration deadline because his check was late.

And really, more than anything else, what I remind people is that's what's at stake in this election. That's why we're all here. That's what we're working for. It's that fundamental promise that no matter who you are or where you started out, in America, if you work hard you can build a decent life for yourself and an even better life for your kids. (Applause.) That's why we're here.

And whether it's equal pay for women or health care for our families, whether it's supporting our veterans or saving our auto industry, that's what this man, my husband, has been

fighting for every single day as President. (Applause.)

And the one thing I share with people is that over the last three and a half years, as First Lady, I have had the chance to see up close and personal what being President really looks like. And I've seen some things. (Laughter.) But seriously, I have seen how the issues that come across the President's desk are always the hard ones -- the problems with no clear solutions, the judgment calls where the stakes are so high and there's absolutely no margin for error.

And as President, I've seen how you're going to get all kinds of advice and opinions from all kinds of people. But the truth is that at the end of the day, as President, all you have to guide you are your values and your vision and your life experiences. In the end, it all boils down to who you are and what you stand for. (Applause.)

And we all know who my husband is, don't we? (Applause.) And we all know what he stands for. (Applause.) He is the son of a single mother who struggled to put herself through school and pay the bills. He's the grandson of a woman who woke up before dawn every day to catch a bus to her job at the bank.

And even though Barack's grandmother worked hard to help support his family and she was good at her job, like so many women, she hit that glass ceiling and watched men no more qualified than she was -- men she'd actually trained -- climb up that ladder ahead of her.

So what I remind people is that your President knows what it means when a family struggles. This is not a hypothetical situation for him. He knows what it means to want something better for your kids and your grandkids. (Applause.) And that's why I love him, that's why I married. And that's what I think about every night when I put Malia and Sasha to bed. Sometimes they put me to bed. (Laughter.) I can't stay up later than them anymore.

But I think about the world that I want to leave for them, for all of our sons and daughters. I think about how I want to give our kids that foundation for their dreams, opportunities worthy of their promise -- because all of our children in this country are worthy. (Applause.) We all want to work to give them that sense of limitless possibility, that belief that here in America, the greatest country on Earth, there's always something better out there if you're willing to work for it. (Applause.)

So we know that we can't turn back now. We have come so far, but we have so much more work to do. And if we keep moving forward, then we need to work our hearts out for the man that I have the pleasure of introducing -- (applause) -- my husband and our President, President Barack Obama. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, Dubuque! (Applause.) Thank you, Dubuque. How is everybody doing today? (Applause.)

Now, first of all, I, too, just want to thank Jennifer for not just her introduction, but for serving as a military spouse and championing the causes that are so important for so many military families like hers. And so please give her a big -- another round of applause. Thank you for everything that you do. Very proud of you. (Applause.)

I also want to acknowledge, sitting next to Jennifer is Congressman Bruce Braley -- (applause) -- who helped to get the bill that Jennifer had worked on, based on her experience with Andrew, passed, and I had the honor of signing into law -- Congressman Bruce Braley, who is doing a great job on behalf of our veterans and on behalf of working people here in Iowa. (Applause.)

A couple of other friends who are here -- your own Attorney General -- this guy supported me when nobody could pronounce my name. (Laughter.) Folks would say, Tom, why are you doing that? But he is a man of great integrity, a champion on behalf of consumers nationwide as well as here in Iowa -- Tom Miller is here. Give him a big round of applause. (Applause.) Also, your own Mayor -- Mayor Roy Buol is here. Give Roy a big round of applause. (Applause.)

And finally, my wife. (Applause.) Now, it is true, I have not seen her in five days and -- except I caught the end of Leno. (Laughter.) And the only reason that she, I think, is happy to see me is because she knows that after today, she gets to go tomorrow and get our girls from sleep-away camp, and she has been missing them terribly. So we stand in the way of her getting to her babies. (Laughter.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We still love you. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: But I have to tell you, when I stand here and listen to her, I am just reminded how lucky I am, because she is a woman of strength and integrity and honor. (Applause.) She keeps me straight every single day. She is the best mom in the world. (Applause.) And she's cute. (Laughter.)

And the problem is, sometimes when I listen to her talk I start choking up a little bit, and I forget what I'm going to say. (Laughter.) But I could not be prouder of her. And I say often -- back in 2008, I said, look, I'm not a perfect man; I won't be a perfect President. I do think she is a perfect First Lady. I just want you to know that. (Applause.)

Now, this is our third day in Iowa. (Applause.) And she's right, we have been traveling all across the state. We did stop at the State Fair. We stopped to get something to eat before she showed up, just so there wasn't any issues --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Smart man.

THE PRESIDENT: Smart man. (Laughter.)

We began the journey in Council Bluffs, and just like four years ago, we've traveled all across this state, west to

east, meeting with you and talking about your lives. We've driven through Boone and Des Moines and Oskaloosa and Marshalltown and Waterloo and Cedar Rapids.

We met farmers who've been badly hurt by drought and who now need us to pass a farm bill. (Applause.) We met folks who've helped Iowa become a leader in wind energy. (Applause.) And now they need us to keep investing in clean, renewable energy. (Applause.) This morning I had breakfast with some of our outstanding veterans who fought under our proud flag. (Applause.) And so now we need to serve them just as well as they've served us, and make sure that they've got new jobs and new opportunities and a roof over their heads when they come home. (Applause.)

And every stop, I've got fond memories of the last campaign -- the campaign we had four years ago. Every stop, I've gotten reminders of what makes Iowa so special and how this is where our movement for change happened. (Applause.)

It was because of you. It was because of your stories and your strength and your spirit that I had the strength and the spirit to go through that campaign. And it's because of you that I've had the strength to do the job over the last three and a half years.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: And I've got to tell you, Iowa, we're not done yet. This journey is not done yet. We've got some unfinished business to do. (Applause.) And I've come here to ask you to stand with me, just like you stood with me in 2008, to finish what we started. (Applause.)

Because less than three months from now, you will face a choice, and that choice could not be bigger. This is a choice not just between two candidates. It's not just between two political parties. More than any election in recent memory, this is a choice about two fundamentally different visions for our country, how we move this country forward. And the direction that you choose when you walk into that voting booth will have an impact not just on your lives, but on the lives of your children and the lives of your grandchildren. It will impact us for decades to come.

When we came together in 2008 -- and it wasn't just Democrats, we had independents and some Republicans, too -- it was to restore the basic bargain that built this country, the basic bargain that made us the most prosperous economy in the world. It's a bargain that says if we work hard, we should be rewarded. It's a deal that says if you put in enough effort, you can find a job that pays the bills. You can afford a home that you call your own. You won't go broke when you get sick. You can retire with dignity and respect. (Applause.) And, most of all, it's a bargain that says your kids will get a great education and they'll grow up safe and healthy. And they will have opportunities that you couldn't even dream of; that they will be able to achieve things that you could have only hoped for.

That's the basic promise of America. That's the American Dream. And we knew that restoring it wouldn't be easy, that it would take more than one year, or one term, or even one President -- because we had just gone through a decade in which the middle class had been taking a lot of hits. (Applause.) Jobs had been getting shipped overseas. Incomes and wages were flat or even going down, while the cost of everything from health care to college were going up. A few folks at the top were doing really well, but the average family was struggling.

And this was before we saw the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. And so many more of our friends and neighbors and family members lost their jobs and lost their homes, lost their savings and pushed that American Dream even further out of reach.

So when I ran for this office four years ago, I told you there were no quick fixes, there were no easy solutions. That's still true today. But what I also told you and what is also still true today is that we have the capacity to meet every challenge. We've got everything we need to meet our challenges. (Applause.) We've still got the best workers in the world. (Applause.) We've still got the best entrepreneurs, and small businessmen and women in the world. (Applause.) We've got the best scientists and researchers in the world. We've got the best farmers in the world. We've got the best colleges and universities in the world. (Applause.)

We are still a young nation and we've got the greatest diversity of talent and ingenuity -- people want to come here from every corner of the globe. So no matter what the naysayers say, no matter how dark the other side tries to paint things, there is not another country on Earth that wouldn't gladly change places with the United States of America. (Applause.)

Because people understand that even though we go through some tough times, there is a resilience and grit about this country. And this country is the place where if you're willing to work hard -- no matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, no matter what your last name is -- you can make it. (Applause.)

That's the idea that we were trying to rebuild in 2008. That's the idea that we continue to pursue in 2012. That is what this campaign is all about. And that is why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Dubuque, here's the thing -- I told you all the things we've got going for us. We do have one problem -- politics in Washington.

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: You've got the other side, which has decided that "compromise" is a dirty word, and thinks the only way to move forward is to go backwards to the same top-down economics that got us into this mess in the first place.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: You know, Governor Romney chose his running mate this week -- Congressman Ryan.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, no, Congressman Ryan -- I know him. He's a good man, beautiful family. He is the ideological leader of the Republicans in Congress. He is an articulate spokesman for Governor Romney's vision. I just happen to fundamentally disagree with his vision. (Applause.) Their vision is wrong for working families and it is wrong for the country.

Look, my opponent and his friends in Congress, they believe that if you just get rid of more regulations on big corporations and big banks, and then you give more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, that that will automatically lead to jobs and prosperity for ordinary families. And I'm not exaggerating here, that's their basic economic plan.

The centerpiece of Governor Romney's economic plan is a new \$5 trillion tax cut -- a lot of it going to the wealthiest Americans.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, keep in mind, \$5 trillion is a lot of money, even in Washington. Our entire defense budget is a little over half a trillion dollars a year, so this tax cut would be like giving the equivalent of the entire defense budget in tax cuts -- a lot of it going to very rich people -- every year for 10 years.

Now, these folks say they want to reduce the deficit and the debt. So the question is, well, how do you give away \$5 trillion and then reduce the deficit? Well, recently we found out. Governor Romney expects you to pay for it --

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: -- expects middle-class families to pick up the tab. Governor Romney's tax plan would actually raise taxes on middle-class families by an average of \$2,000 for families with children.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't have \$2,000 --

THE PRESIDENT: You don't have \$2,000 to spare. I didn't think so.

And, by the way, don't take my word for it. This is based on independent studies that have been done by folks who analyze this stuff for a living. They say, look, this will

cost middle-class families with children an average of \$2,000. And they're asking you to pay an extra 2,000 bucks not to reduce the deficit, not to help our kids get educated, not to help kids go to college, not to rebuild our roads or our bridges or our ports -- they're doing this to give another \$250,000 tax cut to folks who are making \$3 million a year or more.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, have you heard this before?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: They have been trying to sell this trickle-down snake oil before. (Laughter.) And guess what, it didn't work then. It won't work now. It's not a plan to create jobs. It's not a plan to reduce the deficit. It's not a plan to move the economy forward.

And, secretly, I think they know this. I think they know their plan is not very popular. You can tell that because they're being pretty dishonest about my plan -- especially, by the way, when it comes to Medicare. Now, this is something I've got to point out here, because they are just throwing everything at the wall to see if it sticks. (Laughter.)

Here's what you need to know: I have strengthened Medicare. I have made reforms that have saved millions of seniors with Medicare hundreds of dollars on their prescription drugs. (Applause.) I have proposed reforms that will save Medicare money by getting rid of wasteful spending in the health care system -- reforms that will not touch your Medicare benefits -- not by a dime.

Now, Mr. Romney and his running mate have a very different plan. They want to turn Medicare into a voucher program.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: That means seniors would no longer have the guarantee of Medicare -- they'd get a voucher to buy private insurance. And because the voucher wouldn't keep up with costs, the plan authored by Governor Romney's running mate, Congressman Ryan, would force seniors to pay an extra \$6,400 a year. And I assume they don't have it.

AUDIENCE: Boo --

THE PRESIDENT: My plan has already extended Medicare by nearly a decade. (Applause.) Their plan ends Medicare as we know it. My plan reduces the cost of Medicare by cracking down on fraud and waste and subsidies to insurance companies. Their plan makes seniors pay more so they can give another tax cut to millionaires and billionaires.

That's the difference between our plans on Medicare. That's an example of the choice in this election. And that is why I'm running for a second term as President of the United

States of America. (Applause.)

Just like we've got a different plan on Medicare, we've got a different economic plan. You just heard, they want to give \$5 trillion tax cuts -- tax breaks to wealthy Americans who don't need them. Four years ago, I promised to cut middle-class taxes -- and, Dubuque, that's exactly what I've done. (Applause.) So if you talk to a friend of yours who says, oh, those Democrats, they're all tax-and-spend liberals, you tell them the average middle-class family, their taxes are about \$3,600 lower since I've become President. (Applause.)

And right now, what I want to do is to keep taxes right where they are for the first \$250,000 of everybody's income. If your family makes under \$250,000 -- like 98 percent of American families do and 97 percent of small businesses do -- you won't see your income taxes increase by a single dime next year. (Applause.) Now, if you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I wish! (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: If you're fortunate enough to be in the other 2 percent, you still get a tax cut on your first \$250,000. But all we're asking is for the next little bit that you make you can afford to contribute a little bit more, above \$250,000, so that we can pay down our deficit in a responsible, balanced way, and invest in things like education that help America grow. (Applause.)

Now, that alone won't cut our deficit. We're going to have to still make sure government does its part. We've already cut a trillion dollars' worth of spending that we don't need, and we can do more to make government more efficient. We have to do more. But we're not going to reduce the deficit just on the backs of the middle class.

So I think it makes sense to ask folks like me who've been incredibly blessed to go back to the rates that we paid under Bill Clinton -- a time, by the way, when nearly 23 million new jobs were created, we went from deficit to surplus -- (applause) -- and here's the kicker -- we created a lot of millionaires, too. (Laughter.) And the reason is, is because the economy, when you look back on American history, always works best when the middle class is doing well. (Applause.)

Let me ask you something. When a teacher or a construction worker or a receptionist or a firefighter -- when you get a little extra money in your pocket, what do you do?

AUDIENCE: Spend it!

THE PRESIDENT: You spend it. Because times are tight and maybe you've been driving around in that old beater, you had that car for 10 years and you decide it's about time to trade it in. Or maybe you think now is the time I can finally buy a new computer for my kid who is about to go to college. Or maybe I'll go to a restaurant, or, heaven forbid, I take a vacation once in a while. (Laughter.) And what happens is that suddenly businesses have more customers and

they make more profits. And so folks at the top are doing very well, but the businesses -- because they're more profitable -- now they're hiring more workers, who then have more money, who then buy more products, who then give businesses more customers. (Applause.)

That's how you grow an economy -- not from the top down, from the middle out, from the bottom up, giving everybody a fair shot. (Applause.) That's the choice in this election, and that's why I'm running for a second term as President, because that's what I believe. That's my vision for the future. (Applause.)

On just about every issue, Governor Romney and I just have a different opinion. When the auto industry was on the brink of collapse, more than a million jobs at stake, Governor Romney said let's "let Detroit go bankrupt." I said let's bet on American workers. And we got workers and management together, and they changed how they were doing business. And three years later, the American auto industry is back on top. (Applause.) That's what I believe. That's the kind of America we need. (Applause.)

So now I want American manufacturing back in America. (Applause.) I want to stop giving tax breaks to companies that are shipping jobs overseas. Let's give those tax breaks to companies that are investing right here in Dubuque, right here in the Quads, right here in Iowa -- in Cleveland and Raleigh. (Applause.) Let's put people back to work. (Applause.)

Governor Romney likes to say, well, you know what, I know how to fix the economy, because I've been in the private sector. Well, it turns out that a lot of that experience was investing in companies that were called "pioneers" in outsourcing. We don't need folks who know how to outsource. We need folks who are working to insource, to create jobs here, and hire American workers so we sell American products around the world stamped with three proud words: Made In America. That's what I believe. (Applause.)

On energy, Governor Romney has said that he wants to get rid of the tax credit for wind energy -- doesn't believe in -- he says these sources of energy are "imaginary." Congressman Ryan calls them a "fad". He needs to come to Iowa. He'll find out that there are 7,000 jobs in this state that depend on the wind industry. These jobs aren't a "fad." They're the future. (Applause.)

We should stop giving \$4 billion of taxpayer subsidies to oil companies that are making money every time you go to the pump. Let's start investing in clean energy that will create jobs and secure our future. That's a difference in this election. (Applause.)

I want to make sure that our kids are getting the best education in the world. (Applause.) I was just visiting some teachers before -- Cascade Middle School, right before I came here. Aren't you supposed to be at the in-service over there? (Laughter.) I won't tell. Just don't get photographed.

(Laughter.)

And we had this great meeting -- and folks don't go into teaching for the money. They go into it because they believe in our kids, they believe in our future. (Applause.) But school districts all across Iowa and all across the country are having a tough time -- budget cuts, teacher layoffs. So I've said let's help local school districts to make sure they can hire great teachers, especially in math and science, where we've got to really do better in terms of our performance. (Applause.) Let's make sure that 2 million more people can go to community colleges to train for the jobs that businesses are hiring for right now. And let's bring down college tuitions once and for all for young people -- because higher education is not a luxury. It's an economic necessity for young people. (Applause.)

Back in 2008, I said I would end the war in Iraq -- we ended it. (Applause.) I said we would go after al Qaeda and bin Laden -- we did. (Applause.) We are transitioning and bringing our troops out of Afghanistan. And so after a decade of war -- I say to folks none of this could have been accomplished if it hadn't been for our amazing men and women in uniform. (Applause.) So we've got to make investments to make sure that they're getting the services that they have earned, because they should never have to fight for a job when they have fought for this country. (Applause.)

And let's take half the money that we can save after a decade of war, and let's do some nation-building here at home. Let's hire some hardhats to get on the job rebuilding roads and bridges, schools. That's good for the economy. That's where we need to take America. (Applause.)

Governor Romney says his big economic plan -- in addition to these tax cuts for the wealthy -- he wants to kill Obamacare. Get rid of it.

AUDIENCE: Nooo --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, first of all, I want you to know I kind of like the term "Obamacare." (Laughter.) Because I do care. That's why I passed the bill. I care about folks with preexisting conditions -- which is why, because of this law, they'll be able to get health insurance. (Applause.) I care about the 6.5 million young people who can now stay on their parent's plan because of Obamacare. (Applause.) I care about the seniors who have seen discounts on their prescription drugs. We're closing the doughnut hole because of the law that we passed. (Applause.)

So if Mr. Romney and Congressman Ryan want to spend the next two and a half years having the same argument we had about health care all over again, they can feel free to try to do it. But the Supreme Court has spoken. It is the law of the land. We are moving forward to give every American the health security that they deserve. That is the difference in this election. (Applause.)

On all these issues -- health care, manufacturing,

education -- all these things that go into creating a solid, secure middle-class life, all these issues tie together. It goes back to what Michelle was talking about and what I started off with, and that is who we are, our values. You know, we've gone through tough times, but what hasn't changed is our character. Americans are tough and we are resilient and we may get knocked down, but we bounce back up.

And the other thing that we understand is what our parents and our grandparents and our great-grandparents taught us, which is, if you work hard, this is the country to be. (Applause.) That you may meet some barriers some times, there may be some hurdles, but you can't be stopped when you decide on something. And that's what's at stake in this election. Do we affirm those values and pass them on to our kids and our grandkids just like we got them from our parents and our grandparents?

Now, over the next three months you are going to see more negative ads than you've ever seen in your life. You've already seen them. And these folks on the other side, I mean, they're just writing \$10 million checks. Governor Romney obviously has got more friends than I do that can write \$10 million checks. (Laughter.) And they are just -- they are running these ads, and they're not selling a plan to create jobs or to grow the economy or revive the middle class. Basically, they've got one message, and that is, the economy is not where it should be and it's Obama's fault.

And they're just going to say it over and over again. Over and over again. You're going to get sick of it -- you already are. And you know, I've got to admit, I would be worried, given the amount of money that is being spent, if it weren't for Iowa; if it weren't for what I remember about 2008. See, we've been outspent before. We've been counted out before. But what I know is, when the American people cut through the nonsense and they focus on what's important, and when they remember what it means for us to have a country where everybody gets a fair shot and everybody does their fair share and everybody plays by the same set of rules -- when you guys decide what's important, you can't be stopped. When you pull together, you've got more power than any guy who is writing a \$10 million check. (Applause.)

And so, Iowa, I'm going to need your help one more time, here, to finish the job. (Applause.) We've got more schools to build. We've got more folks to put back to work. (Applause.) We've got more roads to build. We've got more young people to send to college. We've got more troops to come home. (Applause.) And if you are willing to stand with me, and work with me, and make some phone calls with me and knock on some doors with me, if you're still fired up, if you are still ready to go like I am, I promise you we will win Iowa. We will win this election. We will finish what we started. And you and I together will remind the world why America is the greatest nation on Earth.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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MRS. OBAMA: Yeah! (Applause.) It is so great to be here to see all of you! I am thrilled -- beyond thrilled! (Applause.) Oh, my goodness, this is good stuff. (Applause.)

Before I begin, because as we've seen the last few days unfold, it's important to take a moment to make sure we send our thoughts and prayers out to everyone affected by Hurricane Sandy. I know, like you, all of you, the President and I, we are heartbroken about the lives that have been lost and the damage that has been done in so many of our communities. And as you know, your President has been working around the clock with governors and mayors and our extraordinary first responders to make sure that they have all the support and resources they need.

And here's the thing. When we face tragedy in this country, we come together. That is the beauty of America. And I know we will continue to come together as one American family to help our fellow citizens recover from this devastating storm. So we cannot do this until we acknowledge what is going on in this country, so I just want to thank you all -- and keep sending your prayers and your support. (Applause.)

I also want to start by thanking Wendy for that very kind introduction and for everything she's doing for this campaign. Let's give Wendy a round of applause. (Applause.) And I'm going to thank one of my dear friends who I miss seeing since I've visited Florida -- Grace Nelson, who is here. Grace, I love you. Thank you -- thank you for your outstanding job in the Senate, for your husband's job, and thank you for your friendship and your kind words. We love you so much. (Applause.)

And of course, I understand you got to hear from Marc Anthony, right? (Applause.) He gave some wonderful remarks and we are thrilled he could be with us today, and we are grateful for his support. He's just been just focused and fired up and ready to go -- just like all of you. And I'm glad you all are here joining us. (Applause.)

Are we fired up and ready to go? (Applause.) I love it! Because I have to tell you I'm feeling pretty fired up and ready to go. Because in just five days -- can you believe, five days -- (applause) -- we have the opportunity to re-elect such a decent, honest man -- (applause) -- a man whose courage and integrity we have seen every day for the last four years, the man I have known and loved for 23 years -- my husband, our President, Barack Obama. (Applause.) That's why we're here.

And I have to tell you that's really what made me fall in love with my husband. It's his character. It's his compassion, his conviction, his commitment to helping others. And that has been the man I have known all of our time together. I love that Barack was also so devoted to his family. I watched for that, ladies. (Laughter.) That was important. When we first met I looked for that in a man -- in this man. (Applause.) Especially his devotion to the women in his life. (Applause.) I saw the respect that he had for his own mother. I saw how proud he was that she was able to put herself through school and still support him and his sister as a single mom.

And I definitely saw the tenderness he felt for his grandmother. I saw how grateful he was that long after she should have retired, she was still waking up every morning, catching that bus to her job at the community bank. And he also watched as she was passed over for promotions year after year simply because she was a woman. But here's something he learned from her -- he saw how she kept on getting up every day, year after year, without complaint or regret.

See, here's the thing -- with Barack, I found a real connection, because in his life story I saw so much of my own. Growing up on the South Side of Chicago, I watched my father make that same uncomplaining journey every day to his job at the city water plant. And I saw how he carried himself with that dignity, with that same pride that comes from being able to provide for your family, that same hope that his kids would one day have opportunities he never dreamed of.

And here's the thing about this country -- see, like so many families in this country, our families weren't asking for much. They didn't want much. And they didn't begrudge anyone else's success; in fact, they admired it. They didn't mind if others had much more than they did. That's why they pushed us to be the very best we could be.

But they simply believed in that fundamental American promise that even if you don't start out with much, if you work hard, if you do what you're supposed to do, then you should be able to build a decent life for yourself and an even better life for your kids and grandkids. (Applause.)

See, and they also believed in something really important as well, that when you've worked hard -- young people, your hear me? When you've worked, when you've done well, when you finally have walked through that doorway of opportunity, here's what you don't do: You don't slam it shut behind you. You reach back and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed. (Applause.)

That's how Barack and I and I know so many of you -- that's how we were raised. And more than anything else, that is what this election is all about. It's a choice. It's a choice about our values, about our hopes, our aspirations. It's a choice about the America we want to leave for our kids and our grandkids.

What does that America look like? What do we believe in? We believe in an America where every child has access to good schools -- schools that push them and inspire them, and prepare them for good jobs of the future. We believe in an America where no one goes broke or loses a home because someone gets sick or lost their job. (Applause.)

We believe in an America where we all understand that none of us gets where we are on our own, and where we treat everyone with dignity and respect -- from the teachers who inspire us to the janitors who keep our schools clean. (Applause.) In this America that we are working to build, we believe that the truth matters. And you don't take shortcuts or game the system.

And finally, we believe in keeping our priorities straight. We all know good and well that cutting Sesame Street is no way to balance our budget. (Applause.) We know better than that. Instead, we need to cut wasteful spending, yes -- but we have to make smart investments in things like education and infrastructure for an economy built to last. And that is what my husband stands for. (Applause.) That's the country he's been working to build for four years. (Applause.)

See, and since the day he took office, on issue after issue, crisis after crisis, that is exactly what we have seen in our President.

So think back to when Barack first took office -- our economy was on the brink of collapse. You don't have to take my word for it. Newspapers were using words like "meltdown," "calamity;" declaring "Wall Street implodes," "Economy in Shock." Do you remember that? See, because the auto industry was in crisis. This economy was losing 800,000 jobs a month. And a lot of folks wondered whether we were headed for another Great Depression.

And this is what Barack faced on day one as President. See, but instead of pointing fingers and placing blame, your President got to work, because he was thinking about folks like my dad and like his grandmother. And that's why he cut taxes for small businesses and for working families -- because he understands that teachers and firefighters should not pay higher tax rates than millionaires and billionaires. (Applause.) Not in America. That's not right. We know that's not right.

And that's why, while some folks were willing to let the auto industry go under -- you remember that? You know who I'm talking about? With more than a million jobs -- you hear me -- a million jobs that would have been lost, Barack had the backs of the American workers. And that's why today, the auto industry in America is back on its feet again. (Applause.)

And while we still have a way to go to completely rebuild this economy, let me tell you, there are more and more signs every day that we're headed in the right direction. Exports have grown by 45 percent. Manufacturers have added 500,000 jobs. We have had 31 straight months -- the majority of this presidency -- of private sector job growth -- a total of 5.2 million new jobs that have been created right here in the United States of America under this President. (Applause.)

Now, when it comes to giving our young people the education they deserve, see, Barack knows that like me, and like so many of you, we never could have attended college without financial aid -- never. (Applause.) We would not be standing here if not for financial aid. So when it comes to student debt, trust me, Barack and I, we've been there. This is not a hypothetical for us.

And that's why Barack doubled funding for Pell grants, fought hard to keep interest rates down on student loans. (Applause.) Because you have a President that understands that every young person in this country deserves access to college in an affordable way. (Applause.)

And then finally, when it comes to understanding the lives of women -- (applause) -- my husband you know will always have our backs. Because Barack knows from personal experience what it means for a family when women aren't treated fairly in the workplace. And that's why the very first bill he signed into law as President was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, to help women get equal pay for equal work. (Applause.) And that is why he will always, always fight to ensure that we as women can make our own decisions about our bodies and our health care. (Applause.)

And as Wendy mentioned in her introduction, we cannot forget about the health reform that he passed. Because of that reform insurance companies can no longer charge women more than men for the same coverage. (Applause.) Also because of this reform, they won't be able to discriminate against you because you have a preexisting condition like diabetes or asthma. (Applause.)

Our seniors on Medicare are saving [paying] hundreds less for their prescription drugs. (Applause.) And as Wendy said, our young folks can stay on their parent's insurance until they're 26 years old. (Applause.)

And here's the other thing about Obamacare. If you get a life-threatening illness and you need real expensive care, insurance companies can no longer tell you, sorry, you've hit your lifetime limit and we're not paying a penny more. That is now illegal because of health reform. (Applause.)

So here we are, five days out. And when you're out there talking to folks -- and I know you're going to be out there, right?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

MRS. OBAMA: When you're out there talking to folks who are trying to decide who will keep America moving forward for four more years, I want you to tell them a few specific things about Barack Obama.

Tell them what he has done for our economy, our health care and our education. But also remind them that this was the President that ended the war in Iraq, took out Osama bin Laden. (Applause.) This was the President that is fighting every day so that veterans and military families to get the benefits that they have earned. (Applause.)

Remind them about all the young immigrants in this country who will no longer live in fear of being deported from the only country they've ever called home. (Applause.) Tell them about our

brave servicemembers who will never again have to lie about who they are to serve the country they love. (Applause.)

If they need to know more, send them to BarackObama.com/plans -- our website. They can learn about all the concrete plans that Barack has for the next four years to create more jobs, to reduce our deficit, and so much more.

But here's what I really want you to tell them about this man. You tell them that Barack Obama knows the American Dream because he's lived it. (Applause.) And he has been fighting every day -- do you hear me, every day -- so that everyone of us in this country can have that same opportunity, no matter who we are, or where we're from, or what we look like, or who we love. (Applause.)

But let's be clear. While I'm so proud of all that we have achieved together, my husband is nowhere near satisfied. Of all the people on the planet, Barack knows all too well that too many folks are still hurting. And as President Clinton said, it is going to take a lot longer than four years to finish rebuilding an economy from the brink of collapse. (Applause.)

But here's what I know I have seen for the past four years. Know this: Together, slowly but surely, we have been pulling ourselves out of that hole we started in. We have been moving forward, and making real, meaningful change. (Applause.)

So over the next five days, we have got to ask ourselves a simple question. Are we going to turn around and go back to the same policies that got us into this hole in the first place? Are we just going to sit back and watch everything we worked for and fought for to just slip away?

AUDIENCE: No!

MRS. OBAMA: Or are we going to keep moving this country forward? What are we going to do? (Applause.) I want to go forward! What are we going to do?

AUDIENCE: Forward!

MRS. OBAMA: We've got to go forward. (Applause.)

But here's the thing. In the end, the answer to these questions is on us now. It's all on us. Because, believe me, all of our hard work, all of the progress we've made -- know this -- it is all on the line. It's no joke. It's all at stake this Tuesday.

And as my husband has said, the only thing guaranteed is that this election will be even closer than the last one. And it is all going to come down to what happens in just a few key battleground states like right here in Florida. (Applause.) And let me help put it in perspective. I do this everywhere I go. Let's take you back to 2008 to understand the power that you have.

Here in Florida, we won by about 236,000 votes. It might sound like a lot, but when you break that number down across precincts, that is just 36 votes per precinct. You hear me? Thirty six! Look around this room. Right, this room alone could make the difference. See, because that could mean just one vote in your neighborhood -- one! Just one more vote in your apartment building or on your college campus. Just one. (Applause.)

So if there is anyone out there -- if there is anyone you know out there who might be thinking that their vote doesn't matter, that their vote and involvement doesn't count, that in this complex political process that ordinary folks can't possibly make a difference, see, I want you to think about those 36 votes. See, because you know 36 people. Everybody knows 36 people. And you know 36 people who didn't vote in 2008. So I want you to think about how with just a few more hours knocking on some doors, or making some phone calls, with just a few more hours getting folks to the polls on Election Day, just a few of you here -- shoot, look at this room; this room here alone could swing an entire precinct for Barack Obama. (Applause.) And when we win enough precincts, we will win this state, and we'll be well on our way to putting Barack back in the White House for four more years. (Applause.)

So we've got a plan, and it involves you. You are at the core of this plan. Before you leave today, sign up to volunteer -- just a couple more days. Weekend -- just give your weekend, just hand it over. (Laughter.) But for the next five days, we need every single one of you to talk to everyone you know. Don't leave any stone unturned -- not a friend, not a neighbor, not a cousin. We don't care if you haven't spoken to him in a year, call him. (Laughter.) Get them out to vote.

And if you can, get them to vote early. I voted early. (Applause.) We've got a lot of early voters. See, because I want to spend Election Day getting other people out to the polls, motivating other people, reminding people. We're going to be on the phone, on the TV, on the radio just reminding people. And I hope you all do the same.

See, because the other thing about early voting is that life happens. Election Day is one day. And when you're talking about a difference of 36 votes, we can't afford anybody to wake up and their car is broken down, they don't feel well, the babysitter is late, the boss made you work overtime -- anything can happen. So vote early.

And here in Florida, you can vote early through Saturday at your county supervisor of elections' office and many of the libraries and the city hall. So, as Wendy said, you can leave here after we're done and go vote. (Applause.)

But whether you vote early or whether you vote on the 6th, you can also go to [vote.barackobama.com](http://vote.barackobama.com) to learn how and where to vote. You can go on that website and find out anything, anywhere in the country. So use that as a resource to make your voices heard.

Now, that's our plan. You do understand that you are critical to the plan, right? (Applause.) And with less than a week to go until Election Day, make no mistake about it: What we all do for these next five days will absolutely make the difference between us waking up on Election Day and asking ourselves, could I have done more, or feeling the promise of four more years. See, and I only want to feel that promise. I don't know about you.

So from now until November the 6th, we need you to keep working and struggling and pushing forward. See, because here's the thing. That is how change always happens in this country. And

I'm really talking to our young people. (Applause.) Because we know from our history that change is hard, and it requires patience and tenacity -- shoot, life is hard. But if we keep showing up, if we keep fighting the good fight and doing what we know in our hearts is right, then eventually we get there. You have to know this. We always do.

That is why we have every reason to be optimistic about what lies ahead, because we know that here in America we always move forward. We never go back. We always make progress. (Applause.) And in the end, that's what this is about. That's what elections are always about. Don't let anybody fool you. Don't let anybody tell you differently. Elections are always about hope.

What kind of hope am I talking about? The hope that I saw on my father's face as I crossed the stage to get my college diploma -- the diploma he took out loans to help me get. (Applause.) The hope Barack's grandmother felt as she cast her ballot for the grandson she loved and raised. That kind of hope. The hope of all those men and women in our lives who worked that extra shift for us, who saved and sacrificed and prayed so that we could stand here. We are here because of them. That kind of hope. (Applause.) The hope that so many of us see when we look into the eyes of our kids and our grandkids.

That is why we are here today. See, because we want all our kids to have that solid foundation for their dreams. We're here for our kids. We want to give all of our children opportunities worthy of their promise, because we all know -- I don't care who you vote for, you all know in this country that all of our children are worthy. They're all worthy. We want to give them that sense of limitless possibility, that belief that here in America, the greatest country on the planet, there is always something better out there if you're willing to work for it. (Applause.)

So here's what I tell myself every day as First Lady: We cannot turn back now. We will not turn back now. (Applause.) We have come so far, but we have so much more work to do.

So here's my last question. Florida, are you in this? (Applause.) Are you fired up? (Applause.) Are you ready to go? (Applause.) You get out there and vote like you've never voter before. (Applause.) Work hard. Five days for four more years! That's what we need from you. Get it done. We're going to be working hard.

We love you, guys. God bless.

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AND PRESIDENT CLINTON  
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PRESIDENT CLINTON: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for being here to ensure the reelection of President Obama and Vice President Biden. I thank you very much. (Applause.)

You know, I was worried about getting half a step slow doing this because my whole life is my foundation now. I'm a little rusty at politics. (Laughter.) But this is my -- wait, wait, wait. This is my third event tonight where I am the warm-up act for the President. (Applause.) So I am about to get my steps down and my rhythm going, you know?

Here's what I want to say. Your presence here tonight is important. Your support is important. And perhaps, most important of all, your willingness to leave here and talk to people about this election not just in New York but all across this country is profoundly important. (Applause.) Because I've found there's a lot of murkiness out there. So let me just be as simple as I can. I don't think it's important to reelect the President; I think it's essential to reelect the President -- if we want this country to go in the right direction. (Applause.) And I want to explain why.

I know things are not perfect now. I know they're a little slow now. But let me just remind you that when the President took office a little over three years ago, in the month he took the oath of office we lost 800,000 jobs. Starting on September the 15th, we entered the deepest crash since the Great Depression. If you look at history, those things take five or 10 years to get over, and if there's a housing collapse along with it, closer to 10 years. He's on schedule to beat that record.

And so we have to go out to people who are still hurting, who are still uncertain, and who hear the airways full of contradictory assertions, and basically give them the facts. And here they are: In the last 27 months, this economy has

created 4.3 million private sector jobs. (Applause.) That is -- to give you some perspective on how many that is, that's 60 percent more private sector jobs that were created in the seven years and eight months of the previous administration before the financial meltdown -- (applause) -- and about the same number per month as were created during the time I had the honor of serving.

Now, second thing -- they tell you how terrible his health care bill is. It's hard for them since Governor Romney's finest act as governor was to sign a bill with the individual mandate in it, which he has now renounced. But let me tell you a couple things about it. Number one, for the first time in 50 years we have had two years in a row where health care costs have only gone up 4 percent -- first time in 50 years.

Number two, the American people this year got \$1.3 billion in refunds on their health care premiums -- because you've got to spend 85 percent of that premium on health care today, not profits or promotion. (Applause.) Number three, there are 2.6 million young people, 26 and under, who are insured today for the first time because they're on their parent's policy. (Applause.)

So -- and look, this is a huge deal. I talk to people in this business all over America. They would be mortified if this bill were repealed because they say we're finally making progress. We're going to stop paying for procedures, start paying for performance. We're going to have plans that will bring our cost down in line with our competitor and improve the quality of care. People in health care -- the President and I just came from an event and there were two woman doctors who said, we are doctors for health care reform and we are here because we can see it working already, that it's coming. (Applause.)

Now, manufacturing is coming back for the first time since the 1990s. Green tech jobs, in spite of the attacks from Governor Romney and the Republicans, grew at twice the rate of other jobs after the economic downturn, and paid 35 percent more.

The automobile industry was headed for a calamity, and two of the great auto companies in America were saved by a financial agreement that had management, labor and government restructuring the company. There are 80,000 more people making cars today than there were when Barack Obama became President. (Applause.) And 1.5 million people had their jobs saved. (Applause.)

Car mileage standards are going to be doubled because of an agreement between management and labor, and the environmental groups and government. And as we double those car mileage standards, 150,000 high-paying jobs will be created, creating the new technologies to make it possible.

And I could give you 50 more things, but you get the idea. Why aren't things roaring along now? Because Europe is in trouble and because the Republican Congress has adopted the European economic policy. Who would have thought, after years

and years, even decades, in which the Republican right attacked "old Europe," that they would embrace the economic policies of the eurozone -- austerity and unemployment now at all costs. (Laughter.) I mean after all, their unemployment rate is 11 percent, and ours is 8 -- we can get right up there if we just adopt their policies. (Laughter and applause.)

You're laughing, but you need to tell people this. That's what they're being asked to vote for. They're being asked to reject a President who has tried to give us a 21st century economic policy, and said, no, no, growth and jobs now -- broad-based growth, fair growth that includes all Americans. Then we'll put the hammer down on the spending to avoid the debt exploding at the time when economic growth occurs so that we won't have high interest rates and we won't kill off the recovery.

The Republican policy is the reverse. Governor Romney says, no, austerity and unemployment now, and then when we -- if we ever get out of this thing, then we're going to cut taxes so much, we'll explode the debt then and see just how high we can drive interest rates, and how we can make the economy -- that is their economic policy. It was their economic policy, and it is. And it doesn't work.

So we're laughing, we're having a good time tonight. The night belongs to the President and to you. But I'm telling you, I spent a lifetime in public service and now with my foundation, desperately trying to figure out how to give people a better chance -- desperately trying to figure out how to create jobs. (Applause.) And he analyzed this situation properly. He did the best he could with a lousy hand. And he will do better if the American people said, no, we don't want to go back to what got us in trouble in the first place. Give us a 21st century economy we can all be a part of. (Applause.)

That's what President Obama will do. Let's bring him on with a big hand! Stand up for the President! (Applause.)

PRESIDENT OBAMA: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. (Applause.) It is good to be back on Broadway! (Applause.) But before I get to this unbelievable opening act -- (laughter) -- let me thank my producer. That's usually what you do when you're on Broadway. (Laughter.) Margo Lion has been such a great friend of mine for so long. (Applause.) Bill, during the campaign, Margo set up I think a couple of these.

And for all those who performed tonight, I could not be more grateful and more appreciative. Many of you have put in a lot of time and effort, not just this time out but last time out. And it is just a great joy to be with all of you. But Margo especially -- I just want to give her a public acknowledgment because she has been a great friend. (Applause.)

Before we get to the some of the more serious items, I do want to just share a quick story about Margo. Shortly

after I had been elected -- Bill can relate to this -- the Secret Service bubble shrinks and it starts really clamping down. (Laughter.) And the thing that you miss most when you're President -- extraordinary privilege, and really nice plane and all kinds of stuff -- (laughter) -- but suddenly, not only have you lost your anonymity, but your capacity to just wander around and go into a bookstore, or go to a coffee shop, or walk through Central Park.

So I was saying -- it was a beautiful day and I had just been driving through Manhattan, and I saw Margo. And I said, you know, I just desperately want to take a walk through Central Park again, and just remember what that feels like. But the problem is, obviously, it's hard to do now. And so my idea has been to see if I was -- if I got a disguise -- (laughter) -- could I pull this off. (Laughter.)

And so Margo thought about it, and about a week later I got this fake moustache -- (laughter) -- that I guess she got from one of the makeup artists on Broadway. And I tried it on and I thought it looked pretty good. (Laughter.) But when I tested this scheme with the Secret Service, they said it didn't look good enough. (Laughter.)

But I kept it. I have kept this moustache just in case in the second term I -- (laughter and applause.) So if you -- so if a couple years from now you see a guy with big ears and a moustache -- (laughter) -- just pretend you don't know who it is. Just look away. (Laughter.) Eating a hotdog, you know. (Laughter.) Going through the -- you know.

I want to thank Bill Clinton - (applause) -- not only for the extraordinary support that he's shown tonight and the support he's showing throughout this campaign, not only for the fact that he is as good at breaking down what's at stake at any given moment in our history, his inexhaustible energy and knowledge, the work that he's doing around the world on behalf of folks in need -- but I also want to thank him for his legacy. (Applause.) Because in many ways Bill Clinton helped to guide the Democratic Party out of the wilderness -- (applause) -- and to lay the groundwork for a sensible, thoughtful, common-sense, progressive agenda that is important to remember at this moment.

When many of us came together in 2008, we came together not just because of me. In fact, folks weren't sure whether I was going to win. When you support a guy named Barack Hussein Obama, the odds are always -- (laughter) -- a little long. But we came together because of a shared commitment we made to each other as American citizens, a basic compact that defines this country -- that says if you're willing to work hard, if you're willing to take responsibility, then there's nothing you can't accomplish. It doesn't matter where you come from, what you look like, whether you're black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, able, disabled -- it doesn't matter -- that you've got a stake in this country. You've got a claim on this country. (Applause.) And if you're willing to work hard, you can make it if you try in the United States of America. (Applause.)

And in 2008, we understood that that compact seemed like

it was eroded. A few people were doing very well, but more and more people seemed to be struggling to get by. We had squandered a surplus on tax cuts for folks who didn't need them and weren't even asking for them. (Applause.) We had paid for two wars on a credit card. Because we hadn't enforced basic rules of the marketplace, we saw more and more of our economy built on speculation and financial schemes that were inherently unstable. And it all came crashing down in the worst crisis that we've seen in our lifetimes.

But part of the reason why we understood both what was possible and what had been lost was because of our memories of Bill Clinton's tenure as President -- (applause) -- and our recognition that there's no contradiction between growing an economy and making sure that everybody is taking part -- in fact, that's how you grow an economy, is because you're giving everybody a shot and everybody is doing their fair share, and everybody is playing by the same set of rules.

We understood there's no contradiction between economic growth and caring for our environment; that, in fact, if we make smart investments in clean energy, that's an entire industry of the future that can put people back to work.

We understood that there wasn't a contradiction between being fiscally responsible, but also making sure that kids got Head Start, kids could go to college, and we were investing in basic science and basic research. This wasn't some fantasy of ours. This wasn't some pie in the sky, wild imaginings. We'd seen it. We knew it was possible. And that's what we fought for.

Of course, we didn't know at the time that we were going to see this incredible crisis -- 3 million jobs lost in the six months before the election, and 800,000 lost the month I was sworn into office.

But here's one thing we understood. The campaign taught us this -- the incredible resilience and the incredible strength of the American people. (Applause.) And so part of what allowed us to fight our way out of this hole was some tough decisions that we made -- to save the auto industry even when some people said, let's let Detroit go bankrupt -- (applause) -- and getting management and workers together to save over a million jobs. And now GM is back on top. The American auto industry is making better cars than ever. (Applause.)

We made tough decisions to make sure that credit was flowing again to businesses large and small, and they could keep their doors open and start hiring again and make investments again in the future. And we've seen over 4 million jobs created. We've seen more manufacturing jobs created at any time since the 1990s.

And so, in part, the reason that we have been weathering this storm was because of some tough policies, but the right policies. But a lot of it just had to do with the resilience of the American people. They don't give up. They don't quit. So some 55-year-old gets laid off and they decide, you know what, I'm going to back to school. I'm going to get

myself retrained to find the job of the future. I'm not giving up. A small business owner, they patch together whatever money they can to keep their doors open and to make sure that they can keep their employees on, even if it means maybe they don't get paid for a while, even if it means that the owner of that business is having to scrimp. That's how much they care about their employees.

Folks decided, you know what, we were going to retire at 65, but maybe we're going to have to work an extra five years because I'm going to make sure my child or my grandchild gets to go to college. All kinds of decisions like that made all across America.

And so after this incredible crisis, America is moving in the right direction. We're not there yet; we're not where we need to be. There are still too many people out there who are looking for work, too many homes that are still underwater, too many kids in poverty who still don't see prospects for the future. But we started to right the ship and we've moving in the direction that we imagined in 2008.

And that is why this election in a lot of ways is even more important than the last one, because as hard as we've worked over the last four years, as much as we've done to start rebuilding a country that's not built on how much we consume or some sort of Ponzi schemes, but built on what we're producing and what we're making, and the skills of our people, and the ingenuity of our scientists, and the risk-taking of our entrepreneurs -- after all that work that we've done, the last thing we're going to do is to go back to the very same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. We're not going backwards. (Applause.) We're not going backwards, New York! We intend to go forwards! And that's why I'm running for a second term as President of the United States of America. (Applause.) We're not going back.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Not going back to a set of policies that say you're on your own. And that's essentially the theory of the other side. George Romney -- wrong guy. (Laughter.) Governor Romney -- he was a good governor. (Laughter.) Governor Romney is a -- he's a patriotic American. He's had great success in his life, and he's raised a beautiful family. But he has a theory of the economy that basically says, if I'm maximizing returns for my investors, for wealthy individuals like myself, then everybody is going to be better off.

He was in Iowa talking to a woman, and she was describing her financial struggles, and his response was out of an economic textbook. He said, "Productivity equals income." (Laughter.) Now, I guess in the aggregate, technically -- right -- this is a coherent argument. (Laughter.) But the implication was somehow that this woman, or others who are struggling out there, they're not productive enough.

Well, let me tell you, actually, America has become incredibly productive. People are working harder than ever. We've got some of the most productive workers in the world. The problem is not that we aren't productive enough; the problem is that productivity has not translated for far too many people into higher incomes. (Applause.) The problem is that profits haven't translated into jobs and investment in this country.

We believe in the marketplace. We believe in entrepreneurship and rewarding risk-taking. But what we also understand is that our economy works best, America became an economic superpower, because we created a platform where everybody could succeed. And we set up rules of the road that made the market work for everybody, and gave consumers confidence that they weren't going to be bilked, and gave investors confidence that if you're a small investor, you're not some insider, you still have a chance buying a stock.

And we understood that if we're investing in things like a Hoover Dam or DARPA -- the research and development arm of our military that ended up producing things like the Internet or GPS -- that that, in fact, would be good for everybody.

We understand that when my grandfather's generation came back from fighting in World War II and they had a chance to go to college on the GI Bill, that wasn't just good for one individual, it wasn't just good for one group. That was good for everybody. We all became richer together.

And that's the lesson that Mr. Romney and the Republicans in Congress don't seem to understand, they don't seem to get. But look at our history. Ironically, the first Republican President understood it. Abraham Lincoln understood it. That's why in the middle of a Civil War he was still building a Transcontinental Railroad and starting land grant colleges, and starting the National Academy of Sciences -- because he understood that ultimately there are some things we do better on our own -- not every government program works, not everybody can [be] helped who doesn't want to be helping themselves. All of us have responsibilities.

And I learned early on that no matter how much money you pour into the schools, nothing replaces the love and attention and occasional scoldings from a parent. (Applause.) I learned as a community organizer that no government program can substitute for the caring and passion of neighbors and communities. But I also understood, and you understand and Americans understand, that when we've done great things in this country we've done them together. We've done them together. And that's what's at stake in this election.

And we're not going back to this other theory. I'm not going to go back to a time when if you got sick, you had no recourse and you potentially could go bankrupt. I'm not going to go back to a time when 2.5 million young people can't get health insurance or can't stay on their parent's plan -- (applause) -- or 30 million people who are working maybe two jobs can't afford to buy health insurance and end up in an emergency room just because they can't get sick and aren't

getting preventive care. We're not going to go back to that.

We're not going to go back to a time when -- we're not going to refight the battles about whether or not we need to make some basic reforms on Wall Street so that taxpayers don't have to bail out folks after they've made irresponsible or reckless bets. (Applause.) That's not good for our financial markets. We're not going to refight that battle.

We're not going to go back to a time when manufacturing is all moving offshore. We want to bring companies onshore. I want to give tax breaks to companies that are investing in jobs investment here in the United States -- (applause) -- not shipping jobs overseas. We don't need to go back to policies like that.

We're not going to go back to a time when our military could expel somebody because of who they loved. We believe in everybody being treated fairly and equally, and respecting everybody's rights. We're not going to go backwards. We're going forwards. (Applause.)

We don't need to go back to a foreign policy that thinks the measure of our security is everything we do we do on our own. We've been able to restore respect and collaboration, and our alliances have never been stronger -- partly because I've got a pretty good Secretary of State. (Applause.)

And that's how we ended the war in Iraq. And that's how we're starting to transition out of Afghanistan. And that's how we brought Osama bin Laden to justice. (Applause.) And we're not going to go backwards on policies that make America stronger.

We're not going to go back to the days when somehow women couldn't get the preventive care that they need. (Applause.) We don't need a situation where women aren't controlling their own health care choices. We don't need to eliminate Planned Parenthood. I want my daughters to have the same opportunities as my sons. That's part of what America is about. We're not turning back the clock. We're not going backwards. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

PRESIDENT OBAMA: And we can afford the investments we need to grow. We can afford to make sure that every kid has a chance to go to college, and they're going to a decent school, and they're graduating. (Applause.)

We can afford to rebuild our roads and our bridges and our airports and our broadband lines and high-speed rail, and putting people back to work. We can afford -- in fact, we can't afford not to invest in the science and research that's going to keep us at the cutting-edge. (Applause.)

We're not going to throw millions of people off the Medicaid rolls, folks who are disabled or poor, seniors who are relying on it. We're not going to voucherize Medicare. We're going to responsibly reduce this deficit. You know -- two Presidents over the last 30 years that have actually

reduced the pace of the growth in government spending happen to be on this stage right here. They happen to be the two Democrats. (Applause.)

So we have to get our deficit and debt under control. We've got to do it in a responsible way, cut out programs we don't need. I've already signed a trillion dollars in cuts that have already been made, another trillion that are slated to be made. But we're also going to ask folks who can afford it like the two of us to pay a little bit more -- and some of you, too, so don't chuckle -- (laughter and applause) -- to pay a little bit more so that we can afford the things that will help us grow. That's the right recipe. That's what made us an economic superpower. And that's the policy that we're going to pursue.

Now, here's the good news. The American people, on the issues, when presented with the facts, they actually agree with us. Now, it's hard sometimes getting the facts out. There's a lot of bugs on the windshield. (Laughter.) Sometimes you've got to -- (laughter) -- so you got to get those wipers going pretty hard sometimes. It's not always clear. (Laughter.)

But when folks know the facts, when they're given a choice -- and that's what this election is about, every election is about a choice -- when given a choice between a vision that says we're going to have a balanced approach to deficit reduction, and we're going to continue to make investments in things like clean energy and fuel efficiency and science and innovation and education and rebuilding our infrastructure, versus another \$5 trillion worth of tax cuts that would give the average millionaire and billionaire an additional \$250,000 a year in tax breaks -- people agree with us.

On issue after issue, if you give them a fair presentation, no spin on the ball, the majority of the country -- not just Manhattan -- (laughter) -- the majority of the country agrees with us. Which is why the other side isn't -- they're not presenting anything new. As Bill said the other day, this is the same old stuff, just on steroids. (Laughter.) Just more of. More tax cuts for the wealthy. We're not just going to reduce regulation, we're going to cripple EPA. And people aren't buying that. They don't really think that that's going to work.

The only reason that this is going to be a close election is because people are still hurting. The situation in Europe is slowing things down. We've been prevented from, for example, the plans that I've put forward repeatedly to Congress to say, let's give states more help so they don't have to lay off more teachers. Now interest rates have never been lower. Literally, the government can -- basically people will pay us to lend us money -- (laughter) -- and there would never be a better time for us to start making investments that could put construction workers back to work all across the country. (Applause.)

But that's not something Congress, so far, has been

willing to do. Though we're going to keep on putting pressure on them over these next few months because we don't have time just to wait for an election to do something. (Applause.)

But folks are still hurting. And this has been a long slog for people. And sometimes when things are tough you just say, well, you know what, I'll just keep on trying something until something works. And that's compounded by \$500 million in super PAC negative ads that are going to be run over the course of the next five months that will try to feed on those fears and those anxieties and that frustration.

That's basically the argument the other side is making. They're not offering anything new, they're just saying, things are tough right now and it's Obama's fault. You can pretty much sum up their argument. (Laughter.) There's no vision for the future there. There's no imagination. I mean, somebody is going to have to explain to me how repealing Obamacare and throwing 30 million people back to a situation where they don't have health care, somehow that's an economic development agenda. (Laughter.) Nobody has really explained that to me.

So it's going to be -- it's going to be a tough election. But 2008 was tough, too. And what you all taught me was that when Americans are willing to come together and make a commitment to each other, when they have a vision about what's possible and they commit to it, and they join together and they work for it, when they decide -- when you decide -- that change is going to happen, guess what. Change happens. (Applause.) Change happens.

And so I may be a little grayer than I was the last time I was on Broadway. (Laughter.) Going to need to get Margo to send me something to do something -- do something about that. As President Clinton will tell you, you go through some dings and dents in this job. But I tell you what. I'm more determined than I've ever been. (Applause.) I'm more determined than I've ever been to finish what we started.

I used to say back in 2008, I'm not a perfect man, and haven't been and won't be a perfect President. Nobody is. But what I told you was I'd always tell you what I thought, I'd always tell you where I stood, and I'd wake up every single morning fighting as hard as I knew how to make life better for the American people. And I have kept that promise. I have kept that promise, Broadway. (Applause.) I have kept that promise.

I still believe in you. I hope you still believe in me. I hope you still believe! If people ask you what this campaign is about, you tell them it's still about hope and it's still about change. And if you're willing to knock on some doors and make some phone calls, and talk to your friends and neighbors, and work just as hard as you did in 2008, we will finish what we started and remind the world why it is America is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you. God bless you. God bless America.

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Whether you supported The Affordable Care Act (the act) or not, it has become evident that it will affect each one of us in some way. ObamaCare dictates Health Care Exchanges and they will affect patients, providers, and payers, etc.

The Heartland Event is a must to help the state make an informed decision about the exchanges!

Tuesday, February 7th @ approximately 9:30am (following session), House Chamber  
Wednesday, February 8th @ 9:00am in the State Capitol, room 512A  
Wednesday, February 8th @ noon @ OCPAC @ Italiano's, 4801 N. Lincoln Boulevard

The general public is invited to any of these events!

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Dear Governor Fallin,

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Thank you kindly,  
Beckey Hubbard  
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**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Response to PPACA  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 10:57:01 PM

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Governor;

OK, you decided not to provide health care for the poor in our state. Oh, that is Mitt said the 47% I don't care about, so I now know that is your stand as well. I wonder how many of the people that are against the PPACA have actually read all 2219 pages? I have, and I it needs minor upgrades and any law with this many pages. Now Mitt got this in while he was Gov. of Mass, and President Obama copied that plan for American and all of a sudden the right is all against it.

Now had Mitt had been the GOP nominee in 2008 and requested a plan exactly like the current PPACA, the right would be in love with it, however; President Obama won and everything that he tries to get done to help the nation, the tea party followers are blocking it. I wish that ALL elected officials were be Oklahomans and Americans first and politicians last, however; they all have it reversed.

Finally after serious consideration the difference between you and Sarah, you have had more divorces and affairs.

Educated Voter;

Mike

**From:** [Dustin Huffman](#)  
**To:** [Lindsay Russell](#); [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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Gov. Scott Op-Ed: Medicaid Expansion Would Strain State Budgets ([US News](#))

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Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Earns National Award for Efforts to Eliminate Waste, Fraud and Abuse ([PR Newswire](#))

Newsmakers: Department of Health Services Secretary Dennis Smith on Affordable Care Act ([Wiseye](#))

Health-care fight far from over for NFIB ([Washington Post](#))

Cutting U.S. health-care costs doesn't have to be harmful ([Washington Post](#))

Hospitals Fear Cuts in Aid for Care to Illegal Immigrants ([NY Times](#))

White House tailors minority health care pitch ([Politico](#))

Texans to get millions in health insurance rebates ([Statesman](#))

Health Insurance Exchanges: Improving Health Care Access And Quality ([Health Affairs](#))

Health IT still defining HIE consumer engagement ([Fierce Health IT](#))

**From:** [Intern Sam Dulik](#)  
**To:** [Marie Sanderson](#); [Seth Levey](#); [Lindsay Russell](#)  
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Obama, GOP: 'Balance' vs. 'no new taxes':

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/theoval/post/2011/06/obama-gop-balance-vs-no-new-taxes/1>

Business in flooded city survive with creativity:

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9O4GAU01.htm>

Governors descend on Cd'A: [http://www.cdapress.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_ca694f45-d5ba-5e49-b236-cc9cd235d9e6.html](http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_ca694f45-d5ba-5e49-b236-cc9cd235d9e6.html)

Bill to reform Pa.'s tort climate heads to governor's desk: <http://ifawebnews.com/2011/06/28/bill-to-reform-pa-s-tort-climate-heads-to-governors-desk/>

Budget bills move to governor's desk: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/politics/budget-bills-move-to-governors-desk>

Georgia governor halts gas tax increase with executive order: [http://www.csnews.com/top-story-governor\\_halts\\_georgia\\_gas\\_tax\\_increase\\_with\\_executive\\_order-58993.html](http://www.csnews.com/top-story-governor_halts_georgia_gas_tax_increase_with_executive_order-58993.html)

Recession forces states to rethink tourism funding: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/06/27/national/a143517D34.DTL&type=business>

A congressman's pet project; a railroad's boon:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/28/us/politics/28mica.html?ref=us>

Negotiators wrangle on taxes:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303627104576412211417251124.html?mod=WSJ\\_WSJ\\_US\\_News\\_3](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303627104576412211417251124.html?mod=WSJ_WSJ_US_News_3)

Colombia trade deal loses key support:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304314404576412040662634426.html?mod=WSJ\\_WSJ\\_US\\_News\\_5](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304314404576412040662634426.html?mod=WSJ_WSJ_US_News_5)

The deficit is worse than we think:

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New Jersey miracle: What about the rest of us?:

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/columnists/2011/06/new-jersey-miracle-what-about-rest->

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GASB's Robert Attmore discusses new pension rules: <http://stateline.org/live/details/story?contentId=584106>

Gov. Branstad expresses confidence in budget talks: [http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/article\\_28b1ebfa-a0da-11e0-a76e-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/article_28b1ebfa-a0da-11e0-a76e-001cc4c002e0.html)

## **ENERGY**

NRC head downplays risks at nuke plants:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/06/28/earlyshow/main20074968.shtml>

McDonnell not interested in reviving Virginia climate panel:

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2011/jun/28/tdmain01-mcdonnell-not-interested-in-reviving-virg-ar-1137225/>

Governor talks about energy vision as he tours coal mine: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=16148675&autostart=y>

The soon-to-evaporate help for at-risk homeowners in 32 states:

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Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker signs historic (and balanced) budget:

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GOP's list of accomplishments is impressive: [http://www.citizen-](http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20110627/OPINION03/306270003/GOP-s-list-accomplishments-impressive?odyssey=mod%7Cmostcom)

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Revenue vs. cuts in debt debate: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57890.html>

Breakthrough on trade may come: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57896.html>

## **EDUCATION**

Governor signs education bill in St. Pete: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/politics/budget-bills-move-to-governors-desk>

Oregon governor to sign bill creating Education Investment Board to oversee instruction:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d2fc7bbcb0364f8abd2d5e465c31ad52/OR-XGR--Kitzhaber->

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Teacher grades: Pass or be fired: [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/28/education/28evals.html?\\_r=1&ref=us](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/28/education/28evals.html?_r=1&ref=us)

## HEALTHCARE

Petition drive fails to refer governor's healthcare laws:

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Georgia insurance law effective July 1:

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Planned Parenthood sues to halt funding cutoff in Kansas:

<http://www.kansascity.com/2011/06/27/2979046/planned-parenthood-sues-to-halt.html>

Health exchanges: A new goldmine: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57852.html>

HHS delays action in two states' requests for healthcare waivers:

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Texas to defund Planned Parenthood: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57868.html>

An ObamaCare legal precedent?:

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Some Indiana doctors stop abortions after new law:

<http://www.courierpress.com/news/2011/jun/27/some-indiana-doctors-stop-abortion-after-new-law/>

Sebelius comes to IPAB's defense as others line up against it:

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2011/June/27/ipab-debate.aspx>

Drug shortages have tripled during the last six years: <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2011/June/27/drug-shortages.aspx>

Care for 'dual eligibles' proves ultra-expensive, plagued with problems:

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## IMMIGRATION

Georgia, other states tackle immigration piecemeal: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-06-27-state-laws-illegal-immigration\\_n.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-06-27-state-laws-illegal-immigration_n.htm)

Haley OKs S.C. immigration cops: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57874.html>

New Senate push for 'Dream Act': <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57909.html>

Parts of Georgia immigration law blocked: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57867.html>

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Analysis: Christie budget would boost state spending by \$2.1 billion ([North Jersey](#))

Deficits Push N.Y. Cities and Counties to Desperation ([NY Times](#))

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Jindal pushes schools bills quickly ([Daily Comet](#))

Education, retirement highlight legislative session starting Monday ([NOLA.com](#))

Nonfiction Curriculum Enhanced Reading Skills, Study Finds ([NY Times](#))

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Jindal: Obama's Politicized Energy Policy ([WSJ](#))

Town Hopes to Keep Tower of Coal Power ([WSJ](#))

The American oil boom and its impact on Canada ([Financial Post](#))

Fracking in New York: Risk vs. Reward ([CNN](#))

High Oil Prices Cushion Iran from Sanctions ([OilPrice.com](#))

White House touts successes in energy security strategy ([Politico](#))

Poll: Most say Obama tanking on gas ([Politico](#))

Gov. Dalrymple criticizes Obama's pipeline opposition in GOP weekly address ([Inforum](#))

A year after Fukushima, the future for nuclear power is not bright—for reasons of cost as much as safety ([The Economist](#))

Water a concern in Western oil shale expansion ([Stateline](#))

Chevron Plays Catch-Up in Shale Gas ([WSJ](#))

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Kulongoski nets PERS times 3 in retirement ([Statesman Journal](#))

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New York courts revisit juvenile justice ([Stateline](#))

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Health law faces its biggest test ([Politico](#))

Long-Term Care: What Now? ([WSJ](#))

Health Care Act Offers Roberts a Signature Case ([NY Times](#))

Striking 'Obamacare' a rejection of overreach ([Politico](#))

Health care reform issues go beyond mandate ([Politico](#))

Backup plans if individual mandate is struck down ([Politico](#))

ACA case reminiscent of 19th-century litigation ([Politico](#))

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LePage wants state tax on Internet sales, urges Congress to pass bill ([Bangor Daily News](#))

Lawmakers advance Nebraska governor's tax plan ([Columbus Telegram](#))

#### **Economic Development and Infrastructure**

House GOP to move short-term transportation bill ([Politico](#))

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Source: Obama to fast track southern portion of Keystone XL Pipeline ([CNN](#))

Plotting The Next-Generation U.S. Power Grid ([AOL Energy](#))

Obama Takes On Republicans Over Energy Policy ([NY Times](#))

'Global warming' gets a rebranding ([Politico](#))

Greens see politics in EPA rule delays ([Politico](#))

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'Right to Work' Bills Face Uncertain Future in an Election Year ([NY Times](#))

Brewer's personnel reform plan moves forward ([Arizona Republic](#))

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Utah is fifth state to adopt 'Health Care Compact' ([Stateline](#))

Justices Limit State Liability Under Medical Leave Act ([NPR](#))

Health law heads back into spotlight ([Politico](#))

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New GOP Medicare plan borrows a key idea from 'Obamacare' and Romney's Mass. Overhaul ([Washington Post](#))

Medical group asks Walker to veto abortion bill ([AP](#))

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Haslam, Republicans move to repeal inheritance tax ([Nashville Business Journal](#))

Virginia Democrats separate budget demands from desire for more power ([Washington Post](#))

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Study finds N.D. first in job growth ([Bismarck Tribune](#))

Standoff in Congress threatens highway construction funding ([CNN](#))

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Energy chiefs' message: Actions, not words, will determine energy future ([NewsOK](#))

Keystone pipeline: Southern portion should be expedited, Obama says ([Politico](#))

Americans Favor Keystone XL Pipeline ([Gallup](#))

Energy industry accuses Obama of misleading public about extent of untapped oil resources ([Fox News](#))

Obama energy pitch includes renewed effort on Cushing pipeline ([LA Times](#))

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Educators begin petition drive to refer Daugaard education plan ([Rapid City](#))

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Labor shortages lead businesses to support help for undocumented workers ([Stateline](#))

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Health care reform should be left to states, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert says during DC forum ([The Republic](#))

Herbert Hopeful On HHS ([Governors Journal](#))

Medicaid computer system glitches costing states millions ([FierceHealthIT](#))

The Ryan Plan: The Cliffs Notes Version Of Republican Health Reform ([Health Affairs](#))

Health board repeal advances in House, six-hour debate ahead ([The Hill](#))

Health care reform: Repeal disastrous Affordable Care Act ([Politico](#))

The Supreme Court Weighs ObamaCare ([WSJ](#))

State Faults Care for the Disabled ([New York Times](#))

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Tax Reform Heads To Governor Deal ([GPB](#))

U.S. State, Local Tax Revenue Rises 2.1%, Slowest Pace in a Year ([Bloomberg](#))

Alabama lawmakers' bill would reduce their income ([Montgomery Advertiser](#))

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Senate passes JOBS Act, with tweak  
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Seeking Economic Boost, Arizona Cuts Capital Gains Taxes ([Stateline](#))

State of RI projecting increase in revenues ([Providence Journal](#))

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House passes bill to shield Pentagon from automatic spending cuts ([Washington Post](#))

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Virginia's tax revenues climb ([Fredericksburg News](#))

McGurn: Jerry Brown vs. Chris Christie ([WSJ](#))

### **Energy and Environment**

U.S. energy independence is no longer just a pipe dream ([USA Today](#))

Branstad: Wind-Generated Energy Is Working Well for Us in Iowa ([WSJ](#))

North Dakota becomes nation's second-leading oil producer ([Bismarck Tribune](#))

'Fracking' risks found to have been diminished ([Buffalo News](#))

Groups call on N.J. legislature to adopt bill on fracking waste ([North Jersey](#))

U.S. must power up grid overhaul ([Politico](#))

### **Education**

School-Test Backlash Grows ([WSJ](#))

Arizona school-choice program expands ([AZ Republic](#))

Summit focuses on education in Iowa ([Quad-Times](#))

Cyber charter school measure to become law ([LSJ](#))

### **Corrections**

Prison sentence reform efforts face tough opposition in the Legislature ([NOLA.com](#))

**Health Care**

Gov. Bobby Jindal: Patients Over Bureaucrats ([RGPPC](#))

Louisiana Senate panel sinks plan to set up health insurance exchange ([NOLA.com](#))

Time for a Medicaid-Education Grand Swap ([WSJ](#))

Immigration status is a health policy challenge ([Politico](#))

Study: Medicare quality ratings may be 'counterproductive' ([The Hill](#))

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Governor: Energy relief will come to Interior Alaska — eventually ([News Miner](#))

Higher Electricity Prices at Center of Energy Debate ([Texas Tribune](#))

Obama to tout renewable energy in Iowa ([The Hill](#))

Giving Hydrogen Fuel-Cell Cars Another Chance ([Slate](#))

Will cheap shale gas revive U.S. manufacturing? Not so fast. ([Washington Post](#))

Tidal Electricity Will be Flowing in Maine ([AOL Energy](#))

Republicans look to bury Obama on coal issues ([Politico](#))

Text of the G8 Energy and Climate Change Action Fact Sheet ([AOL Energy](#))

Gregory Jaczko announces resignation from NRC ([Politico](#))

Christie backs EPA order against Pa. power plant ([Politico](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

US Chamber to Congress on transportation bill: You're doing it wrong ([CS Monitor](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

Gov. Corbett Adds Pension Reform To Budget Agenda ([AP](#))

### **Education**

Branstad pushes for teacher leadership programs ([AP](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

McDonnell: Moving ahead on job creation ([Roanoke Times](#))

Startup Act's economic benefits ([Politico](#))

**Health Care**

Alabama Officials: Amendment necessary to fund Medicaid ([AP](#))

Few states set for health exchanges ([Politico](#))

Targeting John Roberts: The left tries to intimidate the High Court on ObamaCare ([WSJ](#))

Factors Contributing to Low Use and Complexity ([GAO](#))

Notre Dame, other groups file new lawsuits against contraception rule ([Politico](#))

A Long View on Health Care: Think Like an Investor ([NY Times](#))

HHS signs \$20M PR contract to promote healthcare law ([The Hill](#))

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**Policy & Press | May 25, 2012**

### **Energy and Environment**

Study: Wind Power Can Save Midwestern Consumers \$3 to \$9.5 Billion Annually by 2020  
([Cleantechnica](#))

Could More Midwest Wind Really Save Ratepayers Billions? ([AOL Energy](#))

House GOP vows to keep pushing measures on energy ([Politico](#))

Idaho National Laboratory chief suggested revising nuke deal ([Idaho Statesman](#))

As Mining Surges in Michigan's North, State Looks at Taking Control ([Stateline](#))

Oil boom strikes Kansas ([CNN Money](#))

MI bills regulating natural gas production unlikely to advance ([Detroit News](#))

Yucca critic named to head nuclear regulatory agency ([LV Sun](#))

State considers cisterns as pollution remedy amid concerns over fracking ([AP](#))

Congressmen criticize delay on Keystone pipeline ([Arkansas News](#))

California Expands Rooftop Solar-Power Program ([WSJ](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Deep dredging of Miami's port gets final environmental OK ([Miami Herald](#))

Bill boosting public hearings on Port Authority toll hikes heads to Christie's desk ([North Jersey](#))

Gov. Deal endorses sales tax to benefit transportation ([Neighbor News](#))

### **Education**

Student loan bills stall in Senate ([Politico](#))

MI teachers unions on board with plans to pilot evaluation plan, but lawmakers are mulling the \$6

million price tag ([M Live](#))

### **Health Care**

Senate Easily Approves Bill on Drug Reviews ([WSJ](#))

Joint Commission adds health, wellness rules ([Fierce Healthcare](#))

Best Practices in SHAP Outreach, Eligibility, and Enrollment Activities ([Urban Institute](#))

The Fork in the Road for Health Care ([NY Times](#))

Michael W. McConnell: The Liberal Legal Meltdown Over ObamaCare ([WSJ](#))

Va. taking steps toward health care reform framework ([Richmond Times](#))

Illinois House passes bill to cut \$1.6 billion from Medicaid ([Sun Times](#))

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LNG Exporters Sail by U.S. Manufacturers ([Forbes](#))

Sen. Murkowski's fresh energy plan to look beyond 2012 ([CNBC](#))

China paying billions for oil deals in the Americas ([CNN](#))

Shale gas boom helps slash US emissions ([Financial Times](#))

Top Senate Democrat predicts no big energy changes this year ([Fuel Fix](#))

Bjorn Lomborg on the Rio Green Summit: Poverty Pollutes ([Daily Beast](#))

Drilling boom spurring clean up push ([Fuel Fix](#))

Examiner editorial: Despite Solyndra, Obama still trying to reshape energy industry ([Washington Examiner](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

Public Pensions Faulted for Bets on Rosy Returns ([NY Times](#))

### **Education**

A Chance For Every Child ([Romney for President](#))

Mitt Romney taps Idaho superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna as education adviser ([Idaho Press](#))

Ditch College for All ([Real Clear Politics](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Is Federal Red Tape Tying Up Innovative Job Programs? ([Stateline](#))

'Meaningful Work' ([Real Clear Politics](#))

**Health Care**

Utah's health-care reform: UnObamacare ([Economist](#))

Many hospitals, doctors offer cash discount for medical bills ([LA Times](#))

Timing Matters: States Waiting for a Supreme Court Decision to Plan an Exchange ([KFF](#))

House plans two votes to repeal healthcare law before Supreme Court ruling ([The Hill](#))

An Overview of Recent Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver Activity ([KFF](#))

Insurance Plans Fall Short of Health Law Standards ([Stateline](#))

Improvised Explosive Device Tax ([WSJ](#))

Continuity of care document could be boon to public health efforts ([Fierce Health IT](#))

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### **Education**

Waivers for 8 More States From 'No Child Left Behind' ([NY Times](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Snyder questions renewable energy ballot plan ([AP](#))

Iowa tax credits making solar a better investment ([Quad-City Times](#))

State seeks public comment on Exxon's Point Thomson plan ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

Transmission Work Slows Amid Regulation, Local Opposition ([AOL](#))

Technology Improving Geothermal Energy Economics ([AOL](#))

What is the Upshot of Low(er) Gas Prices? ([National Journal](#))

### **Health Care**

Conservatives campaign against insurance exchanges ([USA Today](#))

Three 'What-if' Scenarios for Obamacare ([National Review](#))

IT could end up being health reform's highest hurdle ([Politico](#))

Poll: Majority supports special courts for malpractice suits ([The Hill](#))

Medical device tax is questioned ([Politico](#))

Few takers for Obama's small-business health care tax credit; Congress unlikely to fix flaws ([Washington Post](#))

Revised FDA bill would cut deficit by \$370 million ([The Hill](#))

Report: Common framework benefits state Medicaid updates ([Fierce HealthIT](#))

**Jobs and Economic Development**

Incentives, not just pro-business climate, pull jobs to SC ([The State](#))

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Gun rights constitutional amendment clears Senate, headed for November ballot ([The Times-Picayune](#))

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Maryland Taxes Spark Largest Exodus of Any State in Region ([Change MD](#))

### **Education**

Gov. Bill Haslam says he's committed to teacher evaluations ([Times Free Press](#))

Federal waiver in hand, state to get tough evaluating schools ([Columbus Dispatch](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Parnell says gas is Interior's future ([Fairbanks Daily News](#))

Commission Reviews Idaho Power's Energy Efficiency Programs ([Idaho Times-News](#))

Even in Coal Country, the Fight for an Industry ([NY Times](#))

A Conservative's Approach to Combating Climate Change ([The Atlantic](#))

Washington's roadblocks to clean energy ([Boston Globe](#))

### **Health Care**

ObamaCare in Reverse: Maine deregulates the insurance market. Premiums fall. ([WSJ](#))

Clueless about Medicare ([Washington Post](#))

FDA reauthorization approved by House ([The Hill](#))

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LA legislature approves retirement plan ([Advocate](#))

Senate Republicans eye new pension plan for state, school employees ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

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Christie Rails Against Obama at CPAC in Chicago ([ABC News](#))

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GOP governors bolster online sales tax push ([The Hill](#))

Gov. Deal freezes Georgia gas tax ([Athens Banner-Herald](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Ohio picking up slack in energy policy ([Dispatch](#))

Daniel Yergin: America's New Energy Reality ([NY Times](#))

Zakaria: The game-changer in the geopolitics of energy ([CNN](#))

Texas Gets Creative With Recycling Water ([The Texas Tribune](#))

State has new tool to facilitate infrastructure ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

OPEC's Pending Bloodbath ([Forbes](#))

House Slaps Obama On Yucca Mountain, Nuclear Power ([Investors](#))

A Senate Referendum on Obama's War on Coal ([Townhall](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Walker focusing on jobs for remainder of term ([LaCrosse Tribune](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

As rail expansion nears end, DART faces challenge: how to add riders ([Dallas Morning News](#))

### **Education**

The lethal linkage of Medicaid costs and tuition ([Politico](#))

Subprime college educations ([Washington Post](#))

Market can fix student loans ([Politico](#))

Congress in a pinch over student loan interest rates ([Politico](#))

### **Pensions**

Public pension reform can't come soon enough ([Arizona Daily Sun](#))

Indiana Gov. Daniels: Public sector unions a 'bad idea' ([Washington Times](#))

Gov. Walker's big win could fuel Pa. pension reform ([The Patriot-News](#))

Steven Malanga: State Politicians and the Public Pension Cookie Jar ([WSJ](#))

### **Health Care**

Health Insurance Exchange Design Tool Now Available to States ([Hospital Review](#))

Some states too small to succeed with health exchanges ([Politico](#))

Repeal of the Medical-Device Tax Is Life-Saving Legislation ([Forbes](#))

Health Care After the Supreme Court Ruling ([NYT](#))

Stakes High For Consumers And Industry As Court Weighs Health Law ([Kaiser Health News](#))

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Michigan forecasts highest tax revenue in 5 years ([Lansing State Journal](#))

Gov. Christie asks Cabinet to prepare for potential government shutdown if budget talks stall ([NJ.com](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Exxon says it's moving to develop oil and gas field at Point Thomson ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

Miss. OKs coal mine ([AP](#))

Gov. Tom Corbett: Others still vying for planned Pa. refinery ([AP](#))

High U.S. oil production leads to partisan debate ([Politico](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Iowa approves \$2.6B road plan over next 5 years ([Quad-City Times](#))

Report: Michigan and Canada reach deal to build new bridge; Snyder expected to announce Friday ([M-Live](#))

### **Education**

Public School Alternatives Gain Steam in States ([Stateline](#))

### **Health Care**

Steep Rise in Health Costs Projected ([WSJ](#))

Branstad: State employees must pay for health care; predicts Obama will fail in Iowa ([Des Moines Register](#))

Branstad working on 'Obamacare' alternative ([Des Moines Register](#))

GOP adjusts health care strategy ([Politico](#))

Medicaid Costs Loom Over States' Tepid Economic Recovery ([KHN](#))

States' Progress on Exchanges ([NY Times](#))

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Report: Health Spending Will Climb To Nearly One-Fifth Of GDP ([KHN](#))

Projections: ACA will have small impact on spending growth ([Politico](#))

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Sandoval says he opposes business-tax initiative, wouldn't sign it ([Las Vegas Sun](#))

N.J. lawmakers headed for showdown over income tax cuts as budget deadline nears ([Star-Ledger](#))

Business tax negotiations get serious ([Politico](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Oil Boom: North Dakota is the Next Hub of U.S. Energy ([Popular Mechanics](#))

In Energy Policy, A Year Marked by Clashes in Federalism ([Stateline](#))

Energy Abundance vs. the Poverty of Energy Literacy ([The American](#))

Five Major Energy Problems the Next President Has to Face ([Brookings Institute](#))

Cuomo Proposal Would Restrict Gas Drilling to a Struggling Area ([NY Times](#))

Pa. lawmakers offer Shell tax credit plans ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

Divided OPEC grapples with whether to cut production, prop up oil prices ([Washington Post](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Highway conference leaders trade blame for negotiation breakdown ([The Hill](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Post-Recall Wisconsin Open for Business, Governor Says ([Stateline](#))

State revenues rose 8.3 percent in May ([Richmond Times-Dispatch](#))

Chamber sees rosy future for N.D. ([Bismarck Tribune](#))

Utah ranks second among the next economic 'boom states' ([Salt Lake Tribune](#))

### **Education**

State's teacher eval plan moves forward ([Santa Fe - New Mexican](#))

Scrapping College for All (Part 2) ([Real Clear Politics](#))

### **Pensions**

New Mexico's investment, pension funds gain \$2B during first quarter of the year ([AP](#))

### **Health Care**

Gov. Snyder announces Pure Michigan FIT program at Wyoming Family Fare store ([M-Live](#))

Romney Outlines How He Would 'Replace Obamacare' ([KHN](#))

Tom Scully: Even If Health Law Survives Court Challenge, Congress Could Delay Timetable ([KHN](#))

Scott Walker: "No doubt" striking down health law would help economy ([CBS News](#))

Health-care act may not change cost trajectory ([Columbus Dispatch](#))

AdvaMed's Nexon: Expect More Health Cost Reduction Pressure ([KHN](#))

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Kasich touts latest reforms ([Columbus Dispatch](#))

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Dalrymple urges speedy, safe building of pipelines in North Dakota ([AP](#))

Oil Boom: North Dakota is the Next Hub of U.S. Energy ([Popular Mechanics](#))

Does the US need a national energy policy? ([Energy Collective](#))

Congestion Pricing for Road Finance: Time to Replace Gasoline Taxes? ([Master Resource](#))

The Gas Is Always Greener When It Leaks Less ([Bloomberg](#))

Senators clear the air in a toxic dispute ([Politico](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Detroit bridge announcement expected today ([Lansing State Journal](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Gov. Christie trumpets N.J.'s 17,600 new jobs in May, state's biggest boost in 7 years ([Star-Ledger](#))

Gold and silver help drive Utah's export growth to new heights ([Deseret News](#))

Republican governors, statehouses linked to job creation more than Democrats ([The Daily Caller](#))

### **Education**

Louisiana officials are still working on how to assess private schools receiving vouchers ([The Times-Picayune](#))

MI House passes teacher pension reform bill ([The Detroit News](#))

**Health Care**

Red states eye health exchanges ([Politico](#))

States Push to Contain Health Costs ([Stateline](#))

Examiner Editorial: New study confirms Obamacare won't contain health costs ([Washington Examiner](#))

Revised proposal calls for accelerating DHS reforms in Oklahoma ([The Oklahoman](#))

Walker defiant on health care law ([Post Crescent](#))

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Corbett wants speedy approval of \$1.6 billion in petrochemical tax credits ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

Uranium debate still fierce ([Richmond Times-Dispatch](#))

Gov. Matt Mead says Wyoming should continue to explore China coal exports ([AP](#))

The Enlightened Classroom ([WSJ](#))

Shell tax breaks would pay off for Pennsylvania ([Philadelphia Inquirer](#))

America, Start Your Natural-Gas Engines ([WSJ](#))

Bakken Formation a million years in the making ([AP](#))

A Slick About-Face on Oil ([Barron's](#))

Private Fix for Public Parks ([WSJ](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Bridge deal may boost gov's legacy ([Detroit News](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Branstad touts job growth ([Quad-City Times](#))

### **Immigration**

Brewer decries Obama "backdoor amnesty" policy ([AZ Capitol Times](#))

Small Employers Welcome Work Permits for Young Immigrants ([WSJ](#))

Obama Moves Shake Up Maryland Dream Act Debate ([Stateline](#))

**Education**

State of Alaska sets new education standards ([Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#))

**Health Care**

GOP on health care: Repeal quickly, replace slowly ([AP](#))

Uncertainty Over Law Casts Shadow Over Health Care Innovations ([Kaiser Health News](#))

Life After the Health Care Ruling: The Court Should Strike It All Down ([NY Times](#))

Op-Ed: Why I No Longer Support the Health Insurance Mandate ([WSJ](#))

The Folly of ObamaCare ([RCP](#))

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### **GOP Governors Message on Obamacare**

Statement of Governor Bob McDonnell on U.S. Supreme Court Decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ([Gov. McDonnell](#))

Statement from Governor Chris Christie Regarding Supreme Court Decision on Affordable Care Act ([Gov. Christie](#))

Governor Walker's Reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on ObamaCare ([Gov. Walker](#))

Gov. Daugaard Disappointed With U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Will Weigh Options ([Gov. Daugaard](#))

Deal, Olens disappointed by ruling on Obamacare ([Gov. Deal](#))

Governor's Statement on Supreme Court Ruling ([Gov. Parnell](#))

Statement by Gov. Perry on Supreme Court Ruling Regarding Obamacare ([Gov. Perry](#))

Gov. Brownback: Stopping ObamaCare in Hands of American People ([Gov. Brownback](#))

Gov Bentley Responds to Obamacare Ruling ([Gov. Bentley](#))

Gov. Mary Fallin Statement on Supreme Court Ruling on Health Care ([Gov. Fallin](#))

Statement from Governor Scott Regarding Obamacare Supreme Court Decision ([Gov. Scott](#))

Gov. Jindal on Supreme Court Ruling on Obamacare ([Gov. Jindal](#))

Branstad and Reynolds release statements on Supreme Court ruling ([Gov. Branstad](#))

Governor Corbett Comments on U.S. Supreme Court Healthcare Decision ([Gov. Corbett](#))

Governor Phil Bryant Comments on Obamacare Ruling ([Gov. Bryant](#))

Statement from Governor Nikki Haley on Supreme Court Ruling ([Gov. Haley](#))

Governor Paul LePage Releases Statement Regarding US Supreme Court's Ruling on the PPACA ([Gov. LePage](#))

Statement by Governor Jan Brewer ([Gov. Brewer](#))

Governor issues statement on ruling of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ([Gov. Snyder](#))

Sandoval Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Affordable Care Act ([Gov. Sandoval](#))

Kasich & Taylor Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Health Care Ruling ([Gov. Kasich](#))

### **Other SCOTUS Health Care Decision News**

Supreme Court upholds Obama's health-care law ([Washington Post](#))

RGA Statement on Supreme Court Decision ([RGA](#))

GOP governors vow to ignore Obamacare ([Washington Examiner](#))

Health Ruling Won't Cure States' Ills ([WSJ](#))

Daugaard delaying health insurance work until presidential election ([AP](#))

If court upholds health law, Tennessee is ready, Haslam says ([Times Free Press](#))

Gov. Christie to weigh options after Obama health care law is ruled constitutional ([Star-Ledger](#))

Snyder eyes federal, state health exchange ([AP](#))

Kansas awards Medicaid contracts to 3 companies ([AP](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Salazar announces 'targeted leasing' in Arctic ([Juneau Empire](#))

Wyoming groups, governor laud fracking rules delay ([Casper Star-Tribune](#))

Utility commission urging Texans to conserve energy ([Statesman](#))

Oil, gas production bounces back in New Mexico ([Santa Fe New Mexican](#))

Christie: No decision on banning fracking waste ([AP](#))

### **Immigration**

States hope to implement immigration laws after Arizona ruling ([Reuters](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Congress reaches deal on transportation bill, the first since 2005 ([Washington Post](#))

Highway deal: Keystone out; compromise clears path ([Politico](#))

### **Education**

Alabama leads nation in reading improvement, report shows ([The Huntsville Times](#))

Panels review Wyo. education standards ([Wyoming News](#))

State business leaders push back against school testing critics ([Statesman](#))

Community college trustees approve freeze on tuition ([Kennebec Journal](#))

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Gov. Chris Christie: Democrats wrong not to cut taxes ([Star-Ledger](#))

SC budget negotiators agree on small biz tax cuts ([AP](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

In New Hampshire, No Veto on Cap-and-Trade Compromise ([Stateline](#))

Virginia politicians complain about exclusion in offshore drilling plan ([Washington Post](#))

U.S. opens more Arctic, Gulf areas for oil, gas drilling ([USA Today](#))

What The Frack? Natural Gas Producer Buys Into Solar ([AOL Energy](#))

US Crude Oil Exports Could Make Sense Says EIA Head ([AOL Energy](#))

Backers vow to keep Keystone in pipeline ([Politico](#))

Keystone pipeline is cleared for construction in Oklahoma ([The Oklahoman](#))

More of Gulf of Mexico to Open for Drilling ([The Texas Tribune](#))

### **Economic Development**

Gov. Walker Op-Ed: A Wisconsin plan for Illinois? ([Chicago Tribune](#))

### **Education**

Glenn Harlan Reynolds: The Higher Education Bubble Is Going To Burst ([RCP](#))

### **Health Care**

Christie says there's no hurry on health care bill ([AP](#))

Daniels says legislators to decide Medicaid change ([AP](#))

Governors React Nationwide to High Court Health Ruling ([Stateline](#))

ObamaCare's 7 Tax Hikes On Under \$250,000-A-Year Earners ([Forbes](#))

The Republican recipe for repeal ([Politico](#))

High Court Health Care Ruling Shifts Action To States ([NPR](#))

What Will The States Do On Medicaid? ([KHN](#))

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Christie Trims Budget ([WSJ](#))

Gov. Bev Perdue to veto budget for second year in a row ([News Observer](#))

### **Energy and Environment**

Ahead Of Alaska Drilling, Shell Practices Cleaning Up ([NPR](#))

Alaska editorial: Gas distribution is feasible and will work ([Juneau Empire](#))

Perdue vetoes bid to start gas fracking in NC ([AP](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Transportation bill gets congressional approval ([Politico](#))

### **Education**

Utah granted waiver to No Child Left Behind ([Deseret News](#))

Virginia wins waiver from some No Child Left Behind provisions ([Washington Post](#))

\$29,409 per-student cost of D.C. public schools puts them in an elite group, but without the results ([AEI](#))

### **Pensions**

Patterson: Government pensions are not bottomless pits ([East Valley Tribune](#))

### **Health Care**

GOP governors aim for health care showdown ([Politico](#))

Medicaid ruling could give red states more bargaining power ([Politico](#))

Jindal takes stage in GOP initiative against health law ([The Times-Picayune](#))

Gov. Rick Scott: Florida won't comply with health care law ([AP](#))

Republicans in at least 4 states want to abandon Medicaid expansion after high court ruling ([Washington Post](#))

Obamacare: The Final Battle ([National Review](#))

Conservatives' Last Legal Option to Invalidate Obamacare ([The New Republic](#))

McDonnell: Medicaid expansion not dead in all red states ([Politico](#))

Analysis: Ruling adds hundreds of billions to healthcare law costs ([The Hill](#))

Why The Supreme Court Decision on Obamacare May Dramatically Increase the Deficit ([Forbes](#))

Approval Ratings for Supreme Court Slip Following Health Care Ruling ([Rasmussen](#))

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Shale Gas Fuels Refinery "Rebirth" on Gulf Coast ([Texas Tribune](#))

Will Shale Gas Be the Single Solution to America's Energy Challenges? ([Forbes](#))

More shockingly good news from the shale gas revolution: CO2 emissions will likely fall this year to 1991 levels ([AEI](#))

Lawmaker's mistaken vote puts state on a path toward fracking ([News and Record](#))

### **Immigration**

Gov. Perry Op-Ed: Federal government isn't offering proper toolkit ([Austin American-Statesman](#))

### **Education**

SD merit-pay plan for teachers goes to public vote ([AP](#))

Iowa gets temporary freeze on No Child Left Behind ([AP](#))

Kasich in Cleveland signs city-schools bill ([Columbus Dispatch](#))

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Alabama governor on how they snagged Airbus: We're a right to work state ([Washington Examiner](#))

### **Health Care**

Fifteen governors reject or leaning against expanded Medicaid program ([The Hill](#))

Governor Haley and Director Keck: South Carolina's health care problems demand South Carolina solutions ([Post and Courier](#))

Gov. Haley letter to Sen. DeMint regarding exchanges ([Heartland News](#))

States Balk At Expanding Medicaid ([KHN](#))

A Strategy to Undo ObamaCare ([WSJ](#))

Polls: No big SCOTUS bump for President Obama ([Politico](#))

Supreme Court didn't agree with Obama ([USA Today](#))

ObamaCare's now a bigger mess ([NY Post](#))

Decision Time For States On The Affordable Care Act ([Health Affairs](#))

How Massachusetts is faring under its landmark health-care reform law ([CS Monitor](#))

After The Supreme Court, Higher Cost and Unrealistic Timeline Will Force Major Changes ([Health Affairs](#))

Branstad is firm on opposing idea to grow Medicaid ([Des Moines Register](#))

Tough health care decisions ahead for ND in wake of Supreme Court ruling ([Inforum](#))

Republican Governor of Florida Says State Won't Expand Medicaid ([NY Times](#))

Rick Scott: ACA 'devastating for patients' ([Politico](#))

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Medicaid Expansion and Jobs ([NY Times](#))

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What price clean air? ([Washington Post](#))

The Direct Costs of Energy – Hydro & Nuclear Best, Solar Still Lagging ([Forbes](#))

The Wise Way to Regulate Gas Drilling ([NY Times](#))

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New Airbus plant will help put Alabama's business climate on the radar ([The Huntsville Times](#))

New Republican governors rapidly bringing down unemployment in their states ([Examiner](#))

### **Education**

Wisconsin wins 'No Child Left Behind' waiver ([Post Crescent](#))

### **Pensions**

Adjustments to triple Moody's public plan underfunding calculations ([Pensions & Investments](#))

### **Healthcare**

Rick Perry: Texas Will Not Be Implementing ObamaCare ([Townhall](#))

Gov. Scott: Florida will not implement ObamaCare ([Washington Times](#))

Gov. Rick Scott repeats that Florida will not implement health care exchanges ([Tampa Bay Times](#))

Why states are reluctant on national health care reform ([WisOpinion](#))

Brawling Over Health Care Moves to Rules on Exchanges ([NY Times](#))

Officials still seeking Medicaid answers ([Montgomery Advertiser](#))

Facing crippling health costs, Alaska looks for solutions ([Juneau Empire](#))

Reminder: the individual mandate is not the only "tax" in Obamacare ([Manhattan Institute](#))

Small Businesses: Big Losers in Obamacare Decision ([Fiscal Times](#))

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Full text of 'Medicaid and Exchange Letter' ([RGPPC](#))

Southern governors secede from Medicaid ([Politico](#))

McDonnell wants more answers on health care law ([Richmond Times Dispatch](#))

Va. Gov. McDonnell undecided on adding to Medicaid: Says too many questions remain ([Washington Times](#))

GOP governors doubt health overhaul can work ([AP](#))

### **Official Statements on Obamacare Implementation**

Governor Scott: Florida will not implement Obamacare ([Washington Times](#))

Governor Perry: Texas Will Not Expand Medicaid or Implement Health Benefit Exchange ([Office of Gov. Perry](#))

Governor Otter: Idaho's Next Steps On Obamacare Require Further Study, Careful Consideration ([Office of Gov. Otter](#))

Governor Heineman: Nebraska Can't Afford Medicaid Expansion ([Office of Gov. Heineman](#))

Governor Haley: Letter to Sen. Jim DeMint regarding health exchanges ([Office of Gov. Haley](#))

### **Budget & Tax**

U.S. State and Local Outlook: Timing Is Everything ([Moody's](#))

The Invincible Lie ([RCP](#))

Budget Insanity ([Fox Business](#))

Obama's Tax Plan As Stale As Month-Old Bread ([Fiscal Times](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Republicans Offer Bill To Bar Backing For Future Solyndras ([Bloomberg](#))

Clean coal tech is ready, but there's a catch ([Politico](#))

North America's energy wealth ([AEI](#))

GOP puts biofuels on the chopping block ([The Hill](#))

Park Service loses ground on Canyon air noise ([Politico](#))

### **Education**

LA Education reform laws allowed to go forward ([The Advocate](#))

Gov. Bill Haslam tackles higher ed costs ([Times Free Press](#))

Haslam gathers experts to revamp Tennessee higher education ([Tennessean](#))

McDonnell plans summit on education reform in Va. ([AP](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

America's Top States for Business 2012 ([CNBC](#))

Haley: SC is 'buzz' state for industry ([The State](#))

A small business plan all can agree on, right? ([Politico](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

Gov. Haley says pension reform is paying off ([AP](#))

Ohio House to consider public pension reform this summer after report urges action for financial stability ([The Plain Dealer](#))

### **Healthcare**

For Some States, Medicaid Expansion May Be a Tough Fiscal Call ([Stateline](#))

Experts on Medicaid: Go slow ([Politico](#))

NGA letter to Secretary Sebelius ([NGA](#))

Secretary Sebelius letter in response to NGA letter ([NPR](#))

How Obamacare Taxes Hurt Seniors ([US News](#))

States Interpret Ruling to Cut Medicaid (House set for second vote to repeal Obama healthcare reform law ([The Hill](#)))

Obamacare: Storm Coming ([National Review](#))

Otter still open to exchange, Medicaid expansion ([AP](#))

Jindal promises health revamp ([The Advocate](#))

Obamacare a minefield for workers in Oklahoma ([The Oklahoman](#))

Brewer taking cautious path on Medicaid expansion ([AP](#))

Will Medicaid Bring The Uninsured Out Of The Woodwork? ([NPR](#))

Exchange Week: A look at the grant requests (Subscriber only – see below)

By Jason Millman, 7/9/12 5:32 AM EDT

Now that the ACA has survived the Supreme Court, expect to see some big money rolling into the states when the next round of establishment grants are awarded next month. Details of which states applied for the most recent establishment grant cycle, which closed at the end of June, are starting to emerge.

Exchange Week has a look at some of the requests:

**NEW YORK** — The state, which already has received around \$90 million in exchange grants, has asked for an additional \$95 million for a one-year Level One grant. The funding request outlines a need to hire exchange executive leadership and staff, develop back-end customer support functions, fulfill a current IT contract, conduct consumer outreach and more. The state is projecting that it will have its own exchange ready in time to start enrollment in October 2013.

**VERMONT** — The state health department issued a \$104.4 million Level Two request for a multiyear award. Vermont has already received about \$19 million in exchange grants and is part of the New England consortium of Early Innovator states.

**MARYLAND** — The state requested about \$160 million for a Level Two award, according to state health secretary Joshua Sharfstein. Maryland has already received about \$28 million in exchange grants, as well as a \$6.2 million Early Innovator grant.

**NEVADA** — The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange submitted a multiyear Level Two funding request worth about \$50 million. According to the project narrative, the funding would be used to streamline eligibility rules and IT capabilities for the exchange and all public health coverage programs. Nevada has already received almost \$24 million in exchange establishment grants across three funding rounds.

**KENTUCKY** — Stakeholders in the state are still on alert for an executive order from Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear, who has promised to issue one “soon” to start up Kentucky’s exchange. His office has been meeting with stakeholders over the past two months to plan out the state’s exchange.

**ARKANSAS** — Insurance Commissioner Jay Bradford issued a proposed rule last week that enables his office to choose the state’s benchmark essential health benefit plan by the end of September. The department is planning a public hearing later this month to get feedback on the benchmark selection process.

**HAWAII** — A permanent exchange board was seated last week, taking over for a temporary board that had been overseeing implementation since Hawaii authorized exchange about a year ago. The 15-member board includes representation from the governor’s office and cabinet, insurers, providers, businesses and consumers.

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Gov. Walker Op-Ed: Obamacare is an unhealthy prescription ([Washington Post](#))

Gov. Perry Op-Ed: ObamaCare a bad deal for the states ([USA Today](#))

Gov. Perry Op-Ed: We need real reform, not more Medicaid ([Washington Times](#))

Medicaid expansion a tough sell to governors of both parties ([Washington Post](#))

Medicaid expansion likely to dominate National Governors Association meeting in Williamsburg ([Washington Post](#))

### **Budget & Tax**

State revenues to be higher than expected ([Santa Fe New Mexican](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Solar Companies To Tap U.S. Funds Halted Since Solyndra ([Bloomberg](#))

The shale gas-ification of oil ([Petroleum Economist](#))

What the U.S. Can Learn From Australia's Coal Mines ([Bloomberg](#))

Unleashing the North American Energy Colossus: Hydrocarbons Can Fuel Growth and Prosperity ([Manhattan Institute](#))

Uncle Sam's solar eclipse ([Washington Times](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley rides Airbus momentum in Europe ([AL.com](#))

Republicans Dominate "America's Top States for Business" List ([Human Events](#))

### **Education**

Feds give Alaska waiver on the No Child Left Behind law ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

Voucher demand soars ([The Advocate](#))

## **Healthcare**

Parnell might reject Medicaid expansion ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

Nebraska GOP governor opposes state expansion of Medicaid ([Fox News](#))

6 charts that show the Welfare State run amok ([AEI](#))

House votes to repeal 'Obamacare' — again ([Politico](#))

Repeal of Health Care Law Approved, Again, by House ([NY Times](#))

Study: Most Medicaid patients visit the ER for urgent, not routine, care ([Washington Post](#))

Gov't auditors question legality of Obama administration bonus program for Medicare insurers ([Washington Post](#))

Weekly Checkup No. 040: The President's Middle Class Tax Increase ([AAF](#))

No One Would Miss ObamaCare, but the Window for Repeal Is Two Years ([WSJ](#))

Dem governors tell HHS they're committed to implementing health law ([The Hill](#))

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### **RGA**

50 Politicos To Watch: RGA's Phil Cox ([Politico](#))

National Governors Association meets today in Williamsburg ([Times Dispatch](#))

### **Budget & Tax**

Infographic: S&P State Credit Ratings, 2001–2012 ([Stateline](#))

Top 20 Percent of Households Pay 94 Percent of Income Taxes ([Tax Foundation](#))

Dueling Budgets in the Carolinas ([ATR](#))

Tenn. revenue surplus reaches \$540M in June ([Bloomberg Businessweek](#))

Indiana closes year with \$2.1 billion in cash reserves ([AP](#))

Governor outlines plans to help oil patch communities ([Bismarck Tribune](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

'Fracking' fee, other tax issues on Kasich's plate ([Dispatch](#))

Salazar proposes potash, oil and gas plan for NM ([AP](#))

New protections urged for 5 species in Alabama under Endangered Species Act ([AL.com](#))

How Shale and Tight Oil Have Changed the Look of US Oil Production ([OilPrice](#))

Natural Gas: An unconventional bonanza ([The Economist](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

McCrory lays out his economic principles for NC ([CNBC](#))

Report will highlight Heineman's focus on economy ([Journal Star](#))

Obama's love for the middle class? Now, that's rich ([The Plain Dealer](#))

Obama Guts Welfare Reform ([Heritage](#))

### **Defense**

Iowa Governor Blasts Pentagon Air Guard Cuts ([Stateline](#))

### **Education**

Corbett signs bill to help troubled Pa. school districts ([Post-Gazette](#))

Study: Georgia college grad debt lower than national average ([Atl Biz Chronicle](#))

### **Healthcare**

Maine's Efforts To Pare Medicaid May Put It On Collision Course With Administration ([KHN](#))

Rob McKenna Op-Ed: Washington State Must Do What Washington, D.C. Refuses To Do ([Washington State Wire](#))

Where the states stand on healthcare ([USA Today](#))

Medicaid Moment of Truth ([WSJ](#))

Hard Days Ahead for ObamaCare ([American Thinker](#))

Kentucky says it will implement central piece of Obama's health law ([The Hill](#))

Forget About the Mandate. Let's Fix Health Care ([Bloomberg](#))

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California, look to Wisconsin ([LA Times](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Fault lines on power grid cybersecurity ([The Hill](#))

The gas-price crisis that wasn't ([Politico](#))

Study: \$163B currently invested in US oil, gas projects ([SNL Financial](#))

Colorado, Oklahoma Pitch Natural-Gas Cars In Michigan ([Bloomberg](#))

Offshore Wind Slump Means No Firm Orders For GE, Siemens ([Bloomberg](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

CalPERS returns are paltry ([LA Times](#))

### **Public Safety**

Gov. Deal wants review of juvenile justice system ([Augusta Chronicle](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Obama touts highway bill as sign of 'modest cooperation' from Congress ([The Hill](#))

### **Defense**

Frenzy over sequester hits Capitol Hill ([Politico](#))

### **Education**

Wisconsin sets new, tougher standards for student tests ([AP](#))

State gives final approval on Jersey City elementary charter school to open in September, axes one proposed school in city ([NJ.com](#))

Gov. Rick Snyder assembles panel to plan for sweeping changes to school funding ([M Live](#))

## **Healthcare**

Health Reform Law Makes Clear That Subsidies Will Be Available in States with Federally Operated Exchanges ([CBPP](#))

Georgia tables Medicaid revamp ([AJC](#))

Lawmakers consider next step on Jindal administration Medicaid cuts ([Times-Picayune](#))

Michigan health care expansion meets GOP resistance ([Detroit News](#))

Maryland examines taxes, fees to fund health exchange ([Washington Examiner](#))

Forget states opting out. What happens to Medicaid if they opt-in? ([Washington Post](#))

Health Law Opponents Challenge Tax Credit ([WSJ](#))

CBO says military health-care costs could soar ([Washington Post](#))

Ohio gets \$1 million for health-care exchange ([Dispatch](#))

Poll: Affordable Care Act bad for business ([Politico](#))

Taxation Without Representation: The Illegal IRS Rule to Expand Tax Credits Under the PPACA ([SSRN](#))

Safety Net Hospitals Could Lose Money In Medicare Changes, Study Warns ([KHN](#))

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Americans mark 11th anniversary of 9/11 attacks ([Reuters](#))

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Alaska Gov. Parnell: Flags to be lowered for Patriot Day ([Daily News-Miner](#))

Iowa governor issues call for volunteerism ([Muscatine Journal](#))

### **Budget and Tax**

Continuing Resolution Released; Legislation Prevents Government Shutdown, Maintains Bipartisan Funding Agreement ([House Appropriations](#))

Spending-deal vote could be Thurs. ([Politico](#))

Gov. Christie to state budget officer: 'This guy can't get it right' ([Star-Ledger](#))

Brownback touts state tax, budget reforms ([The Capital-Journal](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Nuclear Repairs No Easy Sale as Cheap Gas Hits Utilities ([Bloomberg](#))

Pennsylvania's Impact Fee Will Generate More Than \$200 Million ([StateImpact](#))

Insight: GM's Volt: The ugly math of low sales, high costs ([Reuters](#))

The Real Story On GM's Volt Costs ([Forbes](#))

Senate Energy Working Group tackles high energy costs ([Daily News-Miner](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Amtrak on track to set rider record ([Politico](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Defense firms confirm layoff warnings ([Politico](#))

**Labor and Pensions**

Ohio lawmakers ready to approve public pension reforms ([Cleveland](#))

**Education**

Governor rolls out Complete College Ga. Plan ([Access North GA](#))

Patience tested as Chicago teachers strike drags into second day ([Reuters](#))

**Public Safety**

11 years after terror attacks, security funds dwindle ([Richmond Times-Dispatch](#))

Gov. Nathan Deal forming panel of teen drivers for advice on reducing crashes in Georgia ([AP](#))

**Immigration**

Alabama asks federal court for rehearing on immigration law ruling ([Montgomery Advertiser](#))

**Healthcare**

Bill Clinton on health care: Double Count of Medicare ([Politico](#))

State Progress in Implementing Health Insurance Exchanges: Results from 10 State Analyses ([Urban Institute](#))

Medicaid Expansion: A Closer Look At Vulnerable Populations And State Coverage Opportunities ([Health Affairs](#))

Lack of ROI, quality metrics jeopardizes HIE sustainability ([Fierce HealthIT](#))

Readmission penalties to hit two-thirds of hospitals ([FierceHealth](#))

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House Republicans Introduce Bill to Block Obama Administration's Controversial Welfare Waiver Scheme ([House Ways and Means](#))

### **Budget and Tax**

Moody's warns of U.S. credit rating cut if debt problems continue ([LA Times](#))

Moody's: Congress must reach fiscal deal to avert downgrade ([The Hill](#))

Tax extenders withering on the vine ([Politico](#))

Hill ignores fiscal cliff warnings ([Politico](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Wyoming Gov. Mead to Interior: Back off on fracking rules ([AP](#))

Barack Obama's campaign against coal ([Politico](#))

House Republicans slam Steven Chu memo ([Politico](#))

State Clean Energy Finance Banks: New Investment Facilities for Clean Energy Deployment ([Brookings](#))

Lessons Learned From the 2011 Strategic Petroleum Reserve Release ([CFR](#))

Oil Rises for Fifth Day on Speculation of Fed Stimulus ([Bloomberg](#))

Anyone for a little energy intelligence? ([National Journal](#))

### **Jobs and Economic Development**

Businesses like Virginia's legal climate, not Maryland's ([Washington Examiner](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

Paul Moreno: How Public Unions Became So Powerful ([WSJ](#))

**Education**

Gov. John Kasich to launch higher education funding effort ([AP](#))

Obama Versus's Rahm on Education ([ABC](#))

Poor Students Can't Afford Teacher Strike ([Brookings](#))

Common Core Thrusts Librarians Into Leadership Role ([Ed Week](#))

School Budgets Are on the Ballot in California ([Stateline](#))

OECD Report Finds U.S. Lags Behind Other Countries In Higher Education Attainment Rate ([Huffington Post](#))

**Immigration**

Alabama immigration group presents Department of Homeland Security with petition seeking halt to deportation program in state ([AL.com](#))

**Healthcare**

Fact Sheet: Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs ([House Ways and Means](#))

Republicans Seek to Block Welfare Change ([WSJ](#))

House panel votes to carve out insurance agents from new healthcare rules ([The Hill](#))

What is the Regional Impact of the Medicare Fee-For-Service and Medicare Advantage Payment Reductions? ([Carlson School](#))

Ark. governor supporting expansion of Medicaid ([AP](#))

Kaiser: Health insurance premiums continue modest growth ([Politico](#))

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Which States are the Most Innovative ([Stateline](#))

### **Budget and Tax**

Oklahoma Among States Limiting Property Taxes ([Stateline](#))

### **Healthcare**

Health care law's new regulations set soon ([Washington Post](#))

How red-state governors are opening the door to Obamacare ([Politico](#))

Republican governors reject healthcare law's exchanges in Ohio, Wisconsin ([The Hill](#))

Florida Gov. Rick Scott Ready to Negotiate State Exchange ([Kaiser Health News](#))

California Works to Get Word Out on Health Insurance Exchange ([LA Times](#))

Despite Challenges, state HHS Departments Modernizing their IT ([Health IT News](#))

Op-Ed by Governor Rick Perry: 'Another Federal Power Grab' ([USA Today](#))

What States Should Build Instead of Obamacare's Health Insurance Exchanges ([Forbes](#))

Why ObamaCare Is Still No Sure Thing ([WSJ](#))

ObamaCare Resisters Get With the Program ([USA Today](#))

### **Energy and Environment**

Ron Wyden on Energy ([Platts](#))

GOP Members question EPA's PM 2.5 Analysis ([House E&C](#))

Gas Boom County Strives for Economic Afterglow ([NYT](#))

California Tackles Climate Change, But Will Others Follow ([NatGeo](#))

How a Smart Grid Can Get the Lights Back on Faster ([Governing Magazine](#))

America is on Track to Produce all the Energy It Needs At Home ([Economist](#))

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## Health Care

States ask US court to overturn health overhaul:

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House votes to cut funding for state health insurance exchanges:

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2011/05/house-votes-to-cut-funding-for-exchanges.html>

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States use tax breaks in war for jobs:

[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/11\\_20/b4228029534552.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/11_20/b4228029534552.htm)

Thousands of US teachers lose jobs as states cut budgets:

<http://www.voanews.com/learningenglish/home/education/Thousands-of-US-Teachers-Lose-Jobs-as-States-Cut-Budgets-121267949.html>

Increased inmate accessibility to higher ed could help states:

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2011-05-04-inmate-higher-education\\_n.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2011-05-04-inmate-higher-education_n.htm)

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Climate activists target states with lawsuits:

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9N0GTJ80.htm>

Tornadoes worsen economy of Alabama, other southern states:

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/economy/sectors-mainmenu-46/7355-tornadoes-worsen-economy-of-alabama-other-southern-states>

Gas prices reach new record in six states: <http://www.csmonitor.com/Business/2011/0504/Gas-prices-reach-new-record-in-six-states>

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More than 30 cities out of government grant program:

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NAJAP80.htm>

#### EDUCATION

No Child Left Behind reform not moving ahead fast in Congress:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/no-child-left-behind-reform-not-moving-ahead-fast-in-congress-gop-and-democrats-are-far-apart/2011/05/20/AFEf9c7G\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/no-child-left-behind-reform-not-moving-ahead-fast-in-congress-gop-and-democrats-are-far-apart/2011/05/20/AFEf9c7G_story.html)

#### IMMIGRATION

Obama puts immigration in Congress's court:

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NAC2VO2.htm>

States take steps on immigration amid Obama's calls for reform: [http://www.as-coa.org/articles/3326/States\\_Take\\_Steps\\_on\\_Immigration\\_amid\\_Obamas\\_Calls\\_for\\_Reform/](http://www.as-coa.org/articles/3326/States_Take_Steps_on_Immigration_amid_Obamas_Calls_for_Reform/)

#### ENERGY

U.S. crude oil steadies below \$99 as dollar rises: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/20/us-markets-oil-idUSL3E7G601S20110520>

Which U.S. states lead in clean energy?:

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/greenhouse/post/2011/05/which-states-lead-in-clean-energy/1>

#### TRADE AND COMMERCE

U.S., partners set target for TransPacific trade deal: <http://news.google.com/news/search?aq=f&pz=1&cf=all&ned=us&hl=en&q=u.s.>

States lead debate over modified food labeling: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/19/us-usa-drought-idUSTRE74I4JT20110519>

#### ENVIRONMENT

Historic U.S. flooding turns deadly:

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Sports getting backed by N.J. voters ([Star-Ledger](#))

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Solar is getting cheaper, but how far can it go? ([Washington Post](#))

State Dept eyes rerouting Keystone XL pipeline ([Reuters](#))

#### **Healthcare**

D.C. court upholds health reform law ([Politico](#))

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NM governor looking at tax reform proposals ([Bloomberg](#))

A new pay system for Wisconsin state workers ([Stateline](#))

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#### **National**

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Grand deficit-cutting effort ends with whimper ([Reuters](#))

#### **Budget and Tax**

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#### **Energy and Environment**

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Governor promotes use of alternative fuel ([The Utah Statesman](#))

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Governor addresses education-New Jersey ([Notre Dame Observer](#))

#### **Unemployment**

Businesses penalized for state unemployment insurance debt ([Stateline](#))

Indiana Governor Warns Against Pushing Right-to-work Bill ([Indiana Republic Media](#))

## **Healthcare**

[Indiana places a big bet on consumer-driven health insurance \(Stateline\)](#)

Health-care groups laying groundwork for post-election debate over cost cuts [\(Washington Post\)](#)

Ga. panel looks into health insurance exchange [\(Washington Post\)](#)

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Governor says Utah has too many rules ([The Salt Lake Tribune](#))

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Governor McDonnell hosts transportation conference this week ([Daily Press](#))

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Governor Bentley comes to Homewood for health care initiative ([WBRC](#))

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Florida Gov. wants a billion dollar boost for schools ([The Miami Herald](#))

Ind. Gov. Daniels says \$300 million went untouched money was collected as lawmakers made cuts ([Washington Post](#))

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N.J. Assembly sends \$31.7B budget to Gov. Christie ([Star-Ledger](#))

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Ruling on Arizona immigration to have mixed impact on laws in other states ([Washington Post](#))

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Obama Win Means Big Health Care Decisions for States ([Stateline](#))

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Democratic lawmakers in Maryland wary of gas tax ([Washington Times](#))

Analysis: Christie's proposed N.J. income tax cut would largely benefit state's wealthier residents ([NJ.com](#))

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Bipartisan support for 'insourcing,' poll shows ([Politico](#))

Transportation bill throws bones to GOP base ([Politico](#))

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If mandate dies, so should PPACA ([Politico](#))

Implementing health reform ([Politico](#))

CBO Reveals Medicaid is Still Bankrupting America ([American Action Forum](#))

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Jobs Increase as Health Care Eclipses Factories ([Bloomberg](#))

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Trenton's dueling plans for tax relief ([North Jersey](#))

Bryant: Cut the budgets, sell the jet ([Sun Herald](#))

Fallin: Okla. income tax plan to reduce brackets ([Washington Examiner](#))

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Rev up the tapping of our own natural gas ([Chicago Tribune](#))

To drill or not: We should, but we won't ([News OK](#))

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Governor promises tough session for South Carolina unions ([Stateline](#))

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The real source of American prosperity: Innovation ([Chicago Tribune](#))

Speaker Boehner faces tough test on \$260 billion transportation bill ([The Hill](#))

### **Housing**

Foreclosure deal deadline arrives, not all states are yet on board ([Washington Post](#))

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Kansas governor's sweeping school proposal to keep legislators attention in Statehouse ([The Republic](#))

### **Healthcare**

Maine Governor LePage backs nation's toughest Medicaid cuts ([Stateline](#))

Government Asks Supreme Court for More Time to Defend ObamaCare ([New American](#))

Editorial: Contraception mandate violates religious freedom ([USA Today](#))

Kathleen Sebelius: Contraception rule respects religion ([USA Today](#))

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Franchot calls raising Maryland tax on gas 'crushing blow' ([Washington Times](#))

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Ten states join effort to buy natural gas vehicles ([Stateline](#))

Obama doesn't back up his energy rhetoric ([The Hill](#))

Shale bill heads to governor ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

Why Energy-Cutting Policies Are Badly Designed: Brian Barry ([Bloomberg](#))

When old coal plants die, is it a bust or a blessing for Ohio? ([E&E News](#))

The best article on wind farms you will ever read ([The Telegraph](#))

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Arizona Lawmakers Target Public Workers' Unions ([NPR](#))

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Reid seeks cloture today on transport bill ([Politico](#))

Gov. Deal: Ga. is 'doing everything in our power' for harbor deepening ([Bluffton Today](#))

### **Education**

Florida, 9 other states to get No Child Left Behind waiver ([Orlando Sentinel](#))

Former Gov. Jeb Bush to talk education with McDonnell ([Daily Press](#))

Virginia advances 'Tim Tebow bill' ([Stateline](#))

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LePage proposes sweeping education changes ([KJ Online](#))

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The Value of Federalism in Defining Essential Health Benefits ([NEJM](#))

Birth Control Is Covered, and G.O.P. Vows a Fight ([NY Times](#))

Birth-control mandate under attack ([The Hill](#))

Health providers gird for DHHS cuts under compromise deal ([Bangor Daily News](#))

'Obamacare' insurance exchanges: Let's get going ([LA Times](#))

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Governors: Insurance regulators need to stay with the states ([Des Moines Register](#))

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Texans Are Baffled by the Keystone Decision ([WSJ](#))

Alaska shouldn't be investing in Iran ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

The Hidden U.S. Export Boom ([CFR](#))

The Politics of Keystone, Take 2 ([NY Times](#))

Global crisis calls for Keystone completion ([Boston Herald](#))

How Solar Power Can Pay Off Debts ([Reason](#))

Feds approve ban on dumping along California coast ([Stateline](#))

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The Age of Big Data ([NY Times](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Big House GOP test: \$260 billion highway bill heads for cliff ([The Hill](#))

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The States Are Leading a Pro-Growth Rebellion ([WSJ](#))

In Wisconsin, assessing a new labor law's impact ([Stateline](#))

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Gov. Bobby Jindal says Obama birth control dispute exposed 'inherent flaw in Obamacare' ([NOLA.com](#))

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Success of health reform hinges on hiring 30,000 primary care doctors by 2015 ([Washington Post](#))

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O'Malley pushes his 18-cent-a-gallon gas tax plan ([Washington Examiner](#))

Congressional wrangling leaves sales tax deduction in question ([Stateline](#))

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How the US Shale Boom Will Change the World ([Oil Price](#))

Wind energy: Iowa model for success ([Politico](#))

Federal funds flow to clean-energy firms with Obama administration ties ([Washington Post](#))

Energy Independence Is Golden Chance to Develop Renewables: View ([Bloomberg](#))

### **Education**

New Mexico Granted NCLB Waiver, Federal Officials Say ([Education Week](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

Courts block efforts at public pension change ([Stateline](#))

### **Healthcare**

Reform Of the Health Care System That Is Overdue ([Forbes](#))

GOP senators unveil new Medicare overhaul plan ([AP](#))

What We Talk about When We Talk about Health Care Costs ([New England Journal of Medicine](#))

What Problem Does the Individual Mandate Solve? ([Forbes](#))

Some states weigh opt-out laws for mandatory immunizations ([USA Today](#))

Meet the ObamaCare Mandate Committee ([WSJ](#))

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States push to shake up personnel practices ([Stateline](#))

Brewer's plan for sweeping changes to state government's personnel system now at Legislature ([AP](#))

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Moody's says Snyder's budget, law changes are 'credit positive' for Michigan ([Detroit Free Press](#))

McDonnell urges Senate Democrats to act on the budget ([Washington Post](#))

Deal trims maximum jobless benefits to 73 weeks ([AP](#))

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Will high oil prices hurt the recovery—or help it? ([Washington Post](#))

U.S. Fuel Exports: Barrels Away ([CFR](#))

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House votes to expand drilling, approve Keystone XL ([Politico](#))

An Oil Sand Marriage? ([Huffington Post](#))

What do record low natural gas prices mean for states? ([Stateline](#))

### **Economic Development**

Caterpillar to build factory near Athens ([AJC](#))

### **Education**

A Last-Minute Deal on Teacher Evaluations ([NY Times](#))

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Indiana's new right-to-work law could prompt copycats ([Miami Herald](#))

### **Healthcare**

The Options for Payment Reform in U.S. Health Care ([NY Times](#))

Competitive Bidding Can Help Solve Medicare's Fiscal Crisis ([AEI](#))

Overreach: Obamacare vs. the Constitution ([Washington Post](#))

Illinois tightens Medicaid without federal approval ([Stateline](#))

Sebelius offers LePage help on state cuts ([KJ Online](#))

Alabama Plans to Close Most Hospitals for Mentally Ill ([NY Times](#))

Administration highlights business healthcare tax credits in Obama budget ([The Hill](#))

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Bigger Role For Governors ([Governors Journal](#))

Obama toasts governors for hard work ([Miami Herald](#))

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When is a temporary tax increase really temporary? ([Stateline](#))

Jindal said Obama's corporate tax plan is not fair ([WWLTV](#))

Gov pushes again for income tax cuts ([CJ Online](#))

### **Energy and Environment**

Obama: 'No quick fixes' on gas prices ([Politico](#))

Making Energy 'Transparent' Without Killing The Industry ([Investors.com](#))

BP Said to Consider \$14 Billion Spill Settlement ([Bloomberg](#))

A Second N.Y. Ruling Upholds Local Authority Over Gas Drilling ([NY Times](#))

### **Healthcare**

Report: Obamacare's High-Risk Pool Spending Doubles Government Estimates ([Forbes](#))

Many States Take a Wait-and-See Approach on New Insurance Exchanges ([NY Times](#))

Poll: Sharp split on health care repeal ([Politico](#))

Governors expect no action from White House on states' Medicaid plea ([Human Events](#))

Medicaid Cuts Rile Doctors ([WSJ](#))

Romney Offers Medicare Plan ([WSJ](#))

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Governors protest cuts to Air Guard ([Stateline](#))

### **Labor and Pensions**

To Pay New York Pension Fund, Cities Borrow From It First ([NY Times](#))

### **Education**

Georgia creating new college funding formula ([AJC](#))

Obama urges governors to boost education funding ([Boston.com](#))

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How to Frack Responsibly ([NY Times](#))

Did government create the shale gas boom? ([AEI](#))

Obama policies threaten America's energy boom ([Politico](#))

High Gas Prices: Obama's Half-Truths vs. Reality ([Heritage Foundation](#))

Why Gasoline Prices Are So Different Around the US ([CNBC](#))

TransCanada to push ahead with part of Keystone pipeline ([Washington Post](#))

Keystone XL start welcomed by Obama ([Politico](#))

### **Economic Development and Infrastructure**

Long-term transportation bill faces detours ([Politico](#))

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Sweeping criminal justice changes proposed in Georgia ([AJC](#))

**Healthcare**

AMA pushes IPAB repeal ahead of House panel's vote ([The Hill](#))

NJ Poised to Vote on Health Insurance Exchange ([NJ Spotlight](#))

More Americans seek dental treatment at the ER; costs can be 10 times more than checkups ([Washington Post](#))

Insurers Open Stores To Peddle Health Plans ([KHN](#))

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Dems block Va. budget, call for power-sharing deal ([VA Pilot](#))

Stockton tests new municipal bankruptcy law in California ([Stateline](#))

### **Immigration**

New round of immigration battles set in the South ([LA Times](#))

### **Education**

McDonnell right on teacher term contracts ([Washington Times](#))

Bobby Jindal Takes Up Education Reform and Takes On Teachers Unions ([Weekly Standard](#))

Haslam Talks Tennessee Education ([Fox Memphis](#))

### **Energy and Environment**

Gov. Kasich will propose comprehensive overhaul of Ohio's energy policies ([Cleveland.com](#))

Dalrymple urges Obama to approve Keystone pipeline ([Dickinson Press](#))

Bill Clinton on Keystone XL pipeline: 'Embrace' it ([Politico](#))

Obama's double game on fossil fuels ([UT San Diego](#))

Renewable energy mandates take a slice of the 'pie' in small town Colorado ([The Daily Beast](#))

Bingaman floats long-awaited 'clean energy standard' ([The Hill](#))

Report: Stimulus-backed solar company lays off 70 percent of workforce ([Hot Air](#))

President Obama's Jimmy Carter trap ([Politico](#))

Va. AG Cuccinelli: 'Rogue' EPA Must Be Corralled ([NewsMax](#))

### **Economic Development and Infrastructure**

Michigan bridge project hits political snags ([Stateline](#))

Nebraska governor to visit China in trade mission ([Seattle Times](#))

Nevada governor postpones trade mission to Israel ([Las Vegas Sun](#))

Atlanta's Unemployment Rate Declines For Six Months Straight ([CBS Atlanta](#))

Highway bill causes more GOP road rage ([Politico](#))

## **Healthcare**

GOP governors stall health insurance exchange plans ([Stateline](#))

Helping Consumers Choose Health Plans In Exchanges: Best Practice Recommendations ([Health Affairs](#))

House subcommittee votes to repeal healthcare reform law's 'death panel' ([The Hill](#))

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Oklahoma governor touts victories from 2012 legislative session ([News OK](#))

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Louisiana lawmakers wrap up work on \$25.6B budget ([Washington Examiner](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Shale of the century: The "golden age of gas" could be cleaner than greens think ([The Economist](#))

How to Make Renewable Energy Competitive ([NY Times](#))

Wind Power's CO2-Cutting Impact Disputed ([Energy Collective](#))

State seeks public comment on Exxon's Point Thomson plan ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

GOP split leaves \$1.5 billion uncut in Energy and Water spending bill ([The Hill](#))

GOP senators question 'same old, same old' policies at EPA after court ruling ([The Hill](#))

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Indiana Governor Slams Senate Highway Bill ([Journal of Commerce](#))

### **Education**

Alabama education leaders looking at implementation of school grading system, incentive program ([The Huntsville Times](#))

Voucher supporters tout Indiana program's 1st year ([Courier-Journal](#))

Kansas Governor signs into law bill aimed at remedial courses ([Lawrence-Journal](#))

Pa. considers waiver from student federal guideline law ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

Public universities pushing 'super-seniors' to the graduation stage ([Washington Post](#))

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Wyo. lawmakers examine state's Medicaid budget as they try to curb the growth of program ([AP](#))

Medicaid Fraud Busters Learn From Experience ([Stateline](#))

The Economic Impact of the Medical Device Excise Tax ([AAF](#))

The Supreme Court On The Affordable Care Act: What We Are Waiting For ([Health Affairs](#))

Implementing Health Reform: Essential Health Benefits And Plan Accreditation ([Health Affairs](#))

California health insurance exchange awards operational contract ([LA Times](#))

GOP plans to call attention to healthcare law with tax repeal votes next week ([The Hill](#))

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Governors Vow Vigilance on Air National Guard Funding ([Stateline](#))

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New Welfare Rules Rile GOP ([WSJ](#))

GOP Governors Attack Obama on Welfare Law Waivers ([National Journal](#))

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Free from Foreign Oil at Last? Not So Fast ([Fiscal Times](#))

The Supply Side Of Oil ([Forex Pros](#))

Economic Recovery is as Easy as Embracing Our Energy Resources ([Real Clear Energy](#))

### **Public Safety**

Branstad moves to prevent the release of dangerous murderers in light of recent U.S. Supreme Court decision ([Office of Gov. Branstad](#))

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South Carolina's Health and Human Services Director on why his state might sit out the Medicaid expansion ([Washington Post](#))

Health Care Ruling, Elections Dominate Governors' Meeting ([Stateline](#))

GOP governors name their price on health care law expansion ([Politico](#))

Nation's governors focus on ways to trim health care costs ([USA Today](#))

Govs: States need Medicaid flexibility ([UPI](#))

Medicaid Expansion Divides Governors At Virginia Meeting ([Bloomberg](#))

At annual meeting, U.S. governors come out swinging over Medicaid ([Reuters](#))

Governors meeting focused on Medicaid debate ([Washington Post](#))

Eyes On Election, Governors Hedge On Health Care ([NPR](#))

Otter Takes Action on ACA Court Decision ([Times-News](#))

Why States Have a Huge Fiscal Incentive to Opt Out of Obamacare's Medicaid Expansion ([Forbes](#))

Michigan health care expansion meets GOP resistance ([AP](#))

Sandoval takes moderate approach to health care law ([Las Vegas Sun](#))

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Without Major Overhauls, State Budget Crises Will Linger ([Stateline](#))

Gloomy Forecast for States, Even if Economy Rebounds ([NY Times](#))

Report Details Threats to States' Fiscal Health ([WSJ](#))

States need to act on long-term budget crises: report ([The Hill](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Benefits of North Dakota's oil boom highlight House field hearing ([Inforum](#))

[Obama Pledges More Taxpayer Dollars for Green Energy \(The New American\)](#)

Shale gas is giving a big boost to America's economy ([The Economist](#))

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President Obama's jobs panel missing in action ([Politico](#))

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Campus Mergers Bring Big Changes but Questionable Savings ([Stateline](#))

[Better Schools, Fewer Dollars \(WSJ\)](#)

The End of Teachers Unions ([Hoover Institution](#))

Poverty not all to blame for lousy school outcomes ([USA Today](#))

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### **Healthcare**

[Parnell says no to state-run health insurance exchange \(AP\)](#)

Gov. Perry Op-Ed: Tort reform has had just the impact we desired ([Statesman](#))

Rational healthcare, not rationing ([LA Times](#))

The state of Medicaid (in charts!) ([Washington Post](#))

House GOP unveils death by 1,000 cuts ([Politico](#))

States saying no to 'Obamacare' could see downside ([AP](#))

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Poll: Obama, Romney Tied in Make-or-Break Virginia ([National Journal](#))

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Governors' Worst Nightmare: Obama Proposed Shifting Costs of Obamacare's Medicaid Expansion to the States ([Forbes](#))

State budgets in crisis: The role of healthcare spending ([Healthcare Finance News](#))

State budget crisis seen lasting ([Market Watch](#))

State Budget Crisis: Alice Rivlin Stresses Need For Intergovernmental Relations ([Huffington Post](#))

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In North Dakota, the gritty side of an oil boom ([Washington Post](#))

- [Our pro-coal president \(Post-Gazette\)](#)

- [Southern Co CEO says nuclear loan guarantee less enticing \(Reuters\)](#)

- [Navy shows off 'great green fleet' \(San Diego\)](#)

- [IER Hits Navy on Biofuel Spending \(IER Letter\)](#)

- [Solyndra and the Perils of Green Industrial Policy \(Manhattan Institute\)](#)

- [The Paradox of Energy Efficiency \(Reason\)](#)

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### **Economic Development and Jobs**

Governor optimistic on trade between Kansas, Europe ([AP](#))

Bloated government shrinks the economy ([Las Vegas Review-Journal](#))

Jobs Council Is Sidelined as President Courts Voters ([WSJ](#))

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Bob McDonnell to Congress: 'You've got to fix this sequestration problem' ([Washington Post](#))

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Obama Ends Welfare Reform as We Know It, Calls for \$12.7 Trillion in New Welfare Spending ([Heritage](#))

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U.S. recession's other victim: public universities ([Reuters](#))

Arizona to get waiver for No Child Left Behind ([The Arizona Republic](#))

Miss. granted NCLB waiver ([AP](#))

Poll: Va. voters approve of McDonnell's handling of UVA flap ([Politico](#))

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Health-care reform: Subcommittee follows up on plan to defund ([Politico](#))

Maine Debate Hints at Rift on Medicaid After Ruling ([NY Times](#))

CRS Says Governors Can't Kick People Off Medicaid ([National Journal](#))

Hatch, Upton Seek Details On Proposed Medicaid 'Blended Match' Rate ([Inside Health Policy](#))

Physician employment could hit 75%, eclipsing private practice ([Fierce Health](#))

Tax Credits In Federally Facilitated Exchanges Are Consistent With The Affordable Care Act's Language And History ([Health Affairs](#))

Arkansas says Medicaid expansion saves \$372 million. Let's break down those numbers ([Washington Post](#))

Kentucky governor creates health insurance exchange, advisory board ([NY Times](#))

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- [Booming North Dakota City Shows Wisdom of Markets \(RCP\)](#)

- [Cruise ship lines, Alaska officials question new air pollution limits \(Washington Post\)](#)

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Governor Tom Corbett launches program to aid small businesses ([Patriot News](#))

Idaho's unemployment rate falls to 7.7 percent ([AP](#))

Obama Rings the Death Knell on Small Business ([Fiscal Times](#))

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Fix Defense Sequestration—Without Tax Increases ([Heritage](#))

### **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Gov. Deal will end Ga. 400 tolls in 2013 ([Atlanta Business Chronicle](#))

### **Immigration**

Alabama Police Start Slowly in Enforcing Immigration Law ([Stateline](#))

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Is Education on the Cusp of a Turnaround? ([Huffington Post](#))

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Gov. Bryant: I will resist expansion of Medicaid ([Clarion Ledger](#))

DHS' Smith: Current federal law makes state exchanges impossible ([WI Politics](#))

Data Book June 2012: Health Care Spending and the Medicare Program ([MedPAC](#))

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Alabama weighs costs, benefits of Medicaid expansion under Affordable Care Act ([The Birmingham News](#))

W.Va. not alone in weighing Medicaid options ([AP](#))

Analysis: Beebe builds case for Medicaid expansion ([AP](#))

Morning Bell: States Should Wait Before Accepting Obamacare ([Heritage](#))

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Framing the Decision on Higher Tax Rates ([Economics21](#))

Gov. Haslam pushes Congress on online sales taxes ([Nashville Business Journal](#))

States press Congress to make Internet merchants collect sales taxes for them ([Washington Post](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

VIDEO: Gov. Matt Mead Discusses Energy Independence ([Fox Business](#))

Natural gas prices surge 70% ([CNN](#))

Michigan governor declares emergency over fuel shortage ([Reuters](#))

Manufacturers 'alarmed' about surging natural gas demand ([FuelFix](#))

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ACA Opponents Eyeing New Challenge To Law's Maintenance-of-Effort Requirement ([BNA](#)) §

By [Ralph Lindeman](#)

A new legal challenge to state Medicaid requirements contained in the health care reform law may be in the works, according to recent BNA interviews with health law experts at conservative think tanks and in academia.

The potential target is a provision known as the maintenance-of-effort (MOE) requirement that bars states from cutting eligibility standards for Medicaid enrollees. It prohibits states from imposing more restrictive eligibility standards for any current Medicaid enrollee until at least Jan. 1, 2014, when the new state-based health insurance exchanges are supposed to be operational.

Opponents of the law are considering using the same legal theory that proved successful in persuading a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the federal government's enforcement scheme for implementing a major expansion of Medicaid contained in the health reform law.

Maine's Republican Gov. Paul LePage already has announced he considers his state no longer bound by the MOE requirement and has threatened legal action if the Department of Health and Human Services disagrees. Other states are watching.

Recent events in Maine appear to have the potential to transform the theoretical arguments about the MOE requirement into a full-blown legal challenge.

Since the Supreme Court's ruling in June ([125 HCDR, 6/29/12](#)), HHS officials have taken the position that the court's decision affected only the Medicaid expansion provision in the Affordable Care Act and all other requirements, including the MOE mandate, remain in effect.

Legal experts who support the MOE requirement say the critics' arguments are overblown, noting that the MOE requirement is limited in time and does not impose a burden on states of the same magnitude as the Medicaid expansion.

#### Medicaid Expansion Now Voluntary Among States

In its June 28 decision, the Supreme Court held that HHS could not threaten states with the loss of all their Medicaid funding if they did not participate in the Medicaid expansion contained in ACA. The expansion would extend Medicaid eligibility to all uninsured adults younger than 65 with income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level, potentially bringing as many as 16 million new enrollees into the program, if all states participated.

In an opinion written by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and joined by six other justices, the court held that HHS's authority to withhold the entire amount of a state's Medicaid funding—if it did not join the expansion—was "coercive."

The court also found that ACA's expansion of Medicaid was so substantial that it amounted to "a shift in kind, not merely in degree," and that states failed to receive adequate notice of the change.

The practical effect of the court's ruling has been to make the Medicaid expansion voluntary on the part of the states. Already, at least five state governors have announced they do not plan to join in the expansion. HHS has set no deadline for states to decide and, for now, most state officials are reviewing their options.

#### Two Cases Needed to Make a Doctrine

Conservative opponents of ACA—some of whom were involved in formulating the winning arguments against the Medicaid expansion—are considering using the same legal theory to challenge the law's MOE requirement.

"I think it's the next case," said James F. Blumstein, a health law expert at Vanderbilt Law School, referring to the potential MOE challenge. "It takes two cases to make a doctrine."

*"The maintenance-of-effort requirement may run afoul of the clear notice rule that the [Supreme Court] established."*

—James F. Blumstein, Vanderbilt Law School

Blumstein filed an amicus brief in support of the challenge to the Medicaid expansion brought by 26 states in *NFIB v. Sebelius* (U.S., No. 11-393, 6/28/12). Blumstein's amicus brief, which was cited by Roberts in the majority opinion, argued that the Medicaid expansion was an abuse of Congress's spending power.

In particular, Blumstein maintained that the expansion was tantamount to an illegal modification to the terms of a contract—a change that was not foreseeable by the states when they initially agreed to take part in the federal-state Medicaid program, which provides health care for the poor.

In his opinion, Roberts agreed, saying, "The legitimacy of Congress's exercise of the spending power thus rests on whether the state voluntarily and knowingly accepts the terms of the contract."

Roberts added, "A state could hardly anticipate that Congress's reservation of the right to 'alter or amend' the Medicaid program included the power to transform it so dramatically."

The Roberts opinion concluded that the major change in Medicaid brought about through the expansion was not foreseeable by the states, and HHS could not "coerce" states to participate by using the threat of withholding their existing federal Medicaid funding.

#### MOE Requirement Vulnerable to Challenge?

Blumstein told BNA that ACA's Medicaid MOE requirement suffers from the same lack of foreseeability. "The maintenance-of-effort requirement may run afoul of the clear notice rule that the court established," he said.

The MOE requirement in ACA provides that a state shall not have in effect eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures under its Medicaid program "that are more restrictive than the eligibility

standards, methodologies, or procedures” in effect when ACA was signed into law in March 2010.

The MOE requirement is intended to ensure that states facing budget shortfalls do not slash Medicaid coverage in advance of the expansion set to begin in 2014.

The law further requires states to comply with the MOE requirement as a condition for receiving any federal matching funds under the Medicaid program. In other words, if a state does not comply with the MOE requirement, HHS can withhold the state's existing federal Medicaid funds.

### **HHS Enforcement Scheme at Issue**

Critics of the provision point out that this same enforcement scheme was struck down by the Supreme Court in *NFIB v. Sebelius*. “The amount of money HHS is threatening to withhold if the states don't maintain the effort is the same amount HHS threatened to withhold if states did not expand their Medicaid programs,” Michael Cannon, director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute, a libertarian public policy research group, told BNA.

[Section 2001\(b\) of ACA](#) further provides that the MOE requirement remains in effect until the state has a “fully operational” health insurance exchange.

States are required to establish exchanges by Jan. 1, 2014, under [Section 1311 of ACA](#). If a state declines to establish an exchange or is not prepared to begin operation of an exchange by the deadline, [Section 1321 of ACA](#) provides that the federal government will establish and operate a “federally-facilitated exchange” in the state.

### **Opponents See Elements of Challenge**

Critics argue that these three elements—the MOE requirement, the threat that states could lose all their federal Medicaid funds if they do not comply, and the need for states to establish a health insurance exchange in order to be relieved of the MOE mandate—constitute the same kind of “coercion” and “unforeseeable” program changes that the Supreme Court found to be problematic in *NFIB v. Sebelius*. “There's a possible legal challenge available,” Cannon said. “You've got a couple of prongs of the test that Chief Justice Roberts established” in *NFIB v. Sebelius*.

Blumstein agreed, saying, “Where the requirements are so new, so major and unforeseeable, they violate the clear notice rule.”

Echoing Blumstein, Jonathan H. Adler, a constitutional law professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, told BNA, “What the Supreme Court said Congress can't do is condition receipt of a state's existing Medicaid funding on a new program—which here is creation of an exchange.”

Adler, who directs the law school's Center for Business Law and Regulation, conceded the argument “is not a slam dunk.” But he added, “We think there are real problems in how the government intends to enforce this [MOE] requirement.”

### **Other Experts Take Opposing View**

Other legal experts, who support ACA, disagree. “States raised maintenance of effort in their suit and many other aspects of the Medicaid amendments,” noted Sara Rosenbaum, a law professor and Medicaid policy expert at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. “But the only amendment that the court said was transformative enough to be considered a new program was the eligibility expansion.”

The states, in their brief, noted that the MOE requirement “locks States into their current eligibility and coverage rates,” eliminating their discretion to adjust Medicaid rates. They also complained about a lack of notice and the fact that the requirement penalizes states that voluntarily raised Medicaid coverage rates. But it was the Medicaid expansion that was the principal target of the states' attack in *NFIB v. Sebelius*.

Rosenbaum added, “I don't think the maintenance-of-effort provisions can in any way be seen as a new program, whether standing alone or linked to some other event.”

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—Sara Rosenbaum, GWU School of Public Health and Health Services

Agreeing with Rosenbaum, Timothy Jost, a health law expert at Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Va., told BNA, "The Supreme Court did not address it, and, as far as anyone knows, the maintenance-of-effort provision is constitutional."

He added, "A state is not being coerced as long as the federal exchange is available as a backup."

### **Separate Debate on Federal Exchange**

It turns out, however, that the federal exchange is subject to a separate legal debate. And how that debate is resolved—most likely through a separate legal challenge—could have a real-world impact on states and the MOE requirement, experts say.

The debate concerns whether ACA permits the federal government to provide subsidies, known as "premium assistance tax credits," to people who want to purchase health coverage on the federal exchange.

Cannon, with the Cato Institute, appeared at an Aug. 2 hearing of the House Oversight Committee, arguing that ACA does not provide for tax credits on the federal exchange ([149 HCDR, 8/3/12](#)). He noted that although ACA explicitly provides for tax credits on exchanges "established by a state under Section 1311," there is no parallel language authorizing tax credits on exchanges established by the federal government under [Section 1321 of ACA](#).

Cannon maintained that Congress intentionally omitted the availability of tax credits on the federal exchange to encourage states to establish their own exchanges where tax credits clearly are available under ACA.

Jost, who appeared at the House Oversight Committee hearing as a witness opposing Cannon's view, argued that ACA—when read in its entirety—contains a technical corrections section (Section 1563(b)) that defines a federal exchange as one "established under Section 1311" of ACA.

According to Jost, the definition at Section 1563(b) regarding the federal exchange refers back to and incorporates the definition at Section 1311 on state exchanges—with the definition operating much like a set of Russian nesting dolls. Therefore, tax credits also are authorized on the federal exchange, not just the state exchanges, Jost said.

Without engaging the argument directly, the Internal Revenue Service issued a final rule in May allowing tax credits on the federal exchange ([77 Fed. Reg. 30,377](#), May 23, 2012).

### **Tax Credit Debate and MOE Requirement**

How does the debate about tax credits relate to the MOE issue? ACA says that a state must adhere to the MOE requirement until HHS "determines that an exchange established by the state under Section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act is fully operational" (Section 2001(b)) (*italics added*).

Referring back to the tax credit argument, Cannon maintains that the ACA language—"established by the state under Section 1311"—does not include the federal exchange.

If Cannon's argument wins the day, Jost warned, a federal exchange would not be one "established by the state under section 1311." As a result, Jost said, states that do not establish their own exchanges would not have a way to get out from under the MOE requirement.

As Jost put it in his congressional testimony, "If Mr. Cannon's interpretation of [ACA] is correct, states that decide not to establish a state exchange will be barred indefinitely from changing their Medicaid eligibility requirements."

Cannon, for his part, said Congress wrote the MOE requirement—with language mirroring the tax credit provision—to encourage states to establish their own exchanges. “It bolsters our argument,” he said. “There’s no reason to think that’s not what Congress intended.”

As for whether states could be stuck with the MOE requirement if they did not create their own exchange, Cannon said the Supreme Court’s Medicaid ruling in *NFIB v. Sebelius* provides some reason for doubt.

“The Supreme Court said Congress can’t condition existing Medicaid funding on states joining a new program,” Cannon explained. “Here, the statute is saying you can’t get out of the MOE requirement unless you establish an exchange, which is clearly a new program. So the court may throw that out too.”

### **Maine Controversy May Trigger Court Challenge**

Recent events in Maine appear to have the potential to transform the theoretical arguments about the MOE requirement into a full-blown legal challenge.

On Aug. 1, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services—with the support of LePage, the state’s governor, and Maine Attorney General William Schneider (R)—filed a request with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to amend its state plan to implement Medicaid coverage reductions approved by the Maine Legislature in June.

The cuts would eliminate coverage for 19- and 20-year-old enrollees and reduce the income limit for nonpregnant, nondisabled adults from 133 percent of the FPL to 100 percent of the FPL. In other words, Maine residents in those categories now can obtain coverage if they have income up to 133 percent of the FPL, but the cuts would mean coverage would be available only for those with income up to 100 percent of the FPL.

Before the Supreme Court’s decision on the Medicaid expansion, Maine would have had to file a more formal request with CMS for a waiver of its state plan requirements, typically a more involved and uncertain process.

But following the court’s decision, the Maine DHHS decided it had more flexibility to simply submit a state plan amendment to CMS, Adrienne Bennett, a spokeswoman for LePage, told BNA.

In announcing the state plan amendment request, Schneider said, “Both as part of the mandatory Medicaid expansion struck down by the Supreme Court and as a unilateral, retroactive condition, the maintenance of effort provision fails and cannot be enforced against Maine.”

He added, “The state plan amendment submitted today seeks only to make responsible adjustments in Maine’s Medicaid program that are completely within the state’s authority.” CMS has 90 days to respond to Maine’s state plan amendment request.

Asked what Maine would do if its request is denied, Bennett said, “We will move forward with appropriate legal redress if necessary.”

### **Other States Are Watching**

Officials in other states are watching the events in Maine, and some appear to be contemplating similar moves to assert more state control over Medicaid requirements.

In July, Dennis G. Smith, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, said the Medicaid MOE requirement was “subject to question” in light of the Supreme Court’s decision. The same legal reasoning used by the court would give the states more flexibility to resist the MOE requirement and introduce cost-cutting measures to their Medicaid programs, Smith said, speaking at a conference, “Medicaid’s Next Frontier,” sponsored by the health care policy journal *Health Affairs*.

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Appeals court leery of Arizona day laborer law ([AZ Capitol Times](#))

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Amendment supporters, opponents clash in debate ([Athens Banner-Herald](#))

School officials to speak on charter school legislation at Monday forum ([Columbia County News-Times](#))

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Obama's Second-Term Agenda: Making Obamacare's Taxes, Spending, and Regulations Permanent ([Forbes](#))

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In Ohio, Obamacare to Increase Individual Insurance Premiums by 55-85% ([Forbes](#))

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The growing budget cost of insurance subsidies in the Affordable Care Act ([American Action Forum](#))

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Lukewarm jobs report awaits Americans as election nears ([Reuters](#))

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Lawsuits filed by Chicago Teachers Union, others seek to turn back reforms ([Chicago Tribune](#))

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In Virginia, Obamacare to Cause 23% of Doctors to Stop Accepting Medicare Patients ([Forbes](#))

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Understanding ADP's new way to count jobs ([Market Watch](#))

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US on track to hit debt limit by year end ([WSJ](#))

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Christie issues waiver allowing stations to buy out-of-state gas ([Star-Ledger](#))

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Removing Big Wind's "Training Wheels" ([American Energy Alliance](#))

Solar Panels No Savior in Blackout ([Bloomberg](#))

Marcellus gas production continues undaunted despite Sandy ([Platts](#))

A Grid that could Outsmart Sandy ([Bloomberg](#))

Power Grid Vulnerability: Where Do We Go From Here? ([Forbes](#))

Shell ends 2012 Arctic Ocean drilling off Alaska ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

Energy Department and Federal Efforts to Support Utility Power Restoration Efforts ([Department of Energy](#))

Tech Effect: How Innovation in Oil and Gas Exploration is Spurring the US Economy ([American Clean Skies Foundation](#))

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Barclays faces \$435 million fine, another probe ([WSJ](#))

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Sandoval offers to broker dispute between union and school district over \$40 million grant ([Las Vegas Sun](#))

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State laptop deal shows state to lease devices ([Idaho Statesman](#))

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As TN issues schools report card, commissioner urges parents to act ([Tennessean](#))

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GAO: Doctors' 'self-referrals' cost Medicare more than \$100M ([The Hill](#))

Medical Start-Ups Challenged by Health-Care Reform ([WSJ](#))

How the Health Law Might Be Changed by the Next President ([KHN](#))

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Big Banks Await US Carbon-trading while Focusing on Core Energy Plays ([AOL Energy](#))

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US shale gas boom requires rethink of natgas export policy-Senator ([Reuters](#))

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States mull Sandy contingency plans ([Politico](#))

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Estimate of Economic Losses Now Up to \$50 Billion ([NYT](#))

State economists say Ariz. on modest growth track ([AZ Daily Sun](#))

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Energy expected to provide economic development in Ga. ([Athens Banner-Herald](#))

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Union Is Top Spender for Democrats ([WSJ](#))

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Technology Changing How Students Learn, Teachers Say ([NYT](#))

Otter appears in pro-reform ad ([Spokesman-Review](#))

A brief summary of Idaho's education overhaul ([Idaho Statesman](#))

Seven charter school applications under consideration in coming months ([Bangor Daily News](#))

N.J. schools feel Sandy's effects as hundreds close, plan next move ([NJ News](#))

N.J. Suffering Sandy Decides Biggest College Bond: Muni Credit ([NJ News](#))

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Mega project: \$1.7 billion expansion planned in Port Neal ([Sioux City Journal](#))

Gov presses for electric restoration speedup in NJ ([Asbury Park-Press](#))

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Sandy's aftermath leaves N.J. residents in a dismal waiting game for power, gas ([NJ News](#))

Getting lights back on can be maddeningly complex ([USA Today](#))

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In Swing States, Obamacare to Raise Private Insurance Premiums and Drive Doctors out of Medicare ([National Review](#))

OB/GYNs And ER Docs Excluded From Health Law's Medicaid Pay Hike ([KHN](#))

Darrell Issa Keeps Health Care Law in His Sights ([Roll Call](#))

Maine Medicaid Showdown on Hold ([Politico Pro](#))

Hospital Association Sues Medicare Agency Over Payments Blocked by Audits ([WSJ](#))

Health IT could help with medication adherence, saving billions, study finds ([Healthcare IT News](#))

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Ala. Gov. Bentley drops former Gov. Riley's SMART budgeting process ([Montgomery Advertiser](#))

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley governor plans discussions

Sales tax hike tries to defy S.D. history ([Argus Leader](#))

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North American energy independence is within our grasp and the president is failing to seize the opportunity ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

New Energy Department Team Established to Help Local Authorities Get Gas Stations Impacted by Hurricane Sandy Back Online ([DOE](#))

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New oil workers key bloc in ND Senate race ([Denver Post](#))

Obama, Romney avoid hard truths about energy ([CS Monitor](#))

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Number of the Week: Stagnant Wage Growth ([WSJ](#))

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How Nevada is trying to grow its tech sector — and succeeding slowly ([Vegas Inc](#))

Economic Development Secretary looks to private sector for job growth ([Santa Fe New Mexican](#))

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Funders Set New Round of Support for STEM Teachers ([EdWeek](#))

Florida Virtual School Incorporates Face-to-Face Learning ([EdWeek](#))

The Global Search for Education: Education Technology ([Huffington Post](#))

### **Healthcare**

Health-Care Law Spurs a Shift to Part-Time Workers ([WSJ](#))

Post-election flood of 'Obamacare' rules expected ([Politico](#))

Conflict-of-interest concerns raised as Obama races to implement health reform ([The Hill](#))

Medicare Excludes Mid-Sized Physician Groups From Start Of New Payment System ([KHN](#))

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Healthcare law on the ballot ([The Hill](#))

Christopher DeMuth: A Referendum on ObamaCare and Liberty ([WSJ](#))

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Fracking is big election theme in NY's gas region ([AP](#))

Climate Course Correction ([Foreign Policy](#))

Climate policy advances in the states, but slowly ([Washington Post](#))

A Dose of Renewable Reality – But Why No Nuclear? ([Nuclear Townhall](#))

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This Week in Regulation ([AAF](#))

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Obama-Romney: Where They Stand on Education ([CNBC](#))

GA voters to decide on charter schools amendment ([AP](#))

State education panel hears Gov. Scott continue to talk up expanded agenda, including more money ([Palm Beach Post](#))

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In last push, Gov. Rick Snyder opposes Detroit-Windsor bridge Proposal 6 ([MLive](#))

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Medicaid payment final rule leaves out specialists ([Fierce Health](#))

ObamaCare Exchange Policies May Hike Health Costs ([Investors](#))

Swing-state ballot measures take aim at 'ObamaCare,' abortion rights ([The Hill](#))

Are ACOs Doomed To Fail? ([KHN](#))

Hospitals see more jobs, but mass layoffs to come ([Fierce Health](#))

Less Experienced Doctors Cost Health Care System More, Study Says ([KHN](#))

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Still Waiting in Washington, Montana Gubernatorial Races ([National Journal](#))

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Next Up for Markets? The Fiscal Cliff ([CNBC](#))

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Up next: the fiscal cliff ([Politico](#))

China Gazes Over U.S. 'Fiscal Cliff' ([WSJ](#))

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Calif. approves Brown tax hike to aid budget ([Palm Beach Post](#))

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Michigan rejects measure to expand renewable energy standard ([Midwest Energy News](#))

Geothermal Designs Arise as a Stormproof Resource ([NYT](#))

Ethanol Going Ugly Turns Bush Plan to Obama Test: Energy Markets ([Businessweek](#))

Energy winners and losers: A snapshot ([The Hill](#))

Harsher energy regulations coming in Obama's second term ([Reuters](#))

President Obama's Three-Front War On Energy ([Forbes](#))

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Ed reform props fail to convince Idaho voters ([Idaho Press-Tribune](#))

Voters approve charter-schools amendment ([Athens Banner Herald](#))

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Exit polls find voters split on Obama health law ([The Hill](#))

Major Regulations for Health Reform Coming Soon ([National Journal](#))

Obamacare survives -- now what? ([Politico](#))

About Half Of The States Are Implementing Patient-Centered Medical Homes For Their Medicaid Populations ([Health Affairs](#))

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Not enough info for Iowa health exchange choice, Branstad says ([Des Moines Register](#))

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Feds: Teachers embroiled in test-taking fraud ([Alabama News](#))

New Indiana schools chief plans some tweaks ([Courier-Journal](#))

Indiana Supreme Court hears legality of state school voucher program ([IndyStar](#))

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Arguments in Louisiana voucher suit scheduled for next week ([New Orleans Times-Picayune](#))

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Bentley targets Airbus suppliers during Germany trip ([Alabama News](#))

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Corbett has high hopes for Shell plant to be built in Pa. ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

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Labor unions taking advantage of Citizens United ruling ([Anchorage Daily News](#))

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Obama faces huge challenge in setting up health insurance exchanges ([The Hill](#))

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Back to the drawing board for Obamacare foes ([Politico](#))

Obamacare — Deal right to say 'no' to exchanges ([Marietta Daily Journal](#))

Increased Medicaid demand felt across Connecticut ([AP](#))

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NH could partner with feds on health exchange ([BusinessWeek](#))

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Gov. Rick Scott's challenge to state colleges: \$10,000 bachelor's degrees ([Tampa Bay Times](#))

Kansas educators feeling way through pilot program to evaluate teachers, administrators ([The Republic](#))

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New tests coming to Utah schools ([Salt Lake Tribune](#))

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Regulators approve FPL advance nuclear costs ([Palm Beach Post](#))

LePage continues to blame law for state's high energy prices ([Bangor Daily News](#))

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Report: Medicaid expansion would bring state more than \$30 billion ([Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#))

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Gov. Malloy to cut \$170 million from budget ([CT Post](#))

Malloy announces \$170 million in Conn. Budget cuts ([San Francisco Chronicle](#))

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Governor's Defense Initiative started ([Atlanta Business Chronicle](#))

Pontiac's Workforce is cut 86% as Michigan Makes City Obsolete ([Bloomberg](#))

Bentley, state leaders meet with aerospace suppliers during Germany trip ([Montgomery Advertiser](#))

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Governor Rick Snyder releases energy and environmental blueprint ([WXYZ Action News](#))

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New study: Medicaid expansion could cost Florida \$8.9 billion over 10 years ([Miami Herald](#))

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State might curtail spending up to \$37M as revenues keep falling short ([Bangor Daily News](#))

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N.J. Senate approves minimum-wage increase ([Philadelphia Inquirer](#))

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Energy law costs Va. Power, Apco customers \$1 billion-plus too much ([Richmond Times-Dispatch](#))

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Corbett considering lifting cap on fuel tax to fix roads ([Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#))

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Louisiana voucher lawsuit: oral arguments on Friday ([New Orleans Times-Picayune](#))

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More Illinois students leaving state for freshman year ([Chicago Tribune](#))

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TN school voucher report leaves key areas open to debate ([The Tennessean](#))

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Health insurance rates could shoot up ([SF Chronicle](#))

Health-care advocates urge feds to run health-care exchange for Florida ([Orlando Sentinel](#))

Branstad's insurance premium option is illegal, unions tell judge ([Des Moines Register](#))

Committee nixes Michigan health exchange; now federal government may create one ([Detroit Free Press](#))

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Fiscal Cliff Talks at Stalemate ([WSJ](#))

'Fiscal cliff' threat looms large in Alabama: Defense cuts, rising federal taxes would hurt state budgets ([Montgomery Adviser](#))

California has much at stake if tax cuts not extended ([San Jose Mercury News](#))

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Pennsylvania's budget held hostage on fiscal cliff ([The Morning Call](#))

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Plan to Raise Estate Tax Divides Democrats ([WSJ](#))

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Alabama looking to recover \$5 million from audit ([Alabama News](#))

State tax collections slightly exceed expectations ([Topeka Capital-Journal](#))

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State wants local jobs agencies under one brand ([Orlando Sentinel](#))

Will a new committee help the Maine Legislature improve workforce development? ([Bangor Daily News](#))

Michigan bottle return law upended ([Detroit News](#))

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Tax break plan could send kids to private schools ([Idaho Statesman](#))

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Report: Colorado's public worker pension fund not "fiscally sound" ([Denver Post](#))

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Judge OKs big pension, health care changes for Michigan teachers and other school workers ([Michigan News](#))

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Want to sell insurance on the Obamacare exchanges? There's a (3.5%) fee for that. ([WaPo](#))

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Medicaid expansion would cost the state \$1 billion over a decade, but bring in \$14 billion in federal funds ([Alabama News](#))

Exchange fight over, but maybe not permanently ([AZ Capitol Times](#))

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Healthcare law will have new California Legislature scrambling ([LA Times](#))

Graham tells state to hop on health act ([Tampa Bay Times](#))

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AARP lobbies against Medicare changes that could hurt its bottom line ([Washington Post](#))

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Surprise: PA College Slashes Instructors' Hours to Avoid Obamacare ([Breitbart TV](#))

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State officials grapple with effects of fiscal cliff ([Austin Statesman](#))

On Washington visit, Gov. Gary Herbert says falling off fiscal cliff could put Utah into recession ([Deseret News](#))

Utah gov to Obama, Congress: Don't fail ([Salt Lake Tribune](#))

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In Fiscal Cliff Talks, Governors Get White House Seat ([Stateline](#))

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Brownback: Kansas needs to make up for tax cuts ([Kansas City Star](#))

LePage likely to cut \$35 million from state budget, but still considering options ([Bangor Daily News](#))

Retirees to seek tax ruling ([The Advocate](#))

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Race Is On to Clean Up Hydraulic Fracturing ([NYT](#))

House approves bill easing energy efficiency rules ([The Hill](#))

Hundreds show for final say on pipeline project ([Journal Star](#))

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GOP Immigration Push Grows ([WSJ](#))

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Gov. Rick Snyder's comment breathes life into right to work, but did he mean it? ([Michigan News](#))

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Gov. Rick Scott, other GOP governors want health care meeting with Obama ([Tampa Bay Times](#))

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Utah lawmakers mull over verbose federal health reform regulations ([Deseret News](#))

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Maybe I'm wrong, but didn't Oklahoma elect a Republican as our Governor and State Superintendent last November?

I ask, because I swear the words I heard last week about Oklahoma signing up for Obama's Race to the Top grant came from Brad Henry and Sandy Garrett. Oh never mind, it was Republican Mary Fallin and Republican Janet Barresi celebrating the wonders of Race to the Top (RTTT).

And now today we hear from (surprise, surprise) Fred Morgan from the State Chamber saying that getting millions from Obama's RTTT is a good thing.

Well, Mary and Janet, let's sit down and chat for a moment. I know one of President Obama's top bundler's gave each of your campaigns thousands of dollars (\$3500 to

Fallin and \$1000 to Barresi). And since this tried and true liberal Democrat, George Kaiser, is in deep water with the whole Solyndra boondoggle, it might make sense that you stop catering to Mr. Kaiser's wishes to IMPLEMENT BARACK OBAMA'S, LIBERAL, OVERREACHING, FEDERAL MINGLING, DUMB OUR KIDS DOWN EVEN FURTHER, EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE!

Besides, and I know you really don't care about what us lowly Oklahoma citizens think, but a recent Sooner Poll on this issue said 2 to 1 that we would much prefer you work to find a way for Oklahomans to take care of our own early childhood education, and not have to rely on that pesky federal government plan.

I thought the people of Oklahoma made it clear with the Obamacare Health Exchange debacle that we have a simple rule about federal dollars... If it has strings attached, SEND IT BACK!

Now Mary, Janet, and Fred, this may be one time to actually LOOK and SEE what Texas has to say about RTTT. Here's Governor Perry on why Texas was the first to reject the federal dollars.

*"Why should a state that has steadily improved the rigor of its own K-12 curriculum be forced to adopt national curriculum standards that have not been developed and could wind up being weaker than what we already have in place?" Gov. Rick Perry.*

So basically, RTTT could possibly cost the state more than the grant we will get, the money is not guaranteed to be there so we might on the hook for even MORE, and there is no proof that RTTT actually improves the education of our children. Sounds like a winner to me!

I know Gov. Fallin and Supt. Barresi live in this State Chamber surrounded circle of yes men and women, but it's time that our elected leaders hear from the people who elected them. Please call Gov. Fallin at (405) 521-2342 and Supt. Janet Barresi at (405) 521-3301 and tell them that taking federal money for Race to the Top is a bad idea for Oklahoma and a bad idea for our children.

And be sure to call your State Representative and Senator and ask them to oppose Race to the Top as well. If it's got strings attach, then we must SEND IT BACK! ([Find your legislator here](#))

Sincerely,

David Tackett  
**Oklahomans for Liberty**

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**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: race to the top  
**Importance:** High

This is the preliminary RTTT information we got when they announced the competition. We are still awaiting further application requirements. The application deadline is expected to be mid-October.

It is a \$500 million Early Learning Challenge Grant and Oklahoma could potentially compete for approximately \$60 million. The grant focuses on children **from birth to the age of five**.

It is likely to include:

- Early learning and development standards and kindergarten entry assessment
- Enhancement of our current tiered quality rating and improvement system to improve school readiness
- Increased capacity of data collection and analysis
- Better early Childhood teacher preparation
- May include health, behavioral and family services for children from birth to five years of age.
- Will focus high quality preschool and developmentally necessary services for three and four year olds

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2011 4:27 PM

**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: race to the top

Fyi I asked if we could email it to her tomorrow and she said no she needs it tonight so she can read it on the plane

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2011 4:26 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** race to the top

The governor asked me to ask you to get any info we have on race to the top as it stands now ... she's particularly concerned with deadlines for applying for the application. Can you help with this? We are working on a "legal status of ObamaCare" memo in the press shop and we can combine the two .

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The deputy education commissioner in TX is a long time friend of mine and said they made a decision last year not to apply for RttT knowing they had no chance to win because of politics, so didn't waste time and effort on a proposal.. Maybe in addition to ideological differences, this is also a way for TX to "save face" if rejected.

OK is in a much stronger position in this competition, but then I am a pragmatist, not an ideologist. I just want us to continue to lead in the one area of education where we have been a leader because we don't have a track record of success in other areas of public education.. We may improve the results if we find ways to provide continuous support for children in poverty. Unfortunately, Brandon doesn't seem to recognize or understand their environment.

I hope our state can move forward in demonstrating we care about those children and won't abandon our commitment to improving their future.

OK, so I am not a politician for good reason.

Phyllis

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This thing is headed down the same track as the Health Insurance Exchange grant in a hurry.

Just my two cents.

Glenn

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**From:** [Julia Conley](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Say NO to Insurance Exchange in Oklahoma  
**Date:** Saturday, November 17, 2012 1:03:22 PM

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Dear Governer Fallin,

I have used the letter below by OK-SAFE to express my opinion and ask that you please say NO to establishing an insurance exchange in the state of Oklahoma in connection to "Obamacare".

Sincerely,

Julia Conley

*Dear Governor Fallin,*

*Two recent newspaper articles brought to our attention that your office may be considering whether or not to establish some sort of insurance exchange in the state of Oklahoma, possibly a state-based insurance exchange or a federally-partnered insurance exchange.*

*OK-SAFE opposes either option.*

*We contend that:*

- Since you campaigned in 2010 against the implementation of the PPACA ("ObamaCare") in the state of Oklahoma, and won on that platform;*
- And since an insurance exchange is the cornerstone of the PPACA, and thereby will create a system of "market-management" that is contrary to the free enterprise system;*
- And since via SQ 756 the citizens of Oklahoma made clear their opposition to PPACA with their 65% vote;*
- And since the state legislature has twice been stymied by the people in its' attempt to establish an insurance exchange;*
- And since several incumbent Republicans drew primary opponents due to the attempt to create such an exchange, causing many people to be disgusted with the Republican party;*

*We therefore demand that you make the obvious happen in Oklahoma.*

*Specifically, we expect Oklahoma's elected officials to demonstrate true leadership and integrity by publicly announcing that there will be no health insurance exchange created/established/implemented in the state of Oklahoma. Period.*

*Further, we agree with Sen. Tom Coburn's contention that there should be no further expansion of Medicaid; we ask that you demonstrate fiscal responsibility by opposing such an expansion in the state of Oklahoma.*

*With hopes that you do the right thing...*

**From:** [Sandra Vallance](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Say NO to Obamacare Exchange  
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Say No to the Obamacare Exchange!

Dear [Decision Maker],

Every state governor in the nation has by November 16, 2012 to make a decision on whether they will work to establish the health insurance exchange to comply with Obamacare. As a citizen of Oklahoma, I encourage you to say no to this mandate. If enough states opt out of the health care exchange that is the heart of ObamaCare, Congress will have no choice but to reexamine the law.

As a public official, you should stand by the people of Oklahoma. We don't need the federal government interfering with our health care decisions. Oklahoma businesses that don't offer health insurance will be fined and likely leave the state. To run the exchange, taxpayers will pay millions of dollars so insurance companies can rake in easy profits.

Obamacare is the largest expansion of government in recent history and you have the power to stop it. If not for Oklahoma residents, then for their children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

*Anna Powers*

  
*Oklahoma City, Ok 73141*

**From:** [Kathy Parker](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Say no to Obamacare health exchanges  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 7:54:23 AM

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My husband and I want you to draw a line in the sand as did Texas. No health exchanges for Obamacare!

Thank you  
Alan and Kathy Parker

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**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:44:30 AM

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November 15, 2012

Honorable Governor Fallin,

As a small business person and productive citizen in Oklahoma, I am concerned for the looming fiscal cliff, increased taxes, and Obama care laws that will adversely affect everyone in this state of Oklahoma and the country.

Please consider standing AGAINST A STATE EXCHANGE and possibly turning over Medicaid to the federal government.

Thank you for your service to our state and working with other governors to devise an effective approach and to healthcare and response to Obamacare mandates.

Medicaid needs reforming and fraud needs to be addressed before making the productive citizens pay for more programs, more federal spending and more corruption.

Thank you, Phyllis Battle

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Sincerely,

Amy Husband

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God Bless,  
Amy Husband Mother Of Four Blessings

**From:** [Sandra Vallance](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Say NO to the Obamacare Exchange  
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Sincerely,

*Sandra Vallance*



*Oklahoma City, Ok 73127*

**Thank you from either Sandra Vallance grandma or Amy Husband mom to**

**Rayann, Dylan, Reanna, & Rachael Husband**

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**Subject:** SB 1629.  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2012 2:56:45 PM

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You know what the funny thing is? Sen. Gary Stanislawski and Rep. Glen Mulready, the two chairmen of the Health Exchange Task force, said that we HAVE to implement Health Exchanges in order to comply with Obamacare. HOWEVER, these legislators ARE ON RECORD saying that this bill isn't enough to even comply with the PPACA. [Read the story here.](#)

## **SO WHY ARE WE EVEN HEARING THIS BILL?**

The simple point is this. **The State Chamber WANTS Obamacare Health Exchanges DESPITE the wishes of the people of Oklahoma.**

You know what? The State Chamber doesn't re-elect the State Senators...**the people of Oklahoma re-elect them.**

**And if ANY Senator votes for SB 1629, the voters in their district WILL know that they voted for Obamacare. (And these GOP Senators wonder why they are drawing primary opponents against them!)**

**From:** [Libert K. F. O'Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Secede  
**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2012 9:30:47 AM

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Greetings Governors, of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alaska, Kansas, Nebraska, Arizona, Utah, NewMexico, Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Tennessee, Alabama.

The recent election has confirmed that the country is very, very divided along ideological lines. On one hand there is Unearned Entitlement, increasing taxation, increasing government growth & intrusion in our lives. On the other hand, there are those of us that adhere to the concept of fiscal and personal responsibility.

Washington will not change! Right now, as in now!! We cannot afford the UN, foreign wars labeled Nation Building, The Department of State giving out huge amounts of Foreign Aid, the IRS (and its thousands of agents increase dictated by Obamacare!), the bullshit EPA, the Forest Circus, and all the people on eternal welfare and foodstamps who predominantly reside on the East and Left Coasts. To prevent a collapse of the USD, the Federal Budget must be BALANCED next year, not sometime in the imaginary future (and that we know is just not going to happen). Lots of talk and expenditure but no results, Congress and Senate should have all pay suspended until they do their jobs. "If you do not do your homework, you go to bed without supper."

We must Secede from the Union.

What should be The Nation of Middle America has an abundance of wealth in the forms of Minerals, Livestock, Agriculture, Energy, and most importantly strong honest people with a work ethic. The question is How do we get the issue of Secession to the State Houses and onto a Referendum Ballot to the people as quickly as possible. Help me out here, this needs to be done while there is something left to save of what was once a great Country.

Gary Johnson should lead us, he did very well as Governor of New Mexico, yes balanced budgets.

Libert Osullivan Texan Taxpayer [REDACTED] Midland Texas 79707 [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Sen. Stanislawski, Sen. Crain, Sen. Newberry, and of the GOP Senators support for SB 1629  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 2:13:23 PM

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**I think best explains what Rep. Mulready, Sen. Gary Stanislawski, Sen. Brian Crain, Sen. Dan Newberry, and the rest of the GOP Senators said in their support for Obamacare of passing SB 1629...**

*Once upon a time there was a decree from the evil King Obama who said, "Everyone must now live in a prison cell and we want the states to build this prison or I'll send in my evil goons to build it for you. Oh yeah and here's \$54.6 million to help you build your prison."*

*The people of Oklahoma told their local leaders, "Don't build the prison! We don't want to live in a prison cell."*

*But then Glen Mulready and Gary Stanislawski replied back, "But if we don't build the prison ourselves, then the evil King Obama will come build it for you. And at least this way, our friends in the State Chamber and Blue Cross Blue Shield get to make some money off of the construction of the prison."*

*But the people of Oklahoma convinced the other state leaders to reject the money and NOT build the prisons. So then Mr. Mulready and Mr. Stanislawski then decided to have a task force to look into the prison building issue.*

*1 year later, Mr. Mulready and Mr. Stanislawski came back and said, "OK, I think we found a solution. We're not going to build a prison, but we're going to build a hotel."*

*The people asked, "Is there a wall around this 'hotel' with barbed wire?"*

*"Well yes" replied the legislators.*

*"Are there bars on the windows?"*

*"Of course"*

*“Do the doors have bars and locks?”*

*“Well, yes, but we give you the key, so you can leave anytime you want. That way, King Obama is happy that we built a prison, err hotel, but it really isn't a prison. And we're going to fight this law to make sure you don't have to live in a prison.”*

*“So what happens if you lose, and the law to make us all live in a prison stands?”*

*“We'll take away your keys. But don't worry, the State Chamber and Blue Cross Blue Shield will still make money off of building these prisons and you should at least be happy for that.”*

*And then Mr. Mulready and Mr Stanislawski continued, “and if you're against us building this prison, then you are in favor of King Obama.”*

**I know this may have been a silly way of explaining what was said yesterday, but this was the logic that Sen. Stanislawski, Sen. Crain, Sen. Newberry, and the rest of the GOP senators used in explaining their support for SB 1629.**

**Our legislators just don't get that there is a third option. We will stand up and stop ANY implementation of Obamacare, the feds can't just jump in and make it happen. They NEED the states to do their dirty work.**

**If they build the infrastructure, all the federal government has to do is come and take the proverbial keys and turn our “voluntary exchange” into a mandatory program.**

**But now the fight has moved on to the full State Senate. So I'm telling you of the 47 Senators to stop laying the groundwork for Obamacare and vote NO on SB 1629!**

**From:** [Matt Glanville](#)  
**To:** [Matt Glanville](#)  
**Subject:** Senate E-Clips, Apr. 1, 2011  
**Date:** Friday, April 01, 2011 9:38:23 AM

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Bill to disempower state Board of Education goes to Fallin

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Ex-Senate leader Mike Morgan was under FBI probe for years

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Morgan indictments involve landfill, power plants

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Waste disposal event this weekend

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Soldiers deploy today with Sapulpa send-off ceremony

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Prison program builds on faith, character

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My Name is Carmen Brown.  
I am a Dialysis patient.  
My Husband's Name is Cornell Brown.  
Our letter is to ask you how  
we as citizens can help change  
the standard limits for being  
able to qualify for Sooner Care  
Medicaid for not only elderly people  
like us but others that need  
it. We once had Sooner Care  
Medicaid but lost it because  
of our income. Below I will  
try to show what happened!

Carmen's disability	→	747.00
Cornell VA Pension	→	<u>515.00</u>
TOTAL mon.		1262.00
Sooner Care monies	} /	<u>1226.00</u>
We can not exceed		36.00 → we're over

Now because of us losing Sooner  
Care Medicaid I had to purchase a  
supplement insurance to pay the 20%  
Medicare does not cover for my  
dialysis treatment → 400.00 mon.  
Plus a RX Plan D formula 888 mon  
Out of pocket → 408.88

Then I lost my travel assistance

WHICH CAME IN HANDY FOR GAS EXPENSES.  
TO TRAVEL BACK & FORTH TO CLAREMORE FOR  
MY TREATMENTS. IT SURELY DID HELP.  
THAT HELP TOTALLED ABOUT \$200.00 MO.

ANYWAY I JUST WANT HELP IN  
HOW WE CAN CHANGE THE GUIDELINES  
FOR SOONER CARE MEDICAID.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

SINCERLY



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58.00 → WE OVER EXCEED

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NOT WHINING OR COMPLAINING  
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## Cody Inman

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**From:** CMS form builder system [noreply@www.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012 9:37 AM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Subject:** A user has completed the "EmailContactForm"

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### E-mail Governor Fallin

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To e-mail a question or comment to Governor Mary Fallin, please use the form below. Please note, the Governor's Office receives a large volume of correspondence and we work to respond in a timely fashion. If your message is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the Governor's Office at (405) 521-2342. Thank you for your patience.

**Name:**  
Richard Gibson

**E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Phone Number:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zipcode:**  
73062

**Subject:**  
Drones

**Message:**

Like most conservative Republicans I was happy when you were elected to be our Governor. I remember you sitting outside a window sill holding "Don't tread on me" flag, while obamacare was being passed. Now I have to tell you that after hearing you were all in favor of spying on Oklahomans using unConstitutional surveillance with drones. That does not hold with conservatives view of less government intrusion on our daily lives. Don't know who will run against you. But Jebby Bush is what the Republicans want, and people like you. Made me change my voting card I am now a proud independent.

Do you require a reply from the governor's office?

Yes

**From:** [Donelson, Ron \(US - Tulsa\)](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Shame on you Governor Fallin  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 2:58:51 PM

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Governor Fallin,

Shame on you for accepting the ObamaCare \$54 million from the Federal Government. Evidentially, your word is not any good. You've stabbed Oklahomans in the back. I am ashamed that you are a republican. We have to stop ObamaCare, and accepting money from it only supports it. How could you do that? It is no different than knowing that someone stole something and you buy from them knowing it was stolen. Why don't you just sell your sole to the devil while you are at it? There isn't any difference.

Ron Donelson

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**From:** [Vicki Snider](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
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Vicki Snider  
Secretary  
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**From:** [Adrian Moore](#)  
**To:** [Governor Mail-In](#)  
**Subject:** Should Congress Mandate Insurance, or Broccoli?  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 3:51:38 PM

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Mary,

Dealing with health insurance is a real hassle. I am lucky my wife is the one in our house who gets on the phone to fight with them when something is billed incorrectly. We use an HSA, and I am glad to have some control over what health care insurance options I have. So I am not excited about the individual mandate in Obamacare that the Supreme Court is reviewing this week.

And I am obviously not alone. A new Reason-Rupe poll of 1,200 adults finds 62% of Americans believe it is unconstitutional for Congress to mandate the purchase of health insurance, while 30% think requiring health insurance is constitutional. We will soon find out if the Supreme Court Justices agree.

One of the arguments used in the case is that if Congress has the power to require individuals to buy health care insurance, it may also mandate that Americans buy broccoli. The poll finds 87% of Americans believe Congress does not have the power to require the purchase of broccoli, while 8% say Congress can force you to buy vegetables.

Some other nuggets from the poll (see all the poll results [here](#)):

- 54% think the health care law will result in the rationing of health care services.
- Half have an unfavorable view of the health care law, while 32% have a favorable view of it.
- 49% say the law should be repealed and 36% would let it stand.
- 23% trust the government to address their health care needs, while 50% trust health insurance companies and 84% trust their doctors.

Some reforms the poll finds that the American public would support:

- Over two-thirds, 69 percent, would like to be able to shop for health insurance in the same way they shop for auto insurance.
- 48 percent of Americans would prefer to receive the money their employers spend on health care as part of their paycheck and then shop for their own health care plans. 41% would like to continue to get insurance through their employer.
- If they were allowed to shop for health care plans across state lines, 43 percent of Americans say insurance premiums would go down and 23 percent believe they'd go up.

Interestingly, 67% of Americans say that public sector workers have better health care benefits than private sector workers, 22% say the benefits are about the same, and 4% say private sector workers get better benefits than government workers.

All of this suggests that Congress should go back to the drawing board on health care reform. They will have little choice if the Supreme Court rules against the individual mandate at the heart of Obamacare. Of course, the Supreme Court's

decision does not rest on what the public wants, but on the Constitution. Reason is one party in a "friend of the Court" brief that is part of the case, which lays out the earlier court decisions relating to the power of Congress to mandate something like health insurance. You can see the Brief [here](#).

Adrian

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**From:** [Jennifer Filippone](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stand Against Healthcare Exchange  
**Date:** Saturday, November 17, 2012 5:52:00 PM

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Governor Fallin,

I ask that you please continue to stand against creating a state healthcare exchange. We do not need the Federal intrusion into these areas.

If the Federal Government does set up their own plan then I would also ask you to consider turning Medicaid over to the Federal Government. This would free up some tax dollars in the state to help businesses that will be affected by the new healthcare laws.

Please consider making Oklahoma the leader against this Federal Government in areas they should not be.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Filippone

**From:** [Angela Kersh](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stand Against Obama Care  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:17:38 AM

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Dear Governor Fallin,

I have no doubt many ideas, questions and consequences are running through your mind concerning our Great State and the implementation of Obamacare. I'd like nothing more than to see every state stand against this type of tyrannical leadership taking back the control and leadership of their own people. Please take the chance that our elected friends and neighbors know more of what we as citizens need than a ruler in Washington. We have the ingenuity to come up we real and better solutions that fit our values !

Sincerely,  
Angela Kersh, Edmond

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jess Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** State Insurance Exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 4:51:19 PM

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Dear Governor Fallin:

This is to inform you that I am perfectly happy with my Health Care Insurance as it is. Therefore, I do not think that the Affordable Care Act (often referred to as Obamacare) can improve my access to health care. I urge you to not establish a State insurance exchange as directed in the Act and to avoid in any manner possible implementing this act in Oklahoma. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my position on this matter.

Jess Lewis

[REDACTED]

Mustang, OK 73064

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**From:** [Karen Railey](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** State Nullification to Stop Unconstitutional Federal Laws  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 08, 2012 12:46:39 PM

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Dear Governor Fallin,

I wanted you to see this article. This means you can tell the federal gov to pound salt concerning their demands that are unConstitutional and not in the best interest of our state.

Brian & Karen Railey

posted on [February 8, 2012](#) by [Giacomo](#)

## States Nullification Can Stop Unconstitutional Federal Laws

How many of you are familiar with the term 'state nullification'?

Basically, state nullification is the power of the states to refuse to enact any federal law that is unconstitutional.

It is based upon the facts that the states existed prior to the Union, the people and not the government is sovereign. Since the people are the ones that are sovereign, they hold the power to restrain the federal government when it is determined that the federal government's actions are dubious or unconstitutional.

The last paragraph of the Declaration of Independence states,

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and **that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.** And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Please take note of the bolded line and the power it gives the states.

In 1791, Congress ratified the adopted the Bill of Rights which contained the first ten amendments to the US Constitution. The Tenth Amendment reads,

“The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Thomas Jefferson first wrote about state nullification when he drafted the Kentucky Resolutions of 1798 and 1799. He wrote that nullification is the rightful remedy to be used when the federal government exceeds its constitutional powers. James Madison also wrote about state nullification when he drafted the Virginia Resolutions of 1798. Madison went a step further when he stated that states are duty bound to nullify or resist the federal government when they act in violation of the US Constitution.

Jefferson warned the American people about letting the federal government assume more power than they are entitled to. He said that if the federal government is kept in check that it will continue to create new powers and grow out of control.

Therefore there are two things that we the people can do to try to keep the federal government from exercising unjust and unconstitutional policies and laws. First we need to exercise our duty and obligation to vote for people who support states' rights over the federal government. Secondly, we need to be actively involved in pushing our state leaders to exercise the state's right of nullification on matters such as the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and all other illegal and unconstitutional laws they have shoved down the throats of we the sovereign people.

If the governor and political leaders of your state refuse to use state nullification, like the governor in our state, Steve Beshear (D) of Kentucky, then get involved in recalling them or helping to elect one that does believe in using this power. State nullification can be and is a powerful tool that the federal government does not want you to know about. Please pass the word to others and ask them to pass it on and on and on until every American is pushing for their state to use its power of nullification.

<http://godfatherpolitics.com/3564/states-nullification-can-stop-unconstitutional-federal-laws/>

**From:** [Todd Mirzaian \(Gmail\)](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** State run health insurance exchange  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2012 7:58:16 PM

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Dear Governor Fallin,

After the disappointing Supreme Court ruling on June 28th, I am writing today to urge you to stand in opposition to the government overhaul of health care and to block the creation of a state-run health insurance exchange.

The exchanges mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are expensive, complex and intrusive. In order to meet proper guidelines, an exchange will have to comply with over 600 pages of federal regulations, which would only result in higher premiums, more paperwork, and wasted taxpayer money. Further, the exchanges will become vehicles for a variety of new fines and penalties on employers. If an employee receives federal "premium assistance" and chooses to get their insurance through a health exchange instead of through their employer, that employer can be fined up to \$3,000 for each employee in his company. For small businesses and individuals in our state, these fines and penalties would be disastrous.

When a state declines to set up an exchange, the federal government then steps in to create their own exchange. However, the federal government has no authority to collect fines or penalties on employers as they would through a state-run exchange. The statute only penalizes employers when their employees receive federal premium assistance, which is only awarded to citizens of states with state-run, not federal-run, exchanges.

Though the IRS "clarified" this statute, their regulation was a severe overreach of authority, and will not stand up in court. By refusing to establish an exchange, you will be effectively preventing ObamaCare implementation in our state.

I urge you not to waste our state's already scarce resources to create an ObamaCare exchange. The idea of a market where individuals can compare competing health plans is not in itself a bad idea, but a government run market would only serve to drive up prices and drive down freedom. If something works, we can be sure the free market can and will create it more efficiently than the government.

In order to encourage growth in both our state and the country, you should reject a state government-sponsored health exchange. Join the fight against this government takeover of health care and issue an executive order against health insurance exchanges today.

Thank you,

Todd Mirzaian  
[REDACTED]  
Bixby, OK 74008  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep. Jason Murphey](#); [Sen. Griffin](#); [Dr. Ritze](#)  
**Subject:** State run Healthcare Exchanges  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 9:46:00 AM

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Dear Governor Fallin,

I urge you to ignore the bloviating in today's *The Oklahoman* concerning the establishment of state run healthcare exchanges. Once again the faux "conservative" paper is catering to the socialistic agenda of the imposter in the Oval Office. It is bad enough that the Republican party has once again failed to protect the People of Oklahoma from the ravages of this usurper by our Legislature's failure to pass the "candidate eligibility requirement" to appear on our ballots in the past couple of sessions; but the party also ran an establishment moderate candidate with little hope of beating Obama's all out attempts to steal the election and did so with NO "Plan B".

Therefore, as you seem unwilling to defend our Constitution against the ongoing attack by this ANTI-American Marxist who insists that his "most transparent" regime remain totally opaque prior to 2008 and will only furnish bogus documentation under extreme duress, I ask that you refrain from compounding the damage to the Oklahoma people by knuckling under to the demands of this spurious regime that Oklahoma cave in to the obscene "Obamacare" demands! The People and the Legislature said, "NO!", to these healthcare exchanges. Let's leave it that way! Remember, our Legislature notwithstanding, the People of Oklahoma resoundingly REJECTED Obama/Soetoro and his policies on November 6th -- AGAIN!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Irish

Edmond, OK

cc: Rep. Jason Murphey

**From:** [brenda.garrett](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** State Taxes and Probation/Sentencing  
**Date:** Friday, June 15, 2012 8:24:46 AM

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The Honorable Mary Fallin,

I thought I was writing to you, but obviously it was your campaign headquarters.

Thank you for the accomplishments you have made since you have been our Governor. I was pleased when I heard you reviewed the probations that Governor Henry hastily approved before leaving office. I appreciate you standing up for Oklahomans by not covering to President Obama's "Obamacare". It never made sense to me to force uninsured to purchase US Government healthcare. I know and have discussed socialism healthcare with Canadians and the English and the saying, "You get what you pay for" is worse than people understand.

I have written emails to Pres. Obama and questioned what happened to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." I have never had a response.

I have two questions:

**1. Why are we lowering our OK state taxes to attract businesses to OK when our taxes are already low & we are considered one of the best states to live in for COL.? However, we are one of the worst 48/49 it varies for education? It was not your problem initially & I know you don't control budget, but my understanding is you do want to decrease our taxes. Sure I would love to have lower taxes, but not at the cost of our kids. I don't have any children in school, nor do our kids or grandchildren live in this state. My opinion is we (voters - not our family, but we as a state) counted our chickens before they hatched when the lottery was approved; our budget should not have changed to include a possible influx of funds from the lottery; for like other states the lottery has not met**

the goals it promised. Once again our schools are asked to cut what is vital & a promise is broken again about educators receiving their bonus after this year for their national accreditation (no we have no teachers or instructors in our family in this state either.)

2. My brother, David Wayne Teal, No. CF-2009-5105 was given probation (probably by Gov Henry @the end of his term) while waiting to be tried for manufacturing meth in our Mother's home. How can he receive probation when he broke it? I don't understand. I also don't understand why his sentence is concurrent instead of consecutive. I was told it was not necessary to attend the sentencing, but I would have protested (if it's allowed) such short sentence when this is his 21st drug related conviction.

Thank you for all you do and God bless you in all your endeavors.

Brenda Garrett CPS



**From:** [Josephine Byrne](#)  
**To:** [brian.schatz@hawaii.gov](mailto:brian.schatz@hawaii.gov)  
**Subject:** States Don't Have To Implement Obamacare!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 1:23:25 PM

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As a concerned American citizen, I am writing to respectfully demand that you move to immediately refuse to set up Obamacare "insurance exchanges" & reject the massive & unsustainable expansion of Medicaid.

States Don't Have To Implement Obamacare! That's the secret about Obamacare that the administration & liberal pundits in the mainstream media don't want you to know. The states are under no obligation whatsoever to create Obamacare exchanges or to expand their Medicaid rolls to unsustainable levels.

More than a dozen states (Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, MISSOURI, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, & Virginia) already have made it illegal for state employees to implement Obamacare's individual or employer mandates.

Obamacare is bad policy that is already driving up the cost of health care in our great country, adding to our mounting & unsustainable debt, & stripping the ability of Americans to make our own health care choices. It is now up to the States to STOP Obamacare once & for all.

In a matter of hours & days following the re-election of Barack Obama, dozens of U.S. companies announced plans to lay off thousands of workers. So far, more than 30 companies (& counting) – both large & small – have announced layoffs. The reason: The high costs of complying with Obamacare.

No more excuses. The time for action is now! I respectfully demand that you move to immediately refuse to set up Obamacare "insurance exchanges."

**From:** [Dixie Nixon](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** States to Stop ObamaCare  
**Date:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 8:31:54 PM

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Governor Fallin, I am forwarding an e-mail I received from American Political Action Committee (AmeriPac) requesting you as my governor to opt out of the horrible Obamacare. If we are take our country back from the corruption it has been drug through, we must stand erect, square our shoulders and be ready to fight for our freedoms; just as our forefathers had to do to give birth to this country. I am forwarding this e-mail to my contact list and request that act as responsible citizens and Oklahomans.

Expecting your support,

L. P. and Dixie Nixon  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** AmeriPAC [mailto:patriot@ameripacupdate.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 2:14 PM  
**Subject:** States to Stop ObamaCare

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**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Cc:** [lisajbilly@okhouse.gov](mailto:lisajbilly@okhouse.gov)  
**Subject:** States to Stop ObamaCare  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 2:59:52 PM

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Governor Fallin and Representative Lisa Billy,

Hopefully, you and our Oklahoma Congress will opt out of Obamacare for the sake of Oklahomans.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Sarah

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From: [Rhelda Nye](#)  
To: [Governor Info](#)  
Subject: States to Stop ObamaCare  
Date: Saturday, July 14, 2012 8:32:25 PM

**Governor Mary, PLEASE REFUSE OBAMACARE for OKLAHOMA. It does not even line up with the BIBLE or Constitution. Obama is a Muslim and is not even a US Citizen. He is enjoying a FREE Ride at "OUR" expense. Killing the USA Freedom and so much more.**

**Thanks,  
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**Subject:** Stop Obama Care  
**Date:** Monday, July 09, 2012 1:08:04 PM

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Governor Fallin,

This weekend at the south steps of the capitol we the people had a healthcare rally to stop the implementation of what we all call, "Obamacare." Sorry you had to miss it. We do not want any exchanges set up what so ever!

1. We do not want a huge increase in Medicaid expansion as Governor Scott of Florida has stated. This will be the same problem right here in Oklahoma. Many other governrnors are refusing. Will you join them?
2. You sent back the \$50 million to start setting up the exchanges, don't cave in now!
3. Please terminate as soon as possible the OHIET Oklahoma Health Informtation Exchange Trust.
4. Both Senator Coburn and Representative Lankford have signed a letter dedicated to full repeal of government takeover of healthcare and they ask you and all other governors to join us to oppose its implementation.
5. The Heritage Foundation has estimated the tax increase will cost all Oklahomans an average of \$2501-\$3000 dollars. How about some free market competition to drive the cost down?

I could go on and on but you get my point. I and everyone I know don't want anymore government FORCED upon us. This will be a fiasco at best.

I ask for a response and pray it is positive for all Oklahomans.

Sincerely,

David Brooke

**From:** [MORRIS PHILPOTT](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Support Medicaid Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, November 26, 2012 1:52:15 PM

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Governor Fallin:

I am writing to ask you to support the expansion of Medicaid for low-income, uninsured Oklahomans. We could provide health coverage for tens of thousands in our state and also improve our state's workforce.

As the federal government will pick up the cost of this expansion for the first three years and 90% of the cost after 2020, it seems to make sense to keep our citizens and especially our children healthy.

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled and the presidential election results are in, it is clear that the health care law is here to stay. Let's not continue the fight--let's make good choices for our citizens.

I urge you to make the responsible choice for Oklahoma and allow our state to join Medicaid.

Thank you for your consideration.

Morris and Janell Philpott

**From:** [C. Wright](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Tainted Money  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2011 3:27:50 PM

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"It's a shame that GOP legislators are doing the bidding of a man like George Kaiser who's more concerned about passing Obama's agenda than furthering conservative causes. We know that Mr. Kaiser is behind the push for Gov. Fallin to accept Obama's Race To The Top grant money and he is also pushing for the GOP legislators to implement Obamacare Health Exchanges."

**This came to me in an email today. If this is true, SHAME ON YOU! It has gotten to the point that we cannot trust any of our elected officials to be straight up and do the right, Christian things. Greed and the love of money is bringing this country to its knees and allowing the Devil to take control! Shame, Shame, Shame. However, you will have to answer for this.**

**In His Service, The Wright Family**

**From:** [Miki Booth](#)  
**Subject:** TEA Parties & Judicial Watch Being Set Up for Blame? - Who Is Behind the "US Day of Rage" on 9/17/11  
**Date:** Monday, August 22, 2011 3:06:27 PM

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Guys,

Sept 17th is the day stock markets around the world will crash and Obama and the democrat party, aided by the media will blame the "tea party". They are already in attack mode with intentional tactics vilifying the movement. Today vile socialist mouthpiece, Maxine Waters stated, "The tea party can go straight to hell!" and FOX contributor's Bob Beckel is ramping up his hate-filled rhetoric calling us "teabaggers" and leading the 'blame game' against constitutional conservatives - their targets have a name—TEA PARTIES.

You will recall that recently a "leader" of Judicial Watch sent email requests for a "peaceful" rally at D.C. capitol and state capitols. Why would Judicial Watch support a rally on the same day that Marxists/agitators with ACORN and Unions plan a Bill Ayers-esque "Day of Rage" targeting capitalism? Or maybe they didn't. Maybe Obama plans to pin the damage on Judicial Watch for their recent victories: August 16 - Judicial Watch Sues National Labor Relations Board for Documents Concerning Boeing Lawsuit; August 17 - Judicial Watch Victory: Court Slaps Down Obama Administration Secrecy, Rules White House Visitor Logs Subject to FOIA; August 18 - Judicial Watch Uncovers New Documents: Obama Administration Bankrolls Massive Internet Propaganda Campaign to Push Obamacare.

Obama is running scared. Proof of forgery, identity fraud and criminal conspiracy is catching up to him. What is really going on with his Martha's Vineyard "vacation"? - Working on a jobs plan or facilitating chaos?

Sept. 17 - Don't be a fool! Stay home and keep your powder dry.

Miki Booth  
Founder, Route 66 Tea Party

## The Patriots

### A message to all members of The Patriots

[the Blaze](#)

**What, exactly, is a "US Day of Rage?" Well, on September 17th we may find out for certain, but until then, The Blaze is revealing what information does exist about this very nefarious-sounding campaign.**



**A US Day of Rage is the title given to a day of ostensibly "non-violent" civil disobedience orchestrated by a group of radicals — that reportedly include SEIU's Stephen Lerner and ACORN founder Wade Rathke (who, coincidentally, formerly served as president of SEIU's local New Orleans branch) — targeting Wall Street and U.S. capitalism. It's worth noting that the title of the movement — if its intentions are indeed non-violent in nature —**

**appears to contradict itself slightly.**

But what is perhaps even more interesting than its title is who is allegedly behind the movement. You may recall that back in March The Blaze exposed Lerner for stating his aspirations to destroy JP Morgan Chase and cause the collapse of the entire stock market.

Now, the US Day of Rage protests, staged by a collective of activist groups allegedly in conjunction with Lerner and Rathke, are planning the actual “occupation” of Wall Street September 17, complete with a tent city set smack-dab in the middle of Manhattan’s financial district. Similar protests are purportedly set to take place across the nation — and even world — at the same time. Some Day of Rage organizers are even calling on activists to squat in Manhattan’s financial district for months at a time.

The Blaze’s report on Lerner, who serves on SEIU’s International Executive Board, caught the union agitator stating:

So, a bunch of us around the country are thinking about who would be a really good company to hate? We decided that would be JP Morgan Chase. .... And so we’re going to roll out over the next couple of months what will hopefully be an exciting campaign about JP Morgan Chase that is really about challenge the power of Wall Street. And so what we’re looking at is in the first week of May, we get enough people together – we’re starting now – to really have a week of action in New York with the goal of ... I don’t want to go into any details because I don’t know which police agents are in the room, but the goal would be that we would roll out in New York the first week in May.

Then, like clockwork, some 400 activists brought Lerner’s dream to fruition and converged on JP Morgan Chase’s annual shareholders’ meeting in May — this time in Columbus, Ohio rather than New York. The group that staged this particular protest, the National People’s Action, reportedly confirmed it was there as part of its “Showdown in America” campaign against the big banks. Since the location of JP Morgan Chase’s meeting was surrounded by a moat, the activists, who likened themselves to Robin Hood, even brought a collapsible bridge to “storm the castle.”

It is also perhaps worth noting that in March, The Blaze reported Rathke and Lerner called for “days of rage in ten cities around JP Morgan Chase.” Rathke mentioned some of Lerner’s key assertions:

While labeling Lerner an ex-SEIU official who was signaling that unions and community organizations were “dead,” also reported hook-line-and-sinker that in May, according to Lerner, there would be days of rage in ten cities around JP Morgan Chase signally the beginning of the anti-banking jihad.

So it might add up now that Klein Online reported Rathke’s efforts are being organized by Lerner, who, as part of his planned protests, called for “a week of civil disobedience, direct action all over the city:”

The planned Sept. 17 day of rage seems to be the culmination of Rathke’s efforts.

Those efforts are being organized by Stephen Lerner, an SEIU board member who reportedly visited the Obama White House at least four times.

The aim, according to Lerner, is to “destabilize the folks that are in power and start to rebuild a movement.”

But the Days of Rage campaign might go even further than originally thought. While one US Day of Rage website is somewhat vague about its slated activities, other Days of Rage organizers are quite bold in revealing their intentions to occupy Wall Street September 17 and remain there for literally months, in a kind of “US Tahrir Square.” AdBusters published a statement by a group dubbed “Culture Jammers” that states:

“How do we bring down the stock market? How do we bring down their bonuses? How do we

interfere with their ability to, to be rich?” Lerner asked rhetorically in March.

On September 17, we want to see 20,000 people flood into lower Manhattan, set up tents, kitchens, peaceful barricades and occupy Wall Street for a few months. Once there, we shall incessantly repeat our one simple demand until Barack Obama capitulates.

...there is a very real danger that if we naively put our cards on the table and rally around the “overthrow of capitalism” or some equally outworn utopian slogan, then our Tahrir moment will quickly fizzle into another inconsequential ultra-lefty spectacle soon forgotten. But if we have the cunning to come up with a deceptively simple Trojan Horse demand ...

Not to mention the myriad coordinated Days of Rage AdBusters reveals are set to roll out at other stock exchanges worldwide:

Inspired by the visceral potential of the Wall Street occupation, the Indignados of Spain just sent us word that on September 17th they too will set up camp outside the Madrid Stock Exchange.

The surprise announcement, that their #TOMALABOLSA will join your #OCCUPYWALLSTREET, may embolden other cities as well. A rumor suggests the financial district of Paris may be next ... or will it be Toronto’s Bay Street, Sydney’s Martin Place, or some yet to be chosen site in London?

Then on October 6th another kind of encampment begins in Washington, DC.

With a bit of luck, and the right mix of nonviolence and tenacity, S17 just might cascade into a Tahrir Moment on an international scale – wouldn’t that be something?

We call on jammers across the world to occupy financial districts on September 17:

#TOMALABOLSA in Madrid, Spain (Confirmed)

#OCCUPYFDSF in San Francisco, USA (Confirmed)

#OCCUPYBAYSTREET in Toronto, Canada

#OCCUPYCANARYWHARF in London, UK

#OCCUPYMARTINPLACE in Sydney, Australia

#OCCUPYBANKENVIERTEL in Frankfurt, Germany

#OCCUPYMARUNOUCHI in Tokyo, Japan

But if a group of enraged activists — endorsed by the likes of Stephen Lerner — occupying Wall Street with tent cities were not enough — it actually gets worse. The term “Day of Rage” finds origin in “Days of Rage,” a violent set of riots waged in Chicago in 1969 by the Weathermen’s Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn. The Weather Underground terrorist organized his “Rage” in an attempt to bring troops back home from Vietnam. Similarly, this most recent US Day of Rage is co-organized by a group that calls itself “The War Resistance League.”

Yet despite Ayers’ initial claim that his Day of Rage, too, would be “non-violent,” during the four day rampage that started in Chicago’s historic Lincoln Park, the Weathermen arrived in full-clad battle gear, helmets and weapons in tow, and called on activists to kill the rich and even their own parents.

During an interview with Chicago Mag, Ayers, with no regrets, summed up his riot’s intended purpose, stating, “kill all the rich people. Break up their cars and apartments. Bring the revolution home, kill your parents—that’s where it’s really at.

Ayers went on to explain away his Day of Rage, saying, “the rhetoric was excessive because the times were excessive.”

“The war had escalated, so naturally the language escalated. No one thought I meant that literally.” But as it turns out, Ayers did.

As the Weathermen marched on, smashing windows and vandalizing property through the tear-gassed streets of Chicago, nearly 300 militants were arrested and over 60 people were injured. Some reports estimate the damage climbed to hundreds of thousands of dollars, which, four

decades ago, was a steep price indeed.

But, never breaking with character, the remorseless Ayers trivialized the destruction, stating that "the Days of Rage was an attempt to break from the norms of kind of acceptable theatre of 'here are the anti-war people: containable, marginal, predictable, and here's the little path they're going to march down, and here's where they can make their little statement.' We wanted to say, "No, what we're going to do is whatever we had to do to stop the violence in Vietnam.""

Similarly, two of the activists from the new Day of Rage revealed similar intentions when they explained that physically "putting your body in the way" of an injustice is more effective than traditional means of non-violent protests.

But to Ayer's delight, his Days of Rage ended with his band of radical protesters marauding the streets of Chicago causing complete destruction.

"The streets became sparkling and treacherous with the jagged remains of our rampage," a nostalgic Ayers wrote about his window-smashing "crystal chaos."

Meanwhile, the broader US Day of Rage movement, that also operates under the moniker, "Occupy Wall Street," states it is an "idea not a party" and lists its basic tenets and principles on the official website.



So now we will have to wait and see what becomes of the latest Days of Rage incarnation. We are, however, given a little insight into the thinking some organizers of the US Day of Rage via several informational videos posted on Rage's website.

The "how to" videos and "handbook" on civil disobedience provided by the movement's organizers do include instruction on how to resist arrest and disrupt court hearings. Not a hopeful sign they intend to remain on the "civil" side of disobedience.

In the video, one of the organizers even likens his movement to Gandhi's. We wonder what Gandhi would say about the use of the word "rage" at all, let alone if the protests turn out the same, violent way the Weathermen's did. Will these new radicals, lead by SEIU's Stephen Lerner, rampage through the streets of New York, vandalizing property, injuring people and wreaking havoc until the tear gas is deployed? We shudder to think.

Here's a copy of their "Handbook for Nonviolent Campaigns"

<http://www.wri-irg.org/pubs/NonviolenceHandbook>

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Governor Fallin and Representative Billy,

Please read the newspaper article below. We request that you make the decision for Oklahoma to opt out of Obamacare.

Thank you for your response.

Henry and Sarah Folsom

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**From:** **Mallory** <[teaparty@weblawman.com](mailto:teaparty@weblawman.com)>  
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**Subject:** Tea Party Patriots - great WSJ article -call gov!!

Tea Party Patriots,

I have attached a copy of an article from today's Wall Street Journal. It explains our last chance to stop ObamaCare. Call Gov. Fallin's office and express your opinion. 521-2342

Don't forget our meeting about the Muslim Brotherhood on the 29th of November. I'll send more info later. There is still a lot we can do. Get energized and make a difference!!!!

Mallory

**From:** [Debi Golden](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you Governor Fallin  
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Dear Governor Mary Fallin-

As a small business owner (second generation family-owned business) and a resident of Oklahoma, I applaud your stand on the impending health care reform and Medicaid. I believe as you that the proposal will either require the State of Oklahoma to spend funds to simply comply with the proposed regulations, or force us into reliance on federal funds (which, with the deficit, are completely nonexistent).

My company's health care cost has increase to the point that our best option for health insurance for our employees is now \$1300 a month for family coverage, when we are employing most of our semi-skilled workers at \$12-\$18 an hour. We pay 80% of the employee's premium, and 50% of their dependents premium. At this point, the \$2000 fine per employee for not providing health insurance for our employees is a gift that would allow us to hire additional workers. We currently have 22 employees.

The final or latest version of 'Obamacare', intended to provide insurance for every American, has skyrocketed my costs, will directly negatively impact the unemployment rate across our state and country and ultimately will leave Oklahomans without health care.

Your decision is consistant with the belief of the majority of Oklahomans, including myself and my management staff. We wish you well in the coming months as you take our fight to the front line.

Best regards,

Debi Golden  
President

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**From:** [TRAVIS L PETTYJOHN](#)  
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Governor Fallin,  
Thank you for standing strong against the Federal Government's attempted health-care takeover and for refusing to setup an 'Obamacare exchange' in our Great State. In the history of our great Union there has never been a broader attempt to limit our God given rights such as with that of the current administration. Please continue to fight the good fight to preserve our individual freedom(s) & liberties.

Leadership such as yours is what is needed most at the present time and is unfortunately lacking by many other fellow Republicans in Office. You're continuously in our thoughts & prayers as is our Great State and the United States as a whole. Keep up the fight!

Thank you & God Bless,  
Travis Pettyjohn  
Edmond, OK.

**From:** [Midge Graves](#)  
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I would like to thank Governor Fallin for standing up to the Federal Government and saying NO to the health care exchanges. I believe the expansion of Medicaid would have bankrupt Oklahoma, so I appreciate your decision.

"I consider the foundation of the Constitution as laid on this ground that 'all powers not delegated to the United States, by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states or to the people.' To take a single step beyond the boundaries thus specially drawn around the powers of Congress, is to take possession of a boundless field of power, not longer susceptible of any definition." --Thomas Jefferson, Opinion on the Constitutionality of a National Bank, 1791

Mary M. "Midge" Graves

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**From:** [Jim Lion](#)  
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I applaud your decision not to impliment Obamacare and your decision to seek state-based solutions.

May this resident of California make a suggestion? Build a medical school or two in Oklahoma, subsidize the tuition, and require graduates to remain in Oklahoma to practice medicine for at least ten years. More doctors means more competition, and competition lowers costs. This is a good way forward, and the country needs to see a state successfully pull it off.

Jim Lion  
writer/director  
West Hollywood



**From:** [Kathy Parker](#)  
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You have renewed my faith in you as governor. Thank you for refusing the Obamacare Health exchanges in Oklahoma!

Alan and Kathy Parker  
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Gov. Fallan,

Mary, you enjoy a great health care plan provided to you and your family by the citizens of Oklahoma, However; you in your arrogance do not think that we, your constituents deserve the same! You stated that Oklahomans don't want anything to do with OBAMACARE you are WRONG very WRONG! You never asked us what we wanted you just took it on your self to decide something so important to our state without our imput. Mary you are the worst Governor Oklahoma has ever had! YOU NEED TO STOP PLAYING POLITICS AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR YOUR STATE COMPLY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE PLAN.

Yours,  
Jacqueline L. Pettit

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**[The Hill: Portman 'frustrated' at Bush budget office](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Mitt Romney's presidential campaign is promising to become more media-friendly after headlines during the Republican candidate's weeklong foreign trip highlighted an increasingly fractious relationship with the press.

**[The Hill: Auto bailout helps Obama keep consistent lead in Ohio](#)**

By Amie Parnes and Niall Stange

President Obama holds a small but significant lead in the perennial battleground state of Ohio, where a victory could spoil any chance for Mitt Romney to win the White House.

**[The Hill: Tough primaries in August will be career-enders for some lawmakers](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

At least four lawmakers will have their careers end this month, as August could prove the toughest stretch in a rough year for House incumbents.



**[The Hill: Bipartisan group urges presidential debate on national debt and deficit](#)**

By Molly K. Hooper and Erik Wasson

A bipartisan group of senators and political strategists are pressing for a national presidential debate on the Bowles-Simpson deficit-reduction plan.

**[The Hill: House extends all Bush-era tax rates](#)**

By Russell Berman

The House approved a one-year extension of the Bush-era tax rates on Wednesday night, with 19 Democrats joining all but one Republican.

**[The Hill: Reid jabs Boehner's offer to reconvene on fiscal cliff stalemate](#)**

By Russell Berman

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid did not take kindly to Speaker John Boehner's (R-Ohio) offer to reconvene the House if the Senate passed legislation averting the so-called "fiscal cliff."

### [The Wall Street Journal: Romney adds staff to work with VP pick](#)

By Patrick O'Connor

Mitt Romney's campaign is adding more staff to work with the candidate's eventual vice-presidential pick, an indication that a choice is drawing nearer now that Mr. Romney has returned from a trip

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### [The Washington Post: Once a shoe-in, Thompson in battle for Wisconsin Senate seat](#)

By Karen Tumulty

A month ago, many people in this state presumed that Tommy G. Thompson — still a household name here after serving an unprecedented four terms as governor — had a lock on the Republican nomination for the Senate.

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### [The New York Times: Tea Party Aims to Apply Its Touch to the Senate G.O.P.](#)

By Jennifer Steinhauer

The Tea Party is very much alive in the drive for Republican control of the Senate, portending a potential shake-up in the mind-set of the chamber. The easy Republican primary victory in Texas on Tuesday of Ted Cruz, the 41-year-old Sarah Palin-blessed upstart, virtually assured the latest Tea Party candidate a seat in the chamber next year. And he will not be alone when it comes to those backed by the movement, which propelled Republicans to control of the House in 2010.

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### [Republicans, Obama budget chief trade blame for sequestration cuts](#)

By Jeremy Herb

Republican lawmakers and the Obama administration's budget chief blamed one another for sequestration Wednesday as a top Pentagon official warned the automatic spending cuts would lead to an "unready, hollow" military force.



### [Lawmakers consider reducing car part patents to boost third-party manufacturers](#)

By Keith Laing

The chairman of a House committee that oversees patent enforcement said Wednesday that he was "open-minded" about allowing third-party auto-part manufacturers to sell parts for U.S. automobiles that have been involved in collisions.



### [House to vote on Richardson ethics report Thursday](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

The House will vote Thursday on an unusually harsh report from the Ethics Committee on Rep. Laura Richardson (D-Calif.).



### [Cybersecurity Act expected to fail](#)

By Jennifer Martinez

The Senate's cybersecurity bill is likely to go down in defeat on Thursday, ending any hope of passing a measure by the end of the year to protect America's networks.



### [Opinion: Need for affordable care cuts across party lines](#)

By Tom Daschle and Bill Frist

On June 28, 2012, the Supreme Court issued a decision that affects the health and well-being of every American, as well as the fiscal future of our nation. By affirming the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), the private and public sectors can now turn to implementation, along with natural and needed shaping and modification of the underlying policy along the way.



### [Romney to rally with GOP governors, including top VP candidates](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney will have a chance to rally with some of the likely finalists for his vice presidential selection at a star-studded rally Thursday in Colorado coinciding with a national meeting of the Republican Governors Association.



### [Obama marvels at women's gymnastics team after gold medal win](#)

By Adele Hampton

President Obama heaped praise Wednesday on the U.S. women's gymnastics team after their gold medal win at the London Olympics. He also expressed a degree of wonder at their ability to perform dangerous routines with such artistry.



### [Fate of 'extenders' markup, wind credit in flux](#)

By Ben Geman

The Hill's On The Money blog has the latest on fluid Senate talks over extension of a suite of expired or soon-to-lapse tax breaks — including the wind energy production tax credit that the industry calls vital.



### [Pro-Obama super-PAC reserving \\$30M in airtime](#)

By Justin Sink

The super-PAC supporting President Obama's reelection campaign has begun reserving some \$30 million in autumn ad time across several swing states as Democrats look to battle back against a likely onslaught of commercials from outside conservative groups.



### [Russian trade bill gets stuck](#)

By Vicki Needham

Congress will not move a bill that would normalize trade ties with Russia before leaving for a five-week recess, business sources said Wednesday.



### [WWII vet Sen. Inouye: Obama's birth-control mandate is no Pearl Harbor](#)

By Elise Viebeck

The Senate's most senior member called out a Republican congressman for comparing the federal birth-control mandate to the events of Pearl Harbor and Sept. 11, 2001.

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**[The Hill: Obama holds edge over Romney 50 days before the election](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

Obama is ahead of Romney by a narrow margin in most national polls, and has a slightly wider lead in most swing states, giving Romney almost no room for error.

**[The Hill: With voting under way, Romney camp faces test from Obama's ground game](#)**

By Niall Stange

The Obama campaign has a near-legendary reputation in this regard, built upon the field operation that propelled the then-senator to victory over Hillary Clinton and, later, John McCain in 2008. The Romney campaign, however, insists that it has an infrastructure in place that will level the playing field.

**[The Hill: Romney to hit Obama on immigration, jobs in speech to Latino group](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Mitt Romney will seek to bolster his support among Latino voters Monday with an address to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles, hitting President Obama on the economy and vowing to reform the nation's "broken" immigration system.

**[The Hill: Rice contradicts Libyan account, says attack was not premeditated](#)**

By Julian Pecquet

The Obama administration is sticking to its position that Tuesday's deadly attack in Benghazi wasn't premeditated, contradicting U.S. lawmakers and Libya's own president.

**[The Hill: Despite GOP assault, voters give Obama the edge on healthcare](#)**

By Sam Baker

Voters may not love "ObamaCare," but they still prefer President Obama to Mitt Romney on healthcare issues.

**[The Hill: No official White House endorsement of House Dems' sequester alternative](#)**

By Mike Lillis

Even as President Obama draws fire from Republicans over looming sequester cuts, the White House has so far refrained from endorsing the Democrats' plan to avoid them.

### [\*\*The Hill: New Romney TV ads refocus attack on Obama economy\*\*](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney is releasing a pair of television ads Monday, renewing his attack on President Obama's economic record and outlining his own plan "for a stronger Middle Class," one that has become a cornerstone of his campaign stops and appearances.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Lawmakers concede Postal Service overhaul unlikely before Nov. election\*\*](#)

By Bernie Becker

Lawmakers are conceding that an overhaul to the struggling Postal Service won't be enacted before November's elections – and that any reforms passed this year may not be as sweeping as originally sought.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Netanyahu says he won't let people 'draw me' into US election\*\*](#)

By Meghashyam Mali

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday warned Washington that time was running short to prevent Iran from gaining nuclear weapons and denied that his increased pressure was motivated by the American presidential election.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Poll: Warren opens up 6-point lead over Brown in Mass. Senate race\*\*](#)

By Peter Schroeder

Elizabeth Warren has opened up a 6-point lead against Sen. Scott Brown (R-Mass.) in their hotly contested senatorial race, according to a new poll.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Report: Obama crams for debates, works to keep answers concise\*\*](#)

By Julian Pecquet

President Obama is cramming for his three prime-time debates with Mitt Romney next month by practicing brief and concise answers, senior campaign strategist David Axelrod told Reuters.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Opinion: Bill Clinton's call for bipartisan co-operation worth heeding\*\*](#)

By Judd Gregg

Although Bill Clinton certainly did not speak for the majority of the Democrats at their recent national convention, the former president made the most important and needed observations of any of the speechmakers in Charlotte.

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### [\*\*The New York Times: Amid discord, Romney seeks to sharpen message\*\*](#)

By Jim Rutenberg and Jeff Zeleny

With time dwindling for him to gain an edge in the presidential race and with an outbreak of finger-pointing signaling trouble in his campaign, Mitt Romney plans to begin an offensive this week, his aides said, seeking to give voters a clearer picture of where he wants to take the country.

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### [\*\*The Wall Street Journal: Investor bankrolls big Romney campaign\*\*](#)

By Sara Murray and Brody Mullins

A billionaire investor whose family owns the Chicago Cubs is pressing ahead with a multimillion-dollar pro-Republican political campaign, bucking a political furor that emerged when the effort first became public.

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### [\*\*Bloomberg: Wall Street walks as defense, tech back Obama's campaign\*\*](#)

By Jonathan D. Salant

Health care, telecommunications and defense industry workers are fueling President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, even as Wall Street walks away from his candidacy.

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**[Report: Panetta says anti-American protests 'likely to continue'](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said the wave of anti-American protests in the Muslim world was likely to continue, but suggested the level of violence was decreasing.



**[GOP rails against Amtrak subsidies](#)**

By Keith Laing

Republicans in the House are planning to continue their campaign against Amtrak this week. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing Thursday to investigate "41 Years of Taxpayer Subsidies" to the national passenger rail service.



**[Report: Teachers union to continue strike](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

The Chicago public teachers union on Sunday decided to continue a weeklong strike as efforts to craft a settlement feel short.



**[Pelosi: Ryan boosts Democrats' chances of winning back House](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) on Sunday said that Mitt Romney's selection of Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) as his running mate helped tip the battle for the House in Democrats' favor.



**[Obama surrogate applauds states on fracking](#)**

By Zack Colman

A surrogate for the Obama campaign praised states' abilities to regulate hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, even as the administration prepares to roll out federal rules on the practice.



**[Christine O'Donnell considering another run for Senate](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Tea party favorite Christine O'Donnell says she is considering another run for Senate from Delaware in 2014.

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**[THE HILL: GOP lawmakers want Romney to stay fuzzy on tax reform details](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Congressional Republicans are fully backing Mitt Romney's broad-brush approach to tax reform, illustrating the advantage that both sides see in being light with the details.

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**[THE HILL: Romney to receive intelligence briefings starting next week](#)**

By Daniel Strauss

Mitt Romney will begin receiving intelligence briefings next week, his campaign said on Thursday.

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**[THE HILL: GOP, Dems trade blame on spending, then pass six-month resolution](#)**

By Pete Kasperowicz

House Republicans and Democrats spent an hour blaming each other for Congress's failure to complete its work on 2013 spending bills this year, then held their noses and passed a giant, six-month continuing resolution that will keep the government running until late March.

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**[THE HILL: Ryan gets hero's welcome from House GOP upon return to DC](#)**

By Erik Wasson and Russell Berman

Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan got a hero's welcome from his colleagues on Thursday as he returned to the Capitol for the first time since being named by Mitt Romney to the GOP ticket.

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**[THE HILL: Pelosi: 'We'll see' whether Egypt is ally](#)**

By Mike Lillis

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) called Thursday for continued U.S. aid to Egypt but stopped short of labeling the Muslim nation an ally.

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**[THE HILL: Ben Bernanke: 'We're just trying to get the economy moving'](#)**

By Peter Schroeder

The Federal Reserve embarked on a broad new effort Thursday to spur the economy just weeks before the presidential election, announcing an open-ended bond-buying program aimed at boosting the labor market until it improves "substantially."

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**[The New York Time: Egypt moves to heal rift after hearing from Obama](#)**

By David D. Kirkpatrick, Helene Cooper and Mark Landler  
CAIRO — Following a blunt phone call from President Obama, Egyptian leaders scrambled Thursday to try to repair the country's alliance with Washington, tacitly acknowledging that they erred in their response to the attack on the United States Embassy by seeking to first appease anti-American domestic opinion without offering a robust condemnation of the violence.

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**[The Washington Post: Romney sharpens attack on foreign policy](#)**

By Philip Rucker

Advisers to Mitt Romney on Thursday defended his sharp criticism of President Obama and said that the deadly protests sweeping the Middle East would not have happened if the Republican nominee were president.

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**[The Wall Street Journal: Obama holds lead in three key states](#)**

By Neil King, Jr.

With few voters still on the fence, President Barack Obama holds leads over Mitt Romney in new polls of Ohio, Florida and Virginia, three of the states likely to determine who wins the White House in November.

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**[Rebalance of power on intelligence needed on Capitol Hill, experts say](#)**

By Carlo Muñoz

The balance of power between the White House and Capitol Hill on intelligence has shifted dramatically to the administration's favor in recent years, leading lawmakers responsible for oversight of the intelligence community exceedingly to defer to the executive branch.



**[Lawmakers question Obama administration truck, bus safety programs](#)**

By Keith Laing

Republicans on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee questioned on Thursday the Department of Transportation's handling of bus and truck safety programs that were put in place in 2010.



**[Senate postpones vote on veterans' jobs bill until next week](#)**

By Ramsey Cox

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) postponed a vote on the motion to proceed to the veterans' jobs bill until next Wednesday.



**[Google: Violence required taking down anti-Islam video in Egypt, Libya](#)**

By Brendan Sasso

Google has blocked a controversial YouTube video in Egypt and Libya that mocks the Prophet Muhammad and is believed to have sparked a series of violent protests.



**[Opinion: Lack of leadership emboldens our enemies and endangers America](#)**

By Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.)

The United States of America was attacked in Benghazi, Libya two days ago on the 11th anniversary of September 11, 2001. This was not a riot; it was a coordinated assault on a United States Consulate that led to the assassination of the United States Ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens along with three brave associates. This was an act of terrorism and must be dealt with in a harsh and prompt manner.



### [Obama wishes 'L'Shana Tovah'](#)

By Daniel Strauss

President Obama released a new video recognizing Rosh Hashnah and Yom Kippur on Thursday.



### [Romney blasts Obama on defense spending at campaign rally](#)

By Cameron Joseph

FAIRFAX, Va. — Mitt Romney reframed his attacks on President Obama's foreign policy on Thursday, making a point to call the deaths of four diplomats in Libya a "tragedy" before pivoting to a critique of the defense spending cuts included in sequestration and on trade with China.



### [House Republicans scrub climate change concerns from EPA bill](#)

By Ben Geman

The latest House bill aimed at thwarting climate change regulations drops previous language that acknowledged scientific concerns about global warming and evidence of rising temperatures and sea levels.



### [New Warren ad indicates shift in media strategy following criticism from fellow Dems](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

Massachusetts Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren (D) released a new ad on Thursday with a different tone than her previous commercials after facing criticism from fellow Democrats about her advertising strategy.



### [House Democrat makes another play for Romney tax records](#)

By Bernie Becker

A senior House Democrat reupped his push to force Mitt Romney to release more tax returns on Thursday, saying there were serious questions about the GOP nominee's finances that could not be answered otherwise.



### [Dems raise funds to 'Protect ObamaCare'](#)

By Elise Viebeck

Democrats are hoping to draw on support for President Obama's healthcare law as they fundraise for November.

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**[The Hill: Liberals fear lame-duck betrayal by Obama](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Major labor unions and dozens of liberal groups working to elect President Obama are worried he could "betray" them in the lame-duck session by agreeing to a deal to cut safety-net programs.

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**[The Hill's 25 Women to Watch](#)**

By The Hill Staff

Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Condoleezza Rice — these are women who have made their marks in politics in a big way. But look beyond this highest tier of the country's most powerful figures and you'll find a cadre of highly effective women fighting for policies and drawing attention, both favorable and critical, to their own political futures.

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**[The Hill: Obama, Romney campaigns battle to define state of tight presidential race](#)**

By Amie Parnes and Justin Sink

President Obama and Mitt Romney battled Tuesday to define the state of the presidential race with just two weeks to go before Election Day.

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**[The Hill: Each side sees path to victory on Election Day](#)**

By Niall Stanage

Both presidential campaigns insisted Tuesday that they are better positioned to win a tight race for the White House that looks like it will come down to the wire.

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**[The Hill: Democrats say they are open to extension of payroll tax holiday](#)**

By Bernie Becker, Erik Wasson and Mike Lillis

Democrats are sounding increasingly open to extending the payroll tax cut after months of keeping it at arm's length.



### [The Hill: Fiscal cliff approaches and concerns mount](#)

By Ian Swanson

Economists, budget hawks and business groups are growing more and more concerned that Washington will allow the nation to go over the fiscal cliff by doing nothing to prevent looming spending cuts and tax increases.

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### [The Hill: Romney stresses leadership in closing weeks](#)

By Christian Heinze

It's tempting to, once and for all, toss foreign policy aside and conclude that it won't matter in this year's election.

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### [The Hill: Mourdock: Pregnancy from rape can be 'something God intended to happen'](#)

By Cameron Joseph

Republican Indiana Senate candidate Richard Mourdock said Tuesday night that pregnancy caused by rape can be "something God intended to happen."

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### [The Hill: Candidates retain ties to companies](#)

By Cameron Joseph

A number of Senate candidates have not cut their ties to companies with vested interests in legislation the contenders could be voting on, should they be elected.

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### [The Hill: K Street prepares for sequestration battle](#)

By Kevin Bogardus

A variety of interests on K Street have amassed their forces to stop the dreaded \$1.2 trillion budget sequester, new lobbying disclosures reveal.

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### [The Hill: Republicans try to sink the president over his comment on Battleship](#)

By Carlo Muñoz

Mitt Romney's campaign on Tuesday launched a rhetorical broadside against President Obama for his debate-night zinger on the future of the Navy, hoping to use the comment to sink the president's chances in a pair of key swing states.

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### [The Hill: Study: Congressional staffers believe they work longer hours](#)

By Russell Berman

Congressional staffers believe they work longer hours than their counterparts in the private sector, according to a new survey set to be released Wednesday.

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### [The New York Times: Standard of living is in the shadows as election issue](#)

By David Leonhardt

A decade-long stagnation in family incomes, a bedrock issue for the nation, has been caused by automation and globalization, among other factors not easily remedied in Washington.

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### [The Washington Post: The many motives of a mega-donor](#)

By Marc Fisher

Sheldon Adelson's giving supports his political and business interests, but also more selfless pursuits.

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### [The Wall Street Journal: Campaigns tailor appeals to suburban women voters](#)

By Laura Meckler

Women have long been essential to President Barack Obama's victory plan, but they are especially key now as his support has ebbed among other voters such as white men and seniors.

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### [White House: Obama's position on sequester unchanged](#)

By Jeremy Herb

White House press secretary Jay Carney said that President Obama's comments on Monday that sequestration "will not happen" did not represent a change in his position.



### [Obama: 'We might not have an auto industry' if Romney had been president](#)

By Keith Laing

President Obama delivered an extended riff on his administration's handling of the \$80 billion bailout of the U.S. auto industry during his second campaign appearance of the day Tuesday in Ohio.



### [Lawmakers call on DOD to comply with 'Made in USA' uniform rule](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

A bipartisan group of 52 House members called on the Defense Department Tuesday to ensure that it is in full compliance with the Berry Amendment, which requires DOD to only buy military uniforms that are made in the United States.



### [ACLU requests documents on domestic drones](#)

By Brendan Sasso

The American Civil Liberties Union filed requests with five federal agencies on Tuesday for records on the use of drones in domestic airspace.



### [Opinion: Obama's record of overreach](#)

By Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.)

The Obama administration's relentless government expansion has become a disturbing pattern.



### [Foreign policy debate drew lowest viewership of all three 2012 debates](#)

By Daniel Strauss

The final debate between Mitt Romney and President Obama garnered the smallest viewership of all three debates, Nielsen Ratings said on Tuesday.



### [Romney: Campaign 'full speed ahead' while Obama is 'reduced'](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney looked to battle back against aggressive attacks by President Obama during Monday's presidential debate and on the campaign trail, saying Tuesday the president had been "reduced" by the strength of the Republican candidate's insurgent campaign.



## [American Farm Bureau caught in crossfire over biofuels](#)

By Zack Colman

Tensions among ranchers and farmers might lead the nation's largest farm lobby to alter its position on the federal biofuel mandate.



## [Romney jumps to narrow lead in WaPo-ABC poll](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney seized a narrow, single-point advantage in Tuesday's tracking poll by The Washington Post and ABC News, the first time the Republican presidential nominee has led in the survey since August.



## [WTO moves forward on China auto, and U.S. aircraft trade cases](#)

By Erik Wasson

The World Trade Organization (WTO) on Tuesday established dispute panels in two cases involving the United States, one in which the U.S. is the plaintiff against China and another in which it is defending an action brought by Europe.



## [Issa threatens subpoenas over IRS rules regarding healthcare exchanges](#)

By Sam Baker

House Republicans are threatening a new round of subpoenas over President Obama's healthcare law, taking aim this time at the law's most expensive provision.

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### [The Hill: Obama hits Romney hard in final debate](#)

By Justin Sink and Amie Parnes

President Obama and Mitt Romney took each other on in the final presidential debate of the 2012 campaign Monday night, fighting to prove their credentials as the right leader for America on the world stage.

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### [The Hill: Role reversal in final showdown](#)

By Niall Stange

President Obama and Mitt Romney reversed roles in Monday evening's third and final presidential debate. The incumbent fought with a challenger's aggression while the GOP nominee mostly avoided heated disagreement, except to make jabs on the economy.

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### [The Hill: Under pressure from Romney, Obama says military sequester won't happen](#)

By Jeremy Herb

President Obama said flatly that sequestration "will not happen" as he defended against attacks from Mitt Romney over defense cuts at Monday's debate.

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### [The Hill: Romney leaves Libya attack to Republican lawmakers in Congress](#)

By Julian Pecquet

The one foreign policy topic that was expected to dominate Monday night's foreign policy debate barely got a mention: Libya.

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### [The Hill: Candidates joust on so-called 'apology tour'](#)

By Julian Pecquet

President Obama called Mitt Romney's allegation that he went on an "apology tour" in his first year in office the "biggest whopper" of the campaign and proceeded to slam Romney for raising money during his trip to Israel this summer.

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### [The Hill: Obama's 'horses and bayonets' debate comment tops Twitter chatter](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

President Obama won the night when it comes to memorable one-liners during Monday night's

debate.

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**[The Hill: Obama, Romney lay out postwar visions for Afghanistan](#)**

By Carlo Muñoz

President Obama and GOP presidential hopeful Mitt Romney laid out their strategic vision for Afghanistan and the region once U.S. forces pull out of the country in the next two years.

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**[The Hill: Budget issues enter foreign policy debate](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

Budget issues stole the spotlight for a period of the third presidential debate, a sign both candidates know the economy is voters' top priority.

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**[The Hill: Campaign season idles K Street](#)**

By Kevin Bogardus and Megan R. Wilson

Election Day can't come soon enough for K Street. Several of Washington's biggest shops reported a decline in lobbying revenue this past quarter, a three-month stretch when lawmakers were mostly at home campaigning for reelection instead of working on legislation.

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**[The Hill: McCain: Obama throwing Clinton, CIA 'under the bus' on Libya attack](#)**

By Justin Sink

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) accused President Obama on Monday of throwing Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Central Intelligence Agency "under the bus" in the aftermath of the deadly terrorist attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

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**[Associated Press: Obama, Romney pumped for dash to the finish](#)**

By Nancy Benac and Ken Thomas

Their debates now history, President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney on Tuesday open a two-week sprint to Election Day powered by adrenaline, a boatload of campaign cash and a determination to reach Nov. 6 with no would-have, should-have regrets in their neck-and-neck fight to the finish.

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**[The New York Times: An unseen force looms large over the race](#)**

By John Harwood

For Mitt Romney, former President George W. Bush represents a burden to minimize but for President Obama, his record offers a shield on the economy.

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**[The Washington Post: In final face-off some common ground](#)**

By Scott Wilson

Mitt Romney appeared to move closer to President Obama on a range of foreign-policy issues.

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**[Obama, Romney tangle over troops in Iraq](#)**

By Jeremy Herb

President Obama went after Mitt Romney at the start of Monday's debate over the end of the war in Iraq, accusing Romney of wanting to keep 10,000 troops there.



### [Obama, Romney trade blows on auto bailout in foreign policy debate](#)

By Keith Laing

President Obama and Mitt Romney traded barbs at Monday night's third presidential debate about the bailout of the U.S. auto industry.



### [Issa warns taxpayers' loss on Solyndra loan may near \\$850 million](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) on Monday charged that the controversial loan to the failed solar-panel maker Solyndra could lead to hundreds of millions of dollars in lost tax revenue for the government — pushing the total cost far beyond the \$535 million already incurred when the company went bankrupt.



### [Obama makes push for improved math and science education during final debate](#)

By Jennifer Martinez

President Obama brought up the importance of improving math and science education in the U.S. multiple times during Monday's final presidential debate, arguing that it would boost job growth and keep America competitive globally.



### [Opinion: Congress stuck in neutral on LGBT equality](#)

By Chad Griffin, president, Human Rights Campaign

Any high school Civics student could tell you that it takes 218 votes to block a piece of legislation in the United States House of Representatives. According to the Human Rights Campaign's new Congressional Scorecard released last week, there are currently 219 members of the House dead-set against fair treatment of LGBT Americans.



### [Schieffer slips once, mentioning 'Obama's bin Laden' in debate](#)

By Sterling C. Beard

In a night otherwise devoid of gaffes, debate moderator Bob Schieffer did have one slip-up.



### [Chris Matthews: 'Racial hatred' drives support for Romney on right](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

Liberal pundit Chris Matthews explained Mitt Romney's support among conservatives, despite the candidate shifting toward the center on a number of issues, as a product of "racial hatred."



### [Climate change shut out of presidential debates](#)

By Zack Colman

Climate change never emerged as a topic in the three presidential debates, disappointing greens who say President Obama and GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney have avoided discussing the issue.



### [Poll: Obama edging Romney nationally](#)

By Jonathan Easley

President Obama has a slim lead over Mitt Romney nationally, according to a Washington

Post/ABC News poll released late Monday.



### [Romney promises China crackdown on day one](#)

By Vicki Needham

Republican hopeful Mitt Romney reiterated during Monday night's debate with President Obama that he would label China a currency manipulator on his first day in office should he win the White House.



### [Romney: Pay for defense spending with 'ObamaCare' repeal](#)

By Sam Baker

President Obama's healthcare law found a way into Monday night's foreign policy debate. Republican candidate Mitt Romney raised the issue of the healthcare reform law when asked how he will pay for a sharp increase in military spending.

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[\*\*The Hill: Palin not running for president in 2012, will support conservatives\*\*](#)

By Josh Lederman and Cameron Joseph

Sarah Palin ended months of speculation Wednesday when she announced she will not run for president.

[\*\*The Hill: President embraces ObamaCare label\*\*](#)

By Julian Pecquet

President Obama is embracing the term "ObamaCare" on the campaign stump, attempting to turn the tables on critics who use it in a derogatory way.

[\*\*The Hill: Members back Wall Street protests\*\*](#)

By Russell Berman and Alicia M. Cohn

Democratic lawmakers have begun to embrace the Occupy Wall Street protests as they spread to Washington on Thursday, with some likening the movement to a Tea Party of the left.

[\*\*The Hill: House Republicans face fork in the road on balanced-budget amendment\*\*](#)

By Erik Wasson

With an eye on the 2012 elections, the House Republican leadership is debating whether to embrace one of two strikingly different strategies on a balanced-budget amendment (BBA).



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[\*\*The Hill: Apple co-founder Steve Jobs dies at age 56\*\*](#)

By Gautham Nagesh and Daniel Strauss

Apple announced Wednesday that co-founder and chairman Steve Jobs has died at age 56.

[\*\*The Hill: Trade deals were cash cow for K Street\*\*](#)

By Kevin Bogardus

A multimillion-dollar stimulus package for K Street is coming to a close.

[\*\*The Hill: Historians say today's rebukes of presidents have grown more extreme\*\*](#)

By Joe Picard

Criticism of the president has long been a staple of politics, but experts say lawmakers are becoming more extreme in their rebukes of the commander in chief.

[\*\*The Hill: Dems seek millionaire tax to fund jobs bill\*\*](#)

By Alexander Bolton

Senate Democratic leaders facing a revolt within their caucus announced an overhaul Wednesday of President Obama's jobs package and rejected his proposal to raise taxes on the middle class.

[\*\*The Hill: Left upset with 'machine,' not Obama\*\*](#)

By Mike Lillis

Liberal activists who descended on Washington this week say they're upset with the political system,

but not with President Obama.

[\*\*The Hill: Opinion: GOP's time to choose\*\*](#)

By A.B. Stoddard

The calendar now demands Republicans return from their three years in the wilderness and choose the party's direction, as well as its leader.

[\*\*The New York Times: A candidate writing his own campaign rules\*\*](#)

By Susan Saulny

After winning a recent straw poll in Florida, it would seem that it is Herman Cain's moment, but his public appearances have focused on his newly released book.

[\*\*The Washington Post: The Democrats' shifting tax pitch\*\*](#)

By Lori Montgomery

As they head into the 2012 campaign, Democrats are changing their definition of what it means to be rich.

[\*\*The Wall Street Journal: Christie's exit sends donors Romney's way\*\*](#)

By Brody Mullins and Steve Eder

A day after New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said he wouldn't run for president, several top Republican fund-raisers came off the sidelines and pledged their support for Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor.

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[\*\*Dems battle GOP over cuts to new FAA air traffic control system\*\*](#)

By Keith Laing

Advocates for a Federal Aviation Administration plan to implement a satellite-based air traffic control system argued Wednesday against GOP cuts to the program.



[\*\*Cloture vote on China currency bill set for Thursday\*\*](#)

By Josiah Ryan

After a slow day of back and forth debate on the merits and drawbacks of the China currency bill, the Senate will take the next procedural vote on the legislation at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.



[\*\*Obama: World 'lost a visionary' in Jobs\*\*](#)

By Daniel Strauss

President Obama lamented the death of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs on Wednesday saying the world "lost a visionary."



[\*\*World bank weighs in on U.S. tax code, fossil fuel 'subsidies'\*\*](#)

By Pete Sepp, Executive Vice President for the National Taxpayers Union

A newly leaked World Bank report calls on 24 OECD countries to boost tax burdens on their oil and gas sectors—eventually by as much as \$40-\$60 billion annually—in order to funnel part of the money raised to carbon-trading and other environmental concerns.



[\*\*White House defends Holder amid Fast and Furious accusations\*\*](#)

By Jordy Yager and Alicia M. Cohn

The White House defended Attorney General Eric Holder on Wednesday in the face of a growing torrent of Republican criticism that he has not been truthful about his knowledge of a botched gun-tracking operation.



#### [Administration weighed second Solyndra loan despite struggles, emails show](#)

By Ben Geman

The Energy Department last year weighed granting the now-bankrupt solar panel company Solyndra a second loan guarantee worth \$469 million to further expand production despite signs the company was struggling, emails among White House Office of Management and Budget staff show.



#### [Nevada moves 2012 caucus to Jan. 14](#)

By Jamie Klatell

The Nevada Republican Party announced Wednesday that it will hold its presidential caucus on Jan. 14, likely pushing the first votes of the 2012 election cycle into 2011.



#### [CBO estimates Obama jobs bill would add \\$175B in new spending](#)

By Erik Wasson

Congressional budget examiners have projected President Obama's jobs bill will increase spending by \$175 billion over 10 years.



#### [GOP demands HHS report on healthcare law's controversial CLASS program](#)

By Sam Baker

Congressional Republicans are demanding access to an actuarial report on the embattled CLASS program created under the healthcare reform law.

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**[The Hill: Fight over Susan Rice holds risks for both Obama, GOP lawmakers](#)**

By Justin Sink

President Obama and congressional Republicans appear to be itching for a fight over U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice's possible nomination as Secretary of State.

**[The Hill: Dems, GOP signal room for compromise ahead of 'fiscal cliff' talks](#)**

By Alicia M. Cohn

As they return to Washington this week, lawmakers from both parties are talking compromise to avoid the impending "fiscal cliff," showing a willingness to put once inviolable positions on the negotiating table.

**[The Hill: White House: Threat of tax hikes could hurt holiday shopping](#)**

By Justin Sink

The White House released a report Monday arguing that a failure to extend tax cuts for middle class families could have a negative impact on the economy which outweighs the gains from traditional Black Friday and Cyber Monday holiday sales.

**[The Hill: Report: GOP Rep. Capito to run for WV Sen. Rockefeller's seat](#)**

By Alexandra Jaffe

Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.) will announce her bid for Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller's seat on Monday, according to reports.

**[The Hill: Report: Rep. King to step down as chairman of Homeland committee](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.) will step down as chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee in the new Congress, according to reports.

**[The Hill: McCain: Rice could change my mind on Secretary of State vote](#)**

By Justin Sink

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) said Sunday that U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice would have an opportunity to convince him to back her to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State, days after the Arizona lawmaker pledged to block her possible nomination.

### [The Hill: Sen. Graham ready to 'violate' anti-tax pledge for 'fiscal cliff' deal](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Sunday said he is ready to violate conservative activist Grover Norquist's anti-tax pledge to reach a deal to avoid the looming "fiscal cliff."

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### [The Hill: Levin: Obama must warn Morsi over power grab](#)

By Justin Sink

Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Sunday that he believes President Obama must signal strong concern to Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi over the leader's move to exempt himself from judicial oversight.

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### [The Hill: Cannon office building due for major overhaul](#)

By Megan R. Wilson

The Cannon House Office Building is in for a major overhaul, but there is a concern that a remodeling project of such an unprecedented scope can be completed on time, on budget and, most importantly, according to code.

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### [The Hill: Rep. Meeks hopes for 'unified voice' on federal aid for Sandy](#)

By Justin Sink

Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.), the Queens congressman who saw areas of his district badly battered by Hurricane Sandy, said Sunday that he hopes for a bipartisan "unified voice" as Congress weighs aid and grants for storm recovery.

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### [The New York Times: Trying to turn Obama voters into tax allies](#)

By Michael D. Shear

White House officials are reaching out to voters who supported President Obama during the campaign and asking them to help him as he negotiates with Congress.

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### [The Washington Post: What Clinton's choices say about her future](#)

By Stephanie McCrummen

Amid uncertainty about her future, examining Hillary Rodham Clinton's choices as secretary of state is one way to figure out what she may ultimately decide to do.

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### [The Wall Street Journal: Geithner to play key negotiation role](#)

By Damien Paletta

Timothy Geithner joined the Obama administration during a crisis. He's hoping not to leave during one. The White House has tapped the Treasury secretary as its lead negotiator in deficit-reduction talks with Congress, giving Mr. Geithner about a month to help cut a deal before \$500 billion in tax increases and spending cuts begin in January—and before his long-planned departure from the administration.

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### [Report: White House sought to draft rulebook for Romney on drone strikes](#)

By Justin Sink

The Obama administration worked during the election to formally draft rules governing the targeted killing of terrorists by unmanned drones in an effort to aid a possible transition had Mitt Romney won the presidency.



### [RNC, DNC spokesmen shave heads for charity](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

Top spokesmen for the Republican National Committee (RNC) and Democratic National Committee (DNC) are wearing a little less hair on Sunday after a show of bipartisanship in the name of cancer research.



### [Rep. Frank: 'Troubled' by lawmakers' prurient interest in Petraeus scandal](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) on Sunday criticized his fellow lawmakers for their handling of the scandal surrounding the resignation of CIA Director David Petraeus, saying they are only interested because it involves sex.



### [Sen. Lieberman: 'Not a certainty' lawmakers will reach 'fiscal cliff' deal](#)

By Meghashyam Mali

Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) on Sunday cautioned that despite optimism that lawmakers will reach a deal to avoid the "fiscal cliff" a solution was "not a certainty."



### [Obama faces huge challenge in setting up health insurance exchanges](#)

By Elise Viebeck

The Obama administration faces major logistical and financial challenges in creating health insurance exchanges for states that have declined to set up their own systems.

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**[The Hill: In lame-duck session, lawmakers aim to resolve legislative leftovers](#)**

By Russell Berman

Congress is running out of time, and not just when it comes to dealing with the looming fiscal cliff.

**[The Hill: Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. resigns from Congress, acknowledges federal probe](#)**

By Daniel Strauss

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) submitted a letter announcing his resignation from Congress to Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) on Wednesday, according to a Boehner aide.

**[The Hill: Obama: Thanksgiving a time to unite after 'passionate' election](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

President Obama urged Americans to remember "what ties us together" after a hard-fought election year, in his Thanksgiving Day address.

**[The Hill: McMorris Rodgers: 'Clock is ticking' on looming 'fiscal cliff'](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) on Thursday warned that the "clock is ticking," but that Republicans were ready to work with President Obama to avoid the "fiscal cliff."

**[The Hill: GOP takes aim at strengthened Amtrak](#)**

By Keith Laing

House Republicans will hold new hearings next week on Amtrak, which Transportation Committee Chairman John Mica (R-Fla.) is targeting for funding cuts despite recent record ridership numbers.

**[The Hill: Congress prepares for bailout of flood insurance program amid Sandy claims](#)**

By Erik Wasson

Hurricane Sandy-related claims are pouring into the troubled government-run National Flood Insurance Program — and Congress is girding for revived battles over the program's debts.

**[The Hill: Clinton announces Gaza cease-fire](#)**

By Julian Pecquet

Israel and Hamas have agreed to a cease-fire in Gaza after a week of rocket fire and retaliatory Israeli air strikes left at least 100 Palestinians and three Israelis dead, Secretary of State Hillary

Clinton said Wednesday.

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**[The Hill: Retail group calls for online sales tax before next holiday season](#)**

By Bernie Becker

With the traditional start of the holiday shopping season almost here, a business coalition is urging Congress to take action soon on an online sales tax measure.

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**[The Hill: Senate threatens to cut aid to Palestinians over statehood bid at UN](#)**

By Julian Pecquet

Senators from both parties warned Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on Wednesday that he will be putting millions of dollars of U.S. aid at risk if he goes forward with his planned statehood bid at the United Nations next week.

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**[The Washington Post: After election euphoria, liberals begin to worry about the political fights to come](#)**

By Bill Turque

Just two weeks ago, liberals rejoiced over their strongest election showing in decades — re-electing Barack Obama, picking up seats in Congress and scoring historic state ballot victories that legalized same-sex marriage and recreational marijuana. But now much of the political left is worried that what seems like a liberal “morning in America” could turn out to be a false dawn.

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**[Associated Press: Trouble not over for Jesse Jackson Jr.](#)**

By Henry C. Jackson and Sophia Tareen

Jesse Jackson Jr.'s resignation from Congress might end his once-promising political career but it doesn't mark the end of troubles for the civil rights icon's son.

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**[The New York Times: Obama, Egypt leader forge link in Gaza deal](#)**

By Peter Baker and David D. Kirkpatrick

The cease-fire brokered between Israel and Hamas on Wednesday was the start of an unlikely alliance, one with a fair measure of risk for President Obama and Mohamed Morsi, his Egyptian counterpart.

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**[US forces putting Afghan transition plan into overdrive](#)**

By Carlo Muñoz

PAKTIKA, Afghanistan — With less than two years before U.S troops withdraw from Afghanistan, American commanders here are going full-bore to ensure that local military and government officials will be ready to take over once coalition forces leave the country.



**[TSA defends handling of 'steampunk' watch](#)**

By Keith Laing

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is defending its handling of a watch it thought looked like a bomb during a recent screening in Oakland, Calif.



## [House bill would require annual reports on illegal immigrants within US borders](#)

By Ramsey Cox

The House is expected to vote next week on a bill requiring the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report annually the number of people illegally inside the United States.



## [Google warns telecom treaty proposals threaten to 'regulate the Internet'](#)

By Jennifer Martinez

Google unveiled an online advocacy campaign on Tuesday raising concerns with proposals to be considered at an international telecom treaty conference in Dubai next month — warning that some governments are using the upcoming treaty negotiations "to regulate the Internet."



## [Graham: Racism not behind Rice attacks, 'only color' at issue blood of those slain](#)

By Justin Sink

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) said Wednesday that it was unfair of congressional Democrats to accuse him of racism or sexism in his criticisms of U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice over the Benghazi consulate attack.



## [Obama pardons turkeys, Cobbler and Gobbler in White House ceremony](#)

By Geneva Sands

President Obama pardoned Cobbler and Gobbler, a pair of turkeys from Virginia, on Wednesday in the White House Rose Garden, taking part in the annual presidential tradition and pageantry.



## [Gore: Potential for Congress climate deal growing](#)

By Zack Colman

Former Vice President Al Gore says a window is opening to work on climate change legislation in Congress.



## [Club for Growth president warns against GOP involvement in primaries](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

Club for Growth President Chris Chocola panned the idea of greater GOP involvement in primary races in an op-ed on Wednesday, at a time when leaders in the party are proposing just that to solve the GOP's 2012 woes.



## [Boehner: 'ObamaCare' must be on the table in 'fiscal cliff' negotiations](#)

By Sam Baker

President Obama's signature healthcare law has to be on the table for cuts as Congress tried to negotiate a deal to avoid the "fiscal cliff," House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) wrote in an op-ed.



## [GOP senator fires warning shot to Dems on stimulus measures](#)

By Bernie Becker

A senior Senate Republican is pushing to offset any stimulus measure that is included in a "fiscal cliff" deal.

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**[The Hill: With election loss still fresh, GOP struggles to unite on path forward](#)**

By Niall Stanage

There are plenty of prescriptions for how the Republican Party might change after its disappointments in the 2012 elections, but it is unclear how fast the GOP will coalesce around a new direction.

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**[The Hill: Murphy claims victory after recount deadline, West weighs challenge](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Democrat Patrick Murphy's campaign is claiming victory in his race to unseat GOP Rep. Allen West (Fla.) on Sunday after a deadline for certifying results passed and a partial recount added votes to the challenger's lead.

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**[The Hill: Biden tours Sandy damage in NJ, pledges continued federal aid](#)**

By Brendan Sasso

Vice President Joe Biden visited New Jersey on Sunday to tour the damage from Superstorm Sandy, telling residents of his personal connection to the region and pledging Washington's help.

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**[The Hill: Lawmakers face new pressure to extend unemployment benefits](#)**

By Vicki Needham

Groups backing an extension of unemployment benefits have launched a new round of lobbying to convince Congress to extend federal benefits to the long-term jobless.

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**[The Hill: Five 'ObamaCare' battles to watch](#)**

By Sam Baker

Republicans aren't going to repeal "ObamaCare" in the next four years, but there's still plenty of room for both political fights and policy changes.

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**[The Hill: Pelosi: No fiscal-cliff deal without higher tax rates on the wealthy](#)**

By Sam Baker

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said Sunday she could not accept a deal on the "fiscal cliff" that does not include higher tax rates on the wealthy.

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**[The Hill: Rep. Rogers: 'Not sure' Obama didn't know of Petraeus probe before election](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) on Sunday said he was not ready to rule out the possibility that President Obama knew about former CIA director David Petraeus's affair before Election Day.

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**[The Hill: Sen. McCain calls for Bill Clinton to lead Israel-Palestinian talks](#)**

By Brendan Sasso

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) suggested on Sunday that President Obama should send former President Bill Clinton to lead cease fire talks between Israelis and Palestinians.

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**[The Hill: Interior to probe deadly Gulf oil platform fire](#)**

By Ben Geman

The Interior Department has begun probing the explosion and fire on a Gulf of Mexico oil production platform Friday that killed one worker, while another remains missing.

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**[The Hill: Obama 'supportive' of Israel, but cautions against 'ramping up' Gaza fight](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

President Obama on Sunday said he was "fully supportive" of Israel's right to defend itself, but said he hoped Israel could accomplish its military objectives without "ramping up" its operation in Gaza.

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**[The Hill: Opinion: In 'fiscal cliff' negotiations, Obama and Democrats face acute risks](#)**

By Juan Williams

The hidden side of the budget negotiation drama is the mounting pressure on President Obama and Democrats to make a deal.

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**[The New York Times: Back on Hill, Ryan remains a fiscal force](#)**

By Jennifer Steinhauer

Representative Paul D. Ryan has been tapped to help strike a deal to avoid big tax increases and spending cuts by the end of the year, and to bring along fellow Republicans.

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**[The Wall Street Journal: President weighs picks for cabinet, adviser positions](#)**

By Peter Nicholas and Carol E. Lee

President Barack Obama, who is on a four-day trip through Asia, is reviewing material on reshaping his cabinet and is on track to announce some of his picks as early as the week after Thanksgiving, people familiar with his plans said.

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**[The Washington Post: Political comeback kids to take seats again in the House](#)**

By Ed O'Keefe

Nine representatives are returning to the House after previously losing reelection or retiring from office.

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**[Graham on Romney 'gifts' remark: 'When you're in a hole, stop digging'](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Sunday blasted Republican nominee Mitt Romney's assertion that Democratic "gifts" to minorities had helped them win the election.



### [\*\*Jindal: Republicans need to stop saying 'stupid things'\*\*](#)

By Brendan Sasso

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) criticized Republican candidates on Sunday for making comments he said alienated voters and cost the party the presidency and key Senate seats.



### [\*\*Sen. Wyden: Congress 'in the dark' on natural gas exports\*\*](#)

By Ben Geman

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), the incoming chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said the Energy Department must provide lawmakers more information about proposals to ramp up U.S. natural gas exports.



### [\*\*Sen. Rubio's visit to Iowa fuels speculation over 2016 plans\*\*](#)

By Meghashyam Mali

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio (R) headlined a fundraiser in Iowa on Saturday, fueling speculation about his future political plans.



### [\*\*GOP Rep. Price: Higher tax rates 'doesn't solve the problem'\*\*](#)

By Sam Baker

Revenues in a "fiscal cliff" deal shouldn't come from higher tax rates on the wealthy, Rep. Tom Price (R-Ga.) said Sunday.

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**[The Hill: Obama gives no hint which way he'll lean during second term](#)**

By Niall Stanage and Amie Parnes

Saying, "I didn't get reelected to bask in reelection. I got elected to do work," President Obama on Wednesday set out his stall for the first months of his second term.

**[The Hill: Republicans say they will not back down](#)**

By Russell Berman

Congressional leaders took a hard line on taxes ahead of a meeting Friday at the White House, with rank-and-file Republicans expressing opposition to a "fiscal cliff" deal that would bring in more revenue to the government.

**[The Hill: Obama claims mandate on taxes, warns Republicans of new political capital](#)**

By Amie Parnes

President Obama claimed a mandate to raise taxes on the wealthy at a Wednesday afternoon press conference where he also refused to "meddle" into the FBI's investigation into ex-CIA Director David Petraeus.

**[The Hill: Holder pressed on Petraeus scandal](#)**

By Jordy Yager

Republicans are turning up the heat on Eric Holder — again.

**[The Hill: Senate Republicans' election lesson is to work on fielding better candidates](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Senate Republicans spent much of Wednesday behind closed doors as they pondered strategies for overcoming last week's dismal performance at the polls.

**[The Hill: Ryan returns to a starring role](#)**

By Molly K. Hooper

A subdued Paul Ryan returned to the House this week with a slew of political opportunities ahead of him — both on Capitol Hill and beyond.

**[The Hill: House Republicans elect top members](#)**

By Bernie Becker and Erik Wasson

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (Wash.) was elected chairwoman of the House GOP conference on Wednesday, a victory for party leaders over insurgent conservatives.

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**[The Hill: Petraeus set to go before Intel committees on Benghazi attacks](#)**

By Jeremy Herb

Former CIA Director David Petraeus agreed to testify before the House and Senate Intelligence committees on the Benghazi attack this week, despite his resignation from the agency over an extramarital affair.

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**[The Hill: US sides with Israel in Gaza strike](#)**

By Julian Pecquet

The Obama administration unconditionally sided with Israel in its strike against Gaza on Wednesday as Egypt pulled its ambassador out of the Jewish state.

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**[The Hill: Regulatory czar pick could set tone for Obama's second-term](#)**

By Kevin Bogardus

President Obama's pick for regulatory czar is expected to be a telltale sign of how aggressively he plans to push rules and regulations during his second term.

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**[The Hill: Pentagon releases findings of sex abuse investigation at training facilities](#)**

By Carlo Muñoz

The Air Force and Pentagon already have all the authority they need to address rampant sexual abuse at the service's training facilities, military officials said Wednesday.

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**[The Hill: Sen. Bennet has no deadline for his decision whether to take DSCC job](#)**

By Alexandra Jaffe

Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) has no hard deadline to decide whether he will take on the chairmanship of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC), a position he was offered but turned down in 2010.

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**[Wall Street Journal: In final days, Petraeus hurt by Libya clash, then affair](#)**

By Adam Entous and Siobhan Gorman

In David Petraeus's final days at the helm of the Central Intelligence Agency, his relations with chiefs of other U.S. agencies, including his boss, National Intelligence Director James Clapper, took a contentious turn.

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**[The New York Times: Health law has states feeling tense over deadline](#)**

By Abby Goodnough and Michael Cooper

States have until Friday to tell the Obama administration whether they want to create their own health insurance exchange — a deadline Republican lawmakers had hoped would not come to pass.

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**[Associated Press: Top Republicans say Romney didn't offer specifics](#)**

By Philip Elliott

Top Republicans meeting for the first time since Election Day say the party lost its bid to unseat President Barack Obama because nominee Mitt Romney did not respond to criticism strongly enough or outline a specific agenda with a broad appeal.

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### [GOP senators press resolution for Benghazi Select Committee](#)

By Jeremy Herb

Three Republican senators are introducing a resolution to establish a Select Committee on the attack in Benghazi, Libya, which they say is the only way for the truth about what happened to emerge.



### [Greens pressure Obama to veto airline emissions bill](#)

By Keith Laing

Environmentalists are pressuring President Obama to veto a bill that would exclude U.S. airlines from European carbon emissions fees, casting it as the first test of the president's commitment to fighting climate change in his second term.



### [Paul rips big government in farewell](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) delivered a blistering farewell speech on the House floor Wednesday in which he ripped the drastic tilt of the U.S. toward expanded government, a devalued currency, persistent wars and the constant erosion of personal freedoms.



### [Senate votes down Cybersecurity Act a second time](#)

By Jennifer Martinez and Ramsey Cox

Cybersecurity legislation failed in Senate for a second time on Wednesday despite calls from Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and other national security officials for Congress to pass a bill.



### [Opinion: Keystone XL pipeline deserves a second look](#)

By Cindy Schild, American Petroleum Institute

It's been four long years in the making. There was media praise and scrutiny. There were meetings upon meetings to explain how the next four years could be better. And in the end, we supported what we thought was in our national interest.



### [Mitt Romney attributes loss to Obama 'gifts' to his base voters](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney said on a conference call with donors Wednesday that President Obama won the 2012 presidential campaign because of "gifts" given by the administration to black, Hispanic and young voters.



### [Obama defends UN Amb. Rice, invites critics to 'go after me'](#)

By Julian Pecquet

In a forceful defense of his ambassador to the United Nations, President Obama on Wednesday invited GOP critics of Susan Rice to "go after me."



### [Obama vows climate efforts but stays vague on agenda](#)

By Ben Geman

President Obama on Wednesday vowed new efforts to tackle global warming during his second term but offered no concrete agenda to expand on current administration policies to address what he called a major threat.



### [RNC chairman calls for full recount in West-Murphy race](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus is echoing Rep. Allen West's (R-Fla.) call for a full recount of early ballots in his race, offering a rare show of support for a Republican lawmaker still locked in a yet-undecided race.



### [Fed eyeing more bond buys as 'Operation Twist' nears expiration](#)

By Peter Schroeder

Several Federal Reserve officials believe the central bank may need to beef up its monthly bond purchases next year, as one of its existing efforts to boost the economy is set to expire.



### [Rep. Camp subpoenas records on PR contracts for healthcare reform law](#)

By Sam Baker

House Republicans issued a subpoena Wednesday in their investigation of public-relations contracts to help promote President Obama's healthcare law.

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**[The Hill: Data drove Obama's ground game](#)**

By Jennifer Martinez

The impressive Election Day ground game that swept President Obama to victory was fueled by a technologic edge left over from his initial run to the White House in 2008.

**[The Hill: Senate, House Dems face tough election fundamentals in 2014](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

Democrats will be defending red-state Senate seats and facing a tough path to take back control of the House.

**[Pentagon insiders seen as most likely successors for Panetta at DoD](#)**

By Jeremy Herb and Carlo Muñoz

Speculation over who will replace Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has reached a fevered pitch following President Obama reelection Tuesday.

**[The Hill: Boehner 'confident' GOP, Obama can reach deal on immigration](#)**

By Daniel Strauss

Speaker John Boehner said Thursday he was "confident" Republicans could agree to a comprehensive immigration bill.

**[The Hill: Boehner: 'ObamaCare is the law of the land'](#)**

By Elise Viebeck

The Speaker quickly reaffirmed his commitment to abolishing the healthcare law after suggesting it would no longer be a priority.

**[The Hill: Obama to make public statement on 'fiscal cliff'](#)**

By Amie Parnes

Fresh off his reelection win, the president will address the economy on Friday in the East Room of the White House.

**[The Hill: Rep. Berman rumored for secretary of State job after losing California seat](#)**

By Julian Pecquet

The 15-term lawmaker is a former House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman and has bipartisan

Senate support.

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[\*\*The Hill: Analysis: Planned Parenthood saw near perfect return on election spending\*\*](#)

By Elise Viebeck

Planned Parenthood trounced other groups with a near perfect return on its election spending, according to a new numbers review.

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[\*\*The Hill: Christie calls Obama to congratulate, emails Romney condolences\*\*](#)

By Justin Sink

The New Jersey governor, who endorsed Romney, said the two hadn't spoken by phone yet.

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[\*\*The Hill: Thune won't challenge Cornyn for GOP whip\*\*](#)

By Alexander Bolton

Without a race for the whip's job, the Senate Republican leadership hierarchy will stay the same.

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[\*\*The Hill: Axelrod: Election shows PACs 'can't buy the White House'\*\*](#)

By Amie Parnes

Axelrod calls it "heartening news" that you can't "buy the White House" with super PACs.

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[\*\*The Hill: Netanyahu denies rooting for Romney, as critics fear weakened US-Israel ties\*\*](#)

By Julian Pecquet

Netanyahu on Thursday denied he had rooted for Romney and described the U.S.-Israel relationship as "firm."

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[\*\*The Hill: Giffords confronts her shooter in court: 'Done thinking about you'\*\*](#)

By Daniel Strauss

The former congresswoman's husband directly addressed Jared Lee Loughner about the 2011 shooting rampage that killed six people.

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[\*\*The Hill: Trial for alleged attempted Obama assassin set for next year\*\*](#)

By Jordy Yager

Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez faces 19 charges after allegedly using a rifle to shoot at the White House from his car.

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[\*\*The Hill: Ahmadinejad: Countries stockpiling nuclear weapons 'mentally retarded'\*\*](#)

By Jeremy Herb

The Iranian president said the "era of using nuclear weapons is over" — and denies he is plotting atomic bomb.

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[\*\*The Hill: Schumer jabs Rove over election record\*\*](#)

By Alexander Bolton

The Senate Democrats' chief political strategist said Karl Rove's groups failed to unseat President Obama.

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[\*\*The Hill: Health group ask Obama to stop eating junk food in public\*\*](#)

By Elise Viebeck

The group claims Obama's junk-food habit glamorizes unhealthy eating before a country that already faces an obesity crisis.

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### [The Hill: White House confirms Obama to be first US president to visit Burma](#)

By Julian Pecquet

Obama's visit marks a rapid thawing of relations between the US and Burma after the long-reclusive country adopted democratic reforms.

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### [The Hill: Report: Holder says he could decline second term as attorney general](#)

By Justin Sink

Holder said in a speech Thursday he needed to consult with the president and his family before making a decision.

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[By Peter Wallsten](#)

[Top Republican officials, stunned by the extent of their election losses Tuesday night, have begun an exhaustive review to figure out what went so wrong and how to fix it.](#)

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### [The New York Times: Congress sees rising urgency on fiscal cliff](#)

By Jonathan Weisman

WASHINGTON — Senior lawmakers said Thursday that they were moving quickly to take advantage of the postelection political atmosphere to try to strike an agreement that would avert a fiscal crisis early next year when trillions of dollars in tax increases and automatic spending cuts begin to go into force.

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### [The Wall Street Journal: Battle plan shifts on Dodd-Frank](#)

By Victoria McGrane and Jean Eaglesham

Many bankers and investors who supported Mitt Romney hoped the Republican's election would pave the way for a paring back of the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial overhaul.

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### [DOD confirms Iranian attack on US drone](#)

By Carlo Muñoz

The Pentagon confirmed that Iranian fighter jets opened fire on an American surveillance drone during a Nov. 1 intelligence-gathering operation.



### [Shuster confident in bid to helm Transportation panel despite possible Mica waiver request](#)

By Keith Laing

Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) said Tuesday that he intends to seek the chairmanship of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee despite rumors the panel's current chairman is thinking about sticking around.



### [Rep. King promises to push balanced-budget amendment next year](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) on Wednesday said he would resume his push for a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution in the 113th Congress.



### [Data collectors admit to lawmakers they mine Facebook for personal information](#)

By Brendan Sasso

Several major data brokers told a bipartisan group of House lawmakers that they regularly mine Facebook, LinkedIn and other social media services for personal information to sell to third parties for advertising and other purposes.



### [Opinion: Pass a fiscally responsible Farm Bill extension](#)

By Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense and Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group  
It's too late for Congress to pass a good farm bill this year.



### [Romney adviser concedes Florida vote to Obama](#)

By Justin Sink

A senior adviser for Mitt Romney in Florida said in a statement Thursday that President Obama had won the state, the lone remaining battleground that has not yet been called in the 2012 election.



### [Biden to cameo on 'Parks and Recreation'](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

Vice President Biden will appear on the NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation" next Thursday, but he filmed the top-secret cameo back in July.



### [Wind tax credit backers ramp up campaign to greet Congress](#)

By Ben Geman

Advocates of expiring tax credits for wind power projects will greet next week's return of Congress with a multi-front campaign for extension of the incentives in the lame-duck session.



### [Graham: Immigration reform must be dealt with 'once and for all'](#)

By Cameron Joseph

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham (S.C.) on Thursday pushed his colleagues to take up immigration reform, taking to Twitter to call for a comprehensive solution.



### [CBO lays out options on fiscal cliff](#)

By Erik Wasson

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office on Thursday laid out in substantial detail the costs and benefits of how to deal with each piece of the looming fiscal cliff. In a separate report, the CBO sketched out three sample approaches to a grand bargain.



### [CBO: GOP bill revising health law ratio will add to deficit](#)

By Elise Viebeck

A Republican bill altering the healthcare law's medical loss ratio (MLR) will add about \$1 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said Thursday.

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**[The Hill: Voters set to deliver verdict after grueling campaign](#)**

By Justin Sink and Amie Parnes

A grueling and combative presidential race comes to an end Tuesday when voters head to the polls to choose between President Obama and GOP rival Mitt Romney.

**[The Hill: Dems concede GOP majority could get bigger in the House](#)**

By Russell Berman, Mike Lillis and Molly K. Hooper

Both Republicans and Democrats head into Election Day with a legitimate shot at picking up seats in the House, with the GOP virtually assured of keeping control of the lower chamber.

**[The Hill: Dems see slight edge in race for Senate](#)**

By Cameron Joseph and Alexandra Jaffe

Democrats are favored to keep control of the Senate despite a tough slate of races, an outcome that looked unlikely at the start of the campaign.

**[The Hill: 10 insiders with a lot riding on the result](#)**

By Bob Cusack

There are many political insiders who have a lot riding on Tuesday's elections, ranging from Ben Bernanke to Nate Silver to Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

**[The Hill: First-ever tie in Dixville Notch's midnight vote](#)**

By Justin Sink

President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney evenly split the vote in Dixville Notch, N.H., the village near the Canadian border famous for their midnight vote that is traditionally thought to predict the eventual winner of the election.

**[The Hill: Obama ends his last campaign in Iowa](#)**

By Amie Parnes

An emotional President Obama brought the end of his campaign back to the place where it all started on Monday night: Iowa.

**[The Hill: Romney to NH crowd: 'All the way to victory'](#)**

By Justin Sink

While Mitt Romney's rally in New Hampshire will no longer be the last note of his presidential campaign — the Republican nominee announced surprise Election Day visits to Pennsylvania and Ohio earlier in the day — the event had all the trappings of a grand finale, as supporters packed an arena in Manchester, N.H. to the rafters for the Republican presidential nominee late Monday night.

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**[The Hill: Lure of taking majority hasn't spurred Senate Republicans to out-raise Dems](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Senior Senate Republicans have sat on flush campaign accounts despite prodding from National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) Chairman John Cornyn, who has pleaded with colleagues to send funds to aid GOP candidates in battleground states.

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**[The Hill: Campaigns use secretive ethics process as weapon](#)**

By Jordy Yager

Congressional campaigns are using the House and Senate ethics process as a weapon to discredit their political opponents by filing complaints that can be used in attack ads.

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**[The Hill: Business, labor spent big on ad wars for Senate control](#)**

By Kevin Bogardus

Business groups and unions have spent millions of dollars during the 2012 election cycle in a proxy war for control of the Senate.

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**[The Hill: Opinion: Prediction: Romney 325, Obama 213](#)**

By Dick Morris

On Sunday, we changed our clocks. On Tuesday, we'll change our president.

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**[Associated Press: New Congress likely to frustrate Obama or Romney](#)**

By Alan Fram and Donna Cassata

No matter who is elected president, he's likely to find that the next Congress will remain what the current one has been for President Barack Obama - a headache.

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**[The Wall Street Journal: In battlegrounds, an eye on recount rules](#)**

By Evan Perez and Danny Yadron

If Tuesday's presidential race is as close as some surveys suggest, recount provisions in some battleground states could get attention after voting ends.

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**[The New York Times: Officials rush to find ways for the storm-tossed to vote](#)**

By David M. Halbfinger, Thomas Kaplan and Wendy Ruderman

Elected officials in New York and New Jersey scrambled Monday to enable displaced citizens to vote in the election on Tuesday, relocating scores of coastal polling places that had become unusable because of power failures, flooding or evacuations.

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**[Head of United Auto Workers alleges 'dirty tricks' by Romney camp in Ohio](#)**

By Carlo Munoz

United Auto Workers President Bob King has accused the Mitt Romney campaign of using "dirty tricks" to try and drive a wedge between the union and the White House on the eve of the

election.



### [Transportation veteran suits up](#)

By Keith Laing

Janet Kavinoky possesses a key asset for anyone in a high-pressure job: a sense of humor. How many top-level transportation experts have you heard of who have publicly worn a gorilla suit?



### [GOP senators: Thousands of ballots unlikely to reach military voters in time](#)

By Ramsey Cox

Republican senators on Monday wrote to Secretary Panetta to express concern over delays in ballots reaching military voters overseas.



### ['Do Not Track' effort at a standstill](#)

By Brendan Sasso

Little progress has been made toward implementing a "Do Not Track" button for the Web more than nine months after a highly publicized launch event at the White House.



### [Opinion: The economics of disaster - and who should pay](#)

By Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas)

Sandy raises uncomfortable questions about the extent to which taxpayers should fund the cleanup and the extent to which government programs create moral hazards.



### [Christie adviser denies report of turning down Romney event invitation](#)

By Daniel Strauss

One of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's (R) advisers denied a report that the governor turned down an invitation by Mitt Romney to appear at an event with him on Tuesday.



### [Romney, Obama talk sports in dueling MNF interviews](#)

By Justin Sink

President Obama and Mitt Romney put politics aside for a conversation about sports during halftime of the Monday Night Football showdown between the New Orleans Saints and the Philadelphia Eagles.



### [Report: Fossil fuels could raise global temperatures 10 degrees by century's end](#)

By Zack Colman

The continued use of fossil fuels could push global temperatures 10.8 degrees Fahrenheit (6 degrees Celsius) higher by the end of the century, according a report released Monday.



### [Clinton cuts robocalls for 45 Dem House candidates](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

Former President Clinton has given his voice in the service of his party, as well as his president, as he joked during a recent campaign stop in Virginia.



### [Unions cool to Senate postal bill, but give to its backers](#)

By Bernie Becker

Postal unions have given heavily this campaign season to Democrats who voted this spring for a Senate bill that labor groups have found lacking.



### [Swing-state ballot measures take aim at 'ObamaCare,' abortion rights](#)

By Sam Baker and Elise Viebeck

President Obama's healthcare law isn't just a big issue in the 2012 presidential campaign — it's on the ballot directly in a handful of key states.

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March 28, 2011



**[Gates: Libya was not 'a vital interest'; Clinton: President took the 'best available option'](#)**

By Jordy Yager

Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Sunday defended the U.S. military's role in airstrikes against Col. Moammar Gadhafi's forces but said that Libya was not an imminent threat to the United States when the president ordered them.

**[DHS officials to testify on FOIA process](#)**

By Jordy Yager

The Republican chairman of the powerful House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will get his first crack this week at publicly grilling Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials about the agency's FOIA process.

**[On the heels of 'ObamaCare' conservatives target 'ObamaRail'](#)**

By Keith Laing

"ObamaRail" is fast becoming the new "ObamaCare" for many Republicans. Conservative activists are deriding the high-speed rail proposals set out by President Obama in his State of the Union address and 2012 budget as wasteful spending that imposes new mandates on cash-strapped state governments.

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**[Watchdog knocks Obama administration on transparency](#)**

By Gautham Nagesh

More than two years after he took office the success of President Obama's open government directive is still very much in doubt, according to a prominent government transparency watchdog.



### [Centrist senators don't want to talk about Planned Parenthood](#)

By Cristina Marcos

Centrist senators don't want to talk about something that is extremely important to both liberals and conservatives in the ongoing budget battle: government funding for Planned Parenthood.



### [As more permits are approved, fight over offshore oil drilling heats up](#)

By Andrew Restuccia

The rhetoric about domestic oil drilling reached a fever pitch in Washington this week with the Obama administration touting the approval of more Gulf deepwater drilling permits and Republicans countering that the pace of permitting is still too slow.



### [Tax break for charitable giving targeted for elimination again](#)

By Bernie Becker

For the third consecutive year, the tax deduction for charitable giving is in some policymakers' sights – and nonprofit officials fear, given the belt-tightening mood in Washington, this time could be the charm.



### [Dems question HHS menu of Medicaid cuts](#)

By Mike Lillis

An Obama administration letter outlining potential Medicaid cuts to help states balance their budgets was "cruel" and "disappointing," according to several prominent Democrats.



### [Obama named the 'most influential' politician on Twitter](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

The President of the United States is often referred to as the most powerful man on earth. While the accuracy of that can be debated, President Obama can now be referred to by another moniker that may be as valued in social media obsessed Washington: Most influential politician on Twitter.

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**[The Hill: Afghan case puts military mental health care under microscope](#)**

By Carlo Munoz

The recent killing of 17 Afghan civilians at the hands of a U.S. soldier has reignited concerns on whether the Pentagon is doing enough to care for its newest generation of combat veterans.

**[The Hill: Obama: 'Common sense' transportation bill is 'up to the House'](#)**

By Keith Laing

President Obama used his weekly address to press House Republicans to accept the transportation funding bill that has been approved in the Senate on a bipartisan vote.

**[The Hill: McConnell: Replace healthcare law with 'step-by-step reforms'](#)**

By Ben Geman

President Obama used his weekly address to press House Republicans to accept the transportation funding bill that has been approved in the Senate on a bipartisan vote.

**[The Hill: NLRB plan to share workers' email, phone numbers under fire](#)**

By Kevin Bogardus

A proposal by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to include workers' email addresses and phone numbers on voter lists for union elections could become the next flashpoint in the war between labor and business.

**[The Hill: Obama treads carefully stepping into racially charged Trayvon Martin case](#)**

By Amie Parnes

President Obama called Friday for a thorough investigation into the killing of a black teenager in Florida, making a rare personal intervention into a racially charged issue that has captivated the nation.

**[The Hill: Documents: White House was all-hands-on-deck as Solyndra collapse neared](#)**

By Ben Geman and Andrew Restuccia

Several key White House offices were involved with the Obama administration's messaging plans and other preparations as the collapse of the taxpayer-backed solar company Solyndra was imminent, newly released documents show.

**[The Hill: Hunter: Marine should not be punished for anti-Obama Facebook posts](#)**

By Jeremy Herb

A Marine who said he would not follow an unlawful order from President Obama should not be dismissed, Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) said Friday.

**[The New York Times: On the right, Santorum has women's vote](#)**

By Susan Saulny

There is no mistaking the bond that Rick Santorum has with conservative women — particularly married women — a group that has formed a core of his support since the primaries began in January.

### [The Wall Street Journal: Tax breaks exceed \\$1 trillion](#)

By John D. McKinnon

A congressional report detailing the value of major tax breaks shows they amount to more than \$1 trillion a year—roughly the size of the annual federal budget deficit—and benefit wide swaths of the population.

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### [Mica calls Boxer his 'soul mate' in defense of his highway bill role](#)

By Keith Laing

Rep. John Mica (R-Fla.) is defending his role in the often-fractious negotiations over a new federal transportation bill.



### [Dem Sen. Brown urges FDA to better regulate Chinese-made dog food](#)

By Josiah Ryan

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) called on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday to get more "aggressive" in regulating Chinese-made dog food that some owners suspect has sickened and killed their pets.



### [AT&T points finger at federal regulators for layoffs at T-Mobile](#)

By Brendan Sasso

AT&T blamed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Friday for thousands of layoffs at T-Mobile, saying the jobs would have been saved if the agency had approved the merger of the two companies last year.



### [For American jobs, China's cheating on rare earth trade must end](#)

By Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.)

When China cheats, America loses jobs. Members of the World Trade Organization, including the United States, are prohibited from using quotas on exports. When China joined the World Trade Organization it committed to follow these rules.



### [Obama camp's pitch to supporters: 'Hell yeah, I'm for Obamacare'](#)

By Daniel Strauss

President Obama's reelection campaign on Friday embraced a term that conservatives use to deride the healthcare reform law, asking supporters to declare, "I'm for Obamacare."



### [Clinton: SEC oil, mining transparency regs will have 'profound' effect](#)

By Ben Geman

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made a public case Thursday night for controversial — and

delayed — Securities and Exchange Commission rules that will force oil and mining companies to disclose their payments to foreign governments.



### [Gingrich says RNC should demand loyalty pledge from candidates](#)

By Justin Sink

Newt Gingrich's chief of staff sent a letter to Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus on Friday demanding that the national GOP require candidates to sign a pledge promising to support the eventual Republican nominee, a clear swipe at Rick Santorum over a recent campaign trail gaffe.



### [Dem tax writer embraces tax reform report](#)

By Bernie Becker

A top Democratic tax-writer is latching on to a new report that underscores the challenges of overhauling the tax code.



### ['Swift' FDA action urged after court calls for limiting antibiotic use on farms](#)

By Julian Pecquet

Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.) and an array of consumer groups urged quick action after a federal court ruled that the Food and Drug Administration must start withdrawing approval for the use of unsafe antibiotics in animal agriculture.

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**[The Hill: Boehner resists temptation, stays out of race for 2012 nomination](#)**

By Russell Berman

At every turn of the topsy-turvy Republican presidential race, the questions have flown at Speaker John Boehner. Will you endorse? Is it getting too nasty? Should Newt drop out?

**[The Hill: Mayors descend on Washington to press for highway bill, fight program cuts](#)**

By Kevin Bogardus

City officials from across the country are descending on Washington to lobby in favor of a highway bill and against cuts to local programs.

**[The Hill: Obama: End 'bumper sticker' approach to energy policy](#)**

By Jamie Klatell

Promising to "put aside the bumper-sticker slogans," President Obama called Saturday for an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy including the development of more fuel-efficient engines.

**[The Hill: Gov. Dalrymple: Obama is 'killing energy development'](#)**

By Andrew Restuccia

North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple (R) called on Congress to quickly pass legislation to green-light the Keystone XL oil pipeline, arguing that the Obama administration is "killing energy development."

**[The Hill: General says cuts leave Army unable to fight two wars at once](#)**

By Carlo Munoz

The Army's already shrinking ground force could get a whole lot smaller if Congress can't find a way to spare the service from the sequestration axe, according to the Army chief of staff.

**[The Hill: Gingrich: I'm staying in the race past Alabama, Mississippi contests](#)**

By Daniel Strauss

Newt Gingrich says he isn't dropping out if he loses two upcoming primaries in Alabama and Mississippi.

**[The New York Times: Healthcare exchange rules to be set](#)**

By Robert Pear

The Obama administration is about to carry out a major provision of the new health care law by issuing standards for health insurance exchanges, the markets where consumers and small businesses will be able to buy coverage from competing private plans.

**[The Washington Post: 'Jobs Day': Monthly release of employment data an economic, political obsession](#)**

By Eli Saslow

The release of employment numbers by the Bureau of Labor Statistics has long been a ritual in Washington, but lately it has turned into an obsession during an election year defined by economic instability.

### [The Wall Street Journal: Romney picks up support in South](#)

By Patrick O'Connor and Neil King Jr.

Mitt Romney road-tested a new Southern dialect during his two-day swing through Alabama and Mississippi, making repeated stabs at a convincing "y'all" while proclaiming a love for biscuits and "cheesy grits."

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### [FAA forecasts air travel to double in 20 years](#)

By Keith Laing

The number of passengers flying on commercial airlines in the United States will nearly double in the next 20 years, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is forecasting.



### [Dem rep. rips Obama's energy policy](#)

By Josiah Ryan

Rep. Gene Green (D-Texas) on Thursday bashed President Obama's proposal to increase taxes on oil-and-gas companies, saying it would kill jobs and result in lower domestic energy production.



### [Obama taps HHS official to be his chief technology officer](#)

By Brendan Sasso

President Obama appointed Todd Park as the administration's chief technology officer on Friday, replacing Aneesh Chopra, who resigned in January.



### [One year after Fukushima our nuclear industry remains ever vigilant](#)

By Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.)

On the one year anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear accident, our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost loved ones in the Great Tohoku Earthquake and resulting tsunami.



### [Obama, British PM to take in NCAA game in Ohio](#)

By Daniel Strauss

President Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron will attend a game in the NCAA men's basketball tournament in Dayton, Ohio, on Tuesday.



### [Feds approve post-Fukushima nuclear power rules](#)

By Andrew Restuccia

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Friday authorized staff to issue beefed-up safety requirements for U.S. nuclear power plants, the first new rules issued in response to the disaster at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi power plant.



### [Brown, Warren compete for points by touting adherence to campaign pact](#)

By Josh Lederman

The first violation of a groundbreaking agreement between Sen. Scott Brown (R-Mass.) and Democrat Elizabeth Warren has led to a contest over who can appear to be the most magnanimous.



### [House Dems ask Obama to push global poverty expert to lead World Bank](#)

By Peter Schroeder

A group of House Democrats are calling on President Obama to push Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, an economist and global poverty expert to serve as the next president of the World Bank.



### [Obama administration nixes Texas Medicaid program over Planned Parenthood ban](#)

By Julian Pecquet

The Obama administration confirmed Friday that it will stop funding a Medicaid family-planning and preventive care program for 130,000 low-income Texas women after the state barred Planned Parenthood and other "affiliates of abortion providers" from participating.

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**[The Hill: McConnell promises busy Senate under GOP](#)**

By Alexander Bolton and Bob Cusack

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) on Monday said the Senate will be "much busier" in 2013 should the GOP take control of the upper chamber, criticizing what he said is the Democrats' penchant for closing up shop at 6 p.m.

**[The Hill: Ahead of votes on extending Bush-era tax rates, parties jockey for advantage](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Democrats and Republicans in both chambers jockeyed for position Monday ahead of a series of votes expected over the next two weeks on extending George W. Bush-era tax rates.

**[The Hill: Obama: GOP trying to 'wriggle out' of defense cuts they agreed to](#)**

By Jeremy Herb

President Obama accused the GOP of putting tax cuts for the wealthy above funding for American troops on Monday, saying Republicans are trying to "wriggle out" of the budget deal they voted for last year.

**[The Hill: Eurozone debt crisis a drag on recovery and Obama's campaign](#)**

By Peter Schroeder

A stock sell-off driven by renewed worry over Europe made clear Monday that the continent's debt crisis remains a threat to the U.S. recovery and President Obama's reelection chances.

**[The Hill: Obama says Romney attacks 'distort' record, as campaign resumes](#)**

By Amie Parnes

President Obama slammed his opponent Mitt Romney on Monday night, accusing the presumptive GOP nominee of trying to "distort my vision."

**[The Hill: Obama refuses to get into gun debate](#)**

By Amie Parnes

President Obama seems determined not to allow fights over gun control to become a larger theme in the presidential campaign's storyline as it approaches the final 100-day stretch.

**[The Hill: Romney says stricter gun laws wouldn't have prevented Aurora shootings](#)**

By Jonathan Easley

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said that more stringent gun-control laws would not have prevented Friday's mass shooting in an Aurora, Colorado movie theater.

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**[The Hill: Mass. House candidate could be first openly gay Republican in Congress](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

Richard Tisei could become the first openly gay Republican to serve in Congress, but he's more interested in framing himself as part of the centrist wing of the party than as a trailblazer.

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**[The Hill: President Obama will visit Israel in second term, says campaign aide](#)**

By Justin Sink

President Obama will make his first trip to Israel as president if he wins a second term, his campaign said Monday.

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**[The Hill: Defense firm chief has survivor's outlook](#)**

By Joe Picard

CEO of EADS North America Sean O'Keefe had approximately six seconds to brace for impact against an Alaskan mountainside.

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**[The Hill: Lawmakers cheer as athletes go for the gold](#)**

By Debbie Siegelbaum and Zach Bergson

When Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings (D) tunes in to this summer's Olympic Games, he'll be cheering on a local legend, swimmer Michael Phelps.

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**[The Washington Post: More intraparty incumbent fights than ever](#)**

By Rosalind S. Helderman

Although the member-vs.-member contests won't be decisive in determining control of the House, they disrupt friendships and fracture alliances.

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**[Associated Press: Non-vets Obama and Romney court US vets](#)**

By Tom Raum

The race between President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney marks the first time since World War II that neither major-party candidate has had any military experience.

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**[The New York Times: Hasty and ruinous 1972 pick colors today's hunt for a no. 2](#)**

By Lawrence K. Altman

George McGovern's choice of Thomas F. Eagleton as his running mate, made inside of an hour and resulting in disaster, still overshadows the picking of vice presidential candidates.

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**[Obama: Syria will be 'accountable' for chemical weapons](#)**

By Jeremy Herb

President Obama warned the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad that it will be "held accountable" if it uses its stockpile of chemical weapons.



### [\*\*GOP Rep. Mica: FAA air traffic control error reporting system needs improvement\*\*](#)

By Keith Laing

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Rep. John Mica (R-Fla.) said Monday that the Federal Aviation Administration's error reporting system for air traffic controllers was too lenient.



### [\*\*Rep. Jackson Lee will seek meeting with NRA about Colorado shooting\*\*](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) said late Monday that she would seek a meeting with the National Rifle Association (NRA) to see if there are any ways to find an agreement on how to prevent tragedies like the one last week in Colorado, where one shooter killed 12 and wounded nearly 60 others in a movie theater.



### [\*\*Coalition looks to battle online sales tax\*\*](#)

By Brendan Sasso

Several trade associations launched a new coalition on Monday to battle efforts to pass online sales tax legislation.



### [\*\*Opinion: President Obama's offshore drilling plan must be replaced\*\*](#)

By Rep. Doc Hastings (R-Wash.)

While the American people and news media were distracted by the Supreme Court's decision on Obamacare, the Obama Administration quietly released its final proposed offshore drilling plan for the next five years.



### [\*\*Obama 'deeply saddened' by death of Sally Ride\*\*](#)

By Daniel Strauss

"Michelle and I were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Sally Ride," Obama said in a statement, after news the first female astronaut had died.



### [\*\*Romney: Obama should have put focus on turning economy\*\*](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney said Monday that a poll by The Hill which showed a plurality of voters blame President Obama for the bad economy was evidence the president should have focused on the economy when he entered office.



### [\*\*White House threatens to veto GOP drilling bill\*\*](#)

By Ben Geman

The White House on Monday waved the veto pen at a House GOP bill that would require vastly wider offshore oil-and-gas leasing.



### [\*\*Palin endorses Jeff Flake in Arizona\*\*](#)

By Cameron Joseph

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin (R) has endorsed Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) in his Senate primary, a

boost for Flake as he fends off a tough challenge from wealthy businessman Wil Cardon (R).



### [Dems say GOP is hiding controversial labor, health bill](#)

By Erik Wasson

Democrats on Monday accused House Republicans of trying to prevent the public from learning more about spending cuts in a controversial labor, health bill by refusing to bring it to a full committee markup.



### [Clinton announces \\$80M for AIDS fight](#)

By Elise Viebeck

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced \$80 million in new funding for global efforts against AIDS, insisting that the United States remains devoted to fighting the disease.

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**[The Hill: Obama switches off teleprompter](#)**

By Amie Parnes

President Obama is weaning himself off his teleprompter. At recent campaign events in Pennsylvania, Virginia and again Monday in Ohio, Obama spoke to crowds in high school gymnasiums and at crowded outdoor events without his teleprompter, instead using written notes.

**[The Hill: GOP, liberals doubt Dem leaders' tough rhetoric on taxes](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Democrats are talking tough heading toward a year-end showdown over the Bush-era tax rates, but some liberals and Republicans are skeptical they will back up their rhetoric with action.

**[The Hill: Bain ads hit home in swing states](#)**

By Justin Sink

Polling suggests President Obama's attacks on Mitt Romney's private-equity background at Bain Capital are hurting the presumptive GOP nominee in key swing states.

**[The Hill: Senate to take second shot Tuesday to advance DISCLOSE Act](#)**

By Ramsey Cox

The Senate will try again to advance the DISCLOSE Act Tuesday, after Republicans prevented it from moving on Monday.

**[The Hill: McKeon: Democrats living in a 'fantasy' on impending defense budget cuts](#)**

By Jeremy Herb and Carlo Munoz

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Buck McKeon argues Washington is living in "a fantasy world" when it comes to the \$500 billion in Pentagon budget cuts set to take effect in January.

**[The Hill: Groups push to rein in estate tax](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Business and farm groups are making a determined effort to rein in the estate tax before it expands significantly at the end of the year.

**[The Hill: Puzzled lawmakers hear only silence from ex-Rep. Thaddeus McCotter](#)**

By Molly K. Hooper

Lawmakers say that ex-Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Mich.), who abruptly resigned earlier this month, won't pick up the phone to explain his decision.

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**[The Hill: Republicans have the votes to sink sea treaty](#)**

By Carlo Munoz

Senate Republicans say they have locked in enough votes to block the controversial Law of the Sea Treaty championed by the White House.

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**[The Hill: Self-funding candidates pick up traction in Republican Senate primaries](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

A number of Republican candidates are gaining traction in upcoming Senate primaries due to their ability to self-fund.

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**[The Hill: Seeing the Pentagon inside and out](#)**

By Carlo Munoz

Professional Services Council President Stan Soloway has seen a lot in his 20 years inside and outside the Pentagon.

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**[The New York Times: Mormons' first families rally behind Romney](#)**

By Jim Rutenberg

Descendants of Mormons who made the great trek to Utah in the 1840s have turned out in strength to back Mitt Romney's presidential bid.

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**[The Wall Street Journal: President's populist pitch divides suburban voters](#)**

By Colleen McCain Nelson

As Obama and Romney battle over suburban, upper middle-class voters, the question is whether the voters agree with Obama's more populist economic message—or whether the tax-the-rich rhetoric is pushing them away.

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**[Associated Press: Romney's higher ed overhaul in Mass. fizzled](#)**

By Andrew Miga

Mitt Romney took over as Massachusetts governor in 2003 with a sweeping plan to overhaul the state's public college system to cut waste, reduce costs and boost efficiency. But when Romney left office four years later, not a lot had changed.

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**[Details emerge on US counterterrorism support for Yemen](#)**

By Carlo Munoz

Machine guns, sniper rifles, aerial drones, and two new operating bases are all part of a \$75 million Pentagon counterterrorism package for Yemen sent to Capitol Hill.



**[Democrat touts oversight of public transit systems after DC Metro shutdowns](#)**

By Keith Laing

Maryland Sen. Barbara Mikulski touted an increase in federal oversight over municipal public transportation systems on Monday.



### [Dems hold 'midnight vigil' to protest defeat of DISCLOSE bill](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

Senate Democrats launched a rare, all-night debate on Monday that was scheduled to last past midnight, to protest Senate Republicans' opposition to legislation that would require companies, unions and other groups to report their campaign spending.



### [Lieberman: Senate to consider cybersecurity bill by 'end of next week'](#)

By Jennifer Martinez

Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) said the Senate is going to begin consideration of his cybersecurity bill "by the end of next week."



### [Opinion: Policy shouldn't limit those with disabilities](#)

By Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.)

On April 29, 2007, my life was changed irrevocably. It was on this day that my husband Brian and I brought a beautiful baby boy into the world.



### [George H.W. Bush to miss GOP convention](#)

By Russell Berman

Former President George H.W. Bush will not attend the Republican National Convention in Tampa due to health problems, marking the first party convention that the 41st president will miss in more than 35 years.



### [Team Obama to Romney: Prove it with Bain meeting minutes](#)

By Jonathan Easley

President Obama's campaign said Mitt Romney should release minutes from meetings with Bain Capital to prove he left the firm when he said he did.



### [GOP leaders slam the door on carbon taxes](#)

By Ben Geman

Capitol Hill's most powerful Republicans say advocates who have been discussing a carbon tax behind closed doors are wasting their breath.



### [Pelosi becomes Dems' \\$300M woman](#)

By Russell Berman

For House Democrats, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is now the \$300 million woman. That's the total that Pelosi, the former Speaker, has raised for her colleagues in the decade since she first entered the House leadership, according to data provided to The Hill by her political office on Monday.



### [Senate Dem tax plan likely to get vote next week](#)

By Bernie Becker

A broad Senate Democratic tax plan will likely be voted on next week, according to an aide.



**[Once-vulnerable Dem doubles down on healthcare reform](#)**

By Elise Viebeck

One Democratic congressman from Northern Virginia isn't shy about proclaiming his support for "ObamaCare."

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**[The Hill: Thune Rising: GOP senator on veepstakes and his future](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) has reemerged as a viable vice presidential candidate who would check many of the boxes Mitt Romney is looking for in a running mate.

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**[The Hill Poll: Voters say wealth is now an impossible dream](#)**

By Sheldon Alberts

Nearly half (47 percent) of likely voters believe it is impossible for them to become wealthy in the course of their lifetime, according to a new poll for The Hill.

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**[The Hill: Ron Paul readies salvos for last showdown with Fed's Bernanke](#)**

By Peter Schroeder

It might not be a surprise to find a smile on the face of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke when he appears before the House Financial Services Committee Wednesday. It looks to be the last time he will have to face off against Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas).

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**[The Hill: Opinion: GOP jabs on jobs, but has no plan](#)**

By Juan Williams

Last week, as Mitt Romney tried to defend himself against attacks on his record at Bain Capital, Republicans complained the Obama campaign is guilty of distracting Americans from the central issues of the 2012 presidential race — jobs and the economy.

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**[The Hill: Opinion: Five keys to a better budget](#)**

By Judd Gregg

Historically, federal budgets have been about taking a lot of numbers that already exist — i.e., the baseline — and adding to them a bunch of new numbers that reflect the administration's or Congress's wish list.

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**[The Hill: After Tucson shooting, a new life for Ron Barber in Congress](#)**

By Ramsey Cox

The former Giffords aide is turning his attention from tragedy to immigration and defense issues.

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**[The Hill: Obama: 'We won't be apologizing' to Romney for Bain questions](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

President Obama rebuffed Mitt Romney's calls for him to apologize for attacks on the GOP candidate's record at private equity firm Bain Capital.

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**[The Hill: Boehner rakes in \\$8.5M second quarter, has raised \\$80M as Speaker](#)**

By Molly K. Hooper

Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) raked in nearly \$8.5 million in the second quarter of fundraising this year to protect his hard-fought GOP majority in the House.

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**[The Hill: Campaign adviser Gillespie says Romney 'retired retroactively' from Bain Capital](#)**

By Keith Laing

Senior Mitt Romney campaign adviser Ed Gillespie blasted President Obama's attacks on the GOP candidate, saying Romney had been honest about his tenure at the private equity giant Bain Capital.

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**[The New York Times: In tracing Romney's role at Bain, a convoluted timeline](#)**

By Nicholas Confessore and Michael D. Shear

The management of Mitt Romney's private equity firm, Bain Capital, has proved difficult to explain in the simple terms favored by political campaigns.

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**[The Washington Post: Democrats threaten to go over 'fiscal cliff' if GOP fails to raise taxes](#)**

By Lori Montgomery

Democrats are making increasingly explicit threats about their willingness to let nearly \$600 billion worth of tax hikes and spending cuts take effect in January unless Republicans drop their opposition to higher taxes for the nation's wealthiest households.

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**[Reuters: Romney's fundraising potential far from tapped: federal disclosures](#)**

By Alina Selyukh and Alexander Cohen

Of the big donors helping propel the fundraising of U.S. Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, fewer than 1 percent have hit the limit they can donate to his election bid, suggesting cash is likely to keep pouring into his coffers.

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**[GOP Rep. Sandy Adams hits Mica on Georgia transportation tax in Fla. primary](#)**

By Keith Laing

Republican Rep. Sandy Adams (R-Fla.) is criticizing House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica (R-Fla.) for commenting on a proposed transportation tax in neighboring Georgia.



**[Halperin, Schieffer critical of appearance in Romney campaign ad](#)**

By Keith Laing

Journalists Mark Halperin and Bob Schieffer are expressing discomfort with the use of their images in an ad from GOP candidate Mitt Romney's campaign.



### [Emanuel: Romney made Bain tenure his 'calling card,' should 'stop whining'](#)

By Meghashyam Mali

Former Obama White House chief-of-staff-turned Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel defended criticisms of Mitt Romney's tenure at Bain Capital, saying the GOP candidate had made his work there a "calling card" of his campaign and should "stop whining."



### [Obama says he'd make 'same argument' as Romney, if in his shoes](#)

By Keith Laing

President Obama said Sunday that he would make the same arguments about his handling of the U.S. economy as Republican Mitt Romney if he was challenging an incumbent president saddled with high unemployment.



### [Postal Service rescue bill stalls in Congress as cash woes mount](#)

By Bernie Becker

The House's delay in considering a postal reform bill is sparking concerns that the rescue of the U.S. Postal Service could be delayed until after the November elections — or even until the next Congress.



### [Republican Govs. Scott, Branstad balk at accepting health law Medicaid expansion](#)

By Jordy Yager

Two Republican governors in key battleground states said on Sunday they are pushing to reject matching the federal government's expansion of Medicaid under President Obama's new healthcare law.

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**[The Hill: While Romney has strong hand, Obama camp plays cards better](#)**

By Niall Stanage

Conservatives are asking a vital question with more and more urgency as the election campaign progresses: Why isn't President Obama doing worse?

**[The Hill Poll: Majority of voters believe Obama has changed country for worse](#)**

By Sheldon Alberts

Two-thirds of likely voters say President Obama has kept his 2008 campaign promise to change America — but it's changed for the worse, according to a sizable majority.

**[The Hill: Report: Obama to call for extending some Bush-era tax rates](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

President Obama will call for a one-year extension of the Bush-era tax rates for people who earn less than \$250,000 per year.

**[The Hill: Dems slam Romney over offshore finances, call for more tax returns](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Top Democrats repeatedly slammed Mitt Romney on Sunday for his foreign wheelings and dealings, as President Obama's campaign continues to make the case that the presumptive GOP nominee doesn't understand the concerns of the middle class.

**[The Hill: Compromise 2012 farm bill plows rift into House Dems](#)**

By Erik Wasson and Mike Lillis

Liberal Democrats are fuming over \$16 billion in cuts to food stamp programs included in the House farm bill set for a markup on Wednesday.

**[The Hill: Health law mandate isn't 'largest tax,' despite GOP claims](#)**

By Russell Berman

To hear Republicans tell it, the individual mandate to buy health insurance that the Supreme Court has now declared to be a tax is the "largest tax in America's history."

**[The Hill: Opinion: Conservatives should thank John Roberts for health law decision](#)**

By Judd Gregg

Conservatives should begin by praising Chief Justice John Roberts. The Supreme Court's healthcare decision limits the promotion of federal power and future Democratic Congresses in two ways, while also setting up an important national debate on tax policy.

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**[The Hill: Opinion: NRA pushes limits of its power](#)**

By Juan Williams

Washington got hit by a storm two weeks ago with the first House vote in history to hold an attorney general in contempt of Congress, and the town is still cleaning up.

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**[The Hill: Watchdog: Russell Senate building poses threat in case of emergency](#)**

By Debbie Siegelbaum

Congressional lawmakers and staff may be in increased danger in the event of an emergency or terrorist attack if they work within the Russell Senate Office Building (RSOB), according to a federal watchdog agency report.

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**[The Hill: McConnell sees 50-50 chance of GOP winning back Senate majority](#)**

By Ben Geman

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said Sunday that Republicans have even odds of winning back the Senate majority in this fall's elections.

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**[The Hill: Coal country concerns top McKinley's agenda](#)**

By Ramsey Cox

Walking into Rep. David McKinley's (R-W.Va.) office, the first thing a visitor notices is the life-size poster above his couch of coal miner James Brandon and his young daughter, Kailee.

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**[The Hill: RNC head: Democrats living in a 'fantasyland' over state of economy](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Reince Priebus, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, on Sunday sharply criticized Obama's economic record, saying Democrats who declared the country was moving in the right direction are living in a "fantasyland."

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**[The Hill: Clinton hails international pledges to donate \\$16B for Afghan development](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton hailed international donors on Sunday for pledging to provide Afghanistan with \$16 billion in aid through 2015 in exchange for commitments to crack down on corruption in that country.

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**[The Washington Post: Obama's two-pronged economic problem](#)**

By Chris Cillizza

The president's reelection campaign must solve the conundrum of how to present his message about economic issues, past and present. Will voters make their minds up on where they've been, where they are, or where they hope to go?

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**[Associated Press: Conservatives make it rough for business](#)**

By Donna Cassata

Conservative Republicans have roughed up the business community this year - and it's not over yet.

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**[Wall Street Journal: Military cuts loom as late campaign issue](#)**

By Patrick O'Connor

The Pentagon could have to slash roughly \$50 billion more from its budget in January, a prospect that could undercut Obama's re-election chances in states such as Virginia.

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**[McCain slams Obama handling of Syrian crisis as 'shameful'](#)**

By Ben Geman

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on Sunday strongly condemned the Obama administration's performance on the Syrian crisis and called for efforts to arm rebels battling President Bashar al-Assad to hasten his departure.



**[Bill Kristol: Romney camp has reason to 'worry'](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Political analyst Bill Kristol on Sunday added to conservative criticism of Mitt Romney's campaign, saying it was a troubling sign that Obama was still ahead in the polls despite a still weak economy.



**[McCormack says he has no regrets over backing Justice Roberts confirmation](#)**

By Ben Geman

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) insisted Sunday that he doesn't have buyer's remorse when it comes to supporting the confirmation of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.



**[Rep. Rangel holds 990-vote lead as count ends in contested NY Democratic primary](#)**

By Meghashyam Mali

Rep. Charles Rangel leads by 990 votes in his Democratic primary, after election officials completed a contentious, extended count lasting nearly two weeks.



**[Obama adviser Gibbs digs in on raising taxes on high-income earners](#)**

By Ben Geman

Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs on Sunday pressed to allow the Bush-era tax rates for wealthy earners to expire, escalating a clash with congressional Republicans who vow to extend the current levels for everyone.



**[Durbin: Romney is 'ObamaCare daddy'](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) said Sunday that the presumptive GOP nominee for president, Mitt Romney, was the "daddy" of the Democrats' 2010 healthcare reform law.

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**[The Hill: Obama braces for June jobs report](#)**

By Peter Schroeder

Weak June manufacturing numbers released Monday intensified concern about the fragility of the economic recovery and turned election-watchers' attention toward unemployment numbers due out at the end of this week.

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**[The Hill: Republicans find killing healthcare law not as easy as it sounds](#)**

By Sam Baker

Republicans say they could repeal President Obama's healthcare law if the GOP wins the White House and majorities in the House and Senate next year. But that is hardly a slam-dunk proposition.

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**[The Hill: Team Romney muddies Republican message after healthcare ruling](#)**

By Jonathan Easley

Mitt Romney's presidential campaign broke with congressional Republicans on Monday by arguing that the individual mandate upheld by the Supreme Court last week is a penalty, not a tax.

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**[The Hill: Congress faces slim window to pass bills](#)**

By Russell Berman

Congress is poised to tackle a handful of high-profile bills between now and Election Day, but the measures face an uphill climb.

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**[The Hill: Fifteen governors reject or leaning against expanded Medicaid program](#)**

By Elise Viebeck

At least 15 governors have indicated they will not participate in the expansion of Medicaid under the healthcare law, striking a blow to President Obama's promise of broader insurance coverage.

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**[The Hill: Tough defense talk ups Ayotte's VP cred](#)**

By Jeremy Herb and Carlo Munoz

Freshman Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) has turned the threat of \$500 billion in defense cuts into her signature political issue, raising her Senate profile and sparking speculation that she could become Mitt Romney's running mate.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Lobbyists face crunch time ahead of House farm bill's release\*\*](#)

By Erik Wasson

Lobbyists on the farm bill are facing crunch time this week, even with lawmakers in both chambers out of town.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Democrat: New Mexican president won't cut cartels slack\*\*](#)

By Julian Pecquet

The Obama administration and border-district lawmakers on Monday hailed the election of centrist candidate Enrique Peña Nieto as Mexico's new president despite earlier concerns that he might curtail his country's bloody war against the drug cartels.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Romney plans summer visit to Israel\*\*](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney plans a trip to Israel this summer to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other political leaders, an aide to the Romney campaign confirmed Monday.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Opposition to UN arms treaty heats up\*\*](#)

By Julian Pecquet

Some 130 lawmakers sent President Obama a letter on Monday expressing their opposition to a pending arms trade treaty if it impinges on gun rights and U.S. sovereignty in any way.

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### [\*\*The Hill: Winners and losers in highway battle\*\*](#)

By Keith Laing

Transportation advocates breathed a sigh of relief last week when Congress approved the first long-term highway bill in seven years.

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### [\*\*The Washington Post: After vote, now it's conservatives who charge a 'political' Supreme Court\*\*](#)

By Robert Barnes

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. is bearing the brunt of the criticism from the right after court upheld President Obama's health-care law.

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### [\*\*The Wall Street Journal: Wall Street is still giving to president\*\*](#)

By Peter Nicholas and Daniel Lippman

Defying expectations, the securities and investment industry has remained an important part of the Obama fundraising effort.

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### [\*\*Bloomberg: Obama invokes McCain as Romney cites Clinton to make case\*\*](#)

By Kate Andersen Brower

To some partisans, it may sound jarring: President Barack Obama talks about how he and former rival John McCain were simpatico in 2008 while Mitt Romney fondly recalls Bill Clinton's White House tenure.

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### [\*\*Sequestration could force industry to skirt export controls\*\*](#)

By Carlo Munoz

U.S. defense firms desperate to recoup losses from looming domestic defense cuts in the

international market could look to skirt current export rules to bolster their bottom lines.



### [MADD applauds highway bill for including money for alcohol detection in cars](#)

By Keith Laing

The group Mothers Against Drunk Driving said Monday that the approval of a \$105 billion transportation funding bill was a "good day for highway safety."



### [House to prohibit IRS from implementing healthcare law](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

The move by the House comes after the Supreme Court ruled the insurance mandate is a tax, not a penalty.



### [Twitter complied with 75 percent of US requests for user information](#)

By Jennifer Martinez

Twitter received 679 requests for user information from the U.S. government in the last year, according to a report released by the company Monday.



### [Opinion: The U.S. and Europe: Time to spur growth through trade](#)

By Myron Brilliant, senior vice president for international affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

An important but little-noticed event took place at the June 18-19 G-20 Summit – President Obama and his European Union counterparts signaled the U.S. and EU may negotiate a comprehensive agreement to liberalize transatlantic trade and investment.



### [Va. Gov. McDonnell to lead platform committee for GOP convention](#)

By Alicia M. Cohn

Virginia's Gov. Bob McDonnell will lead the platform committee for the Republican National Convention, organizers announced Monday.



### [Trump: Health ruling a 'disaster,' Roberts 'extremely disloyal'](#)

By Justin Sink

Real estate mogul and Mitt Romney surrogate Donald Trump blasted Chief Justice John Roberts for his deciding vote to uphold President Obama's signature healthcare law last week, accusing Roberts of betraying conservatives with the ruling.



### [Senators prodded SEC on oil rule ahead of vote announcement](#)

By Ben Geman

Two senators pushing the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to complete long-delayed oil industry disclosure rules asked the SEC's internal watchdog to evaluate the matter shortly before the commission announced an upcoming Aug. 22 vote on the regulation.



### [Rep. Charles Rangel's primary dispute delayed](#)

By Jonathan Easley

State Sen. Adriano Espaillat (D) has temporarily withdrawn a petition challenging U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel's (D) primary victory, but will refile a petition later this week to make a broader legal argument, The New Orleans Times Picayune is reporting.



### [Audit: IRS needs to better manage complaints about tax-exempt groups](#)

By Bernie Becker

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) needs to do a better job of managing complaints about tax-exempt groups, according to a federal audit released on Monday.



### [GOP lawmakers urge governors not to enact Obama healthcare law provisions](#)

By Elise Viebeck

Republican lawmakers are asking governors to support the repeal of President Obama's healthcare reform law by refusing to implement its provisions.

## **The Hill's 50 Most Beautiful — Nominations now open!**



The Hill is now taking nominations for its 2012 50 Most Beautiful People list. Send nominations to [50MB@thehill.com](mailto:50MB@thehill.com). Please include the person's name, place of employment, contact information and a photo. Those eligible include members of Congress, congressional staffers, lobbyists and anyone else who works regularly on Capitol Hill. All nominations are kept confidential.

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**[The Hill: After five-year odyssey, Eshoo's cancer bill nears the finish line](#)**

By Elise Viebeck

It was her friend Barbara Boxer's birthday party, but Anna Eshoo only planned to stay five minutes.

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**[The Hill: Centrist Dems lying low on deficit negotiations to avoid 2014 backlash](#)**

By Alexander Bolton

Senate Democratic centrists, whom Grover Norquist describes as the "hostages" in the tax debate, are lying low and keeping quiet about competing proposals from President Obama and House GOP leaders.

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**[The Hill: Lack of rank-and-file House GOP backlash hints at softening on taxes](#)**

By Russell Berman

Republicans appeared Tuesday to be moving reluctantly toward a debt deal that would increase revenues, one day after Speaker John Boehner (Ohio) offered up \$800 billion in tax collection in the fiscal-cliff negotiations.

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**[The Hill: Obama: I'm willing to horse-trade](#)**

By Amie Parnes and Justin Sink

President Obama rejected Speaker John Boehner's (R-Ohio) \$2.2 trillion deficit-reduction proposal on Tuesday while signaling he could consider entitlement reforms if congressional Republicans agree to higher tax rates for upper-income households.

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**[The Hill: Conservative leader says GOP not punishing right-leaning members](#)**

By Molly K. Hooper

A key conservative lawmaker says he does not believe that House Republican leaders are penalizing right-leaning legislators by removing them from high-profile committees.

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**[The Hill: Watchdogs demand a commitment from Boehner to keep ethics board](#)**

By Jordy Yager

Watchdog groups are turning up the heat on Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) to preserve the

Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) in the next Congress.

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**[The Hill: Businesses warn of impact from tax increase on seniors](#)**

By Bernie Becker and Peter Schroeder

Businesses are trying to ward off a massive tax increase on investments by pressing the case that dividends are not just the province of the rich, but a source of financial security for seniors.

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**[The Hill: Books tell the tale about 2016 intentions](#)**

By Christian Heinze

Writing a book (preferably, a memoir) has become a prerequisite for any candidate thinking about a presidential run.

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**[The Hill: Lobbyists cash in on ties to new House committee chairmen](#)**

By Kevin Bogardus

The post-election shake-up on House committees has enhanced the brands of lobbyists who are considered close to the new leaders.

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**[The Hill: Lowey selection a win for Pelosi](#)**

By Erik Wasson

House Democratic leaders have chosen Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) over Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) for the position of ranking member on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, in a victory for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who championed Lowey.

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**[The Hill: Waters secures top Democratic spot on House Financial Services Committee](#)**

By Peter Schroeder

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) has been officially named the top Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee.

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**[The Hill: Senate passes \\$631B defense policy bill 98-0](#)**

By Jeremy Herb and Ramsey Cox

The Senate on Tuesday passed a massive, wide-ranging \$631 billion defense authorization bill that restores threatened Pentagon biofuels programs, issues new sanctions against Iran and changes U.S. detention policy for American citizens.

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**[The Hill: GOP stars Rubio, Ryan lay out visions for Republican Party](#)**

By Cameron Joseph

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), two potential 2016 presidential candidates, gave competing speeches Tuesday night, laying out visions of a GOP focused on upward mobility.

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**[The New York Times: Tax deduction limits may trim deficits, but not easily](#)**

By Jackie Calmes

Republican leaders say they can raise \$800 billion in revenue in the first decade by limiting tax breaks, a proposal that analysts say is possible but bound to face political hurdles.

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**[The Washington Post: For tea party, post-election turmoil](#)**

By Amy Gardner

Dick Arney's exit from FreedomWorks highlights the debate over the movement's direction.

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**[Associated Press: Fiscal cliff offers hint at more defense cuts](#)**

By Donna Cassata

House Republicans' "fiscal cliff" counteroffer to President Barack Obama hints at billions of dollars in military cuts on top of the nearly \$500 billion that the White House and Congress backed last year, and even the fiercest defense hawks acknowledge that the Pentagon faces another financial hit.

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### [Senate passes 'Stolen Valor' rewrite in defense bill](#)

By Jeremy Herb

The Senate included a measure to make it a crime to lie about military honors as an amendment that passed Monday evening by voice vote in the defense authorization bill.



### [Feds to mediate West Coast port strike](#)

By Keith Laing

Federal mediators will attempt to resolve a strike that has halted shipments at West Coast ports, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Tuesday.



### [Gohmert calls for replacing CBO with competitive scoring system](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) on Tuesday called for the elimination of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) as the sole scorer of congressional legislation and the creation of a new, competitive system that would open the job of scoring to several entities at once.



### [Democrats skeptical of Obama's FTC pick](#)

By Brendan Sasso

Joshua Wright, President Obama's nominee to fill one of the Republican slots on the Federal Trade Commission, faced tough questioning from Senate Democrats at his confirmation hearing on Tuesday.



### [Opinion: Nation needs a new airline policy](#)

By Nicholas E. Calio, president and CEO, Airlines for America

If Washington is serious about boosting the economy and creating jobs, it needs look no further than the U.S. airline industry.



### [George W. Bush urges 'benevolent' immigration reform debate](#)

By Justin Sink

Former President George W. Bush urged lawmakers to consider a comprehensive immigration reform package at a speech in Dallas on Tuesday, one of the former president's first public forays back into the national political debate.



### [Obama: Susan Rice 'highly qualified,' but no decision yet on secretary of State](#)

By Justin Sink

Obama on Tuesday continued his staunch defense of U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, while insisting no decision had been made on Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's replacement.



### [US oil production hits 15-year high](#)

By Zack Colman

Domestic crude oil production in September hit the highest monthly output since 1998, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).



### [DCCC targets 40 Republicans on taxes](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has entered the tax fight with their first targeted attacks of the 2014 cycle, blasting out a press release in the districts of 40 House Republicans the committee feels are vulnerable.



### [Charities lobby Congress to save their tax deduction](#)

By Vicki Needham

Groups that rely heavily on charitable giving will descend on Capitol Hill on Wednesday to defend the tax deduction for charities — a target in talks to reduce the deficit.



### [Restaurant chain says criticizing 'ObamaCare' may hurt its earnings](#)

By Sam Baker

A major restaurant chain said Tuesday that its complaints about President Obama's healthcare law have been bad for business.

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**[The Hill: Democrats: We're not overreaching in debt talks](#)**

By Bernie Becker

Congressional Democrats say they're not afraid of overreaching with President Obama's tax-and-spending offer to Republicans.

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**[The Hill: Obama urges public to pressure House on tax rates in weekly address](#)**

By Erik Wasson

Democrats want the current rates for individuals making under \$200,000 and married couples making under \$250,000 to be extended.

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**[The Hill: House Dems try to force vote on extending middle-class tax rates](#)**

By Mike Lillis

House Democrats will try to force a vote on extending Bush-era tax rates for the middle class.

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**[The Hill: Back on stump, Obama urges GOP action on middle-class taxes](#)**

By Amie Parnes

Obama said if Congress doesn't extend the breaks, it will be a "Scrooge Christmas."

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**[The Hill: Speaker adds woman to ranks of House committee chairs](#)**

By Molly K. Hooper

Rep. Candice Miller (R-Mich.) will chair the Committee on House Administration.

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**[The Hill: Cantor releases 2013 House calendar](#)**

By Jonathan Easley

The 113th Congress will commence when new members are sworn in on Jan. 3, 2013.

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**[The Hill: House cuts back on Fridays](#)**

By Jonathan Easley

"It's just a freak occurrence, it was nothing purposeful," a leadership aide said.

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**[The Hill: Spending bill could see vote next week](#)**

By Erik Wasson

Appropriators want to replace the current stopgap measure that runs out in March with a giant 2013 omnibus spending package.

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**[The Hill: Boehner: We're at a 'stalemate' in debt talks](#)**

By Russell Berman

In his response to Obama's speech, the Speaker said negotiations to avert the fiscal cliff were at a "stalemate."

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**[The Hill: RSC chairman wants 'ObamaCare tax hikes' on the debt deal table](#)**

By Elise Viebeck

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) says stopping the healthcare law's revenue hikes must be part of deal on the debt.

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**[The Hill: White House rules out repercussions for Palestinians after UN statehood vote](#)**

By Julian Pecquet

Some Republicans want to punish both Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and the United Nations.

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**[The Hill: Hoyer: Obama's debt plan proposal to Republicans not a 'take or leave it' offer](#)**

By Mike Lillis

The House Democratic whip called on the GOP to make a counter offer to the White House deficit-reduction plan.

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**[The Hill: GOP lawmakers say fracking study could hurt job growth](#)**

By Zack Colman

The CDC is considering examining a potential link between hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and drinking water contamination.

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**[The Wall Street Journal: Republicans Take Aim at Entitlements](#)**

By Naftali Bendavid and Janet Hook

Sen. Mitch McConnell detailed potential changes to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, providing clarity on how Republicans would cut entitlement costs.

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**[The Washington Post: New Hampshire's Sen. Ayotte offering Republicans an influential new voice](#)**

By Rosalind S. Helderman

Freshman emerges as one of her party's most visible figures on national security issues.

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**[Associated Press: Incoming members of Congress play the lottery for new office space](#)**

By Henry C. Jackson

Rep.-elect Julia Brownley of California shimmied and danced, smiling broadly. And that was before the Democrat even got the good news: She'd won the lottery.

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**[Senate vote supports Israeli Iron Dome to shield against rocket attacks](#)**

By Ramsey Cox

The Senate passed an amendment Thursday night to the defense bill that would express Senate support for the Israeli Iron Dome defensive weapon system.



### [FAA proposes new flight attendant workplace safety rules](#)

By Keith Laing

The Federal Aviation Administration said Friday that flight attendants will soon be covered by Department of Labor workplace safety standards.



### [Durbin releases 2013 Senate calendar](#)

By Ramsey Cox

Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) released the 2013 calendar for the Senate on Friday.



### [AFL-CIO urges UN to drop proposed Internet regulations](#)

By Julian Pecquet

Labor chief Richard Trumka is urging U.S. negotiators and the United Nations to nix a proposal to allow countries to regulate the Internet.



### [Opinion: The fiscal cliff, policy uncertainty and tax reform](#)

By Seth H. Giertz, University of Nebraska and Jacob Feldman, George Mason University

The founding fathers purposefully designed a political system that perpetuates gridlock.



### [Cornyn: Obama 'crazy' to claim unilateral debt ceiling power](#)

By Daniel Strauss

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), who will soon be the second-ranking Republican in the Senate, on Friday panned a proposal by the White House that would allow President Obama to raise the debt ceiling without congressional approval.



### [Obama says not extending middle-class tax cuts would be like receiving a 'lump of coal'](#)

By Amie Parnes

President Obama said Friday that if Congress did not extend tax cuts for the middle class by Jan. 1, it would be like receiving a "lump of coal" for the holiday season.



### [AAA asks EPA to stop sales of high-ethanol fuel](#)

By Zack Colman

AAA urged the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to halt sales of gasoline with higher ethanol concentrations Friday, contending the fuel blend causes engine damage not covered under most auto warranties.



### [Rep. Tim Griffin won't run against Sen. Mark Pryor in Arkansas](#)

By Cameron Joseph

Rep. Tim Griffin (R-Ark.) won't challenge Sen. Mark Pryor (D-Ark.) or run for governor in 2014, he said on Friday.



**[Retail group pushes Senate on online sales tax](#)**

By Bernie Becker

An influential retail group is urging senators to tack an online sales tax amendment on to the defense spending bill currently on the chamber floor.



**[Support for government guarantee of healthcare hits record low](#)**

By Sam Baker

For the first time in more than a decade, a majority of Americans say it's not the government's responsibility to ensure access to healthcare.

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**[The Hill: Ryan's abortion stance could widen gender gap in swing states](#)**

By Sam Baker

Rep. Paul Ryan's record on abortion and contraception could help widen a gender gap that is already hurting Mitt Romney's presidential campaign in several key states.

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**[The Hill: Romney slams Obama in tough new speech](#)**

By Emily Goodin and Justin Sink

Mitt Romney used a tough new campaign speech to personally blast the Obama campaign on Tuesday, saying comments earlier in the day from Vice President Biden are "what an angry and desperate Presidency looks like."

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**[The Hill: Deficit-warrior Ryan sees national security as a budget issue](#)**

By Jeremy Herb

When it comes to foreign policy and national defense, Mitt Romney's vice presidential pick Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) sees things through a budgetary lens.

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**[The Hill: Florida Rep. Stearns trailing local vet in Republican primary](#)**

By Alexandra Jaffe

Local veterinarian Ted Yoho is unexpectedly leading longtime Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.) in their GOP primary on Tuesday night.

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**[The Hill: Rep. Mica beats Adams in member matchup](#)**

By Emily Goodin, Alexandra Jaffe and Keith Laing

Rep. John Mica (R-Fla.) easily beat freshman Rep. Sandy Adams (R-Fla.) in their member-vs.-member primary on Tuesday.

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**[The Hill: Team Obama confident Biden can take on Ryan despite new gaffe](#)**

By Amie Parnes

DANVILLE, Va.— The Obama campaign said Tuesday it is confident Vice President Biden will be an effective foil against GOP vice presidential candidate Rep. Paul Ryan despite his latest gaffe.

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By Cameron Joseph

Former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson (R) has won his Senate primary, giving Republicans their strongest candidate to win the open seat this fall.

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**[The Hill: For vanquished veep possibilities, a political future remains in the cards](#)**

By Christian Heinze

It would be a giant mistake to assume that Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) was the only winner during the vice presidential season.

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**[The Hill: Ryan: 'It's irrefutable' that President Obama is damaging Medicare](#)**

By Justin Sink

"The Obama campaign thinks it's an achievement that they raided Medicare to pay for ObamaCare," said the vice-presidential pick.

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**[The Hill: Administration defends immigration plan as applications to defer deportation open](#)**

By Jordy Yager

The Obama administration plans to begin accepting applications Wednesday for certain young illegal immigrants to defer their deportation.

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**[The New York Times: Utility's role in convention tests Obama](#)**

By Jim Rutenberg

Efforts to free the Democratic convention from business and lobbyist support have prompted charges of hypocrisy from Republicans and grumbling among some Democrats.

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**[The Washington Post: Ryan a top fundraiser in Congress](#)**

By T.W. Farnam and Jerry Markon

Rep. Paul Ryan has become one of the top fundraisers in Congress in recent years, drawing on a growing national profile to amass more than \$8 million for this year's election through his campaign and political committee.

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**[Associated Press: Obama campaign opposing Ryan budget at state level](#)**

By Julie Pace

President Barack Obama's campaign is launching state-specific efforts to target elements of Paul Ryan's austere budget proposals, expanding beyond its opposition to the Republican vice presidential candidate's Medicare overhaul.

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By Carlo Muñoz

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard Corps are actively training and assisting local militias inside Syria to fight alongside government troops that are waging a civil war against rebel forces looking to oust embattled President Bashar Assad.



**[Dem lawmaker: TSA should suspend behavior detection program](#)**

By Keith Laing

The Transportation Security Administration should suspend its behavior detection program because

it allows for racial profiling at airport security, a Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee said Tuesday.



### [\*\*GOP: Obama's immigration plan will be among the 'most fraud-ridden' in history\*\*](#)

By Pete Kasperowicz

The top Republicans on the House and Senate Judiciary committees warned this week that President Obama's plan to delay the deportation of illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children will end up being one of the most fraud-ridden programs in the history of U.S. immigration programs.



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By Brendan Sasso

A federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday that police do not need a warrant to track the location of a suspect's phone.



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By Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-III.)

The Romney campaign announced Tuesday that it would not allow press to cover Rep. Paul Ryan's (R-Wis.) meeting with influential conservative political donor Sheldon Adelson Tuesday in Nevada, despite regularly allowing press to cover fundraising events.



### [\*\*Romney ad says Obama took from Medicare 'to pay for ObamaCare'\*\*](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney's campaign released a new television ad Tuesday blasting President Obama on Medicare, the latest in a string of offensive maneuvers intended to inoculate the Republican ticket on the issue after the addition of Paul Ryan as the vice presidential nominee.



### [\*\*Hecklers in Iowa disrupt Ryan's first solo campaign event\*\*](#)

By Justin Sink

Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan share a presidential ticket, and now both share the distinction of being heckled during an appearance at the Iowa State Fair.



### [\*\*Industry, GOP fear power grab by EPA in Alaska mine decision\*\*](#)

By Zack Colman

Industry groups and Republican lawmakers fear the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is poised to set a new precedent in Alaska that could make it harder for companies to obtain mining permits near sensitive habitats.



### [\*\*Murphy out with first general election ad, attacking West for Medicare cuts\*\*](#)

By Alexandra Jaffe

Democratic nominee Patrick Murphy is out on Wednesday with a \$160,000 ad buy, the first of the general election campaign after both candidates easily won their parties' nominations on Tuesday night, that attacks incumbent Rep. Allen West (R-Fla.) for voting "to end Medicare as we know it."



### [House Dems to debate moderators: Don't focus on Bowles-Simpson](#)

By Bernie Becker

A trio of House Democrats is urging moderators at this fall's presidential debates to look beyond the Bowles-Simpson deficit plan when they ask domestic policy questions.



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SPresident Obama's campaign says vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan's Medicare plan is a "game changer" in the battle for Florida's 29 electoral votes.

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## The people Verses the GOP

### A letter of Opinion by Roger Warren March 29, 2011

I have so much I want to discuss with you. It frustrates me almost to the point of surrender that our GOP leadership in the US Congress are a bunch of Lilly Livered Cowards. Why do I sat this? let us see.....

John Boehner 8<sup>th</sup> Dist. Ohio: Just can't bring himself to break the House Rule allowing no changes in a Budget Resolution to temporarily fund the Government. He gives that, as a reason to do nothing about suspending Obamacare funding and not make a 100 Billion dollar cut in the budget. I am beginning to wonder how he will find a way to NOT present the two mandates the 2010 voter gave Congress. Those Mandates are: Defund Obamacare and cut the budget a significant amount (starting at One Trillion dollars). Which brings us to:

Our Governor, Mary Fallin, whom I admire for her accomplishments and support 99%. That 1% is a dozy-a little ole donation by the Federal Government of 54.5 million dollars to establish an Oklahoma Health Care Exchange (information exchanged about YOU) which is a super crummy thing to do to you, because you will have no privacy left. Even if Obamacare is never shouldered onto the backs of our poor bankrupt Government, the ability to access any and all information about you would still remain available to anyone with a computer. We tell our girls don't be naked on facebook and we are going to allow any sorry person that wants it, every detail of our sordid existence. The Government CANNOT understand why we want our privacy. If they know every detail of our lives, then they can Control our lives (which is the dream of Obama). Why do you poor fools resist Control by Obama? He just does not understand your resistance.

Kirk Humphreys thinks I am Nuts. He was on Flashpoint TV show when he said this. According to him, since I question the wisdom of the Health Care Exchange, I am a Conservative Nut. Mr. Humphreys, I may be a Nut but I still question that taking the Obamacare money is a wise thing. I worked for Uncle Sam 34 years. If I take 10 cents of taxpayer money, there is a one dollar string attached. I know. I used to find ways to tie that string. I know the folks saw Billions of dollars of Stimulus money just disappear into thin air. It made them very suspicious and absolutely mistrustful of Obamacare. Obamacare is a hundred times worse than the Stimulus. They believe, Mr. Humphreys, that all of the money will be wasted. I defy you to account for more than one fifth of the stimulus money. That is where the Obamacare money will go too. Don't you realize these people in the White House are thieves?

If my neighbor steals 100 dollars from my bank, do I get to steal 25 dollars? We are not SAD people. I think our good Governor is of the opinion, that Congress will never defund Obamacare or will make the drastic, but necessary, cuts to the National Budget. She may be right. My experience with Uncle Sam leads me to conclude the story of the Camel and the tent is a simile of the Federal government. Which brings me to.....

Senators Coburn and Inhofe and Representative Cole. Also people of whom, I mostly admire. Again that little I don't admire is a dozy. Senator Dr. Coburn is not adverse to a bailout. He supported the 2008 bailout as did Representative Tom Cole. The two and Bailout voter Mary Fallin insulted the Oklahoma Republicans at the 2009 GOP Convention. I was embarrassed for them. I was ashamed of the Oklahoma Republicans for not telling them, "Don't lie to us and treat us like idiots". I am no different than anyone else. I just sat there and contained my embarrassment and shame (of me for not speaking up). And then we sent them back to Congress and to the Governors Office.

Senator Inhofe did NOT support the Bailout but loves Earmarks. He did not attend the 2009 GOP Convention. I believe he thinks this: If he doesn't make sure Oklahoma gets their share, some other State will. Which is not a

bad Philosophy if we had money. Unfortunately, our Country is Bankrupt.....

What! You don't believe we are Bankrupt? I will tell you a story about paying bills. This is parable of our Government which must borrow 40 cents of every dollar it spends. 60 cents of every dollar is committed to Mandatory (Entitlements) spending for Social Programs, such as Social Security, Medicare and Food Stamps. Defense requires an additional 25%. A total of 85 cents.

We paid bills this way in the 1970's. You deposited your weekly earnings in the bank. You have bills you received through the mail or were per-mandated, such as a car payment. You wrote checks paying the bills but you did not exceed what you had in your bank account and you left enough to live on. This was typical of most people.

Now we go crazy, Let's suppose you sit down, begin writing checks to pay your bills. 60 cents of every dollar you pay is from your earnings. The remainder comes from Seaboard Finance Company and they loan you 40 cents of every dollar you pay. You do not have any other sources of income except your job. One day it occurs to Seaboard that you are paying them with money you are borrowing from Seaboard.....Except that.....

Every body in the world has been doing this. The only reason Seaboard has money is because everybody in the world has been paying them with money BORROWED FROM SEABOARD. When does Seaboard say "I am calling the note"? They did and it was yesterday.

Question: Are we Bankrupt? My answer is yes. Obama says no, because Seaboard will give us more money. Boehner says if we stop borrowing from Seaboard, "The voters and the media will say bad things about me and my gang if we stop borrowing". Maybe Coburn, Inhofe, Cole and Fallin are right. Rape the treasury while you can and the devil take the hindmost. The GOP is scared of their own shadow except some remarkable people that are despised by the Republicans because they are saying "Don't borrow any more from Seaboard. Let us begin paying our bills". Which brings us to.....

Jeb Bush (aka Jebby boy): Jeb shares Kirk Humphreys fine opinion of me. I can't speak for you. My friends, according to Jebby boy, I am STUPID! I heard him say that with my own outsized ears. I heard it on the radio, but I still heard it. Why do I bring Jebby boy into the discussion? Because it seems most of the Future Republican Presidential Candidates, that went to Iowa last week, are consulting him on what to do next. I can't imagine the advice he is giving them. Uh oh! OMG, LOL, Great shades of SADs! Ha, got you on the SADs thing did I not? Ok, I confess. I made it it up. S means stupid. A means gluteus maximus. D means Democrats. I prefer Nit wit because it is more polite.....

Coburn-Inhofe-Cole-Fallin-Boehner, listen to me. The people out here are not Stupid. Grow a spine. That is all we voters ask. I am happy that Coburn is taking on the Ethanol Industry. Ethanol is such a ripoff, only a SAD person could have dreamed it into existence. Once we don't have plain old gasoline available, we must quit using our lawn equipment. Ethanol destroys their Aluminum carburetors. Inhofe, you could be the leader of the Senate if you wanted it. Forget Earmarks (i.e. Pork ) and lead the Budget fight. Be a Statesman. That is what we pay you for and you have the capabilities. Do you not realize the people out here are worried sick about the insane spending and the unbridled theft of federal funds that goes on? Federal law enforcement is a thing of the past. The Obama people steal with impunity. Cole, you are the Granddaddy of the House. If you don't have the heart for a fight to control our Budget, quit! You start raising billy blue hell and Boehner will listen to you. So what do you believe? If you can't lead the fight, step aside and let somebody in there that will. Fallin, there was a lot of people who supported Brogdan against you. Here is why. They were afraid you would not stand and spit in the eye of the Tiger. Well, the day is here and the Tiger is in front of you. Spit in its eye. It is not to late. Once you take that 54.5, Obama owns you. You know it just as I do.

Boehner. Grow a spine. Representative Bachmann or Sarah Palin will show you the way if you ask. Maybe Tom Cole is ready to start the Budget Control battle.

Any way, now that I have angered everybody, I will move on to a new subject. If I have a friend left, would both of you email me? I have a letter from a typical voter in my possession. I will send it with this letter. The letter is real but I will not give the writers name. Not ever, to anyone. That is the deal I make with every one that sends me information. I am going to be forwarding you stuff all week. I have a letter from the OK GOP that needs to be sent. I have a letter from Americans for prosperity that needs to be sent. I have commentaries on various subjects that I wish to send. They are just great.....

Incidentally, speaking of Mrs. Barresi, the new State Schools Superintendent, isn't she great? She may be the best thing that has happened to Oklahoma education in the last 100 years.

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CC: Senator Tom Coburn and Senator Jim Inhofe

Dear Senator/Chairman Cornyn:

I received your letter and membership record verification form asking for me to renew my membership and make a donation to NRSC. I felt compelled to write you and explain my feelings and why I am not renewing at this time. My wife and I have been more political in these past few years than any other time in our lives. We are both in our late 50's and face each day with shock, horror and disbelief in what our nation has become. Prior to the November elections, we donated money to Republican candidates that we supported and we prayed for an overwhelming victory at the ballot box. Fortunately, we got that victory in the House, but not the Senate. I write Senators Coburn and Inhofe on a regular basis and both are very good about responding to my concerns. However, I am disappointed in the Republicans, in general, by their lack of aggressiveness in attacking Obamacare, the deficit, wasteful spending and, more importantly, illegal immigration.

I am not alone in my concerns with the Republican Party. The majority of us working, voting taxpayers are fed up with what is going on in Washington. There seems to be too many of the "old guard" Republicans who are somewhat "progressive" in their thinking and their politics. "Republicans in name only" (RINO) I believe they call them. By their actions, or lack thereof, they appear to the average voter to be reverting back to the status quo of Washington politics. They want to compromise with the Democrats, who are singularly responsible for the ungodly deficit that we now find ourselves in. It appears that they want to compromise, or "reach across the aisle", so they can be admitted to "the club". The club is the northeastern "elitists" who feel that they need to think for us and lead us, the "unwashed masses", because we're just too stupid to know what is best for us and our country. They are more worried about jeopardizing their reelection than making the tough decisions that will put our country back on the right path.

Governors Scott Walker and Chris Christie are both shining examples of the type of aggressive, "don't care what the Left or anyone else thinks", attitude that we hunger for. We want federal spending cut, cut now, and dramatically. The few billion in cuts that we hear about is just laughable. We expect to see whole departments eliminated or to have their budgets dramatically cut. We can do without the Department of Education. It's a joke. We spend more now than ever and our kids are less educated than ever before. Put it back at the State level. We

can also do without the Department of Energy. I see no tangible benefits that it has brought us, such as a viable energy policy other than "don't drill domestically". Ridiculous! Eliminate collective bargaining from ALL government worker unions. They should not have been allowed to unionize in the first place. We're tired of carrying the burden of their exorbitant salaries and pension plans on our backs. We can no longer afford it, but evidently no one has the guts to stand up to them. I guess we just keep paying them what they want until the entire system crashes and then no one will have any pensions or benefits – period!

I could go on and on and list gripe after gripe, and I'm sure you have talking points for all of them. I will just say that, until I see significant change in the way the Republicans in the House and Senate conduct the people's business, I'm keeping my money. I will continue to support Senators Coburn and Inhofe, but I will not contribute to some general fund for you to reelect many of the RINOs that are causing or contributing to the problems. I would encourage you and the rest of the Republican leadership to "thin the heard" and start paying attention to their Libertarian and Tea Party colleagues. They will be the next major political party if you don't.

Respectfully

See Ya!  
Roger

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Friend,

**Did you see what the President tweeted yesterday?** The man who decries the lack of civility in the name of protecting his daughters' futures tweeted this in response to the Supreme Court's decision: "@Barack Obama: Still a BFD" and offered an equally vulgar and offensive T-Shirt in return for a campaign donation.



Shortly after the decision, the **Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee joined the President's distasteful display, tweeting "it's constitutional. B\*tches."** This—from the so-called party of women? Is this the example the President sets for his daughters? Is this civility?

**It's time for a change**, and the pundits and political experts all agree—the power to repeal Obamacare is in your hands, and in the hands of those you vote to send to the next Congress.

It's now up to those in Congress to repeal and replace this crushing law and the largest tax increase in our country's history. We know the conservative women we support will be difference-makers equipped to stop Obamacare, and we need your help getting them to Congress.

As conservatives, it may shock many in our own movement to hear us agree with the left: yes, there is a war—and yes, women are involved. But women are not the victims, as the left

would have you believe.

In fact, it was women who fired the first shots heard across America against crushing Obamacare. Our "Moms Against Mandates," "Mama Grizzlies," and "Nurses Against Nanny States" fight everyday on the frontlines against Obama's "fundamental transformation" of America.



**Governor Sarah Palin** was the first to recognize Obamacare's dangers; she warned of "death panels" in the legislation as early as August 2009. In 2012, Congress recognized and finally acted on Palin's warnings. Republicans and Democrats joined together to strip the "Independent Payment Advisory Boards" from Obamacare—delivering what the media called a "political blow" to President Obama.

The morning after Obamacare passed, **Congresswoman Michele Bachmann** stood in front of Congress to introduce legislation repealing Obama's plans for socialized healthcare and stated her intent: to "make sure Obamacare is completely repealed."

He may not know it, but President Barack Obama has woken a nation of slumbering Mama Grizzlies from hibernation. With the flourish of his pen stroke, he made good on his promise of a "fundamental transformation," and forced socialized health care on millions of Americans and their families.

Show President Obama that we won't stand for his intrusive legislation by helping us send more conservative women to Congress who will repeal and replace Obamacare with [a generous donation of \\$25, \\$50, \\$100, or whatever you can give today!](#)

**Nurses Diane Black, Rennee Ellmers and Anne Marie Buerkle** refused to let Obama push their families around. These women took matters into their own hands by deciding to run for Congress in 2010, and they defeated their opponents in Democratic districts. These nurses know first hand the dangers of taking control away from health care professionals so that it can be handed over to Washington bureaucrats. These three joined with other moms, advocates, and women in the House to stand firm against Obamacare.

And they are joined by new candidates for Congress, like **Lisa Wilson-Foley**. Lisa attended our DC Kickoff event this past week. She's not a politician—instead, this mother

of four is a successful business woman and health care professional who knows that Obamacare hurts small business and poses risks to the quality of our health care. She is running on a platform to **repeal and replace** this legislation with solutions that make sense for all Americans. We need Lisa and more like her in Congress.

GOP Women on the Hill, led by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, reminded us why women oppose this law: "Women make 85 percent of the health-care decisions in this country. They also represent the vast majority of health-care professionals. And they don't like the idea of the federal government coming in and making the decisions they typically make-for themselves, for their families, and for their patients."

If you agree with great conservative women like Governor Sarah Palin and Representatives Michele Bachmann and Cathy McMorris Rodgers, [then please help us send more of them to Washington with a generous donation today!](#)

Women are the leaders of the fight to stop Obamacare, and soon [with your generous support](#), we'll send more to Congress to help. This battle is not over. The fight will be led by awakened, unified, conservative women. And yes, they will fight like girls. We'll see you in November, Mr. President. This war is not ON women, this is war BY women.

Sincerely,

Teri Christoph, Co-Chair  
Suzanne Haik Terrell, Co-Chair

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Thank you governor Fallin for your decision to continue the legal challenge to Obamacare and to not expand Medicaid or create the state based exchange. As a physical therapist for 39 years, I have grave concerns over full implementation of the law and its detrimental effects on our US Health care system. Keep up the greats work to challenge the over reaching arms of the federal government and hold tight to our state rights!!

Respectfully,

Julie Wilson, PT

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Julie Wilson](#)  
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Gov Fallin,

Please do not accept federal monies from ObamaCare or the stimulus. We MUST hold the feds accountable for overspending. Accepting these borrowed federal funds makes us guilty of doing the very thing we mandated they NOT do. Please keep your campaign promise to govern as a conservative. Do not accept borrowed money!! The power of the Fed government MUST be limited and downsized!!

Julia Wilson  
Tulsa

**From:** [Carter, Sally](#)  
**To:** [Jacque Hensley](#)  
**Subject:** Tribal Concerns Re: ACA  
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Hello Jacque:

As requested by phone yesterday, Oklahoma tribal nations want to provide meaningful input into any decisions that are made in Oklahoma regarding the ACA, especially because they are directly impacted by the outcome of decisions made.

They are wanting a Medicaid waiver to be more inclusive of their people.

Tribes and Tribal Organizations have expressed that they should be engaged to resolve issues related to the following topics:

Any decisions made regarding health insurance exchanges.

Network Adequacy – requiring all QHPs to offer contracts to all I/T/U providers with an Indian Addendum.

Essential Health Benefits –reviewing the scope and duration of services and providers covered, and offering pediatric oral and vision services in the QHP versus a separate plan.

Eligibility – identification of individuals who are eligible for special protections and provisions as AI/AN in the eligibility process and at the provider level to assure that deductibles and co-pays are waived. Utilization of existing databases or development of new databases to expedite eligibility determinations. Identifying how additional documentation will be requested and reviewed and eligibility determinations will be made when individuals are not included in approved data systems.

Enrollment – enrollment processes must accommodate not only special provision for AI/AN in Exchanges (monthly enrollment, waiver of cost sharing, exclusion of certain sources of income), but also in Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion, Child Health Insurance Programs, and Basic Health Plans, if there are any in the State.

Enrollment Assistance - carve outs for navigator contracts for the I/T/Us and other enrollment assistance funding, such as Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM).

Tribal Sponsorship – allow aggregate payment of premiums and other policies to encourage Tribal sponsorship of individuals to enroll in Exchange plans.

Outreach and Education – provide outreach and education that is culturally appropriate and assures that AI/AN know which QHPs have I/T/U providers in their networks and informs them of the special protections and provisions for AI/AN.

Call Centers – decide whether it is most appropriate to have an Indian desk to handle questions and resolve problems regarding AI/AN and I/T/Us, or whether everyone who works at a call center should receive training about Tribes in the State, the Indian health care delivery system and special provisions in the law, regulations and systems for AI/AN.

Website – ensure that the design of the website includes information specific to AI/AN and the I/T/U and is easy to access by consumers, as well as those assisting with enrollment.

Waiver of Penalties for AI/AN without Insurance -- develop the system to assure that individuals are not penalized and to communicate who is covered by this provision in the law.

Enforcement of Section 206 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) -- assure that the I/T/U is paid in a sufficient and timely way for services delivered to individuals who are enrolled in QHPs

if the I/T/U is not a network provider.

Reimbursements for Waived Cost Sharing --process to assure that the I/T/U receives payment for the co-pays and deductibles that are waived for AI/AN.

Referrals through Contract Health Services (CHS) --rules and processes to assure that AI/AN who are enrolled in a QHP and referred through an I/T/U CHS program are not charged a co-pay or deductible for services they receive outside the I/T/U.

Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Best Regards, Sally

OSDH Tribal Liaison  
Sally Carter, MSW, LCSW  
Tribal Liaison  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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#1. On Thursday, Nov. 29 the Federalism Task Force of ALEC, the conservative, free market association of state legislators UNANIMOUSLY endorsed a "no runaway convention" law similar to the one passed by the NH legislature in 2012.

This is a huge step forward for our strategy of passing such laws to empower the states and protect the Constitution!

#2 We now have an offer from the "Advance Arkansas Institute" to MATCH 50 PERCENT OF ANY DONATION we receive from an individual or business by December 6th!

The contribution is TAX DEDUCTIBLE and can be used to help to educate legislators about our strategy.  
Advance Arkansas is the official Arkansas affiliate of the State Policy Network, a national network of free market think tanks.

#3 We now have just days to line up legislative sponsors in all 30 of our target states before legislative sessions begin in January.

This includes 27 states with both GOP state legislative majorities and GOP Governors or the ability to override a Governor's veto. These 27 states alone have a majority of the U.S. population. We have identified potential sponsors in a more than a dozen states but there is much work to do.

#4 We are also working with leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives on the idea of placing in the Rules package that will be adopted in January, 2013 a MADISON RULE that recognizes the authority of STATES under Article V and the 10th Amendment to limit the scope of a Convention they call for. Adoption of such a rule to prevent a runaway convention would be a powerful statement in support of protecting the Constitution and empowering states.

NOW is a critical time for action for our effort to restore a balance of state and federal power and protect our Constitution. Many state legislative sessions are short, and some don't meet at all in 2014. And the House won't vote on a Rules package again until 2015.

There are FIVE things you can do to help right now

#1 MAKE A DONATION BY THURS DEC. 6!

Consider making or asking someone you know for a tax deductible contribution to "Advance Arkansas" by Thursday December 6th so our educational effort can receive 150 percent of that amount in matching funds. You may make a donation of any amount from \$25 to \$25,000 or more! For information on how to send or wire a donation, email or call us.

#2 CONTACT A STATE LEGISLATOR OR MEMBER OF CONGRESS!

If you know a state legislator anywhere in America who might be interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring a "Madison Law" to prevent a no runaway convention and empower the states to force Congress to propose an amendment, such as a balanced budget amendment, without the need for a Convention, let us know.

We can send you a list of the states where we need the most help.

If you can contact a Member of Congress or staff who would like to learn about the MADISON RULE, let us know and we can send you more information.

#3 VOLUNTEER SOME TIME NOW!

Of course we are all busy with the Holidays, but if we don't have sponsors and supporters in 27 states by the beginning of 2013 legislative sessions that begin in January, the opportunity won't come again for TWO YEARS. We can't afford to wait.

You could help us contact pro-limited government group leaders, opinion leaders, youth leaders, legislators, and staff in key states by phone or by email. There is also research and much other work to do.

#### #4 REACH OUT TO OTHER POTENTIAL ENDORSERS AND SUPPORTERS

Even if you have no time, you can pass this email on to others you know, especially to those whose public support you think would be helpful to our effort.

We are asking opinion leaders to ENDORSE the passage of a Madison State Law and the "Madison Initiative" effort to empower states and protect our Constitution.

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#### THE MADISON INITIATIVE:

The Madison Initiative is a four part strategy to protect our Constitution from a runaway convention and restore a balance of state and federal power.

#1 Passage of "Madison" state laws in a majority of states with a majority to strictly limit the authority of delegates to any article V convention, and to immediately replace and subsequently punish "faithless" delegates who violate the law and their pledge to obey it.

#2 Eventual adoption of "Madison" state constitutional amendments in at least 13 states to bar consideration in that state of any amendment from a convention that the states who called for the convention did not authorize the convention to consider.

#3 Adoption of a House "Madison" Rule to bar floor consideration of any measure to refer to the states for ratification, any Amendment from an Article V Convention that the states who called for the Convention did not authorize the Convention to consider.

#4 Securing a "Madison" pledge by at least 41, and eventually 51 U.S. Senators to protect our constitution from a runaway convention and to empower the states by opposing floor consideration of any measure to refer to the states for ratification, any Amendment from an Article V Convention that the states who called for the Convention did not authorize the Convention to consider.

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We call this effort which has both an educational and advocacy component the 'Madison Initiative' because James Madison believed the states had the same power as Congress to propose a specific Amendment to our Constitution when he said in Federalist #43:

"It (the Constitution) equally enables the general and the State governments to originate the amendment of errors, as they may be pointed out by the experience on one side or the other"

If states understand that they can safely limit a convention they call for to an up or down vote on a single amendment, 2/3 of the states can force Congress to propose an specific Amendment those states want WITHOUT the need to convene a Convention.

Congress fears a Convention more powerful than Congress, and has always in American history chosen to propose an Amendment states want rather than call a Convention.

If Congress and the states understand that 2/3 of the states can force Congress to propose an Amendment those states want, the entire balance of state and federal power has shifted and a path is open to new state-initiated limits on federal power.

While getting 34 states to agree on a specific amendment will never be easy here are some of the possibilities:

#1. A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT or other some constitutional restriction on federal borrowing, spending or taxing.

#2. A ban on UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES on states.

#3. A constitutional requirement that major FEDERAL REGULATIONS be approved by Congress,

#4. Deny Congress the power to tax persons for failure to make a purchase, thus REVERSING the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court on "OBAMACARE".

100 years ago the passage of the 16th and 17th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution began the acceleration of the growth of Federal power. In 2013, the passage of STATE laws in a the states with pro-limited government majorities could help to rein in the growth of Washington's power and put America back on a course towards more limited government.

But we need your help now!

Please donate or offer to help right away.

We must have our state sponsors in place by January and the House Rule's package will be finalized in December.

We simply can't afford to miss these unique opportunities.

Thank you!

Roman Buhler  
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P.S. Everyone is asking, now that the election is over, "What do we do now?" The answer, as I told Arthur Brooks from AEI yesterday, is we EMPOWER THE STATES!

The fight for free markets, limited government, and reining in Washington must be fought in every state legislature where we have a chance to win, not just inside the beltway!

Help us now to empower the states to rein in Washington. Please do what you can to help.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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James Pogue  
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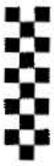
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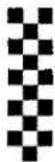
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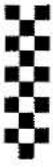
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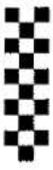
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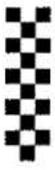
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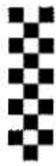
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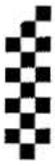
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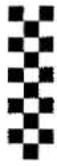
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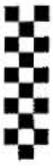
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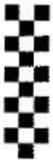
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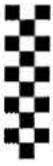
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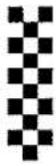
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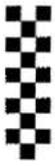
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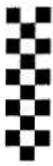
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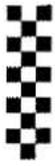
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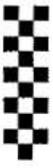
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**Dean Pray**

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**Daniel Page Sr**

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Glenna Palm

Miramar Beach, FL 32550

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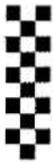
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**Margrett Buchholz**

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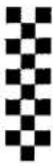
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**E F Bavis**

**Batavia, OH 45103**

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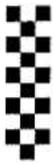
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**Carole Birong**

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Kenosha, WI 53143

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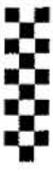
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**[REDACTED]**  
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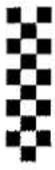
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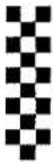
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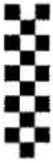
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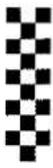
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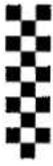
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**R Vance Burnett**

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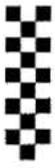
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Louisville, KY 40272

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**William Burt**

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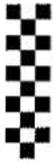
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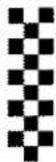
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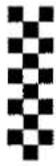
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[REDACTED]  
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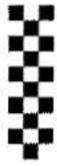
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**Marilee Newkirk**

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*Marilee Newkirk*

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**[REDACTED]**  
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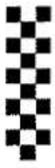
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*Loren Nelson*  
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**Marvin Newell**

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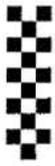
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Mary Nguyen

Apex, NC 27511

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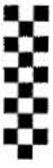
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Sincerely,

*Mary Nguyen*

Mary Nguyen



**Stephen Odrobina**

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Colorado Springs, CO 80907

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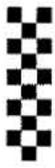
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**Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729**

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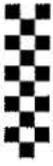
You should refuse to set up an Obamacare health exchange in your state in order to prevent this.

Imagine a mother taking her child to the hospital and getting punched in the face by a union goon, because the doctors and nurses are on strike and demanding more money from the taxpayers.

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Do the right thing! Refuse to set up an Obamacare health exchange in your state!

Sincerely,  
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**James Schmidt**

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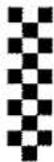
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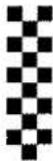
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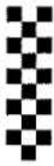
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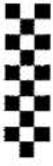
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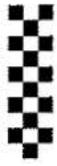
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**jerry sandham**



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And, if he is not, or if he refuses to prove that he is, eligible, please remove his name from November's Presidential election ballot in your state.

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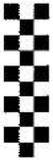
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The American people need to know that the Constitution is being followed, and that our elections are fair.

Please, for the good of our nation, conduct your own investigation into this matter, and TAKE ACTION.

Sincerely,

*jerry sandham*  
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thomas wing

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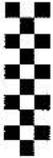
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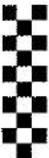
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Governor Brad Henry

RE: It's Time To NULLIFY Obamacare!

Dear Governor Henry,

I am writing to express my support for every State to NULLIFY the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," otherwise known as "Obamacare," by declaring it to be unconstitutional and void within that State's borders; and to arrest any agent of the federal government who attempts to enforce Obamacare within that State.

Under Article I, Sections 8 and 10 of the U.S. Constitution, in combination with Amendment X, the American people's healthcare and any laws relating to it belong to the individual States and the people themselves, NOT to the federal government. Nowhere does the U.S. Constitution enumerate a central government power over healthcare, and the federal government is certainly given NO power to force Americans to buy it. The federal government's unconstitutional determination that Americans must purchase healthcare, government-run or otherwise, must be overturned, but it is doubtful -- even with all of the hard efforts in Congress -- that it will be fully reversed at the national level.

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Sincerely,

Garland D Cox

  
Tucson, AZ 85749



JOHN CAMIOLO

WATCHUNG, NJ 07069

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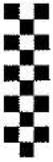
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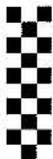
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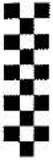
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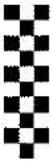
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Sparks, NV 89436

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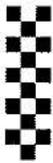
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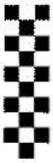
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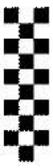
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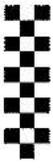
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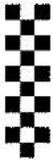
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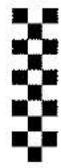
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Lee Hargroder

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**Don Gill**

**Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304**

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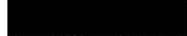
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**James Green**



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**James Gilliland**

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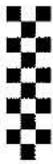
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**Judith Gullicksen**

Mesa, AZ 85209

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**Mary Gae George**

[REDACTED]  
Sandy, UT 84094

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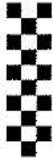
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**Lisa Greenberg**

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Sincerely,  
*Lisa Greenberg*  
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Rich Gramm

Bremen , IN 46506

Hon. Mary Fallin  
212 State Capitol  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

What an opportunity to be a Statesman in the barren desert! Look no further than the great decisions our Founding Fathers made and endured to give us this great heritage and YOU can be its perpetuating light. Please give thought and prayer toward wisdom in all your decisions, and may the Giver of Wisdom be your dearest friend. May God continue to prepare you and your team for the weight of each choice and the lasting effect thereof.

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**June Fehlberg**

Quincy, IL 62305

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Sincerely,  
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**Rozemary Fournier**

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Frisco, TX 75034

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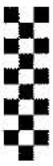
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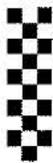
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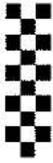
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**Tod Fredericks**

**Madison, WI 53726**

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**Robbye Lytle**

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Lancaster, OH 43130

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pat langevin

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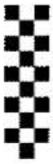
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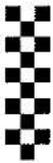
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Malvern, OH 44644

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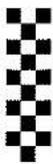
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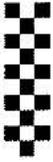
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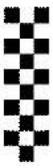
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DOUGLAS MAGNUSON

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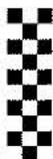
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**david moore**

greeneville, TN 37745

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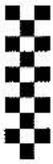
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**Shirley Mitchell**

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**From:** [Jimbo's](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Union bs  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:13:14 PM

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I am qery upset to hear that oklahoma want to secceed from the union .. in the past this would be a call to arms.. I am a democrat by choice and proud to have made that choice based on the behavior of the republican party.this secession b.s. is just another reason. We teach our children to be honorable in sporting competition but then your party acts like idiots wgen. You loose. Shame on you..for me to see ghe news report that we want to secceed. Has made me mad as hell. I along with hundreds of thousands like m\_yself don't see obamacare as a loss but a chance to fix healthcsare but you clearly don't plan to work towards making it a good thing ..I will donate all resources and rally as a performing artist thousand s against the agenda of splitting this state any further.. we will. Se a democrat back in power as soon as you vacate the job you choose not to do. Shame on you ..we are oklahome. Dems and gop togather ..you need to remember that before you bite off more than you can chew.. obama won. Get over it. Make an effort to work as a bi partisan or get out of our capitol as you don't deserve the title of govenor of this fine but confused state. I'm gonna go throw up now I used to think you were a halfway decent person ..but as before many times in my life I was wrong. ..you are a sore looser that can't play fair with others .. in school we called you bullies now I won't lower myself to call you what we @all people like you now. We will not secceed we will not let you .. we fought for this union and so many died before. Please don't. Destroy what we worked so hadt to achieve just because you are a sore looser like most of your party.

Sent from my LG phone

**From:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
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**Subject:** Update on Open Records Requests  
**Date:** Friday, November 30, 2012 2:05:05 PM

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Hello Everyone,

We thought it might be a good idea with the hefty number of Open Records Requests to give everyone an update of what requests are open and which ones you need to respond to. Please review the chart below. Let me or Rebecca know if you have any questions. Thank you.

| Date Received | Request                                                                                                                                                            | Requesting Party                 | Who Needs to Respond    | Please Respond By                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 11/16/2012    | Correspondence re: 'Affordable Healthcare Act', 'Obamacare', and 'Health Exchange'                                                                                 | Zeke Campfield, Oklahoman        | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                          |
| 11/23/2012    | Correspondence between GMF and D. Northrup re: 'Healthcare Exchange' from 11/5/2012 to 11/20/2012                                                                  | Phil Cross, Fox 25               | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                          |
| 11/26/2012    | All records re: Decision to reject 'Healthcare Exchange' and 'Expansion of Medicaid'                                                                               | Clifton Adcock, Gazette          | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                          |
| 11/26/2012    | All records re: Decision to Reject ORR on GMF decision to reject 'Healthcare Exchange'                                                                             | Clifton Adcock, Gazette          | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                          |
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**Keili McEwen**

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To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Kaleb Bennett  
Subject: Federal Health Care Legislation

Dear Mr. Dietz:

I am responding to your request for more information about Governor Fallin's efforts concerning the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, sometimes referred to as "Obama Care".

Last November, Oklahomans overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative stating that the federal government cannot force our private citizens to purchase health insurance. Governor Fallin agrees that a federal mandate is unconstitutional and wrong. Therefore, she and Attorney General Scott Pruitt added Oklahoma to the list of states that are now challenging the President's health care law in court. I have included below the text from a press release sent from our office regarding this legislation earlier this year.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Keili McEwen  
Director of Public Affairs  
Office of Governor Mary Fallin

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PRESS RELEASE TEXT:

## **Governor Mary Fallin Issues Statement on Anniversary of Federal Health Care Law Passage**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin issued the following statement today regarding the one year anniversary of the passage of the federal health care law. While in Congress, Fallin voted against the bill.

She supports the national effort to repeal and replace the law with legislation as well as the legal effort to have the bill struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. Oklahoma is one of the many states that filed a legal challenge to the federal law.

Fallin's statement:

"A year ago today, President **Obama** signed into law one of the most ill-conceived pieces of legislation to have ever come from Washington, D.C.: the Patient Protection and **Affordable Care Act**. 'ObamaCare,' as it has come to be known, is both an assault on our constitutional liberties and a burden on our already struggling economy.

"In Oklahoma, the law stands to impose approximately \$441 million in unfunded mandates on our state government at a time when we are already struggling to balance our budget and pull our economy out of a

recession. And unlike the federal government, we can't print money or borrow it from China – those funds will come directly out of other government programs in Oklahoma.

“I was proud to be one of the 65 percent of Oklahomans who voted for and helped to pass an amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution designed to block the ‘individual mandate’ contained within the federal health care law. As governor, I continue to offer my full support to our attorney general, who is leading our legal challenge against ObamaCare, as well as the national effort to repeal and replace the law.”

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**From:** [mailer@infusionmail.com](mailto:mailer@infusionmail.com) on behalf of [Lea Carawan](#)  
**To:** [Dana Wolpert](#)  
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Dear Friends:

Right now we are in one of the most important times in the history of our nation. This weekend culminates a battle for the future of our nation. It has been described by Pierre Bynum as a "Mount Carmel-style Prayer Confrontation" (Read 1 Kings 18:16-40).

Though it has been clouded by political rhetoric and media misrepresentation, at stake is whether the government will be able to force you to take actions that directly violates your constitutionally protected religious freedoms.

***Please fast and pray that every attempt to transform America into a Godless nation will be defeated!***

**Friday: 140 Religious Freedom Rallies Scheduled to Protest HHS Mandate**

Friday individuals gathered to "RALLY in defense of religious freedom and STAND UP against the Obama administration's HHS mandate at federal buildings in cities across the country." The mandate, first announced by the Department of Health and Human Services in August of 2011, will require scores of religious employers to provide employees with health plans that cover abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilization--services that directly contradict many of the employers' religious beliefs. The Becket Fund hosted a rally in front of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services building from 12:00-1:00 PM.

**Info about the religious freedom implications of the HHS mandate:** <http://ow.ly/9Q9UB>

**Details about the rally in Washington, DC and across the nation:** <http://standupforreligiousfreedom.com/>

**Yesterday: Atheist Rally on National Mall in Washington, DC**

March 24th, from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, thousands of people were expected to gather on the National Mall to attend the "[Reason Rally](#)," an event organized by many of the nation's largest secular and anti-faith organizations. Event sponsors include the American Atheists, the Secular Coalition for America, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, and the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers. Speakers will include Richard Dawkins; Herb Silverman, President of the American Atheists; Annie Laurie Gaylor, Co-President of the Freedom From Religion Foundation; and Jessica Ahlquist, a high school student who recently succeeded in a lawsuit that forced a Rhode Island public school to remove a prayer mural that had hung for almost fifty years.

**More information about the event is available here:** <http://reasonrally.org>.

**Today: Family Research Council Prayer Rally at Christ our Shepherd Church and the Supreme Court -**

Ask those in your network, wherever they may be, to be praying with us from now through the time that the Supreme Court will issue its ruling, sometime in June, but especially Sunday, March 25th thru Wednesday, March 28th. **This is the greatest prayer challenge of its kind in our lifetime.**

**The Supreme Court will being hearings on Obama Care tomorrow. Per Pierre Bynam -** *Obamacare - The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) - is binding law right now*, to be implemented in stages. Rules are still being promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and it will be fully implemented unless either both Houses of Congress pass a bill to repeal it and the President signs it into law, or the U.S. Supreme Court rules it unconstitutional.

Blessings,

Lea Carawan  
Executive Director

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**"IT IS ERROR ALONE WHICH NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT, THE TRUTH CAN STAND FOR ITSELF."  
jefferson.....1782**

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR FALLIN,

THE QUESTION RESTS ARE YOU GOING TO OPT OUT OF THIS INSANE NERO' OBAMACARE PLAN AS OTHER STATES WILL DO OR WILL YOU WAIT UNTIL A REVOLUTION BECOMES FULL BORN IN THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

**MILLIONS OF US AMERICANS KNOW THAT THE MURRAH BOMBING WAS AN INSIDE JOB DONE WITH MICRO NUKES UNDER THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND THAT 911 WAS A CONTROLLED DEMOLITION JOB DONE UNDER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION.**

**. THERE ARE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF US AMERICANS FED UP AND NOT GONNA TOLERATE THE LIES COVERUPS AND DECEIPT OF A CORRUPT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RUN BY AN OUT OF CONTROL BIG BANKER NEW WORLD ORDER GLOBAL CARTEL CIA CUTOUT WHITEHOUSE ANYMORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**BUSH CLINTON AND NOW OBAMA  
WE HAVE HAD IT.....**

**"THERE ARE RIGHTS WHICH IT IS USELESS TO SURRENDER TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND WHICH GOVERNMENTS HAVE YET ALWAYS BEEN FOUND TO INVADE. THESE ARE RIGHTS OF THINKING, AND PUBLISHING OUR THOUGHTS BY SPEAKING OR WRITING; THE RIGHT OF FREE COMMERCE, THE RIGHT OF PERSONAL FREEDOM." jefferson 1789**

THE CONSTITUTION OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
200 YEARS AGO  
SHE WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO BIRTH US INTO LIFE LIBERTY AND  
the pursuit of HAPPINESS  
TODAY  
SHE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO DIE FOR.....

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TOPIC: Videoclips 12

(revised 15 March 2012)

Did not Mitt Romney learn anything as a quasi-deacon in the moralistic Mormon church he grew up in and is affiliated with? So why did he so change his position from adamantly being abortion-choice . . . to [supposedly and probably-deceitfully] becoming "pro-life?" - on something as theologically and Biblically basic as whether or not to murder non-born human womb-babes by committing and not performing abortion-homicide? Why was he even abortion-choice to begin with at all?

It's as if true-Jew Saint Paul, and formerly one duce of a devoutly-dogmatic Jewish-Pharisee Saul, had said, "I never was for G-d but instead was always against Him from the beginning, because I always hated His guts and cursed Him as much as I could whenever I could. But, later on, I saw the light, and changed my mind, so now I do not curse Him as much anymore."

The GOP's RNC, and state affiliates thereof, supporting Romney instead of Gingrich, along with "jewish" and non-Jewish network-media subversives disparaging, discounting, and discrediting Newt Gingrich, reminds me of the nazis in the movie Raiders of the Lost Ark digging in the wrong place nearby where the Ark of the Covenant had been buried.

The incessant and harshly-dogmatic, satanic mantras of pro-Romney-pontificating cowardly-"conservative," RINO-consortive, radio-network-talkshow wrongheads, along with bassackward-imentality Romney-endorsing GOP governors and senators (in close cohorts with republicrats who sadistically desire to bankrupt the Social-Security-dependent poor by Flat-Tax mandate and thus force them to lose IRS low-income cutoff and Standard Deductions so as to start paying IRS taxes) . . . belligerently blattering out that:

"all republicans will support whoever the only-for-the-rich, waffling and windsniffing, homogay-inclusive, Massachusetts-insurance-mandate, actually pro-abortion-choice, GOP presidential candidate is"

or:

"all republicans (and enough Obama-loyalist-democrats and mistrusting-GOP-candidates independents) will eventually all rally around Romney" . .

. . . are deceptively fraudulent presumptions of irresponsibly-absurd defeatist propaganda.

This webpage author is a bonafide 'born-again' Christian evangelical, who would [of course] indeed vote for solid-on-sexual-social-issues Newt Gingrich, but will definitely vote 3rd party (probably aligning with the Constitution Party if Mitt Romney becomes the GOP presidential candidate in 2012 (no matter who Romney chooses for VP running mate).

Limbaugh-supportive and yet-loyal new and older advertisers - plus who for and what those Rush-supportive advertisers advertise regarding company products and services - deserve your meager and limited purchase money, and will obviously make best moral use of it for the sake of quite-qualified-to-become-President Newt Gingrich.

Boycott the sponsors who dropped and will not reinstate advertising for Limbaugh, who would take your purchase funds and give them to manipulative Obama/Romney media conspirators and diabolical election-shenanigans devil-Obama subversives.

While perusing the Tube, and encountering Obama, it behooves the sane and rational to mute the sound with the remote control button to silently watch the half-negroid, born-in-Kenyan/lying-about-Hawaii deceiver, who - with insidious cunning craftiness and weaselword satanspeak - impudently rants on while taking House-Republicans-based credit for what he and his demoncrats have no right to steal credit from, promising betterment as things actually get worse, brown-nosing confusion-and-consternation-causing sexist feminists, cowering to arrogantly-incendiary homogay perverts, patronizing Israeli Jews for politically self-aggrandizing purposes, threatening sexual purists, fanning the flames of retaliatory fundamentalist-orthodox catholi-protestants as gasoline prices disasterously inflate relating to the wildly-fluctuating yoyo-like Stock Market.

WILL lying-[Mombasa-Kenyan-not-Hawaiian-born] Barack Obama brag about all he himself (allegedly) along with his democrat cohorts (like filthy-mouthed guttermind and bonafide-bunghole Bill Maher and even goof Jon Stewart) have done to keep America going during the past year? Will he take credit for what he alone and his activist supporters have supposedly done to [allegedly] keep all Christians and Jews from not going bankrupt, loosing their residences and jobs, and dying off?

Will the socialistic Chicago Agitator and ACORN ballot-box-stuffer take credit for dependable sunlight and gravity, lack of planetary destruction by asteroid, absence of volcanic eruption, and no devastating earthquakes in major cities?

For what - in fact - House Republicans have done to constrain him and his demonutzos, which GOP has facilitated continuously-smooth law-and-order operation of the country?

Will Barack "Barry Soetoro" Hussein Obama remind us of how Pelosi's/Reid's Obamascare will force the impoverished to purchase health insurance under his Individual Mandate, and tyrannize doomed health-insurance companies to insure everyone with preexisting conditions (which many of such irresponsible crippled were to blame for handicapping themselves)?

Has Obama opened up America's fossil-fuel resources and brought the price of gasoline down to \$1.99 a gallon like it was before . . . or will he continue to capitulate to his waffling Energy Secretary Chu (and others like him who probably want everyone to "save energy" by repeatedly turning off the lights and then turning them on again to burn out light bulbs quicker and thus waste more money) and shelve gasoline engines without first putting something adequate enough its place (and we're not talking green companies making no profit with wind generators that don't turn on when there is no wind, and pathetically-weak photovoltaic cells which product little juice when it is cloudy and none at night - all for the purpose of saving some endangered locust or earthworm per the insane

hallucinations of nutcase environmentalists?

Has he enraged Al Qaeda operatives by conspiring to murder Osama bin Laden without trial - unlike what George W. Bush did against Saddam Hussein?

Has Obama snubbed Netanyahu and both deceitfully patronized yet inhibitorily worked against both Israeli security and settlements by imposing pass-the-buck war-mongering . . . dangerously disrupting the status quo in Egypt and Libya?

Has Obama put two inferior-gender, pro-abortion-choice, life-term feminists on the High Court, and lauded Planned-Parenthood abortionists - thus co-conspiring to murder scads of non-born womb babes . . . far worse than Rush inferring that contraceptives-for-fornication-insinuating females-sterilization-accommodating anti-women's-health Sandra Fluke was (by probable sordidly-lewd and lascivious intention) what he rightly inferred?

Is his intent with discontinuing 'Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell' to promote homoperversity - thus weakening our our Obama-defunded military. . . .or instead to expose them as the pink-triangle-reminiscent, concentration-camp-deserving, disgusting sinners and anti-heterosexual harassers they actually are?

Read the informative transcript available at [breakingnews.topcities.com](http://breakingnews.topcities.com) to find out!

Being that Americans already have "socialized medicine" and "government-run healthcare" with Medicare (which should begin at age 60 and not age 65, concordant with . . .

Leviticus 27:7 And if the person is sixty years old and upward, then your valuation for a male shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

Second Chronicles 11:21 [NON-porn, NON-prostitute?] Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and concubines (he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and had twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters).

First Timothy 5:9 Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband

. . . so-called Obamacare (or, better put: Forced-Individual-Mandate ObamaScare) should be replaced with what Alan Grayson suggested: Cradle-to-Grave Medicare.

To force individuals to buy any commercial good or service (such as a food item or vehicle) with non-free-market rationing regulations (as ObamaScare does, with IRS tax penalty for those who fill out Form 1040) is obviously non-constitutional.

Should Romney and even Santorum drop OUT of the GOP presidential-candidate race - for the sake of Newt Gingrich?

Should Romney and even Santorum stay IN the GOP presidential-candidate race - for the sake of Newt Gingrich - up to a brokered 2012 GOP National Convention in Tampa?

IF Mitt Romney and even interruptively-rude rookie-hotshot Rick Santorum

suspended their presidential-candidate campaigns now, would not all of Obama's mega-funded vitriolic and venomous anti-Gingrich network media overwhelmingly attack and wear out Gingrich alone?

It is clear that Romney is a verified handsome but cultically-mormonic, deceptive and Mandate-imposing, RINO-endorsed, windsniffing-waffler, blatantly-then-undercover-pro-choice loser (as seen in <http://videoclips12.tripod.com>) . . . assuredly not able himself to take on Kenyan-not-Hawaiian-born Obama (exposed in <http://lyingaround.tripod.com>) . . . in victorious debate, nor get the support of somewhat-disillusioned Obamanites nor disappointed Independents nor even moderates, and especially not genuinely-Christian-and-fervently-activist moral-social-issues Republicans (who would rather vote Constitution Party and let the chips fall where they would if Romney got to be the GOP nominee).

But, as the open-minded, non-prejudiced, and carefully-attentive reader can detect by the following hotlinked videoclip, Rick Santorum is another one who (like Obama and Romney) has explicitly stated that the Scriptural dogma and doctrines of the Catholic Church will in no way influence his public-policy decisions as a potential president . . . thus exposing Santorum as an inept, snobbishly-arrogant, impulsive-comments novice who has NOT the crucial experience, social-issues track-and-voting record, nor professionalism which - in stark contrast - Mr. Gingrich certainly has.

As one can obviously hear in the videoclip, Santorum accuses Iranian leadership of "discriminating against women and gays."

And gays?

Should not homogays indeed be non-inclusively discriminated against - no matter what type of government?

The facist-nazi Adolf Hitler ordered that pink triangles (his version of eliminating 'Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell') be put on homosexuals during the 30s or 40s and confined in concentration camps, plus sent his Gestapo to suddenly execute homo-bullyboy brownshirt nazi thugs who got Hitler into power (which noble anti-homosexual purge the Biblically-based German Christian church of course did not object to).

WHY does Santorum condemn Iranian leadership about women being "abused" and "oppressed?" Does not pseudo-"catholic" Santorum believe that nuns should have the holy habit of being dressed modestly in the equivalent of burkas and hijabs?

IF Iranian (and other Middle-Eastern islamic-fundamentalist) women truly thought that they were being "abused" and "oppressed" by voluntarily choosing to accomodate to the Koranic-interpretation general-consensus dresscode of being dressed very modestly in public view on warm days, WHY do such women (emigrating into the United States, and coming under the power and authority of non-sharia American law-enforcement) still choose to be dressed modestly in burkas and hijabs when in general public view on warm days?

Do they not see what their hedonist porn-in-motion bikini-clad harlot-sight neighbors are mis-wearing as they shamelessly and defiantly flaunt loose long hair, naked arms bared with sleeveslessness, nude legs bared with shortened skirts and shorts, and soxless feet in flipflop sandals?

Hey, like all other women in America, each fundamentalist-islamic woman has a brain of her own to be aware of what is going around her and what her potentially-licituous options are, a mouth of her own to call 911 if harassed or molested by extremist-to-them dictates or dogma, and two feet of her own to escape to a police station - to be dressed however she wants in accord with the liberty and freedom of American fashions and styles.

Moreover, fundamentalist-muslim women are quite capable of depriving fundamentalist-muslim men of sexual submissiveness if such women thought that dresscode-concordant fundamentalist-islamic men deserved such divorce-and-alienation-causing non-reproductive frigidity. And who needs men when they could sodomize with "liberated" american women as despicable and disgusting hell-bound lesbians?

So why don't American muslims mis-dress like the other lewd-exhibitionist pervertesses around them?

Why does Santorum castigate Iranian men and women for dressing modestly, while pandering to "gays" to not discriminate against them?

Who is the true "evangelical-Christian" "conservative?"

Is it not Newt?

Santorum criticizes Iran for being anti-homogay

Most of us have heard the vow, or at least promise, required to be stated by witnesses "on the stand" who are to be interrogated by both prosecuting and defense attorneys in courtrooms:

Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

.. . . to which the proper reply is something like:

"I do" or "Yes."

Such intentions are congruent with the Scripture references:

Exodus 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Deuteronomy 5:20 Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.

Matthew 19:18 He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness . . ."

Mark 10:19 You know the commandments: "Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother."

Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: "Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother."

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices.

Even telling a partial lie: "You shall not die" [completely?; all at once?] - as The Tempter did to inferior-gender Eve in The Garden of Eden - is exposed and disallowed by the above-stated verses.

Antagonistic reaction and retort is not expected for kindly correction which is justified:

First Corinthians 4:21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Second Corinthians 10:1 I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ-I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold to you when I am away!

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.  
Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

First Timothy 6:11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Second Timothy 2:25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth

First Peter 3:15 but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence

However, when the criticism is unjust, then the opposite reaction is to be expected:

Titus 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith

It does no one any good for a critic to be quick to condemn judgmentally:

Ecclesiastes 5:2 Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven, and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few.

Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged.

Luke 6:37 Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.  
James 3:2 For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also.

And a potentially inflammatory situation is exacerbated by being legalistically nitpicky about something of someone:

Matthew 12:7 And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.  
Matthew 23:24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Mark 7:6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Mark 7:7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' "

... especially when one does not have all the facts:

Proverbs 18:17 He who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.

... and accuses with malicious arrogance:

Psalms 17:10 They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly.

Psalms 73:3 For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalms 94:4 They pour out their arrogant words, they boast, all the evildoers.

Psalms 101:5 Him who slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. The man of haughty looks and arrogant heart I will not endure.

Psalms 140:5 Arrogant men have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread a net, by the wayside they have set snares for me.

Proverbs 16:5 Every one who is arrogant is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 21:24 'Scoffer' is the name of the proud, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.

Isaiah 10:12 When the Lord has finished all his work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem he will punish the arrogant boasting of the king of Assyria and his haughty pride.

Isaiah 13:11 I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant, and lay low the haughtiness of the ruthless.

Habakkuk 2:5 Moreover, wine is treacherous; the arrogant man shall not abide. His greed is as wide as Sheol like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations, and collects as his own all peoples."

Malachi 4:1 "For, hey, the Day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up," says the Lord of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

First Corinthians 4:19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power.

First Corinthians 5:2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

First Corinthians 13:5 it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful

Second Timothy 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy

Titus 1:7 For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain.

It thus behooves each of us to be patience and search out all the facts before we utter our final assessment:

Ecclesiastes 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

First Corinthians 11:33 So then, my brethren, when you come together . . .  
wait for one another  
First Corinthians 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all  
may learn and all be encouraged

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the  
salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of  
his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown  
down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

In any case, it is interesting to note the reaction of King David when  
confronted by the actually-having-occurred potentially-Divinely-lethal  
accusations of Nathan the Prophet in the Old Testament of the  
Judeo-Christian (Old-&-New-Testament) Holy Bible pertaining to the  
actually-having-occurred event of David indirectly-but-directly conspiring  
to murder Uriah the Hittite after the actually-having-occurred phenomenon  
of David committing adultery with murdered-Uriah's beautiful exhibitionist  
wife Bathsheba (who was actually bathing - probably nude - in the general  
public view of David).

Moreover, there are ample indications that the  
Christians-persecutor-pharisee trying-to-please-God Saul actually did see  
the Light on the Damascus road according to the New-Testament book of Acts  
which (or, better yet, Who) definitively and genuinely changed him into  
completely-opposite-intentions-and-actions still-trying-to-please-God  
Saint Paul.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson's words state in Ralph Vaughn William's Sea Symphony:

Yet soul be sure  
The first intent remains  
And shall be carried out.

The contest of GOP presidential candidates would be more interesting, less  
confusing, and better for the country as a whole, if (at the time of this  
writing) both non-commander-in-chief-type mere-economics-professor Ron  
Paul and yet-pro-choice/homogay-nondiscriminating tricky-semantics,  
Dole/McCain-retread Mitt Romney and even  
less-qualified/less-professional-than-Gingrich Rick Santorum dropped out  
of the race and left Newt Gingrich to compete against Barack Hussein Obama  
for the 2012 Election.

Romney-Endorser John McCain's videoclip about Non-Discrimination for  
Homogays is found at the beginning of:

<http://pseudomarrriage.tripod.com/sodomarrriage.htm>

It is politically advantageous for Obominites to support Mitt Romney as  
the GOP candidate for President in 2012, because they know that IF Romney  
does become the GOP presidential nominee, Icorigin (and his growing number  
of followers!) will vote 3rd party [ relating to  
<http://cdccmn2.tripod.com/atheism.htm> ]

So, both Kenyan-and-not-Hawaiian-born Barack Hussein "Barry-Soetoro" Obama  
and Mitt Romney are purported to allegedly be "christians?"

Below are some Bible verses or Scripturally-based statements which you  
will probably NEVER hear either one quote or agree with:

- (1) Jesus, the Son of God, was never created. He always existed back throughout eternity.
- (2) Homogays and homosodomites will not inherit the kingdom of God. [ Explore <http://antihomogays.tripod.com> ]
- (3) Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life. NO one (including mormons and muslims) comes to the Father except through Him.
- (4) No true Christian allows any woman to teach or have authority over men; they are to keep silent.
- (5) Women will be saved through childbearing, instead of committing (and not "performing") abortion-homicide or sterilizing themselves into extinction using contraceptives.
- (6) No harlot fornicator nor adulteress engaging in an [immoral] "affair" will go to Heaven.
- (7) Jesus Christ, the Son of God, created planet Earth and everything in the entire Universe.
- (8) The Holy Father, Jesus the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit are One Triune God.
- (9) Those who do not believe that Jesus Christ's death on a cross cancels the full penalty of all their sins will be forever tormented with the flames of The Lake of Fire in Outer Darkness.

WHAT do credo-Catholic Newt and Callista believe?

[ Investigate political hotlinks at <http://videoclips12.tripod.com> ]

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Fascinating it is that the Mormon Church bypasses 'separation of "church" and state' by funding governmentally-enforced legislative and judicial efforts in California to prevent same-gender "marriages" - yet Romney (a cultic mormon who presumes that Jesus, the Son of God, was created by his Elohim father and Virgin-Mary mother, and whose brother is Lucifer/Satan) has declared in a videoclip at <http://videoclips12.tripod.com> that his mormonic church doctrine will not interfere in his 'separation-of-"church"-and-state' public policies for homogay inclusiveness and refusal to discriminate against homogays.

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OVERHEARD?

Guy 1: Gonna vote for Romney?

Guy 2: Heck No! Why would a guy be adamantly pro-choice for abortion-homicide in Massachusetts, and accommodate Planned Parenthood in that state, but then now pretend to be pro-life - on such a basic religiously-related issue - when he said that the goody-goody moral stances of his quasi-cultic mormon "church" would not affect his public-policy decisions as Prez?

Guy 1: So you support Obama?

Guy 2: I never said that, did I?

Guy 1: Well obviously, if you don't vote for Romney, you'll be throwing away your vote to Obama.

Guy 2: No I won't. I won't vote for either one, so neither gets my vote - for or against. I'll probably patriotically vote 3rd party, rather than merely abstain and not vote at all.

Guy 1: Don't you support any of the GOP presidential candidates - imperfect as they are - like Ronald Reagan, who divorced his first wife and brown-nosed the sexist feminists by appointing Sandra Day O'Connor to the High Court?

After all, did not Newt put bathing-exhibitionist Bathsheba under duress by ordering her up to his royal castle and getting her pregnant without first marrying her, then set up her husband Uriah to be murdered who then was indeed murdered, for which criminal act he never ever repented?

Guy 2: Callista knows.

If the November 2012 Election choice came down to Obama vs. Gingrich, who do you think so-called "moderate" [republican] RINOs would vote for? You know in your heart that most of them would not vote for Obama, but instead (albeit perhaps fearfully and reluctantly) vote for Gingrich.

Guy 1: Got a point there.

And if genuine ultra-orthodox Christian Evangelicals and Jews (not to mention fundamentalist Islamic) lose respect for Romney and consider him a waffling and internally-dishonest wind-sniffer to simply get votes, he probably would lose to charismatic Obama who has cunningly convinced Americans that "things are gradually improving but more time is needed for really-positive improvement" - being that Romney would remind such confused voters of defeated compromisers H.W. Bush (who lost to Clinton in '92 when Icorigin voted for Howard Phillips of the Constitution Party, Bob Dole (who also lost to Clinton in '96 when Icorigin again voted for Howard Phillips of the Constitution Party, and McCain/Palin in 2008 (when Icorigin voted for the Prez and VP candidates of the Constitution Party once again).

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...HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE  
...EXPANDING MEDICAID

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Vote NO on the Obamacare Enabler Bill and send the \$54M Obamacare money back to Washington!

Voting for the bill will drive up healthcare cost for everybody. Surely, Oklahoma can come up with something better!

**From:** [Wake Up America Movement](#)  
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## How far will this go . . . You decide

September 18 2012

Commander in Chief MIA Part 2

*Did a friend forward this to you? Join WAM Mailing List to Stay Informed!*



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Dear Kaleb,

There is too much to the real story behind the volatile Middle East events to fit in WAM's prior alert. It's frustrating that ever escalating indicators of Obama's danger to our nation's future stand in contrast to his ongoing high poll ratings (the vital topic of a forthcoming Election Analysis.)

To keep our attention and actions on real issues NOW is vital!

- **What's the missing in action Commander in Chief up to while our embassies are stormed? Dashing from the Letterman show to a Beyonce campaign fundraiser!** On TV Obama praised "auto workers and single moms," before chatting with Dave about how Muslim leaders need to stand with America. As 1 former State Department official asked: Are TV talk shows *a new replacements for Presidential addresses in a crisis?* Egypt's new President has now uttered a word against the violent protests - and U.S. property is under attack across the entire Middle East [while Obama parties](#) at \$40,000 a plate fundraisers!
- **Now is *no time to get diverted* by supposed leaks of Romney's candid take on Obama supporters.** That's *their* game - to divert attention. Meanwhile, there's no comment by Obama about the 51 American soldiers recently killed by Afghanistan's "friendly" forces! Right now Obama and his media minions would like U.S. voters to forget there even *is* a Middle East. Let's not play their game!
- **The surest way to defeat Obama's reelection edge is to continue in-depth exposure of the Middle East debacle currently unfolding!** On September 9, Obama's AP mouth-pieces bragged (to divert from the question "*Are you better off than you were 4 years ago?*") how much safer Americans since he took office. Now national security is suddenly a hot topic. Let's keep it that way!
- **All of US who want Obama out before it's too late have a window of opportunity to expose the depth of his lies and the scope of his failure in the President's primary Constitutional duty of national defense.** Sworn to protect the U.S. at home and abroad, his apathetic disinterest in 33 (count them!) uprisings against US around the world this past week should be enough to wake up some sleep walking voters. **Let's keep this in attention - with early voting in crucial Ohio starting OCTOBER 2.**
- **Help expose shocking facts (below) of crumbling U.S. security abroad far and wide.** Obama uses social media like wildfire to spread his lies and promises. Spreading the word of what mainstream media hides is up to US. Don't underestimate your impact.  
**Share contents of this vital update via emails, social sites and blogs!**  
Our future rests on the vote of every Independent who is still in the undecided column!
- **On the domestic front, you'll find 2 quick easy ways to make a difference.** Take action on these smart strategies. They cost nothing, take little time and have solid impact - [when enough of US follow through.](#)
- WAM shares this information because we care - show you care by **SPREADING this ALERT &**

**ACTION CALL.** Copy any parts and links you choose for emails, on your sites and blogs- or just quick and simple **FORWARD IT ALL** to your contacts.

**It's up to each of US to counter propaganda with truth telling. We are the media now - citizen to citizen on behalf of preserving Lady Liberty, Wake Up America movement thanks you!**

### 3 Vote Getting Smart Strategies to educate Independent Voters

Expose Real Middle East Facts and the Cover-up by White House and Mainstream Media  
Build the Audience of "2016" the movie that is waking people up & getting votes  
Expose COSTCO Agenda to their high-volume Small Business members

#### **VITAL EMERGING MID EAST FACTS counter MSM cover-up & show dangerous ineptitude by Obama administration**

Here's the truth about State Department's Disastrous Failure coupled with Obama actions of Allegiance with enemies:

*Map link below only shows MidEast. Other protest locations include London and Australia.*

1. See here what's not on TV - and spread it around. It was a [lie that the Libyan Ambassador was ever protected](#) (MUST SEE Video) - and [clear warnings were ignored](#). Navy Seals killed were NOT his guards. They were attached to the CIA.
2. COVER UP of time lines intentional: U.S. Libyan Ambassador was [missing for FIVE HOURS](#) before his body was recovered!
3. See here [how much havoc there's really been](#). It's preposterous this was all, as claimed, "spontaneous." If the White House was really "surprised" then they are incompetent idiots!
4. Read here AP PR where he claims how "safe" Americans are now - thanks to Obama!
5. See here the [cheerleading reelection candidate](#) (while U.S. bodies come home) compare his noble campaign volunteers to the U.S. safe keepers who died brutal

#### **SUPPORT 2016 the movie Keep this vote shattering documentary in view**

**Here's a quick easy WAY for YOU to IMPACT the Election today!**

**SPREAD word so more see**

#### **"2016" Obama's America**



This documentary film has been sweeping the nation. Reports indicate it helps to convert previous Obama supporters. It depicts where he's coming from - and where the U.S. is going if he remains in the Presidency.

The more this MOVIE is SHOWN in SWING STATES the more votes Obama loses.

Help this brave producer get his vivid presentation out to more viewers and theaters.

Website includes WHERE TO SEE and fact check replies to critics PLUS zip code entry for inquiries to GET IT SHOWN in more theaters.

Please SPREAD the WORD - POST this [Show Schedule Link](#) on your emails, forums and

#### **Spread Word of CostCo's hypocrisy**

*When it comes to biting the hand that feed you, we grew a company out to take US down!*

*Ironically, the company that has benefitted the most from support of America's middle class - and especially small business - doesn't have much use for the consumers who build their profits.*

Two COSTCO co-Founders plus their company's Sales Manager all actively support Obama - with fundraising, free campaign propaganda throughout the millions of copies of their Members magazine. Who did Obama use - on DNC primetime Convention - as his CHIEF PRIVATE SECTOR Endorser: CostCo's Founder, Jim Senegal - who said we didn't build it ourselves! Also big contributors are their cofounder and their Sales Manager.

*Why does this matter? Because consumers and small businesses have come to trust this company to care for their best interests - which clearly COSTCO no longer represents! Who people vote for is their business. How they use their influence and profits are their customers business!*

deaths in Libya.

6. Read here the [transcript](#) of Sec. of State Clinton's APOLOGY and condemnation of the video

7. Read here [Obama refusing Israeli Prime Minister ANY audience](#) - while he campaigns with rock stars and [INVITES MUSLIM Brotherhood leader](#) he helped install to power in Egypt.

8. Before [their meeting this week](#), Egypt's MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD [Fake PM met and strengthened ties with HAMAS terrorist leader.](#)

9. See here the [MOVEMENT](#) we warned to supersede U.S. Freedom of Speech with NEW [INTERNATIONAL LAW against "BLASPHEMY."](#) (aka: the beginning of the end of U.S. sovereignty and the Bill of Rights. - every voter should know this!) Tunisia is already getting this law in place and Egypt's new [President \(of the Muslim Brotherhood \) has demanded his sponsor Obama take legal action](#) against the offending video producer. **Sound far-fetched?** We directly heard [American journalists](#) on Chicago talk radio promoting this cause on a September 16th September 16. *A coincidence?*

sites.

<http://2016themovie.com/>

**Help Save Our Future  
by sharing these  
exposes!**

**Truth: Obama does not  
support U.S. Interests.  
Period!**

Are the heads of this company using their profits - and THEIR HUGE MEMBERSHIP base to keep Obama in office because they are uninformed lefty idealists? Maybe . . . but more likely: [the big CostCo push for Obama is due to SEIU pressure to UNIONIZE their company](#) If that happens, forget getting any bargains at CostCo. . . *also possible* they're lured by a DHHS ObamaCare exemption deal and are buying their way out (as one of the countless [cronyism exemptions.](#))

Why ever CostCo is now under Obama's thumb - and propping up his campaign - doesn't matter IT DOES MATTER that millions of small business members don't know their purchases help prop up Obama. Who'd have thought the COMPANY small business members helped to build would use its asset to US drag.

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**If every voter knew the following facts, far fewer would vote obama!**

October 29,  
2012

Help expose the Truth about Election "social"  
issues

**Dear Kaleb,**

**Wake Up America movement initiated the summer of 2008, as a network dedicated to restoring Constitutional government through elimination of corruption, waste and fraud.** As such, we have never editorialized on "social issues." However, distortion of these issues to misinform and misdirect the public's attention has become a major strategy of the Obama re-election effort. So it must be addressed. Read through these clarifying bullet points with the straight facts below. Sadly, with this historic election less than a week away, many voters have been so misled on these issues that many Obama supporters do NOT even know what they are really voting for! It's a tragedy to consider how many votes may be cast by those ill-informed due to deceptive media talking points and Obama campaign ads.

**We urge you to share these corrections to the bogus campaign record through every means you have available.** People who vote for Obama at least deserve to understand the real choice they are making and the consequences it will have. Underneath the economic and international issues we face, it all comes down to this: *Do our rights come from government or - as Paul Ryan recently quoted Thomas Jefferson - do they come from nature and God? The foundation of the Obama administration - and its intents to "move forward" are all based on government as the ultimate authority in our lives.* Not integrity, not "choice" and certainly not any sane version of morality. In their place, if Obama remains in office, all of US and our beliefs will be transcended by the White House Executive authority. *If history serves, isn't that why our forebearers started the American revolution to begin with?!*

**The unburied and undistorted facts about this campaign's so-called social issues:**

- The reversal of Roe vs. Wade is not a real election issue at this time. Even those who wish it so must know (with the current Supreme Court) that isn't happening. However, fear of that outcome have become fuel for Obama to amass votes of pro-choice young women. This distortion of facts by the DNC is **luring pro-choice young women** who actually believe that without Obama, they'll lose their birth control rights. NOT SO! Let them know.
- The **real reproductive rights election issue** is this: Is the government entitled to enforce laws which demand free distribution of procedures and products which prevent life? If asked directly, how many sane mature taxpayers want to foot the bill for new costly long term birth control procedures (more profitable to Planned Parenthood than just "the pill?") And that all of US pay for other's *abortion-on-demand* (including "morning after" abortion pills) and even *permanent sterilization* given to whoever asks (including by HHS standards any of menstrual age and without parental knowledge or consent)? **This bogus profit-plan is called "preventive care." It should, more aptly, be called genocide by design.**

- Obamacare not only **overrules parental rights but religious rights**. It demands Catholic institutions (among others) negate their religious freedom by forcing participation and cost coverage of the above products and procedures. And that creates a Constitutional crisis. However, if Obama retains office, don't count on the Supreme Court to protect US from that, anymore than our Justices did on ObamaCare itself. *As you know, we oust Obama or forget the Constitution.*
- That brings up an even broader issue. If the Fed can demand Catholic hospitals implement government rules that contradict their own credo, it's a short step "forward" to **regulate all private businesses with dictates on how they must operate, whom they must serve and by what means**. *So much for free enterprise.* (Read here the Department of Justice reply to Hobby Lobby's company complaint to be excluded: *"Plaintiffs' challenge rests largely on the theory that a for-profit, secular corporation established to sell art and craft supplies can claim to exercise religion and thereby avoid the reach of laws designed to regulate commercial activity. This cannot be."*)
- Beneath the Obama administration's arrogant posturing for its **contorted versions of "civil rights"** it should not be forgotten that the new Progressive party (which has replaced the original Democratic party) aimed to totally remove "under God" from their platform! Respect for a higher authority than government and respect for life, itself, tend to go hand in hand. Such was the wisdom of our Founding Fathers.

**Please pass this around and spread the above bullet point facts, so more voters see the real consequence of their 2012 Presidential vote.**

***We urge those who see through the social engineering behind the "rights" Obama claims to offer to redistribute and/or post the following letter from a deeply concerned, well-informed voter. It reveals the bigger picture that too few see or know. Also hear below an AA leader calling on his fellow voters to wake up!***



**Bishop E.W. Jackson  
calls for Exodus  
from Democratic Party**

I am writing to alert you to some disturbing news that you may or may not have seen a few weeks ago. Some selected schools in NY are now distributing contraception materials and "morning-after pills" to students without parental permission. This gives students as young as 14 access to the Plan B morning-after abortion pill and other forms of contraception. Injectable Depo Provera is included under this New York City program called CATCH (Connecting Adolescents to Comprehensive Health). Some states are even looking at this for Junior High School students as young as 11 yrs. old. On the other coast California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a bill (State Senate Bill 1172) making it illegal for a minor with unwanted same-sex harassment to receive professional counseling, even based on parental consent and agreement. These are clear and blatant attacks on parental rights coming directly from government.

The distribution of contraception materials to our children is a very dangerous practice that will do them great harm. Not only does this usurp parental rights and responsibilities, it blatantly promotes immorality and promiscuity, and poses serious health risks to our children. The drugs being distributed through this program should be given under medical supervision after the health of the patient has been assessed. There is no medical supervision with this program and thus no informed consent. Planned Parenthood has been seen telling girls there is no danger in having an abortion.

And even worse, school sanctioned handouts or not, the Obamacare law put this in place August 1, 2012 wherever Obamacare implementation has started, so the path is set and the practice will spread quickly. Also under Obamacare children (boys and girls) as young as 15 years old, and some argue 12 years old, may get free permanent sterilizations without parental consent. Even before Obamacare,

girls 15 and older do not need parental consent to be sterilized in Oregon State, so precedence is set.

This is a clear case where elections have consequences. Many may not pay much attention to "down ballot" elections such as electing members of the local school board. However, this action by NY schools is a perfect example of why these elections are as critical to saving our nation as those for the top elected offices. Now, however, with Obamacare not even school boards will be in a position to stop these evil practices. Still they can serve as a first line of defense.

With the current administration in Washington D.C. and the loading of our courts with liberal judges is there any doubt that actions like these would stand if challenged? As we saw with the health care law when it was being rammed through Congress, massive objections from citizens will not stop those in power from acting against the will of the people. I urge you not to be apathetic regarding this matter. If we do not act now to turn around the moral decay in our great Nation there will be no turning back.

As you thoughtfully fill out your ballot for the upcoming election reflecting on your own conscience and moral teachings, I ask that you be fully aware of the moral stands of the candidates you select. Conscience is not just a "feeling." Where there is moral clarity, the right answer is always clear. I pray that we all go through this election cycle with moral clarity as our guide. As so many aren't aware of the above facts and dangers, I also urge you to communicate this information to others. You are welcome to share this letter.

Respectfully,

L. S.  
A Concerned Catholic Voter, Mother and Grandmother

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**WAM ALERT**

**October 16, 2011**

## **Act to Stop Undercover 2012 Fraud Happening Now!**

**Dear Kaleb,**

While the lamestream media holds public attention on GOP candidate rivalries, a Progressive strategy is underway to eliminate the role of the states in electing a U.S. President. By transferring electoral votes to a "national popular vote" this "Compact" would usurp the role of the states as safeguarded by our Constitution. In doing so, it could also neutralize Obama's critics totally!

This may be the most vital - and time sensitive - expose WAM has ever uncovered and shared! And it's happening now, under the radar, with the general public in the dark. This "ultimate vote fraud" is intentionally complicated to keep it obscure until it's too late to stop it.

This complete expose on the "National Popular Vote Compact" won't be found elsewhere. Because of the complexity and urgency of this issue, read it through completely. See who is behind this scheme and what its intended consequences are.

Then spread the word in your blogs, forums and forward to all your contacts now. There is still time to BLOCK the NPVC sufficient states passage - only if WE ACT NOW!

All of US urgently need to contact our State Assemblymen, State Senators and Governors to vehemently OPPOSE this covert MEASURE! See below the real facts of this manipulation of the Constitution and American electorate. **See Your State Status and ACTION needed in last column.**

**Plan for 2012 (& Permanent) White House Control by Progressives Happening Now**

Called the "National Popular Vote Compact" this movement has been in the works nationwide - without public attention - on a state-by-state level since at least 2008.



*Like other surreptitious actions against the U.S. Constitution, the NPVC "movement" has several promotional websites claiming to represent "true democracy."*

The NPVC is a bill now moving state-by-state to make the popular vote winner President by bypassing normal requirements to amend the Constitution. Its outcome would ensure the Presidency would be declared by giving all the required 270 Electoral Votes needed for a "winner" to the candidate who wins the largest number of popular votes nationally - no matter how small the win margin and no difference how many states voted to oppose him. [Here's how it works:](#)

- Once enough states have passed the NPVC bill into law to reach the requisite 270 Electoral Votes (by totaling the EV's of those states which pass this bill) the NPVC goes into immediate effect in the next - and all subsequent - Presidential elections. It doesn't matter how strongly other states oppose this. We'd all have to go along, if even a minority of states pass it!
- Currently, this bill has passed enough state houses to reach more than 160 EV's - so they are well over half way to their goal right now.
- According to most up-to-date information this National Popular Vote Pact has already passed 1 of the 2 required chambers in more than 30 other states- without public attention.
- If their magic number of 270 EV totaling states is reached, it won't matter how the rest of the states vote on this; nor whether other states never take up the bill; not even if other states vehemently object and oppose this action. It would be the Law of the Land!

This sneaky scheme to upend Constitutional rights and protections of all states and their residents in selecting the nation's leader is underway as an explicit attempt to defeat the careful Constitutional amendment process with NO public knowledge, NO voter input, NO public referendums and NO input from states which object to this measure. All NPVC takes is a portion of current state houses to make it law for all of US - always!

### WHY WOULD PROGRESSIVES WANT TO SWITCH TO A NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE POTUS?

#### DO THE MATH . . .

The electoral vote system protects voting rights by giving every individual state a number of electoral votes representing the level of population. In this way, all states in the Union have a proportionate and representative say in who becomes President. It doesn't matter if the state has more land mass than populace, or if more of the people live in rural areas, etc.

Here's what would happen with an NPVC that hands all the needed 270 Electoral Votes to the national popular vote winner: **Those states with larger populations - especially those with heavily populated big cities will pick the President. Period.** The politically savvy know that big city voters trend "Democratic" - and that controlling big city vote results (by buying votes, duplicating votes, "fixing" vote count machines on a large scale basis - these are all "Democratic" party specialties!

Statue of Libery photo



Take Illinois as a case in point. No matter the notorious corruption in politics there. Year after year, all the suburban and rural vote populations together can't get their voices heard to change who runs the state. Why not? Because the votes of the city of Chicago always outnumber the total combined votes in the entire rest of the state. Is that what we want to happen to the White House?

The state houses of Illinois, California, New York and New Jersey - with their large combined Electoral Votes - are among those that have already passed the NPVC into law. A list of states which have passed this treacherous law is given below. Do you think the voters in those states (of

which you may be one) have an idea this has happened? Of course not - as with all Progressive take-over tactics, this one is being arranged as quietly and quickly as possible, before the actual voters there even find out!

So, if you've wondered **why Obama isn't more worried about his "re-election"** - despite growing public dissatisfaction - now you know. Just pass the NPVC in a handful more states. Then, put the usual paid workers out in the precincts with lies and pockets full of bribes for votes; send out more union propaganda enflaming and threatening union members into support; continue using state paid staff to bring in the votes of the infirm and institutionalized; doctor up more absentee vote records; alter the vote totals of machines in key areas. And voila - **Obama gets even the tiniest combined margin of the "popular" vote (by hook or crook) - and he stays in office!**

If this NPVC vote scam gets enough states to go along, the rest of US are doomed to non-elect but appoint Obama again - by the magic 270 with claims that its all very constitutional! Akin to ObamaCare, if this National Popular Vote Compact is passed - no matter how wrong and corrupt - it would take massive funding and endless delays to drag through the courts in hopes of any reversal.

An NPVC success in its remaining targeted states would mean: states that have been trending GOP and don't support NPVC won't matter; states with large land expanses sprinkled with Conservative voters and rural farmers won't matter; suburbanites who pay the taxes that support city entitlements won't matter; the original fair and balanced Electoral College system won't matter. *After all, they tell US: this is just one of those parts of that old Constitution that's not really fair and needs to be updated!*

Here's a [summary](#) of why the National Popular Vote Presidency is a really bad idea.

#### WHO'S BEHIND the NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT? SOROS - and that's not all

If you have any doubt left about the purpose of this Constitutional reversal in favor of a Presidency by national popular vote, consider these facts and check out these references:

**SUMMARY:** George Soros favorite game is taking over the politics (and governments) of countries. If you're not familiar with his [bio](#), you should be. [See here his role](#) in the bogus movement toward a popular vote. [Soros son, Jonathan, propoganzed](#) "It's time to junk the electoral college" all the way back in 2008. We know by know how their ilk uses long-term, heavily financed astro-turf "reform" movements - under cover of nice-sounding names, multiple websites and distorted messages to increase their public appeal. Here's what the [National Popular Vote movement](#) wants you to believe. Their operatives began [moving this Plan through](#) state assemblies even before 2008 election.

See an actual [chart](#) of the scope of Soros spiderweb of behind-the-scenes influence here.

**WHAT'S THEIR GAME:** Take the 2012 election - and those that follow - by the cheapest, most expedient means. **Save time and money by focusing "electioneering efforts" (including illegitimate ones) in major population areas** to make those vote totals overwhelm the votes of the rest of US. This makes it easy for Obama to continue ignoring increased public resistance - if half the states and nearly half the voters just won't count anymore anyway. Most of US are by now familiar with the bombardment of attempts to subvert our government under cover of populist propaganda to appear "more truly democratic." See below those behind this clever manipulation of the law - to pass a "newer and better" way to choose a President without the proper Constitutional amendment. (And somebody tell them our founding fathers formed a Republic, not a democracy!)

**MEET the Men behind this "Compact"** [AKHIL REED AMAR & VIKRAM AMAR](#) National Public Vote Compact bill, promoted nationwide, came from this [source](#) in 2001. Since then, the same bill based on their strategy has been filed in states nationwide!

Digging into the background of the National Public Vote Compact - as a means to radically and permanently shift the basis of the Presidency, here's what we found: [highly credentialed attorneys](#) (and

brothers) who devised this "state bill" compact, as a strategy to get around the normal requirements for constitutional amendment - and, instead, undermine the Electoral College by bypassing both Congress and the voters! V. Amar is the author of hundreds of legal articles and several books. Although his age is included in a wiki-bio, Vikram's country of origin is not mentioned. His articles cover topics like this: "Should Christian groups on state campuses be allowed to restrict their membership to Christians." Many articles are aimed at using the legal system against the Constitution. Here's two books he's written: "Processes of Constitutional Decisionmaking" and The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction

Akhil Amar has also "recently proposed that every American should be required to undergo a DNA test so that a national DNA database can be created." Together this pair has made many other monstrous "legalese" proposals including how an "Instant Run Off System" could "remedy the flaws" in America's voting system; term-limiting Supreme Court Justices and improving the Presidential line of succession in the event of "election terrorism."

By no strange coincidence, the brainstormer of this end-run to trick the public and the Constitution by a minority of favorable state lawmakers, Vikram, also keeps busy writing frequent legal articles in defense of the constitutionality of ObamaCare! Need we wonder who is financing this scribe?

**VITAL & URGENT: SEE YOUR STATE STATUS & CONTACT STATE OFFICIALS!**

CONCLUSION WAM HAS DONE THE MATH and CITIZEN ACTION is URGENT to stop this Compact! States where it's already passed add up to 171 Electoral Votes of the 270 required. 81 more Electoral Votes are at stake in states where NPV has passed 1 of the 2 needed chambers. Additionally, States where NPV is listed as currently active legislation hold more than 100 EV.

There are under 100 total (electoral vote bearing states) more for this to be our law nationally - and there are way more than enough states with this in process to meet that end goal before 2012 Election!!!

Shockingly, NUMEROUS Republican state officials have fallen for the popular vote strategy. Enough GOP have supported it, for NPV.com to brag this is a "bi-partisan" measure (along with bogus polls claiming how We the People want this!) Banners of progressive newspaper Editorial endorsements are topped (of course) by the New York Times. Some GOP have co-sponsored this in their state. More have even voted for its passage! Whether these are ill-informed, popularity-seeking, bribed or just too dumb to do the math we can't say. What we know is this probably means NO more Republican presidents ever - and Obama back in 2012, if only by the tiniest of margins!

Evidently, it's going to take all of US to contact our own state Assemblyman, state Senator and Governor to inform them of how destructive (and Progressive) this national vote compact really is.

CALL THEM, WRITE THEM QUICK (contact info link here)

TELL THEM WHAT YOU THINK of this NOW

LIST OF STATUS State-by-State HERE: There is currently no single site online that has real-time complete accurate status on this outrageous measure. So **SAVE THIS INFO:**

**ELECTORAL THEFT LAW ALREADY PASSED IN: CA, HA, IL, NJ, MY, MA, VT, RI, D.C., and most recently NY**

AR, CT, DE, MI, NV, NM, NC, OR, VT (& according to NPV site CO has now passed it in both chambers and sent it to the Governor for signing.)

Also, legislation is currently filed but not yet voted in favor in THESE STATES

AK now in Committee

AL filed in the Senate this year

AZ introduced in the Senate by a Republican!

FL bill now active in both chambers

GA bill introduced in both chambers

IN introduced in the assembly

KY introduced in the House

LA passed House Committee and introduced in the Senate

MO introduced in the House

MS introduced in both chambers

MT introduced in the Senate

ND introduced in the House

NH introduced in the House

OK passed Senate Committee and introduced in the House

SD introduced in the Senate

TX introduced in both chambers

UT introduced in Senate and House

VA introduced in Senate

**WARNING:** Also listed as [current and active legislation IN THESE STATES:](#)

[GA, IA, KS, MN, NE, OK, SC, TN, WV](#)

[Your comments, research, feedback or questions are welcome.](#)

Contact Wake Up America Movement at:

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If you want further information on Preserving the Electoral College, the Heritage Foundation is sponsoring an Event on this issue on Friday afternoon, October 28. See details [here](#).

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with others who may not yet be informed. You deserve credit for helping this turn of events through your interest and ACTIONS on behalf of REFORM!**

**Sincerely,**

Jacquerie, WAM Strategist  
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*Staying informed, getting involved and working together is the only way to reform and preserve our nation*

**March 2012**

**Election 2012 Alert**

**Dear Kaleb,**

With the most critical election in our nation's history happening this year, it's a good time to look back on where we're coming from. Wake Up America Movement has been a volunteer network since 2008 when the dangers of where we were headed began to be exposed. Back then, WAM investigated and exposed the roots of Obama's background and his real agenda for our land's highest office. Since then, more Americans have been waking up and our opposition has continued to gain ground and public attention.

Not many know it was WAM that initiated the Tea Party movement for grass roots involvement in taking back our government. While WAM has never organized events the research and strategies our volunteers share have continued to have significant impact. All that is thanks to concerned citizens like you staying informed, spreading the word and - wherever possible - getting involved in pro-active ways to preserve our democratic Republic.

When Obama first took office in 2010, WAM then uncovered and exposed a prepared group of shell bills - ready and waiting - to flood the Congressional floor with costly and unconstitutional Federal take-overs of every area of our lives. Again, thanks to all of US, many of these were stopped in their tracks for now. And the centerpiece of that ten bill package - ObamaCare - is now under fire and due to - with your help - fall by the wayside. By now, many more of US are aware that these new "laws" of the land haven't been written - or often even read by our voting representatives! We've also learned both parties are laced with officials who serve special interests rather than We The People. In the coming months, WAM will give exposure to who's bought and paid for - to help you know who does not deserve reelection!

Moving forward to 2010 elections, the outreach of waking-up Americans built enough influence to elect more real reformers to the House. Some have kept their promises and some have not. WAM will be reporting on that soon- on a state by state basis - naming names - for your voting information. However, as we all know the Progressively controlled Senate (with its compliment of added R.I.N.O.'s) has quashed attempts for more responsible reform-based legislation. WAM is now researching information and smart strategies for retaking the Senate with committed candidates of integrity.

The urgent issue - at this point - relates to the final contents of that original January 2009 bill package - because its agenda is currently underway and is at the core of every crisis facing our country. That original 10 bill shell package - with 9 composite bills designed to break the U.S. economy concluded with a 10th set of measures claiming a need for sweeping new Federal powers to crush the core of our liberties - due to "economic emergency". Yes, you read that right: this has been a set up from the start: spend lavishly on government programs and then use all of that as an excuse to crush Constitutional rights with sweeping new Fed powers! The real facts of what's going on continue to be buried from public attention by the complicit mainstream media. **See more below.**

***This is the critical stage we have reached now. Will America be "fundamentally transformed" or not? That's now up to us - and this years elections may decide it. The 2010 House recomposition slowed this down but has not stopped it. All of US need to stay informed, keep spreading the word of what's really happening - and most of all, get involved in this year's election process - for both the Presidency and Congress - while we have this window of opportunity!***

Watch for your upcoming WAM Alert emails to be informed on vital races and vote records!

## Obama expects Win

### *Obama secret promise to Russia* [read more here](#)



*Obama caught on mic saying "After My Election I Have More Flexibility"*

In saner times this would have made big headlines - but not with the media censorship these days. Not only did this "secret" Obama remark offer promises to Russia. His statement reveals 2 other serious implications. #1 He acknowledges that what he wants to do with Russia would be opposed to the American people (hence hold it back until after November's vote.) #2 What he says and how he says it suggests he is confident he will remain in the White House - but he doesn't say "after my last FOUR years. Only "after my election." *Do some others recall the bill laying in wait to eliminate term limits?* If any still don't see his intention to be a Dictator, they aren't listening.

### *Whose fault is it the economy is failing? Obama blames all of US!*

Read through this list if you need a reminder of the lack of leadership causing inaction on our crises. One blogger took the time to review and compile a record of the ways Obama has used blame placing as an excuse for his failing leadership. Several pages here on all the other people, places, and things held accountable for our

## Business as usual

### *Capitol Hill Corrupt*

Capitol Hill photo



We must weed out the corrupt leadership controlling legislation!



60 Minutes: Jack Abramoff on Lobbying and Gov Corruption

### **Real Issue D.C. Reform**

U.S. appears to face crises in every direction at this point. But there is [one single underlying issue](#) at cause for most of these problems: the fact that our elected officials primarily act out of self-serving interest - beholden to those who fill their coffers instead of the voters who put them in office.

What to do? Expose and route out the worst offenders. How? WAM will be publishing a Vote Tracker showing KEY VOTE RECORDS of the corrupt on Capitol Hill.

One example? Adam Kinzinger - a reform platform IL Republican Rep who keeps a favorable media image - but his vote record doesn't hold up - as upcoming WAM Vote Tracker will expose.

Watch for more WAM pre-election Alerts coming soon.

### *Preparing for Election Action!*

## Join Our Mailing List!

### **The Real Agenda**

### *Bit by bit our Bill of Rights is taking a beating*

Obama continues his expansion of Executive Powers behind the scenes while Mainstream Media does its job of diverting attention.

### **THE DIVERSIONS**

ROMNEY will be the GOP candidate - all the rest is a media drive to prop up ratings despite a done deal. Is Romney not your favorite? Just compare him to Obama - and we all have something to get excited about and work for. He has 1) positive executive and management expertise 2) does know how to create jobs and really wants to 3) loves America and has personal faith beyond his own ego. NOW the question is will the forces for divisiveness in Obama opposition give US time to get Obama out of our Capitol?

Whether or not the Supreme Court nullifies ObamaCare We the People will keep moving forward until it is unwritten! So we don't need to wait with baited breathe for Justice Kennedy's vote - which will likely decide the Court Ruling.

And why the fuss over one young man in FL - but to

problems. In short? Anyone and anything but he, himself.

[Read it here](#)

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[HELP Scott D'Ambrose be our new SENATOR from MAINE.](#)

With Olympia Snowe exiting the Senate - hooray! - there is a chance to claim this Maine seat to help preserve the Constitution.

[Check out](#) this link to see a comparison between the retiring Snowe and this new GOP candidate. Then help spread the word!

[Want to laugh out loud?](#)

The spin never stops! Here's what CBS anchor said on air about Senator Snowe, the notorious RINO who usually voted with Progressives:

["Her Republican colleagues will miss her, even if she bucked her party from time to time. Snowe was a favorite to win reelection in November. Now Republicans are going to have to struggle to hold on to her seat in Maine. That makes their goal of regaining control of the Senate that much more difficult."](#)

WAM reply: As for Mainstream Media's snow job on Snowe's departure from Capitol Hill - we don't know anyone who will miss her. So let's hope CBS prediction holds true!

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## NEW 2012 ELECTION RESOURCES COMING SOON

WAM is now organizing on site Action Tools for 2012 Election to include

- \* Voter Fraud Protection
- \* Grass Roots Campaign Tips
- \* Capitol Hill Voting Records
- \* Worthy New Candidate Alerts

## Help PA Senate primary now!

Pennsylvania primary is coming up in April and reformers are being asked urgently to help.

DAVID CHRISTIAN is a Reagan conservative, a veteran hero and VP of the Vietnam Veterans Council and Reagan Republican - yet the state party chair and Governor is backing WELCH instead. Welch switched parties to support Obama and turncoat Sestak in 2006. This is NOT a trustworthy candidate for Senate. Yet Welch has official backing to drive Tea Party D. CHRISTIAN off the ballot.

Out of state donations and national exposure are needed. Give DEM Sen. Casey a real fight by helping this worthy candidate. Casey's vote record in Senate? 97% party-line votes with Obama.

This is a Senate seat to take back - provided it goes to one who will uphold our Constitution. Help SPREAD THE WORD to support CHRISTIAN. PA Primary is on APRIL 24.

[SEE Christian's BIO HERE.](#)

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What can we do about the rapidly increasing encroachment of unConstitutional actions for the Federal government to take

keep trying to fuel the flames of racism? One Congressman on Chicago's violent South Side had ten times that number of deaths in his district that same week. So why did he focus on FL? The statistics: African Americans are 12.9% of our population. More than 90% of these are not slain by white citizens.

## THE AGENDA

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As TV holds attention on the few topics above, what's really been going on behind the scenes?

[DANGEROUS new expansions of FED power keep moving forward](#) - Some with Capitol Hill support and others by overreaching Orders from the White House.

FIRST CAME Congress support of the NDAA - with its authorization to detain citizens and FED militarization of state Governors and local police.

NEXT CAME SOPA to shut down the net. Fortunately public outcry made that fail.

this MONTH a new law passed - [with the consent of Congress](#) which makes public protests near a Presidential visit a felony! (There goes free speech.)

this WEEK Obama has moved forward in more Executive Powers. See [here](#) to search further.

If you READ ONE THING, you must SEE THIS to know what's really going on: WHITE HOUSE EXEC ORDER on March 16, 2016 provides the "socialization

Statue of Liberty photo

Lady Liberty looks away while Obama creates sweeping new FED powers.

Be sure to OPEN the link at bottom of far Right Column for VITAL information on vast new FEDERAL POWERS.

over every aspect of our lives?

*Pray that we make it through to November's election - and keep working from now until then to:*

- STAY INFORMED
- SPREAD THE WORD
- GET INVOLVED to help elect true to the Constitution officials

of all means of production in the event of a national emergency." This includes FED takeover of all food, energy, health resources, transportation, water, commerce and construction resources NATIONWIDE.

As stated in this ALERT opening message, that's been the plan all along: Break US and then claim an urgent need to control US all from D.C.

GO HERE TO READ SPECIFICS including latest Executive "National Defense Order." This isn't science fiction - it's what's happening under cover. FORWARD this email to your own list.



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# Insider says VP announced today!

August 11, 2012

Vital Announcement - Spread the Word!

Dear Kaleb,

*Insiders say Mitt Romney is announcing his running mate this morning. Guess who? Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin! And we thought you'd like to be among the first to know. Pass this notice along ASAP to all your contacts - and announce on your websites and social forums.*

If you've opened this email quick enough, you can *turn on TV to see* this momentous announcement live. So start spreading the word right away (said to be forthcoming at 7 AM/MT today)

No doubt the Obama campaign is already ready to come out swinging, considering their previous ad of a Ryan like visage shoving a grandma off a cliff.

The best way to counter this typical progressive misspeak is to *show our enthusiasm about Romney's choice of a running mate*. Strategically speaking, it doesn't really matter if Ryan is our preferred choice. What matters most is *we all want Obama out of our White House! So, the smartest thing all of US can do is to focus on the positives of Romney's selection and trust our nation's future can only be steered in a brighter direction by this duo.*

They - and our future generations - are counting on US to *get behind this pair wholeheartedly and immediately*. There will plenty of critiques coming from our sell-out mass media. Opponents of Obama have typically been pitted against each other - to weaken our resolve and our results. *Now's a crucial time to be positive and enthusiastic about Romney's choice. That's the best way to counter the onslaught of condemnation about to blast out from the left.*

The choice of Paul Ryan has certainly been made after extensive deliberation. Despite mainstream media's constant efforts to portray the GOP candidate negatively, Romney is no fool. This is a crucial moment to trust our candidate and show that we believe that *this ticket can win, will win - and will reverse many crippling Obama policies around. That much we can count on.*

The timing of this VP announcement - and the choice of Ryan as a running mate - can be no accident. What does it tell US? That Romney really wants - and needs - the Tea Party, conservatives (and Independent voters at large) to back him 100%. It also points out that the *GOP is solidly focused on an economic turn-around - known to be Ryan's greatest strength.*

*Add to that the fact that Congressman Ryan is one of Obama's most outspoken and articulate critics can also be useful! Some may recall it was Ryan who faced down Obama in committee (and on national TV) to articulately confront the failings of Obamacare.*

*We suspect that a diligent vetting process has also played a role in this choice. Ryan is squeaky clean - as well as a fiscal conservative. Let's be ready to counter fear laden propaganda with this optimistic and realistic fact: the antidote to the disastrous national debt, imbalanced policies.*

[unconstitutional overreach and permanent welfare state is now in our hands - with this capable sensible pair of statesmen running on our behalf.](#)

**Help spread the word with such enthusiasm and vigor that the cries of outrage of the opposition are drowned out by all of US who still believe in the American way. Shout out the good news on your own emails, blogs, twitter and social sites. The new White House team is ready to move ahead and help US save ourselves from the disastrous fate another -zero- term would do.**

*On a personal note: Residing in Congressman Ryan's district, I have participated in his Town Hall meetings - and while I don't always agree with his voting record - I can vouch for his equanimity, his acumen and capacity to keep a cool head when under fire - valuable timely traits he and Romney share. Two real statesmen vs. two liars in chief should be an easy choice - but only if all of US team up to wake up and mobilize more Americans to reverse the mistake of 2008's election and get our economy moving again.*

[Picture, for instance, Ryan in debate vs. Biden where this next VP would dizzy the current dodgy VP's sloppy misstatements with actual statistics and real facts! Doubt that Biden will ever be willing to face Ryan in such a public showdown - but it's fun to imagine that match-up which illustrates the contrast between the two camps.](#)

*Now is our time to believe in America and work for this ticket to reclaim our nation's future,*

*Jacquerie, WAM Strategist  
Wake Up America Movement*

*Links for more information on this vital topic:*

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/world/54676556-68/romney-ryan-announcement-saturday.html.csp?page=1>

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/11/romney-to-announce-running-mate-saturday-morning/>

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## Reminder **Vital WI GOP Primary Tuesday Aug 14**

August 12, 2012

WAM Alert: Support a New Senate!



Dear Kaleb,

Just a reminder that the Primary election in the state of Wisconsin is tomorrow. The results will determine which GOP candidate gets the nod to oppose Tammy Baldwin, gay lib DEM currently serving in the U.S. House - who wants more power as a Senator.

Some say Tommy Thompson, the well known former GOP governor is the safest choice - and may bolster support for the GOP ticket. However, others feel his record indicates that he may be too compromising as a U.S. Senator.

Newcomer to politics, Hovde, has run some good ads with great promises. However, his background in D.C. is longstanding and some are concerned he may not be trustworthy.

Both Senator Jim DeMint and Senator Rand Paul have endorsed Mark Neumann, a former Representative, whom they believe will serve with integrity. See a copy of Rand Paul's request to support Neumann below.

Odds are you may not live in WI - but it's equally likely that if you forward this email along, it will reach some Wisconsinites and remind them to vote!

Wisconsinites be prepared! If Neumann does win this primary, it will take strong on-the-ground efforts for him to beat Baldwin in November. Why? Because the DEM party will campaign much harder - and flood the state with scare tactic attack ads - to keep him out.

Thanks for your help in turning out the WI vote. Every GOP candidate for the Senate can make a historic difference - in this of all elections!

Have election information you want to share? Send it to [wamtoday@wamaction.info](mailto:wamtoday@wamaction.info)

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**HELP Get out the Vote**

**Wisconsin Primary  
Tuesday August 14**

**Go here for Voter  
information on races,  
polling place, hours, etc.**

Take A Stand!

for a Report on current Election trends based on recent nationwide Primary results.



<http://wisconsinvote.org/>

Pass on this information to your contact list to help alert and assist Wisconsin voters.

## **RAND PAUL endorses Mark Neumann for Senator**

**Wisconsin conservatives face an important choice tomorrow in their contest to determine the Republican nominee for senate. In a crowded field, many candidates have tried to lay claim to the mantle of true conservative. But only one candidate actually measures up to the values you and I hold dear.**

**That candidate is Representative Mark Neumann.**

**Mark has a long history of standing up to the establishment in both parties and fighting to slash spending and restore limited government. Mark's been endorsed by a host of grassroots conservative organizations and I am proud to list RANDPAC amongst his supporters.**

**While Mark is locked in a tight four-way race, the polls have shown him surging. He is clearly the momentum candidate as conservatives in Wisconsin realize he is the only candidate in the race who is a 100% vote to repeal ObamaCare and dismantle President Obama's socialist agenda.**

**Unfortunately, his other two main opponents are trying to erect a big money smokescreen to fool voters into thinking they are a conservative. Former Governor Tommy Thompson, who is being propped up by establishment insiders, championed the individual mandate and declared ObamaCare was "an important first step."**

**And hedge fund manager Eric Hovde is pouring millions from his personal fortune into this race to disguise the fact he donated money to the campaign of liberal former Governor Jim Doyle, proudly declared he is willing to pay higher taxes, and has not ruled out voting for tax increases in the future.**

**This race is crucial because Mark is running in an open seat race to succeed a liberal Democrat.**

**This is one of four seats conservatives need to yank away from Democrats to build a conservative majority that will repeal ObamaCare and fight for conservative values.**

**So the choice is clear: conservatives can rally around Mark's candidacy or a moderate will ride a divided conservative electorate to victory.**

**That's why I ask you to not only vote for Mark Neumann in tomorrow's Wisconsin Primary, but also to make sure five of your friends and relatives make it out to the polls and support Mark as well. As the Senate contests in Indiana and Texas have proved, when conservatives are united and show up to the polls, the establishment doesn't stand a chance.**

**Let's send another shockwave tomorrow,**

**Rand**

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*Staying informed, getting involved and working together is the only way to reform and preserve our nation*

**March 2012**

**Election 2012 Alert**

**Dear Kaleb,**

*WAM is working to update the website with vital Capitol Hill voting records and we're researching authentic reform candidates for Congress - to spread the word. In 2010 WAM election trackers, based on candidate evaluations and Congressional voting records, had real impact informing intelligent voters and reform-minded activists like you. Since then, we've continued to Watch Washington diligently and will soon have much to report of what we've found!*

*As we all know this last term's deadlock between the House and Senate has virtually immobilized D.C. But at least that has slowed the momentum of Obama's deadly agenda. This November is our time to reverse its course completely and move D.C. to restore Constitutional standards, reform corruption, special interest control and excessive regulation. WAM is now striving to review and prepare to release candidate reviews and smart strategies to retake the White House, take back the Senate and weed out Representatives who haven't been true to their platforms and promises.*

*If you hear of a worthy candidate for national office, do let us know so WAM can spread the word. And watch for ongoing WAM alerts. It's only because of concerned active citizens like you that we've all made it this far. We all know that this November will set the direction of our country - to sink or swim - for many years to come. So, thanks for staying alert and passing on these WAM alerts in your blog posts, social sites and by forwarded email to your friends and family.*

*By smart strategy and working together, we retook the House of Representatives in 2010. Maintaining our determination and commitment to self government is how we can win - across the board - in 2012!*

*Everything WAM does is all volunteer. If you will spare some time to assist in these vital pre-election preparations, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Whether you can help - a little or a lot, please send an email to [wamtoday@wamaction.info](mailto:wamtoday@wamaction.info)*

**Watch for your upcoming WAM Alert emails to be informed on vital races and vote records!**

**The Campaign Trail**

*obama in new york more arrogant than ever*

Taking his illusions of grandeur from the sublime to ridiculous, at a \$38,000 per plate fundraiser, the failing Chief Exec alluded in his speech to Ghandi and Mandala as prior examples of how "change is hard." *Where did he study history we wonder?*

**Worst Outrage Ever**

*Goodbye Religious freedom*

Capitol Hill photo



ObamaCare would like to us to

**Reformer Under Fire**

*PA Senate race help!*

Pennsylvania primary is coming up in April and reformers are being asked urgently to help.

DAVID CHRISTIAN for Senate A veteran, hero and Reagan Republican - yet the state party chair and Governor is backing WELCH instead. Why does it

*They saved their people. He's been destroying US!*

*meanwhile . . .even dark days have a silver lining . . .*

REFORM ENEMY #1 Senator Olympia Snowe of Maine has announced she will not run for re-election. Claims are that's bad news for the GOP but she didn't vote against DEMS anyway. Here is the only GOP now running for this crucial Senate seat in November. Help him anyway you can

### AMBROISE FOR SENATE



Thoughts on the Tea Party

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- \* Worthy New Candidate Alerts

*Have any good materials to help? Send them on in!*

welcome free license and no conscience for all instead.

The NEW DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE? Speaking before Congress this week, a female law student bemoaned how - being a student - she can't afford the \$3000 for birth control so that she can enjoy a "social life."

Do we really all want to pay for other people's indiscretions. Shouldn't that be up to them? And with the "morning after" pill included - this amounts to government paid and sponsored quickie abortions for all.

The most dangerous part of this outrage - aside from the possible compromise or shut down of Catholic hospitals? Health Secretary Sebelius testified that FREE FED birth control is a great cost savings- due to the pregnancies avoided. Will we be a genocidal nation - and all pitch in to pay for that?

CLEAREST CASE EVER: WE MUST DEFEAT OBAMA AND HIS SENATE THIS YEAR!

### **Good news worth knowing!**

Former President Clinton this week announced his support of the keystone pipeline the same day obama's press secretary said any who do that are fools.

Looks like those two are getting even less friendlier than usual. Chinks in DEM party agreement will work against Obama - see new DNC Chairman Wasserman Schultz put her foot-in-mouth!

matter? Welch switched parties to vote for Obama and in 2006 campaigned for Sestak, the notorious party turncoat! This is NOT a man we want in the Senate. Yet he's gotten the backing to try to throw Tea Party D. CHRISTIAN off the ballot.

Here's a PA Senate candidate worth knowing . Help any way you can. R.I.N.O.s are aiming to get this true reformer out of the race! In PA, spread the word. Out of state donations and national exposure of what's happening in PA are vital now. He's a great guy -

SEE HIS SITE HERE.

### **Breitbart Leaves but his Spirit Lives on**

No one person has had more impact on waking up America that this biggovernment.com founder.



See his last public speech - at CPAC here. He will continue to inspire all of US. His expose video on Obama is said to be ready for viewing next month. When it comes out, WAM will let you know, so you can spread it around!

It is odd that mainstream media immediately announced he died "of natural causes" - although no autopsy had yet been done.

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Friend,

**We have a strategy to stop Harry Reid in his tracks - and we think you'll like it.**

The Obama agenda in the Democrat-led Senate poses one of the greatest threats to our freedoms in recent memory. In 2010, common sense conservatives were able to dethrone Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In 2012, we have a strategy to do the same to Harry Reid - and our path to victory is with five straight talking, common sense Republican women.



**Congressional approval ratings are in the tank, currently sitting at 13%.** The male dominated, Democrat-led Senate has talked for over 1,050 days about the still-absent budget. Every day that passes with idle talk from career politicians is a day that our children sink further into debt. Today, each American child owes an astounding \$50,017.33 of the national debt. Under the cloak of darkness, this Senate passed Obamacare strictly along partisan lines and has spurned efforts to undo this disastrous legislation.

Our country is in peril, but this do-nothing body just yesterday earned the honor of being the laziest U.S. Senate in the last twenty years, as voted by Senate historians. Have you had enough? Well, we have too. [And we need your help to make a change.](#)

With the Senate hanging in the balance, the 2012 election marks a historic opportunity to turn the war on women into a war by women. President Obama and Senator Harry Reid fulfill every conservative woman's worst nightmare--all the wrong talk with no

action. Conservative role model Margaret Thatcher once said -- and her words resonate to today's do-nothing Congress -- "If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman." With your help, we can shake Washington up and not only change the team in the Senate, but also the players.

[Click here to see our video endorsement](#)



In November, we can send five fearless, common sense women--Deb Fischer, Sarah Steelman, Heather Wilson, Linda Lingle, and Linda McMahon--to take the majority in the US Senate. These five women will fight for our freedom: repeal Obamacare, lower taxes, eliminate our children's growing debt and change the way Washington works.

[Find out more about these women by clicking here.](#)

If we do not elect these five bold, patriotic women this November, the Senate will have only two Republican women. Each of The Five are either leading or within striking distance of their liberal opponents, **which means the time to act is now!** [Donate \\$5 to each of The Five today to ensure that we are able to send these reformers to shake up Washington!](#) Let's Stop Harry Reid, and get the Senate working for us again with these five great women.

Sincerely,

Teri Christoph  
Suzanne Haik Terrell  
Tim Crawford

PS - Forget about the war on women, this is a war BY women. Can we count on you to [donate \\$25, \\$50, \\$75 or more](#) to make sure there will be principled leadership in Washington come 2013?

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**From:** [Heidi Bonner](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** Way to go OK!  
**Date:** Sunday, July 22, 2012 7:34:38 AM

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Way to go OK with your stance on Obamacare! We pray that PA and other states will have the guts to do the same. God bless you all.

**From:** [Rhonda Craig](#)  
**To:** [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** We oppose obamacare.  
**Date:** Monday, July 09, 2012 2:36:46 PM

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**Dear Governor Fallin,**

**The people of Oklahoma have made their position clear- we want the government out of our healthcare! Are you willing to stand with the people of Oklahoma and resist the implementation of ObamaCare? Specifically, we are asking you to:**

- 1. To oppose any implementation of a health insurance exchange-state based or otherwise**
- 2. To terminate the Oklahoma Health Information Trust (OHIET)**

**And**

- 1. To oppose any expansion of Medicaid in the state of Oklahoma, including the acceptance of any federal funding for the purpose of expanding Medicaid**

**The courtesy of your reply is appreciated.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dick and Rhonda Craig**

**From:** [Judith Bryan](#)  
**To:** [daledewitt@okhouse.gov](mailto:daledewitt@okhouse.gov); [McNeil Rep. Skye](#); [Shannon Rep. T.W.](#); [Branan Senator Cliff](#); [Brinkley Senator Rick](#); [Schulz Senator Mike](#); [Bingman Senator Brian](#); [Governor Info](#)  
**Subject:** We the People of Oklahoma, ask of you....  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10:40:04 AM

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Dear Governor and Congressmen:

We the People of Oklahoma have made our position clear. **We want the government out of our healthcare!**

We are specifically asking of you:

1. To oppose any expansion of Medicaid in the state of Oklahoma, including the acceptance of any federal funding for the purpose of expanding Medicaid.
2. To oppose any implementation of a health insurance exchange, state-based, or otherwise.
3. To terminate the Oklahoma Health Information Trust (OHIET).

The courtesy of your reply is appreciated.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan

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**From:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**To:** "maryfallin"; [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** Weekly Constituent Report - Sep 17-21, 2012  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 5:55:38 PM

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**WEEKLY ISSUE ANALYSIS AND CASEWORK REPORT**

**To: Governor Fallin**

**Cc: Denise Northrup, Glenn Coffee, Andrew Silvestri, Katie Altshuler**

**From: Cody Inman, Marcia Crawford, Kandi Batts**

**Re: Weekly Constituent Services Report**

**Date: September 17- September 21 2012**

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| Issue Area                           | Percentage | Correspondence | Phone Calls | Notes/Constituent Comments                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pardons and Paroles                  | 21%        | 19             | 15          | All correspondence is from constituents requesting information regarding Pardon and Parole Certificates. // 7- Please pardon Jerome Ersland. |
| Burn Ban                             | 21%        | 3              | 31          | Please lift burn ban.                                                                                                                        |
| DHS                                  | 5%         | 3              | 5           | Complaints on DHS county case workers and/or help with child support // child support issues                                                 |
| Corrections                          | 6%         | 3              | 7           | 10- Complaints on DOC staff or facility conditions. 1- New policy on inmate money transfers -- too expensive.                                |
| Elections                            | 1%         | 1              |             | 1- Please make sure all candidates on state ballot are legitimate.                                                                           |
| General Comments                     | 4%         | 7              |             | 7- Random issues, expressing frustrations with government.                                                                                   |
| Disability/ Social Security Concerns | 2%         | 3              |             | 3- Please help with disability benefits.                                                                                                     |
| Public Safety                        | 1%         | 2              |             | 2- Complaints about long lines at drivers license facilities.                                                                                |
| Municipal Government                 | 10%        | 6              | 10          | 11- Referrals to city government. // 5- Complaints on county sheriffs.                                                                       |
| Labor                                | 1%         | 2              |             | 2- Please increase state minimum wage                                                                                                        |
| Immigration                          | 3%         | 5              |             | 5- Fax -Would like the governor to sign executive orders like Mississippi and Arizona regarding immigration laws in the state. (Form email)  |
| Kid/Tourism Mail                     | 3%         | 5              |             | 5 - Please send a pictures and information about the governor.                                                                               |
| Medical Marijuana                    | 1%         | 2              |             | 2 - Please legalize the use of medical marijuana in Oklahoma.                                                                                |
| Transportation                       | 2%         | 3              |             | 3- Please ensure that our roads and bridges projects are properly funded.                                                                    |
| Tax Commission                       | 1%         | 1              |             | 1- asking that the tax commission allow for paperless notifications about tax changes.                                                       |
| Unmanned Drones                      | 1%         | 1              |             | Please reverse decision on allowing drones to be used in Oklahoma.                                                                           |
| SORC                                 | 5%         | 7              | 2           | 9- Please keep facility open.                                                                                                                |

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|---------------|----|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Obamacare     | 1% | 1         | 1         | Do not allow RFID chips to implanted in children.                                                                                              |
| Animal Rights | 1% | 1         |           | Please increase awareness of pet adoption.                                                                                                     |
| Thank you     | 6% | 7         | 3         | 7- Letters letting the governor know that she is doing a great job in Oklahoma. // 3- Calls to let the governor know she is doing a great job. |
| RNC Speech    | 1% | 2         |           | 2 - Great job on speech.                                                                                                                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |    | <b>86</b> | <b>74</b> |                                                                                                                                                |

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**From:** [Keili McEwen](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#); [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Cody Inman](#); [Brett Thomas](#); [Wendy Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** Weekly Constituent Services Report: Feb. 27 - Mar. 2  
**Date:** Friday, March 02, 2012 4:59:32 PM

**WEEKLY ISSUE ANALYSIS AND CASEWORK REPORT**

**To: Governor Fallin**  
**Cc: Denise Northrup, Glenn Coffee, Andrew Silvestri, Katie Altshuler**  
**From: Keili McEwen, Brett Thomas, Cody Inman, Wendy Gregory**  
**Re: Weekly Constituent Services Report**  
**Date: Feb. 27 - March 2, 2012**

| Issue Area                        | Percentage | Correspondence | Phone Calls | Notes/Constituent Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Pardon and Parole                 | 24%        | 27             | 33          | All correspondence/phone calls relate to P&P certificates or inquires about how to obtain a pardon/parole                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Human Services                    | 17%        | 19             | 24          | 1- Records Request // 1 - Visitation // 19 - Opposed to the closing of SORC and NORCE // 2 - In favor of drug tests for benefits // 4 - Child Support // 1 - Overhaul DHS // 8 - Child Protection // 4 - Adult Protective Services // 2 - SNAP benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Taxes                             | 15%        | 28             | 9           | 4 - Concern over the tax proposal due to veterans deductions // 13 - Concern over the tax proposal due to social security // 8 - Concern due to retirement (including military retirement) income deductions // Letter from a state employee that is in favor of efforts to reduce the income tax, but would prefer that state employees be given a raise first // Constituent is concerned that the only income bracket that will see benefit is the \$30,000-\$40,000 range // NBCT bonuses should be given before the income tax rate is reduced // Constituent is considering moving to Texas if income tax reduction is not passed // The tax plan will hurt seniors // The goals of the state of the state cannot be achieved if the income tax is eliminated // If deductions are eliminated and taxes are lowered, it is still a tax increase // General email of opposition // A plan that raises taxes for 30% of the population is not a tax reduction // DHS needs to be reorganized before taxes are cut // A tax on beer and cigarettes would help fund the Capitol repairs |
| Unemployment                      | 9%         | 14             | 9           | Assistance with benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Corrections                       | 6%         | 9              | 6           | Complaints about facilities, staff, conditions, misconduct, etc...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Municipal Issues                  | 5%         | 7              | 5           | Complaints about county jails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Immigration                       | 4%         | 5              | 6           | Fax transmissions advocating that welfare benefits not be provided to illegal aliens                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Transportation                    | 4%         | 9              |             | Complaint about the quality of work being done by ODOT contractors // 8 postcards advocating for passenger rail service from Ft. Worth to Kansas City through OKC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Jerome Ersland                    | 4%         | 8              | 2           | Constituents are advocating pardon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Education                         | 2%         | 4              | 2           | All schools should have metal detectors // Islamic teachings should not be allowed in schools // Surplus funds should fund retired teachers benefits // Oklahoma should provide specialized instruction for students with dyslexia, similar to Texas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Oklahoma Capital Investment Board | 2%         | 5              |             | Letters of support for OCIB, one from the former Secretary of Commerce under Henry Bellmon that set OCIB up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Guns                              | 2%         | 4              |             | 3 constituents against open carry // If open carry is passed, a holster that requires a thumb release should be mandatory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Health Care                       | 2%         | 4              | 1           | Email in favor of Obamacare // Griffin Memorial Hospital has too many violent offenders in the substance abuse program // 2 complaints about Sooner Care processes // Please do not institute the health care exchange in Oklahoma                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                   |            |                |             | Constituents are against any cuts to OETA // The state should                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Budget                | 1% | 1          | 2          | explore open source software to reduce the budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Federal Issues        | 1% | 2          |            | Constituent would like legislation to be introduced to nullify the National Defense Authorization Act in Oklahoma // Please denounce John Sullivan's comments                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Miscellaneous         | 1% | 3          |            | An interim study should be done to review the effects of moving to a unicameral legislature (like Nebraska) // OK should include crimes committed because of sexual orientation as hate crimes // Blind vendors are concerned about the legislation that will no longer give priority to DRS for Capitol facilities (snack bar) |
| Energy                | 1% | 3          |            | Constituent does not believe he should be required to have a smart meter on his home (OG&E customer) // Letter from Metro Tech Centers illustrating their energy efficiency, similar to OSU's // Support for the Keystone Pipeline                                                                                              |
| Aerospace             | 0% | 1          |            | More mayors need to be encouraged to denounce the Obama administration's continued attacks on general aviation                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Smoking Ban           | 0% |            | 1          | 1 call against the smoking ban                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Public Safety         | 0% | 1          |            | School buses in Oklahoma should have seat belts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Daylight Savings Time | 0% | 1          |            | Oklahoma should do away with Daylight Savings Time, and leave the state on Permanent DST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |    | <b>155</b> | <b>100</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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**Thank you for joining with Members of Congress who are praying for America!**  
Following are relevant religious liberty issues from across the nation to keep in prayer.

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### ***National Religious Liberty Issues***

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#### **[Congressional Prayer Caucus - Year in Review](#)**

This year the attacks on God, prayer and faith have increased dramatically, but they have not gone unnoticed by our national and state leaders. The Congressional Prayer Caucus, an official caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives, has proven to be an effective means to push back the anti-God agenda. Read of their successful pro-active strategy being implemented throughout the nation.

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#### **[Atheist Groups Suing Cities Nationwide to Stop Prayer at Meetings](#)**

Several atheist activist organizations are continuing to sue cities nationwide in an effort to stop the prayers that open city hall meetings and other gatherings. Cities in California, Florida, Missouri, New York and Tennessee are all currently fighting lawsuits from atheists groups that seek to remove God from government, a battle that has raged in many municipalities for some time.

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#### **[Liberty Univ. Case Could Either Gut or Sink Obamacare](#)**

Mat Staver of the [Liberty Counsel](#) says this Supreme Court decision ordering a federal appeals court to reconsider the university's challenge to ObamaCare is a huge step forward. "This, for example, is a challenge against the employer mandate in general, across the board," he explains. "And if we win that, that guts ObamaCare because [it] cannot operate if the employer mandate is not in effect. It literally guts ObamaCare across the board."

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#### **[Federal Court Temporarily Blocks HHS Mandate](#)**

The first private business owner to sue the Obama administration over its contraception mandate has won a small victory in the larger battle to preserve his religious liberty.

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### **[Bipartisan House Bill Would Add Religious Exemption to Obamacare Mandate](#)**

A bipartisan bill in the House would expand the religious exemption to the insurance mandate in Obamacare, allowing those with a religious objection to absolve themselves of the mandate's health insurance requirement with an affidavit.

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## ***State Religious Liberty Issues***

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### **[KS: Complaint Forces Buhler to Take Cross Off City Seal](#)**

BUHLER, Kan.) -- Some people want to see Buhler's city seal change and the mayor says, it's a battle that's just too expensive to fight.

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### **[IL: Suit Challenges Village's Policy That Excludes Religious Programs](#)**

Liberty Counsel, a Christian educational and advocacy group, [announced](#) yesterday that it has filed suit in an Illinois federal district court challenging Plainfield, Illinois' policy regarding use of its Community Rooms by outside groups. The Policy ([full text](#)), while permitting a wide variety of meetings, programs and activities, excludes use of the rooms for a dozen specific types of activities including use for "Religious services or other religious purposes."

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### **[MI: Nativity Scene to be Displayed](#)**

A longstanding, local tradition returns to Warren, Michigan for the 2012 Christmas season as John Satawa is scheduled to reinstall his family's nativity scene on the public median between Mound and Chicago Roads on Saturday, December 15.

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### **[MO: Group Has Standing to Sue Over Jesus Statue](#)**

In *Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. v. Weber*, (D MT, Nov. 27, 2012), a Montana federal district court held that an advocacy organization has standing to bring an Establishment Clause challenge to the decision by the U.S. Forest Service to allow the continued presence of a statue of Jesus on National Forest Service land within Whitefish Mountain Resort. (See [prior posting](#).)

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### **[RI: Governor Removes "Christmas" Again](#)**

Providence, RI - For the second year, Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee will not use "Christmas" to describe the evergreen tree decorated to celebrate December 25. "Governor, what do you call a green, pointed, prickly tree we decorate in December? Everyone except for the governor knows it's a Christmas tree," said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel.

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### **[TN: Appeal Filed After Prayer Injunction Denied](#)**

In a 46-page brief filed with 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Flores contends that "even one or two" prayers under the new policy were proof enough to show that the commission has not changed its ways and that the prayers still cause harm to those who feel excluded and isolated by them.

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## **[Ongoing Prayer Issues](#)**

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**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 1:38:14 PM

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Dear Governor Fallin:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you for your announcement that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state based exchange system or participate in the expansion of Medicaid.

Sincerely

Thomas Walden

[REDACTED]

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

**From:** [Albert Poland](#)  
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thank you gov fallin...my father fought in the korean war,i volunteered for the vietnam war, did not go in country, my two sons are in the air force. one back from afghanistan and one in the nsa. we all have our metals. i want you to know that your actions let me know that you know what sacrifice and accountability truly mean. none of us wants our government to become socialist etc. we all love our constitution, bill of rights and our united states. however we cannot continue with our increasing debt or obama's direction for our country. i cannot imagine the immense pressure you must have deciding issues of immigration, states rights,obamacare,etc. i hope we do not have to split from the federal government in order to preserve our states rights and our constitutional rights but, if this is necessary i pray you have statesman around you that will do the right thing for the people of oklahoma. with all my prayers best regards albertpoland jr

**From:** [Ms Miki Booth](#)  
**Subject:** You're either a Birther or you're not - You either share this or you don't - Are you with us or against us?  
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At the very least, everyone receiving this knows that the Constitution of the United States of America is under assault. You need to pay attention to this issue because if we allow this to go unchallenged it is the death-knell of our rule of law.

In liberty

Miki

## Reverse-Birther Leverage, Part 2

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### PLAYING THE RUBIO ROULETTE WHEEL

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(Jul. 14, 2011) — The Republican Party Leadership and their MSM acolytes don't know it yet, but they are setting themselves up as willfully ignorant participants in the further erosion of the US Constitution, as well as the possible implosion of our political system.

The Republican establishment, many TEA Party activists, and neo-con rank & files are all giddy with 2012 anticipation, as it appears that the Vice Presidential nominee has already been given the nod by the broadest spectrum of conservative politicians.

Marco Rubio is without doubt the darling child on the 2012 horizon. He is conservative, smart, articulate, principled, and can handle himself with senatorial equanimity in and out of a debate environment.

The July 11 edition of Hannity presented a segment with Dick Morris, where both host and guest gushed over the probability of Rubio being the VP-pick of any candidate who wins the Republican nomination.

The Birther Community, on the other hand, had an alarmingly negative, backside cattle-prod reaction for the simple reason that Marco Rubio is Article II, Section 1 ineligible to the POTUS office.

As has been pointed out elsewhere on the internet, Marco Rubio, born on US soil in 1971, was born to foreign [Cuban exile] parents. Marco's father Mario did not apply for Naturalized Citizenship until 1975, four years after Marco was born. Thus, without two citizen parents, Marco Rubio is not Natural Born. Marco Rubio is a citizen, for certain, as the 14th Amendment and elsewhere are clear about the positive law process of naturalization-at-birth for children born on the soil; but Natural Born, he is not.

A copy of Mario Rubio's September 1975 Petition for Naturalization can be viewed [here](#).

The Birther Community are not the only ones interested in the fact that there is a Constitutionally blind love-affair with Rubio; [Salon.com](#) has also [addressed](#) and taken advantage of the issue, alleging the if the Birthers 'go after' Rubio for his unconstitutional qualifications, it "proves" that all Birthers are racist. Their race-card play is based upon the nexus linking one brown-skinned, half-white ineligible [Obama] with another brown-skinned semi-white ineligible [Rubio].

The race-rant is of course stupid, lacking in substance, an effort to distract, and demagogic boob-bait for the Marxist Masses—but the position has the tacit support of the mainstream media and thus is used as a tool to successfully oppress Birther debate.

So what has all this got to do with MAD Reverse Birther Leverage, as indicated in my [first article](#)?

Quite simply, the blind acceptance of Rubio as being a Natural Born, constitutionally-eligible candidate for VP by the Republican establishment is tantamount to handing a political weapon to Obama and The Powers That Be.



Marco Rubio was born in Florida in 1975 to two Cuban immigrant parents who were not yet naturalized, but the Republican Party is ignoring his non-natural born Citizen status

If in the case, for example, where Obama acts-out a psychological, 'Bill Ayers, Dorhn, Cloward and Piven' meltdown, pressing forward his Chicago-style plans to "fundamentally change America," the presence of Marco Rubio on the Republican 2012 ticket gives Obama all the tools he needs to create political and financial chaos.

As alluded to in my previous article, all Obama need do to take advantage of an Anybody & Rubio Ticket is to make an issue from the bully pulpit that his birth certificate is a fake, that it never really mattered where he was born, that he is an American by virtue of declarative fiat—and most importantly, that the Republicans agree with these notions since he has mountains of Republican congressional letters, emails, and faxes to constituents declaring that he was freely elected and certified by the Electoral College.

**And the icing on the cake: Republicans agree that the Natural Born Clause is irrelevant, by virtue of the fact that Marco Rubio is on the 2012 Ticket.**

Thus: 'If you try to remove me from office, you are a racist, a hypocrite, and have no legal foundation.'

Such a series of pronouncements would divide the Republican Party, throw its nomination processes and the 2012 election into chaos and virtually assure Obama of a second term, at the very least.

Of course, the Judiciary, as well as the Wall Street, banking, and Fed Powers That Be will be happy to go along with a second Obama term, since the prospect of the nullification of an Obama presidency due to ineligibility has always been feared.

Nullification of Obama would instantly remove two Supreme Court justices, reverse all court appointments of judges and federal posts made by Obama and the decisions heretofore made; reverse Obamacare, nullify the GM bond buyouts, reverse the GM stock sale to the Unions, make internationally illegal the orders to soldiers in four Islamic Wars, wreck EPA rulings, throw the SEC under the bus, drag BLM decisions back into court, confuse Federal Employee Pension deals, force the return of bailout money made to the states, dump Bernanke's 2009 second-term appointment – potentially nullifying all of the Bernak's decisions, — the list goes on.

So now you can see we are all playing Rubio Roulette. What we don't know is how many spins of the wheel we all have left.

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**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
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## **State has already given \$2.45 million to Oklahoma Youth Expo, records show**

Attending a youth livestock show in March 2002 are Ron Norick (left), then-Gov. Frank Keating, Cathy Keating, Youth Expo supporter Bob Funk and then-Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin. Oklahoman file

1 / 2Showing image 1 of 2By WAYNE GREENE World Senior Writer  
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The Oklahoma Youth Expo - beneficiary of a planned \$2 million state Agriculture Department donation that has brought controversy - has previously received \$2.45 million from the department since 2002, state records show.

But tax forms filed by the charity earlier this year show expenses for the Oklahoma Youth Exposition Inc. were \$693,866 higher than revenues in the year that ended May 31, 2011.

It was the second time in three years that expenses substantially outpaced revenue for the event, billed as the largest junior livestock show in the world, according to the expo's reports to the IRS.

The Legislature's general appropriation bill - the \$6.8 billion spending measure that makes up the vast majority of the state budget for the year that began July 1 - included a \$2 million increase for the Agriculture Department.

While the bill didn't specify how the increased funding would be used, legislative leaders and a spokesman for Gov. Mary Fallin have said there was an informal agreement that the money would go to the expo.

"The governor was presented with a budget deal that included funding for the Youth Expo which she agreed to, along with legislative leaders," said Alex Weintz, spokesman for Fallin. "She supported that funding at the time and continues to support it."

But legislators who were part of the negotiations in the tripartite talks among the governor's office, the House and the Senate, suggest it was Fallin's people who were advocating funding for the youth expo.

#### Governor's influence

When asked if any legislators were pushing for the money in the talks, Sen. Clark Jolley, R-Edmond, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said, "No, not really."

"It was not a request that originated in the Senate," Jolley said.

Rep. Earl Sears, R-Bartlesville, chairman of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee, said he didn't know where the initial push for the \$2 million came from. He thinks some House Agriculture Committee members were aware of the request and supported it, but during the budget negotiations, there was no question about who was championing the spending.

"There is no question in my mind that this request was coming from the governor's side of the table," Sears said.

Rep. Mike Reynolds, R-Oklahoma City, has argued that the funding amounts to a donation of state money to a private group and is unconstitutional. Last week, he called on Agriculture Commissioner Jim Reese to block the spending, but Reese, listed as a member of the expo's board of directors, said the expenditure will be part of a legal contract between the department and the expo, and he plans to move ahead with it.

Reynolds has suggested that the political influence of the expo's backers has played a role in the funding.

Expo Chairman of the Board Bob Funk contributed approximately \$180,700 to candidate and noncandidate committees between 2006 and July 11, Oklahoma Ethics Commission data show. Most of the money was for

Republican candidates and causes.

Funk contributed \$5,000 to Mary Fallin For Governor 2010 on June 30, 2009. Fallin's campaign made a \$1,000 contribution to the Oklahoma Youth Expo.

Funk has said it is "asinine" to suggest that his influence had anything to do with the funding being approved.

Funk, Reese and other state leaders have said the expo is an important program that teaches important values to future state leaders.

Reynolds said he is sure the expo does many important things, but he wants the state constitution's requirements followed strictly.

"Since when does the governor, the head of the Department of Agriculture and the so-called legislative leaders get to reach an 'understanding?' " he asked.

The spending doesn't pass the smell test for transparency, he said.

If state legislative leaders wanted transparent government, they would have specified in the general appropriation bill how the money was to be spent.

"They would never dream of doing that because they knew the public would riot over it," Reynolds said.

\$2.45 million

Jolley, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said he has concerns about how to make legislative spending bills more specific.

"I actually had this conversation with our fiscal staff the other day ... how are we going to do this stuff in the future because I don't like how we are doing it currently," Jolley said. "I don't think we're putting nearly enough legislative direction as to where these monies will be spent."

But legislative specificity in spending bills can be tricky business, he said.

Some years the Legislature has limited how money can be spent and other years it has not. Both methods have their potential problems, he said. If the

Legislature specifies spending, the state constitution gives the governor the opportunity to veto the line item. That means the agency gets the money but not any direction on how to spend it, he said.

Meanwhile, the state Agriculture Department corrected statements from last week about how much money the youth expo has gotten from its budget in past years.

Last week, an Agriculture Department official said the department's budget has included \$125,000 a year for the expo since 2002.

In fact, the agency's payments to the expo have never been \$125,000, according to records released by the department. Between 2002 and 2005, the amount varied from \$50,000 to \$55,000. In 2006, the amount was \$100,000. From 2006 to 2010, the amount was \$200,000 with an additional \$1 million in 2008 for an endowment in memory of the expo's executive director, who died in a plane crash.

In 2011, the amount went down to \$167,000, and in 2012, it was \$175,000.

For the 11-year period, the total was \$2.45 million, including the endowment money.

All of the money, including the planned \$2 million spending this year, came from the state's general revenue fund, several officials said.

Last week, Reynolds said the money was coming from fees paid to the Secretary of State's Office, which he said further clouded the legality of the spending.

Sears recalled that during budget talks he said there wasn't enough money in the state budget for the expo funding. At that point, representatives of the governor volunteered \$1 million from the secretary of state's funds and another \$1 million from the state's unclaimed property fund.

The money went into the general fund, and Sears emphasized that the money could have been used for any of the spending in the state budget. Reynolds said he still questions the connection of the expo spending and the secretary of state's funds.

## Financial questions

IRS forms filed by the expo suggest it has struggled at times financially.

Expo expenditures exceeded revenues by \$693,866, the charity's 2010 IRS reports show.

In 2009, revenues totaled more than \$2.1 million and were \$453,021 over reported total expenses, reports for that year show.

In 2008, reported expenses were more than \$600,000 over total revenue.

The Tulsa World put several financial questions drawn from the IRS reports to expo Executive Director Tyler Norvell.

In response to several of the questions - including inquiries of what has happened to the 2008 endowment money from the state - Norvell said, "We are in the process of completing an audit, which I expect will be completed in the next 30 to 60 days. I am still in the assessment phase of all operations and will have a better grasp of prior year financial reportings once the audit is completed."

Norvell was able to clarify \$961,931 in "unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties" reported on the most recent IRS form. The liability represents scholarships accrual for future scholarships to youths, he said.

The most recent IRS form shows that Norvell receives no compensation from the expo but receives \$100,000 in reportable compensation from related organizations.

The form - covering the period June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2011 - also says no paid staff or volunteers attempted to influence state legislation.

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**Sunday: State leaders face difficult choice on Medicaid expansion**

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Refuse it and save the federal and state governments billions and stymie the progress of an unpopular expansion of federal government.

It's a highly political decision that forces Fallin and lawmakers to weigh issues of economics, health care policy and philosophy.

While some other Republican governors were quick to reject the Medicaid money, Fallin has put off a policy call on the issue, possibly until after November's presidential election or even until next year's legislative session. Read pro and con arguments on expanding Medicaid in Sunday's World.

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### **Medicaid expansion has pros and cons**

While it upheld most of the Affordable Care Act, the Supreme Court said the Medicaid expansion was up to the states.

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*New IRS rule to tax businesses conflicts with health care law*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Attorney General Scott Pruitt filed an amended complaint Wednesday in Oklahoma federal court, challenging the implementation of certain provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

“Oklahoma is in a unique position with the only active lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act to hold the federal government accountable in how it implements the law,” Pruitt said. “Now that the Supreme Court has deemed the ACA a tax, and therefore constitutional, the federal government must follow the law and proper procedures, and that is not being done.”

The original lawsuit, filed in January 2011 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, challenged the health care act’s constitutionality under the Commerce Clause, specifically whether the federal government had the power to mandate individuals to buy health insurance as simply a condition of being a citizen. Oklahoma’s lawsuit was stayed by Judge Ronald White until the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling in the Florida case.

In June, the Supreme Court sided with the states, agreeing that the health care law had exceeded its power under the Commerce Clause, but the Court gave authority to implement the individual mandate as a tax under Congress’ Taxing Power.

Following the decision, General Pruitt filed a request with Judge White to lift the stay on the Oklahoma case, so new issues related to implementation of the act could be addressed. The judge granted the request last week, lifting the stay.

With Oklahoma’s lawsuit still at the district level, the state can amend the complaint, which would not be allowed with cases on appeal.

Among the issues raised in the complaint is a new IRS rule that violates the Administrative Procedures Act and conflicts with the ACA. Oklahoma also is asking the Court to recognize that because the Supreme Court deemed the health care act’s individual mandate a tax that it no longer conflicts with Oklahoma’s constitutional provision that no law or rule can “compel any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system.”

For a copy of the original and amended complaints or the state’s motion to lift the stay, go online to [www.oag.ok.gov](http://www.oag.ok.gov).

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** follow up with wayne greene  
**Date:** Friday, March 02, 2012 3:57:00 PM

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Wayne compliments my well crafted response and asks a follow up: " Should the state exchange include a means for Oklahomans to take advantage of federal subsidies for purchasing health insurance?"

I would like to say: "The governor is satisfied with the direction the legislature has decided to move in."

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Greene [<mailto:Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 3:55 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: RE: health care exchange

That's well crafted. One follow-up: Should the state exchange include a means for Oklahomans to take advantage of federal subsidies for purchasing health insurance?

>>> Alex Weintz <Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov> 3/2/2012 3:18 PM >>>

Wayne, Katie is not available but I have statements below attributable to me. Hope this helps.

Does the governor support a state exchange that is explicitly ACA noncompliant?

As Governor Fallin has previously said, she supports the construction of an online Oklahoma private insurance network for two reasons. First, it will help to provide easier access to affordable health insurance for a greater number of our citizens. That's why the legislature acted several years ago to lay the groundwork for an online insurance network, and why conservative groups like the Heritage Foundation have long been proposing the development of free market health insurance exchanges.

Second, the governor wants to avoid, at all costs, a federal Obamacare exchange being forced on the state of Oklahoma. Under current law, the federal government will impose an ObamaCare exchange on Oklahoma by January 2013 if the state does not act. While Governor Fallin envisions a marketplace governed by free market principles and consumer choice, President Obama does not. For that reason alone, it is far preferable for the state of Oklahoma to design and create its own marketplace than to have one imposed on it by Washington.

The governor is glad the legislature has taken steps to create an Oklahoma-based online marketplace. As the federal government is still changing and adopting its guidelines for state-based exchanges, it is not entirely clear what a 'compliant' marketplace looks like. However, it is clear that designing the kind of conservative, free-market online marketplace that we want in Oklahoma is a step in the right direction.

Do you anticipate a federal exchange being established in the state?

There are several factors that go into whether or not the federal government is able to impose a federal exchange on Oklahoma, including the outcome of the 2012 presidential elections and future Supreme Court rulings. These things are largely outside the control of the governor and our state legislators, although Governor Fallin sincerely hopes that we elect new leadership in Washington, just as she hopes Oklahoma and other states are successful in their lawsuits against ObamaCare.

What we can control is whether or not Oklahoma takes proactive steps to defend itself from having a federal exchange forced upon it. Building an Oklahoma-based online marketplace consistent with our values and the principles of consumer-choice is the best way to do that.

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To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: RE: health care exchange

The two big ones:  
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tnx. wg

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>>> Alex Weintz <Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov> 3/1/2012 10:29 AM >>>  
I'll see what I can do. Anything specific other than what the gov's general position is?

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From: Wayne Greene [<mailto:Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 10:24 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: health care exchange

A:

Could I get some time on the phone this week with Katie Altshuler or you and Katie Altshuler to talk about health insurance exchange issues?

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## **Governor Fallin Statement Regarding Supreme Court Decision to Hear Arguments on President Obama's Health Care Reform Law**

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), President Obama's controversial health care law:

"President Obama's health care law is unconstitutional and unaffordable. Not only will it limit choice and undermine the quality of American health care, it stands to cost the state of Oklahoma about half a billion dollars in the process.

"Our citizens have already passed a constitutional amendment blocking its implementation in Oklahoma, and it's clear that a majority of states are similarly opposed to the mandates, new taxes, and out-of-control spending proposed in the law.

"The Supreme Court should strike down the president's health care reform as unconstitutional as soon as possible. The uncertainty surrounding the future of PPACA is frustrating to those who believe it stands as an obvious affront to constitutional principles, and a hindrance to crafting serious budget and health care policy on both the state and federal levels."

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**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** for schedule asap  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 3:21:00 PM

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Can you make sure the times below get on the schedule, also give them the address of the Hudiburg studio and the contact info below.

Then email gov and CC me so she knows, in case she doesn't get her schedule updated on time.  
thanks

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 2:52 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

Hi Alex,

We're adding a couple of breaking news hits at the top of the show so we'll need to start at 10:30pm EST/ 9:30pm CST now. Please have the good governor arrive by 10:15pm EST/9:15pm CST. Thank you!

Joshua  
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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** McCarroll, Joshua  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

Yes sir, sounds good. We'll be there at 10 PM EST unless the hit time changes. thanks

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 9:55 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

OK...Can we have her arrive 15-20 minutes before the hit time then?

Thanks!

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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)]  
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**To:** McCarroll, Joshua  
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She wont need makeup

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [mailto:[Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 09:39 AM

**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** DelPriore, Samantha <[Samantha.DelPriore@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Samantha.DelPriore@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

Hi Alex,

This info should be plenty-thank you for sending. The topic will be Gov's position on setting up the exchanges and in the impact Medicaid expansions is having on the state of Oklahoma. Right now those are the topics and if something is added, we'll be sure to let you know.

The studio on Hudiburg Circle is being confirmed right now and I'll make sure you have the confirmation. We've ordered makeup for the governor-does she still want that? If she does we'd like her to arrive to the studio 30 minutes prior to her hit for hair/makeup. Exact hit time TBD but it's looking like 10:20pm EST/ 9:20pm CST.

For any last minute issues or questions contact Samantha Delpriore (cc'd). Her cell is 917.499.0471, desk is 212.301.5360.

Thank you!

Joshua  
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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 10:01 AM  
**To:** McCarroll, Joshua  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

I think the statement below pretty thoroughly outlines her position on exchanges/Medicaid expansion. Do you need more?

Also, will we be talking about just exchanges or exchanges and Medicaid expansion? Any other topics we should be prepared to cover?

Can you confirm the studio is the one on Hudiburg Circle in OKC rub by Cox ... and I assume if we arrive 15-20 mins before the hit that will be sufficient?

If for any reason we have last minute issues or questions who should I call tonight?

I will be with the gov and can be reached at: 405-535-7317

## **Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue a State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement

announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

“Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt’s lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma’s challenge can succeed.

“Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance,

should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.”

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [<mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 8:33 AM

**To:** Alex Weintz

**Subject:** Greta-tonight

Good morning, Alex

Is the governor set for her interview tonight with Greta in the 10pm EST/9pm CST hour? Right now I'm looking at a 10:15pm hit with Governor Fallin and I'll be in touch if that changes. Would you mind sending me statements/press releases the Governor has put out related to health care exchanges?

Thank you!

Joshua

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Governor Fallin Press](#)  
**Subject:** Fox and Friends tomorrow AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 10:27:00 AM

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Governor, do you want to do an interview with Fox and Friends tomorrow in the 6 AM hour regarding health insurance exchanges and Medicaid expansion?  
You have a late night tonight ... although it is a great opportunity to get some good press on a friendly show with a large audience.  
It would be filmed from the Hudiburg Circle Cox Studio.

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**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fox news tomorrow  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 5:28:00 PM

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Fox News is set up for tomorrow although we are waiting on the exact time (it will be sometime in between 9 and 10 PM central.)

I promised them we wouldn't do any other national shows, which I think is fair since this is prime time and has higher ratings than the other networks.

On the CNG photo op tomorrow, ODOT requested a photo op of their first shipment of cars for their communications purposes (think website, glossy handouts etc). We did not invite any press. Although I will not pretend that was intentional, I think it's probably a happy coincidence since any media availability you would try to have would be a health insurance exchange press conference in front of a bunch of CNG cars.

If you would like, it may make sense to do a short press release with a photo?

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**From:** [Sooner Tea Party](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Fraud, Corruption, Embezzlement?  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011 9:25:19 AM



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## Meet Representative Dan Sullivan



Sullivan is the Floor Leader at the Oklahoma House of Representatives, a post that gives him enormous power over bills, indeed he can kill a bill just by not allowing it to be placed on the agenda. Sullivan has served almost six terms, with his last legislative session ending in 2012, and term limits prevent him from running for state office again. So why are we singling out Sullivan?

Sullivan wasn't one of the original 12 Transvestite Republicans, so named for their votes for HR 1397 in the 2011 legislative session but he is an integral part of House Leadership that pushed HR 1397 forward. Their goal was to allow transvestites to change their birth certificates after a sex change operation, giving no notice that Ann was born an Andy. Sullivan claims to be a devout Christian, attends a big Baptist church in Tulsa, indeed he was called out during services and literally anointed with oil by his pastor after Sullivan's affair came to light, after he divorced his childhood sweetheart wife of two decades. The pastor proclaimed Sullivan a "Godly man". If I were to guess, I'd say Sullivan's part in this was to make sure HR 1397 made it to the House floor and to vote for it but when the transvestite birth certificate portion was exposed, Sullivan panicked and voted against the bill. Sullivan later voted yes on the bill so he is on record supporting this issue.

Why then would Sullivan support changes to the birth records of transvestites? Because the State Chamber of Commerce wanted it done so that companies on the East and West coast would think Oklahoma less "backward" and would move their workers here. In short they want to whip the redneck and religion out of us and turn us into a "tolerant" and "progressive" people. I don't know about you but as a lifelong Oklahoma resident, Oklahoma citizens have always been a pretty tolerant bunch, we just don't want things rubbed in our face.



Sullivan also led the fight to defeat the Charles Key amendment to HR 1008, the opening day vote that allowed almost all of our bills to be killed in committee without a vote. Sullivan also headed the GOP forces that "whipped" or punished Republicans that wanted to sign the HR 1004 Discharge Petition. Sullivan voted four times for the Obama Care/Fallin Care Health Insurance Exchanges, long after the state voted overwhelmingly to reject Obama Care in the November 2010 election. With Sullivan lobbying for a GRDA executive position after his term limited out, Sullivan is voting shamelessly to support big business and the State Chamber of Commerce agenda.



As I mentioned in February and again in our last newsletter, Sullivan has been the subject of a six month investigation by Tea Party activists. The man has many, many, enemies after 11 years of legislative work. Rumors of his corruption and low morals began flowing in as far back as 2010 during his efforts to kill the Open Carry legislation.

As we began asking around for leads on Sullivan's misdeeds, anonymous letters arrived filled with court records, medical records, insurance records, and divorce records. I found one packet sitting on my car one night after work, a thick folder packed with personal information on Sullivan. Some letters obviously came from a former employer; others might have come from an insurance agency, judged by the content.

From reading the divorce file at the Tulsa County Courthouse where Sullivan complained that someone had sent his tax records to a former employer and to his pastor, the list of motivated people sending documents is a long one. We even had Tulsa allies do some dumpster diving for us, targeting both Sullivan and his ex wife's trash cans. As we stitched together who were friends and family and who was on what side, other activists filled in gaps in our knowledge via facebook conversations, email, and the occasional

phone call to Sullivan's acquaintances.

Earlier this year I began talking to Sullivan's ex wife who provided documentation not on Sullivan but on a realtor that had been involved in a transaction that included the forging of the first page of a six page document set, after the ex wife had signed the last page! The Oklahoma Real Estate Commission accepted a complaint against the realtor but did little in the way of either investigating or listening to the facts. To me it is pretty simple; you have two copies of the first page of a six page document set, both different. Was it the realtor that did the forgery? Was it Sullivan's attorney? We will never know if a real investigation doesn't put the pressure on both till one of them cracks.



The numerous allegations against Representative Sullivan run the gamut from insurance fraud, forgery of loan applications, forgery of real estate documents, embezzlement of marital assets while the same assets were frozen by court order, paying for his mistress using pre tax dollars, delinquent property taxes, pressuring Tulsa police officials to remove an off duty police officer serving as a body guard for the ex wife (that one is quite troubling), and receiving sweetheart loans from a major bank.

After reviewing the divorce file at the Tulsa County Courthouse, reviewing photographs of many of the documents from that file, one could make the case that Sullivan has used his position as a legislator to attempt to beat his ex wife into the ground. One source opined that of all the allegations, the discovery of the embezzlement of marital assets while those assets were frozen by court order is what tipped Representative Sullivan over the edge. Since 2005 Representative Sullivan went from making almost \$600,000.00 per year to a quarter of that, even far less in one year. Stitching together Representative Sullivan's obligations and expenses from his Tulsa Home, his Waterford Condo in Oklahoma City, membership costs from his Tulsa Petroleum Club from public divorce file information and anonymously supplied tax records shows that Sullivan was in deep financial problems. I believe that it is likely that Representative Sullivan decided to beat his ex wife into the ground to prevent her from coming forward with evidence of his misdeeds. Knowing there is always two sides to a story however we will continue to watch until the current investigation is completed by authorities.

Would you believe that he filed 34 contempt charges against his ex wife after the divorce? One was for her refusing to co sign on a loan on their Oklahoma City condo. And the kicker? This was after their divorce was final! Another was because someone posted a message on his face book page! Another was over an old pocket knife that he had lost. One was over some broken cups in their storage building! Sullivan asked the court for six months jail time for some of the contempt charges and massive fines on others. Yes, divorces are sometimes caused by both parties, and yes they do get vicious at times but this poor lady's motions get filed and not heard while her ex husband seems to be able to tell the judge what to do!

There is so much material available and there are so many serious charges that we are going to parcel the story out issue by issue in our newsletter. Publication of some of the issues will be delayed while we send copies of the documents to State and County officials before releasing the documents to the public.

Around the last of May the story broke about our offices being ransacked. Now you are going to see just why they were so desperate that they resorted to burglary. What they didn't know was that we had an idea on just how hot this was going to get, those files were kept in another location and after the burglary they were scanned and copies placed where they could be brought to light should something happen.

Now for the first allegation against Representative Dan Sullivan...



## **Insurance Fraud:**

On 6-14-2006 Dan Sullivan did a pretty mundane thing, he applied for a disability insurance policy from Guardian Life Insurance. In this application it appears that Sullivan made numerous major misrepresentations on his medical history, his emotional health, his family medical history, his travel history, his participation in hazardous sports, and his tobacco use. Insurance premiums set the monthly cost of the premium by attempting to gauge the risk of a claim so lying about major risks lowers the monthly premium. Yes the statute of limitations has likely ran on any fraud committed but our reason for exposing this corruption is to begin to paint a picture of the character of the man appointed Floor Leader of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives.

In the 2006 Guardian disability insurance application, Sullivan apparently misrepresented his Mitral Valve Prolapse problem that was originally diagnosed in 1978, a serious enough

issue that it caused him to be turned down for health insurance in 1986. The heart problem was somewhat disclosed on a Massachusetts Mutual life insurance application in 1996. In the 2006 Guardian application Sullivan also called his Mitral Valve Prolapse a "heart murmur". A heart murmur is a common occurrence and not always a serious health issue, indeed the definition of heart murmur is simply an abnormal sound made by the heart. A Mitral Valve Prolapse is a diagnosed cause of a heart murmur, a specific cause and sometimes a serious disorder.

In the 2006 Guardian application Sullivan apparently claimed no treatment, consultation, or counseling for heart condition in previous ten years despite the extensive record of concern in 1988 and 1989 and lab work in early 2006. Yes, the ten years previous information request stops at 1996 but does a serious medical condition just lay dormant from 1988 to 2006? Then does his heart condition suddenly get worse and require hospitalization in 2007, a year after the disability insurance application is given? Or was Sullivan racing to have a disability policy in place in case he became unable to work?

The Guardian disability application is showing a different home phone number, why? When asked for my home phone number on an official document, I will give my home phone number. But if I didn't want someone at home to be privy to what I was doing, perhaps I wouldn't. Sullivan was in the midst of a sordid affair with a House staffer, a fellow attorney, so perhaps the old ticker was making him anxious.

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied his intent to travel despite a long history of foreign travel. He apparently traveled to Ensenada Mexico in 1992, St Thomas in 1995, Cancun in 1995, Cozumel in 1997, Canada in 1995 and 1997, Egypt in 1998, Russia in 1999, Israel in 1998, India in 2001, Cancun 2003, Cozumel in 2003 and 2004, the Dominican Republic in 2003, and Tapei in 2007. International travel is considered much more risky due to political instability, lower sanitation standards, exposure to regional diseases for which your body hasn't developed antibodies, and lower quality emergency care available should you run into health problems while overseas. Did Sullivan cheat his insurance company by downplaying the actual risks in his life?



On the Guardian application Sullivan denied participating in auto racing. Insurers charge a lot more for policies on individuals that participate in risky sports. Sullivan took professional race car driving lessons in Texas in 2005, apparently spent a lot of money doing so. Do most people usually spend that much time and effort on a hobby that they don't intend to pursue? Sullivan also apparently downplayed his scuba diving trips in Mexico, claiming only one occurrence in 1995. Sources put Sullivan scuba diving on numerous Cozumel and Cancun trips.

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied smoking despite reports saying that he was a regular cigar smoker at social events as well as being a regular smoker at work functions.

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied being treated at St Francis Emergency Room after returning from India in 2001. Unknown causes were blamed, could have been bad water causing dysentery. Sullivan supposedly took no vaccination shots before leaving

country as is usually recommended for foreign travel. He reportedly came back to the U.S. extremely sick yet he seems to have omitted this part of his medical record from the Guardian disability application. Why?

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied any treatment or diagnosis of emotional disorders or mental health treatment. Sources put Sullivan seeing Tulsa therapist Carol Dillard five times in 2000 and 2001 and documents reveal that Sullivan received authorization to begin seeing another therapist from PacificCare Behavioral Health on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> of 2007, having a psychological evaluation and seeing a therapist on 9-28-07 and 10-11-07. Did Sullivan have a history of emotional disorders, anxieties, or stress that he chose not to reveal to the insurance company?

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied family history of illnesses on page 4 despite reports of maternal and paternal medical histories showing otherwise. Reports say that his maternal grandfather had brain surgery allegedly for a tumor, his uncle had stroke (an attorney in Sapulpa) and the some of maternal family members had heart issues and stroke issues. On his paternal side, his dad reportedly had heart trouble and high blood pressure issues, and hereditary sinus surgery issues followed the paternal side of his family.

Sullivan's tangled web caught up with him in late 2007 when his heart condition declined to the point where he required heart surgery, valvuloplasty on his long malfunctioning mitral valve, a cardiopulmonary bypass with a prosthetic ring implanted. Interestingly enough Dan traveled to Cleveland for his surgery rather than use a local hospital. Why?

By misrepresenting his medical history, travel habits, family medical history, risky sport hobbies, did Sullivan committed insurance fraud? Would a man capable of making over \$500,000 a year chose to cheat an insurance company rather than pay premiums based upon his actual risks and condition?

The Tea Party is calling on the State Insurance Commission, the Tulsa District Attorney, the Bar Association, and the House of Representatives to conduct investigations into Sullivan's conduct and to file appropriate charges at the county and state level if the investigation proves actual insurance fraud.



## **Tulsa City Council Candidates Background Info Released**

While we are refraining from endorsing a candidate in that race, there is one guy running that deserves Tea Party votes.

Dave Bell is a medically retired State Trooper, a long time supporter of the Sooner Tea

Party, and a determined defender of the Constitution here in Oklahoma. Dave can get rowdy when writing elected officials, extremely rowdy, but his anger is rooted in disgust at how corrupt state and local politics have become. Dave doesn't cut anyone any slack if he believes they are not standing up for what is right and he doesn't mince words while doing so. More than once I've had to wipe tears of laughter from my eyes while reading one of Dave's emails to elected officials, the dude takes no prisoners and he isn't afraid of any of them.

Dave does have some baggage as reported by the Tulsa World last week. Dave's sense of intense personal loyalty and his defense of constitutional rights got him arrested a while back. While helping his son retrieve personal belongings during a foreclosure a sheriff deputy refused to allow more time to clean out a garage. Bell announced his status as a retired trooper and asked for a few more minutes' time to retrieve the belongings, then was arrested for speaking his mind. As a Catoosa police officer Dave was once found guilty of violating a suspect's constitutional rights after striking him during an altercation in a Claremore hospital while drawing blood from the drunken suspect arrested for public urination. I suspect that he arrested a local boy and paid a political price for doing so.

Bell served as a Tulsa reserve auxiliary K-9 officer and was retired on disability from the Oklahoma State Police.

Dave is a staunch defender of our movement, one of those rare law enforcement officers that will take on other law enforcement officials and former law enforcement officials that hold elected office. A hard core defender of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and states rights, Dave would make an awesome Tulsa City Councilor. I would bet my last dollar that he will tear into the crooks and their cronies that have been bleeding Tulsa dry the last decade. Yes, Dave has a little baggage; most people do by the time they reach his age but take a look at some of the other candidates in that Tulsa City Council race:

#### **District 1:**

Democrat Jason Trent Jr

A convicted felon, 1984 conviction for failing to return rental property, fitted with an ankle monitor which he then cut off and fled to Oklahoma City. Once captured and charged with escape, Trent spent 1 ½ years in a prison at Taft. Trent blames his poor choices on a cocaine addiction, one that he claims he eventually beat but he was charged in 2001 for marijuana, speeding, driving with a suspended license, receiving a one year suspended sentence. In 1991 Trent was charged with embezzlement, amended to a lesser charge for which he received one year suspended sentence.

Democrat Twan Jones:

has had multiple drunk charges, a bankruptcy, a 2004 DUI with a six month suspended sentence. In 2006 Jones was arrested for carrying a loaded weapon while drunk, spending four days in jail and six months suspended sentence. In 2007 Jones was charged with public intoxication but the charge was dismissed. A related fine in the case landed a warrant for his arrest after he failed to pay. In May of this year Jones was charged with driving with a suspended license and having no insurance, pleading guilty last month to the charges in Osage County.

#### **District 2:**

Republican Jeannie Cue

was ordered to repay a \$1769.00 retirement check that she cashed after her mother's death, claiming she used the check for funeral expenses. In 2009 she was ordered to pay a \$5572.00 judgment to Capitol One Bank, claiming that retiring from a \$10,000 a month nursing job caused her to fall behind. She allegedly is behind \$3339 in property taxes although she is claiming her sons owe the taxes.

Republican Nancy Rothman

pleaded guilty for failure to pay seven years child support, given a suspended sentence as long as she continues to pay her support. Rothman lost her children after a court battle and an appellate court found that she tried to frame her ex-husband with child pornography and falsely accused him of sexually abusing one of their children, then being ordered to pay \$70,099 in court costs. A 2005 foreclosure, a 2006 bankruptcy and a 2001 released tax lien round out her accomplishments.

Democrat Phillip Oylar

was charged with misdemeanor assault on a police officer in Chandler Ok in 2001,

claiming he stepped in to take a blow intended for his brother.

**District 4:**

Democrat Ken Brune

was arrested in 2005 on a DUI complaint by State Troopers. After refusing to take a breathalyzer test, Brune lost his license but later a judge allowed Brune to drive to and from work. Brune somehow managed to get the DUI conviction expunged, but the revocation was upheld after being modified so there must have been some booze involved.

Republican Rocky Frisco

filed for bankruptcy in 1999.

**District 5:**

Republican incumbent Chris Trail

is paying off around \$8000 in unpaid sales tax for the restaurant he owns, Ike's Chili. He is also paying off almost \$4000 in unemployment taxes. He was arrested in 2008 for failing to appear for food code violations and was arrested for obtaining merchandise by bogus check but the charge was dismissed after he paid for the merchandise.

**District 6:**

Democrat Robert Gwin Jr

had a bankruptcy in 2001

**District 7:**

Democrat Bobby Bookout Jr

is being sued by Gemini Capital Group for less than \$10,000

**District 9:**

Democrat " Mike" Favez Batman was arrested in 1996 for assault with a deadly weapon and again in 1999 for assault but both charges were dropped. Batman claims that the assault charges stem from him chasing down people that stole gas from his convenience store, saying that policemen don't like foreigners so they arrested him. In 2004 he pleaded no contest to a charge of selling tobacco to a minor.

I encourage you to look up Dave Bell if you live in his area and get involved in his campaign. If you aren't near, donate toward his costs. He will make a fine City Council man, one that will shake up the establishment and insist on honest government.



## **Congressman James Lankford Town Hall Meetings**

Lankford has turned out to be quite a disappointment for the Tea party movement due to his votes on the Patriot Act and raising the Spending Cap. I spoke with Lankford at the GOP county convention last spring and he is well aware of the arguments against the

Patriot Act. Lankford claimed that he voted yes on the first vote so that he could vote against it on the second vote a few months later but the fact is that he caved in to pressure from other Congressmen.

Lankford is holding Town Hall meetings in August and he needs to be reminded of who sent him to Washington and who can cost him his job in 2012. Lankford rode the Tea Party wave into office, he needs to learn that the wave can go both ways if he forgets who he represents.

**Monday, August 15**

6:00-7:30 PM

EOC Tech

4601 N Choctaw Road, Choctaw, OK 73020

**Tuesday, August 16**

6:00-7:30 PM

Francis Tuttle Technology Center – Portland Campus

3500 NW 150th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73134

**Thursday, August 18**

6:00-7:30 PM

CPN Cultural Heritage Center

North Reunion Hall

1702 S Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801

## **OCPAC's Charlie Meadows Responds To Criticism**



The last few newsletters have taken Charlie Meadows to task for not thoroughly vetting candidates before endorsing them using the OCPAC newsletter.

Charlie is an icon in Oklahoma conservative circles and has done a lot of good in the past. The problem is that Charlie hasn't adapted to the new battlefield that arose once the GOP won control of both the House and Senate. Once the Republicans were firmly in charge, one would think that it was time to follow their GOP party platform and uphold conservative values but the GOP has proven as corrupt as the Democrats were when they were in charge.

Charlie remains rooted in his old access based lobbying methods, where personal access is used to encourage politicians to do the right thing. The problem with that method of political pressure is that there is no way to hold a politician to his promises without making him angry, and if they get angry they will cut off your access to them. Charlie set up a long running weekly meeting where politicians speak on the issues, and receive OCPAC endorsement and PAC money for elections. Therein lies the problem... if he dares hold them accountable, they will stop showing up and Charlie won't have anything to draw people to the meetings! So Charlie has done what innumerable activists have done before him, sold out by trading his group's power for access to the politicians.

But Charlie is learning. We hammered him on two occasions this year, both times he responded in his newsletter by changing his tune and doing the right thing. Last week we brought up another bad judgment call, his endorsement of Greg Childers in the Senate race. Childers was a Democrat till quite recent when he changed his affiliation to run for the Senate seat. His wife remains a registered Democrat.

**Charlie did respond to the charges we leveled last week:**

From this week's OCPAC newsletter.

***"Let me clearly state, I don't know for sure just how conservative Greg Childers happens to be, but Republicans should NOT vote for Theresa Nelson for this position. I believe some involved with the Demokie web site are heavily involved in Nelson's campaign and they are quite upset I used a quote***

**from their web-site to expose her liberalism. A credible source has informed me that an official with that web-site accompanied Nelson when she filed a protest against Childers' candidacy. She later withdrew the protest. I have also been informed that the same person with the Demokie web-site has been driving Nelson around as she is campaigning. I believe that many of the folks who regularly contribute to this web-site are some of the most extreme liberals in the Democrat party.**

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## Meet Representative Dan Sullivan



Sullivan is the Floor Leader at the Oklahoma House of Representatives, a post that gives him enormous power over bills, indeed he can kill a bill just by not allowing it to be placed on the agenda. Sullivan has served almost six terms, with his last legislative session ending in 2012, and term limits prevent him from running for state office again. So why are we singling out Sullivan?

Sullivan wasn't one of the original 12 Transvestite Republicans, so named for their votes for HR 1397 in the 2011 legislative session but he is an intergal part of House Leadership that pushed HR 1397 forward. Their goal was to allow transvestites to change their birth certificates after a sex change operation, giving no notice that Ann was born an Andy. Sullivan claims to be a devout Christian, attends a big Baptist church in Tulsa, indeed he was called out during services and literally anointed with oil by his pastor after Sullivan's affair came to light, after he divorced his childhood sweetheart wife of two decades. The pastor proclaimed Sullivan a "Godly man". If I were to guess, I'd say Sullivan's part in this was to make sure HR 1397 made it to the House floor and to vote for it but when the transvestite birth certificate portion was exposed, Sullivan panicked and voted against the bill. Sullivan later voted yes on the bill so he is on record supporting this issue.

Why then would Sullivan support changes to the birth records of transvestites? Because the State Chamber of Commerce wanted it done so that companies on the East and West coast would think Oklahoma less "backward" and would move their workers here. In short they want to whip the redneck and religion out of us and turn us into a "tolerant" and "progressive" people. I don't know about you but as a lifelong Oklahoma resident, Oklahoma citizens have always been a pretty tolerant bunch, we just don't want things rubbed in our face.



Sullivan also led the fight to defeat the Charles Key amendment to HR 1008, the opening day vote that allowed almost all of our bills to be killed in committee without a vote. Sullivan also headed the GOP forces that "whipped" or punished Republicans that wanted to sign the HR 1004 Discharge Petition. Sullivan voted four times for the Obama Care/Fallin Care Health Insurance Exchanges, long after the state voted overwhelmingly to reject Obama Care in the November 2010 election. With Sullivan lobbying for a GRDA executive position after he is term limited out, Sullivan is voting shamelessly to support big business and the State Chamber of Commerce agenda.



As I mentioned in February and again in our last newsletter, Sullivan has been the subject of a six month investigation by Tea Party activists. The man has many, many, enemies after 11 years of legislative work. Rumors of his corruption and low morals began flowing in as far back as 2010 during his efforts to kill the Open Carry legislation.

As we began asking around for leads on Sullivan's misdeeds, anonymous letters arrived filled with court records, medical records, insurance records, and divorce records. I found one packet sitting on my car one night after work, a thick folder packed with personal information on Sullivan. Some letters obviously came from a former employer; others might have come from an insurance agency, judged by the content.

From reading the divorce file at the Tulsa County Courthouse where Sullivan complained that someone had sent his tax records to a former employer and to his pastor, the list of motivated people sending documents is a long one. We even had Tulsa allies do some dumpster diving for us, targeting both Sullivan and his ex wife's trash cans. As we stitched together who were friends and family and who was on what side, other activists filled in gaps in our knowledge via facebook conversations, email, and the occasional

phone call to Sullivan's acquaintances.

Earlier this year I began talking to Sullivan's ex wife who provided documentation not on Sullivan but on a realtor that had been involved in a transaction that included the forging of the first page of a six page document set, after the ex wife had signed the last page! The Oklahoma Real Estate Commission accepted a complaint against the realtor but did little in the way of either investigating or listening to the facts. To me it is pretty simple; you have two copies of the first page of a six page document set, both different. Was it the realtor that did the forgery? Was it Sullivan's attorney? We will never know if a real investigation doesn't put the pressure on both till one of them cracks.



The numerous allegations against Representative Sullivan run the gamut from insurance fraud, forgery of loan applications, forgery of real estate documents, embezzlement of marital assets while the same assets were frozen by court order, paying for his mistress using pre tax dollars, delinquent property taxes, pressuring Tulsa police officials to remove an off duty police officer serving as a body guard for the ex wife (that one is quite troubling), and receiving sweetheart loans from a major bank.

After reviewing the divorce file at the Tulsa County Courthouse, reviewing photographs of many of the documents from that file, one could make the case that Sullivan has used his position as a legislator to attempt to beat his ex wife into the ground. One source opined that of all the allegations, the discovery of the embezzlement of marital assets while those assets were frozen by court order is what tipped Representative Sullivan over the edge. Since 2005 Representative Sullivan went from making almost \$600,000.00 per year to a quarter of that, even far less in one year. Stitching together Representative Sullivan's obligations and expenses from his Tulsa Home, his Waterford Condo in Oklahoma City, membership costs from his Tulsa Petroleum Club from public divorce file information and anonymously supplied tax records shows that Sullivan was in deep financial problems. I believe that it is likely that Representative Sullivan decided to beat his ex wife into the ground to prevent her from coming forward with evidence of his misdeeds. Knowing there is always two sides to a story however we will continue to watch until the current investigation is completed by authorities.

Would you believe that he filed 34 contempt charges against his ex wife after the divorce? One was for her refusing to co sign on a loan on their Oklahoma City condo. And the kicker? This was after their divorce was final! Another was because someone posted a message on his face book page! Another was over an old pocket knife that he had lost. One was over some broken cups in their storage building! Sullivan asked the court for six months jail time for some of the contempt charges and massive fines on others. Yes, divorces are sometimes caused by both parties, and yes they do get vicious at times but this poor lady's motions get filed and not heard while her ex husband seems to be able to tell the judge what to do!

There is so much material available and there are so many serious charges that we are going to parcel the story out issue by issue in our newsletter. Publication of some of the issues will be delayed while we send copies of the documents to State and County officials before releasing the documents to the public.

Around the last of May the story broke about our offices being ransacked. Now you are going to see just why they were so desperate that they resorted to burglary. What they didn't know was that we had an idea on just how hot this was going to get, those files were kept in another location and after the burglary they were scanned and copies placed where they could be brought to light should something happen.

Now for the first allegation against Representative Dan Sullivan...



## **Insurance Fraud:**

On 6-14-2006 Dan Sullivan did a pretty mundane thing, he applied for a disability insurance policy from Guardian Life Insurance. In this application it appears that Sullivan made numerous major misrepresentations on his medical history, his emotional health, his family medical history, his travel history, his participation in hazardous sports, and his tobacco use. Insurance premiums set the monthly cost of the premium by attempting to gauge the risk of a claim so lying about major risks lowers the monthly premium. Yes the statute of limitations has likely ran on any fraud committed but our reason for exposing this corruption is to begin to paint a picture of the character of the man appointed Floor Leader of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives.

In the 2006 Guardian disability insurance application, Sullivan apparently misrepresented his Mitral Valve Prolapse problem that was originally diagnosed in 1978, a serious enough

issue that it caused him to be turned down for health insurance in 1986. The heart problem was somewhat disclosed on a Massachusetts Mutual life insurance application in 1996. In the 2006 Guardian application Sullivan also called his Mitral Valve Prolapse a "heart murmur". A heart murmur is a common occurrence and not always a serious health issue, indeed the definition of heart murmur is simply an abnormal sound made by the heart. A Mitral Valve Prolapse is a diagnosed cause of a heart murmur, a specific cause and sometimes a serious disorder.

In the 2006 Guardian application Sullivan apparently claimed no treatment, consultation, or counseling for heart condition in previous ten years despite the extensive record of concern in 1988 and 1989 and lab work in early 2006. Yes, the ten years previous information request stops at 1996 but does a serious medical condition just lay dormant from 1988 to 2006? Then does his heart condition suddenly get worse and require hospitalization in 2007, a year after the disability insurance application is given? Or was Sullivan racing to have a disability policy in place in case he became unable to work?

The Guardian disability application is showing a different home phone number, why? When asked for my home phone number on an official document, I will give my home phone number. But if I didn't want someone at home to be privy to what I was doing, perhaps I wouldn't. Sullivan was in the midst of a sordid affair with a House staffer, a fellow attorney, so perhaps the old ticker was making him anxious.

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied his intent to travel despite a long history of foreign travel. He apparently traveled to Ensenada Mexico in 1992, St Thomas in 1995, Cancun in 1995, Cozumel in 1997, Canada in 1995 and 1997, Egypt in 1998, Russia in 1999, Israel in 1998, India in 2001, Cancun 2003, Cozumel in 2003 and 2004, the Dominican Republic in 2003, and Tapei in 2007. International travel is considered much more risky due to political instability, lower sanitation standards, exposure to regional diseases for which your body hasn't developed antibodies, and lower quality emergency care available should you run into health problems while overseas. Did Sullivan cheat his insurance company by downplaying the actual risks in his life?



On the Guardian application Sullivan denied participating in auto racing. Insurers charge a lot more for policies on individuals that participate in risky sports. Sullivan took professional race car driving lessons in Texas in 2005, apparently spent a lot of money doing so. Do most people usually spend that much time and effort on a hobby that they don't intend to pursue? Sullivan also apparently downplayed his scuba diving trips in Mexico, claiming only one occurrence in 1995. Sources put Sullivan scuba diving on numerous Cozumel and Cancun trips.

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied smoking despite reports saying that he was a regular cigar smoker at social events as well as being a regular smoker at work functions.

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied being treated at St Francis Emergency Room after returning from India in 2001. Unknown causes were blamed, could have been bad water causing dysentery. Sullivan supposedly took no vaccination shots before leaving

country as is usually recommended for foreign travel. He reportedly came back to the U.S. extremely sick yet he seems to have omitted this part of his medical record from the Guardian disability application. Why?

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied any treatment or diagnosis of emotional disorders or mental health treatment. Sources put Sullivan seeing Tulsa therapist Carol Dillard five times in 2000 and 2001 and documents reveal that Sullivan received authorization to begin seeing another therapist from PacificCare Behavioral Health on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> of 2007, having a psychological evaluation and seeing a therapist on 9-28-07 and 10-11-07. Did Sullivan have a history of emotional disorders, anxieties, or stress that he chose not to reveal to the insurance company?

On the Guardian application Sullivan denied family history of illnesses on page 4 despite reports of maternal and paternal medical histories showing otherwise. Reports say that his maternal grandfather had brain surgery allegedly for a tumor, his uncle had stroke (an attorney in Sapulpa) and the some of maternal family members had heart issues and stroke issues. On his paternal side, his dad reportedly had heart trouble and high blood pressure issues, and hereditary sinus surgery issues followed the paternal side of his family.

Sullivan's tangled web caught up with him in late 2007 when his heart condition declined to the point where he required heart surgery, valvuloplasty on his long malfunctioning mitral valve, a cardiopulmonary bypass with a prosthetic ring implanted. Interestingly enough Dan traveled to Cleveland for his surgery rather than use a local hospital. Why?

By misrepresenting his medical history, travel habits, family medical history, risky sport hobbies, did Sullivan committed insurance fraud? Would a man capable of making over \$500,000 a year chose to cheat an insurance company rather than pay premiums based upon his actual risks and condition?

The Tea Party is calling on the State Insurance Commission, the Tulsa District Attorney, the Bar Association, and the House of Representatives to conduct investigations into Sullivan's conduct and to file appropriate charges at the county and state level if the investigation proves actual insurance fraud.



## **Tulsa City Council Candidates Background Info Released**

While we are refraining from endorsing a candidate in that race, there is one guy running that deserves Tea Party votes.

Dave Bell is a medically retired State Trooper, a long time supporter of the Sooner Tea

Party, and a determined defender of the Constitution here in Oklahoma. Dave can get rowdy when writing elected officials, extremely rowdy, but his anger is rooted in disgust at how corrupt state and local politics have become. Dave doesn't cut anyone any slack if he believes they are not standing up for what is right and he doesn't mince words while doing so. More than once I've had to wipe tears of laughter from my eyes while reading one of Dave's emails to elected officials, the dude takes no prisoners and he isn't afraid of any of them.

Dave does have some baggage as reported by the Tulsa World last week. Dave's sense of intense personal loyalty and his defense of constitutional rights got him arrested a while back. While helping his son retrieve personal belongings during a foreclosure a sheriff deputy refused to allow more time to clean out a garage. Bell announced his status as a retired trooper and asked for a few more minutes' time to retrieve the belongings, then was arrested for speaking his mind. As a Catoosa police officer Dave was once found guilty of violating a suspect's constitutional rights after striking him during an altercation in a Claremore hospital while drawing blood from the drunken suspect arrested for public urination. I suspect that he arrested a local boy and paid a political price for doing so.

Bell served as a Tulsa reserve auxiliary K-9 officer and was retired on disability from the Oklahoma State Police.

Dave is a staunch defender of our movement, one of those rare law enforcement officers that will take on other law enforcement officials and former law enforcement officials that hold elected office. A hard core defender of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and states rights, Dave would make an awesome Tulsa City Councilor. I would bet my last dollar that he will tear into the crooks and their cronies that have been bleeding Tulsa dry the last decade. Yes, Dave has a little baggage; most people do by the time they reach his age but take a look at some of the other candidates in that Tulsa City Council race:

#### **District 1:**

Democrat Jason Trent Jr

A convicted felon, 1984 conviction for failing to return rental property, fitted with an ankle monitor which he then cut off and fled to Oklahoma City. Once captured and charged with escape, Trent spent 1 ½ years in a prison at Taft. Trent blames his poor choices on a cocaine addiction, one that he claims he eventually beat but he was charged in 2001 for marijuana, speeding, driving with a suspended license, receiving a one year suspended sentence. In 1991 Trent was charged with embezzlement, amended to a lesser charge for which he received one year suspended sentence.

Democrat Twan Jones:

has had multiple drunk charges, a bankruptcy, a 2004 DUI with a six month suspended sentence. In 2006 Jones was arrested for carrying a loaded weapon while drunk, spending four days in jail and six months suspended sentence. In 2007 Jones was charged with public intoxication but the charge was dismissed. A related fine in the case landed a warrant for his arrest after he failed to pay. In May of this year Jones was charged with driving with a suspended license and having no insurance, pleading guilty last month to the charges in Osage County.

#### **District 2:**

Republican Jeannie Cue

was ordered to repay a \$1769.00 retirement check that she cashed after her mother's death, claiming she used the check for funeral expenses. In 2009 she was ordered to pay a \$5572.00 judgment to Capitol One Bank, claiming that retiring from a \$10,000 a month nursing job caused her to fall behind. She allegedly is behind \$3339 in property taxes although she is claiming her sons owe the taxes.

Republican Nancy Rothman

pleaded guilty for failure to pay seven years child support, given a suspended sentence as long as she continues to pay her support. Rothman lost her children after a court battle and an appellate court found that she tried to frame her ex-husband with child pornography and falsely accused him of sexually abusing one of their children, then being ordered to pay \$70,099 in court costs. A 2005 foreclosure, a 2006 bankruptcy and a 2001 released tax lien round out her accomplishments.

Democrat Phillip Oylar

was charged with misdemeanor assault on a police officer in Chandler Ok in 2001,

claiming he stepped in to take a blow intended for his brother.

**District 4:**

Democrat Ken Brune

was arrested in 2005 on a DUI complaint by State Troopers. After refusing to take a breathalyzer test, Brune lost his license but later a judge allowed Brune to drive to and from work. Brune somehow managed to get the DUI conviction expunged, but the revocation was upheld after being modified so there must have been some booze involved.

Republican Rocky Frisco

filed for bankruptcy in 1999.

**District 5:**

Republican incumbent Chris Trail

is paying off around \$8000 in unpaid sales tax for the restaurant he owns, Ike's Chili. He is also paying off almost \$4000 in unemployment taxes. He was arrested in 2008 for failing to appear for food code violations and was arrested for obtaining merchandise by bogus check but the charge was dismissed after he paid for the merchandise.

**District 6:**

Democrat Robert Gwin Jr

had a bankruptcy in 2001

**District 7:**

Democrat Bobby Bookout Jr

is being sued by Gemini Capital Group for less than \$10,000

**District 9:**

Democrat " Mike" Favez Batman was arrested in 1996 for assault with a deadly weapon and again in 1999 for assault but both charges were dropped. Batman claims that the assault charges stem from him chasing down people that stole gas from his convenience store, saying that policemen don't like foreigners so they arrested him. In 2004 he pleaded no contest to a charge of selling tobacco to a minor.

I encourage you to look up Dave Bell if you live in his area and get involved in his campaign. If you aren't near, donate toward his costs. He will make a fine City Council man, one that will shake up the establishment and insist on honest government.



## **Congressman James Lankford Town Hall Meetings**

Lankford has turned out to be quite a disappointment for the Tea party movement due to his votes on the Patriot Act and raising the Spending Cap. I spoke with Lankford at the GOP county convention last spring and he is well aware of the arguments against the

Patriot Act. Lankford claimed that he voted yes on the first vote so that he could vote against it on the second vote a few months later but the fact is that he caved in to pressure from other Congressmen.

Lankford is holding Town Hall meetings in August and he needs to be reminded of who sent him to Washington and who can cost him his job in 2012. Lankford rode the Tea Party wave into office, he needs to learn that the wave can go both ways if he forgets who he represents.

#### **Monday, August 15**

6:00-7:30 PM

EOC Tech

4601 N Choctaw Road, Choctaw, OK 73020

#### **Tuesday, August 16**

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#### **Thursday, August 18**

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CPN Cultural Heritage Center

North Reunion Hall

1702 S Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801

## **OCPAC's Charlie Meadows Responds To Criticism**



The last few newsletters have taken Charlie Meadows to task for not thoroughly vetting candidates before endorsing them using the OCPAC newsletter.

Charlie is an icon in Oklahoma conservative circles and has done a lot of good in the past. The problem is that Charlie hasn't adapted to the new battlefield that arose once the GOP won control of both the House and Senate. Once the Republicans were firmly in charge, one would think that it was time to follow their GOP party platform and uphold conservative values but the GOP has proven as corrupt as the Democrats were when they were in charge.

Charlie remains rooted in his old access based lobbying methods, where personal access is used to encourage politicians to do the right thing. The problem with that method of political pressure is that there is no way to hold a politician to his promises without making him angry, and if they get angry they will cut off your access to them. Charlie set up a long running weekly meeting where politicians speak on the issues, and receive OCPAC endorsement and PAC money for elections. Therein lies the problem... if he dares hold them accountable, they will stop showing up and Charlie won't have anything to draw people to the meetings! So Charlie has done what innumerable activists have done before him, sold out by trading his group's power for access to the politicians.

But Charlie is learning. We hammered him on two occasions this year, both times he responded in his newsletter by changing his tune and doing the right thing. Last week we brought up another bad judgment call, his endorsement of Greg Childers in the Senate race. Childers was a Democrat till quite recent when he changed his affiliation to run for the Senate seat. His wife remains a registered Democrat.

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OCPA fiscal policy director Jonathan Small has long argued against expanding Medicaid as provided for under Obamacare. I commend to your attention his excellent new article in the *Oklahoma Gazette* ("Medicaid expansion is the new SQ 744") in which he explains why common education, higher education and various other tax consumers in Oklahoma should wake up to the dangers posed by Medicaid expansion.

Now you may ask: Given President Barack Obama's reelection, what's the point of resisting Obamacare now? After all, conventional wisdom says the law will now stay on course. But Heritage Foundation analyst Nina Owcharenko says this is "another example of the left's wishful thinking." Owcharenko (pictured here at OCPA) gives several reasons that "Obamacare is not here to stay."

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*The Washington Post* [highlighted](#) Oklahoma in an article about public disdain toward the Obamacare individual mandate, referring to Oklahoma as the Wild West, where contempt for strong centralized government is most evident. The article cited Oklahoma's car insurance rate as evidence that the state cannot get Oklahomans to comply with mandates. (On an interesting side note, the article went on to point out that a significant portion of that number comes from Oklahoma's high illegal immigrant population, begging the question of what the federal government should actually be doing in the first place.)

*The Post* visited Cattleman's Steakhouse, where they interviewed local patrons and got a real sense of Oklahoma's opinion on the idea of the federal government forcing us to buy health insurance.

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April 13, 2011**

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***Freshman GOP Representatives Encourage  
Return of Federal "Obamacare" Funds***

OKLAHOMA CITY – Freshman Republican representatives are encouraging state officials to not accept federal funds promised to Oklahoma under an "Early Innovator" grant authorized by the federal Affordable Care Act.

In February, the House approved HB 2130, which establishes a state health insurance exchange. The bill did not include a provision to accept or deny the \$54M grant.

"What we voted for was a free-market exchange based on choice and competition, which will ultimately lower health care costs," said Rep. Randy Grau, R-Edmond. "We did not vote to accept federal money that may require us to set up a federal health care system."

"Since the vote on HB 2130, it has become increasingly apparent that we cannot accept this money without also accepting the strings attached to it," said Rep. Elise Hall, R-Oklahoma City. "It is time to go on record that we do not want this money, but instead, we want to set up an exchange that is right for Oklahoma, not Washington D.C."

"We join Senator Tom Coburn and many conservative organizations in supporting health insurance exchanges like that established in Utah," said Rep. Tom Newell, R-Seminole. "But we think it is important to sever any ties to Obamacare, which means that the federal funds need to be rejected."

"The idea of an exchange based upon free-market principles comes from the Heritage Foundation, a leading conservative think tank," said Rep. Sean Roberts, R-Hominy. "The idea was around before President Obama, but it appears he is now trying to use exchanges to push federal health care."

"We will continue to work with the Governor and House leadership in promoting Oklahoma health care solutions, not Washington D.C. solutions," said Rep. Marty Quinn, R-Claremore.

"Many of us in the House campaigned on the platform of free market principles. If we accept federal money with strings attached, we are going back on our word," said Rep. Josh Cockroft, R-Tecumseh. "It is time for us to sever any ties to Obamacare and allow the private sector to thrive under these free market principles."

"I strongly support the private sector and oppose Obamacare and the use of federal

money for a health care exchange,” said Rep. Dennis Casey, R-Morrison.

“The state must learn to stop accepting federal money and let Oklahomans take care of Oklahoma,” said Rep. Aaron Stiles, R-Norman.

“The attachment of the federal money and its link to federal health care was not fully recognized before the vote on the exchange,” said Rep. Dustin Roberts, R-Durant.

“Clarification of the issue seems to tie federal grant money to the Obamacare effort,” said Rep. Jadine Nollan, R-Sand Springs. “I support an Oklahoma health insurance exchange without any federal ties.”

For further comment:

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From our meeting on Thursday, I thought I would send out what I read at that time. Again, keep in mind that this was scratched out from the hip on a yellow pad during session. (my disclaimer) However, there seemed to be some agreement in the meeting the IF we go down this path, this is a good basic messaging. As a reminder, this is a "what if" scenario. We have NOT determined if we will be going down this path. We should know more tomorrow.

Basic message.....

"We received early unofficial indications that the plan/strategy that we were attempting to put in place to hold back a federal health insurance exchange and preserve our state's private healthcare system and private health insurance markets will not be viewed by HHS as any kind of compliance with the ACA and therefore would not prevent nor delay them from moving forward to establish a federal health insurance exchange.

The House, Senate, and Governor's office have no desire to move further into compliance with the ACA prior to the Supreme Court decision and November election.

Therefore, at this point we have decided that we will not move forward. If indeed our two avenues of repeal (legal and ballot) do not materialize and a federal insurance exchange has been established in Oklahoma, at the earliest opportunity, we plan to give HHS 12 month notice of our desire to takeover any federal exchange that has been established."

Hope this helps. We'll be in close touch.

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Hi Alex,

Thanks for the note. Reached out to see if you'd be interested in being a part of a series called Resisting Obamacare. So far we've featured [Gov. Rick Scott](#) and [Gov. Rick Perry](#). We'd love to share Gov. Fallin's perspective with our readers on what resisting Obamacare looks like in Oklahoma. Is it refusing to implement? Waiting for the election? You get the point.

They're typically 500-850 words. We'd run it shortly after receiving it. We'd want it to be exclusive to The Washington Times for 24 hours and for any outlets running it after that to give us credit.

Please let me know if we may feature the Governor as part of this series.

Thanks much,

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Front & Center | November 11, 2011

State News

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**Preparing Principals to Evaluate Teachers**

During the past few years, more than 30 states have enacted legislation to change the way teachers are evaluated. The new laws require the annual evaluation of teachers; typically, multiple evaluations during the school year are required for new teachers. Governors can [take steps](#) to ensure that those in charge of conducting evaluations are trained and certified.

*November 01, 2011*

Contact: [Tabitha Grossman](#)

**State Efforts in Sentencing and Corrections Reform**

States continue to struggle during what is the most difficult fiscal environment since the Great Depression. Projections are that the economic recovery will be slow, forcing states to think long-term about [how to do more with less](#).

*October 27, 2011*

Contact: [Jeffrey S. McLeod](#)

**State Perspectives on Insurance Exchanges:  
Implementing Health Reform in an Uncertain  
Environment**

The three major components of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) — insurance reform, Medicaid expansions, and the establishment of health insurance exchanges — are primarily the states' responsibilities to implement; together they impose a daunting workload. Because insurance exchanges must be wholly created in a very short time period, their implementation presents [unique challenges](#).

*September 16, 2011*

Contact: [Krista Drobac](#)

**Degrees for What Jobs? Raising Expectations for  
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Recognizing that higher education, including community colleges, four-year colleges, and research universities, cannot help drive economic growth in their states unless students' academic success is linked to the needs of the marketplace, governors and state policymakers are beginning to move beyond their focus on getting more students to get "degrees" to [asking](#): "Degrees for what jobs?"

*March 23, 2011*



**Chair's Initiative: Regional Summits  
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Nashville, TN, November 14-15  
Seattle, WA January 24-25, 2012; and  
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[Erin Sparks](#), 202-624-7794

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December 7-9, 2011

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**Workshop on Economic  
Development in the Clean Energy  
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December 8-9, 2011

Phoenix, AZ

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**National Summit on Government  
Redesign: Solutions for Making  
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December 13-14, 2011

Arlington, VA

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the Cleanup of the Nuclear  
Weapons Complex**

December 15-16

New Orleans, LA

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### **Addressing Post-ARRA Compliance and Workforce Concerns in the Nuclear Weapons Complex**

As the deadline for spending funds from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for cleanup of the nuclear weapons complex approaches, states face two key [challenges](#): achieving future compliance with state-Department of Energy cleanup agreements; and transitioning to a post-ARRA workforce.

February 22, 2011

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The NGA Center invites states and U.S territories with full NGA membership benefits to apply for the Next Generation Justice Information Sharing Policy Academy. Up to four state teams of senior-level state policymakers will be selected to develop policy frameworks that focus on improving efficiency, security, reusability, and scalability in their systems. States will receive up to \$30,000 to complete project work and will host site visits, attend two policy academy meetings, and receive specialized technical assistance from NGA Center staff and national experts. Proposals are due December 9, 2011 by 5:00 pm EST. (Contact: [Anne-Elizabeth Johnson](#))

#### **NGA Center Releases Report on Effective Common Core Implementation**

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- Maximize resources and share costs.

(Contact: [Amanda Corcoran](#))

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[Virginia Launches College Graduate Earnings Database](#) -- **Virginia** introduced a database that shows how much graduates from particular programs earn 18 months after degree completion.

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[Hunters Help Feed the Hungry in Missouri](#) -- **Missouri** Gov. Jay Nixon has announced a partnership among the Conservation Federation of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Conservation, local food banks, and meat processors to donate venison provided by deer hunters to families in need.



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[Washington State Competition Focuses on Mobile Software Apps](#) -- **Washington** State's Broadband Office, King County, and the City of Seattle recently announced the winners from the Evergreen Apps Challenge, an effort to encourage local entrepreneurs to build mobile software applications that can help people create useful experiences from the data that

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[Maryland Seeks to Improve Response to Power Outages](#) -- A task force formed by **Maryland** Gov. Martin O'Malley following this summer's violent thunderstorms has released its recommendations for preventing and managing power outages.

[Connecticut Releases Draft Energy Strategy](#) -- **Connecticut** Gov. Dannel Malloy has released a draft comprehensive energy strategy.

[October is Long Term Care Residents' Rights Month in South Dakota](#) -- **South Dakota** Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared October Long Term Care Residents' Rights Month.

[Hunters Help Feed the Hungry in Missouri](#) -- **Missouri** Gov. Jay Nixon has announced a partnership among the Conservation Federation of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Conservation, local food banks, and meat processors to donate venison provided by deer hunters to families in need.



[Report Offers Roadmap for Improving Early Reading Proficiency](#) -- The Education Commission of the States (ECS) released *A Problem Still in Search of a Solution: A State Policy Roadmap for Improving Early Reading Proficiency*, which sets out a policy model for states to use to improve student reading performance.

[States Continue Push to Improve Energy Efficiency](#) -- The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) has released its annual Energy Efficiency Scorecard.

[Strategic Placement Could Increase Purchase of Healthy Foods](#) -- An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* looked at food placement in stores and how it influences purchasing behavior.

[Survey: As State Budgets Improve, So Does Trust in Government](#) -- According to Gallup's annual governance survey, Americans are trusting more in their state government.



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- **Health Information Technology:** Shares ways to improve system performance, support patient self-management, support widespread adoption of electronic health records and design effective health information exchanges.

Each of the topic areas includes policy options for states; case studies of state-led efforts; federal regulations, guidance and grant opportunities for states; and expert sources with subject matter expertise.

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### **High Stakes Assessment and the Common Core**

Currently more than half of the states administer high-stakes exit examinations to students by tying passage of minimum standards tests to high school graduation. The implementation of the CCSS provides an opening for states to raise the question about whether they plan to continue tying the results of high school assessments to graduation decisions, and if so, what transition steps are necessary in light of the new standards and assessments.

In an effort to engage these issues, NGA invites up to eight state teams to participate in a conversation about high stakes assessments. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. State teams may consist of up to three individuals, including the governor's education policy advisor, state department of education representative (deputy or assistant secretary level or higher is required), state board of education member and/or state legislator (such as chair of House/Senate education committee).

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### **Postsecondary Transitions and the Common Core**

The CCSS present an unprecedented opportunity to ensure that recent high school graduates come to college or a career-training program ready for success in credit-bearing work. Involvement of postsecondary educators and faculty in the implementation of these standards is key to their ultimate success, as they affect areas such as preparation for postsecondary success, in- and pre-service teacher and leader education, and placement of students. While many states and postsecondary institutions are engaged in these efforts, support for postsecondary decision-maker involvement has been less robust than it needs to be if these efforts are to be successful.

To advance conversations regarding these issues, NGA invites teams of two (2) from up to eight (8) states to participate in a conversation about postsecondary transition issues. This meeting will be held back-to-back with the High Stakes Assessment policy forum. Teams may participate in one or both meetings. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. State teams should include the governor's education policy advisor and one higher education official from the higher education executive office or postsecondary system office.

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[Virginia Department of Social Services Launches Unified Benefits Application](#) -- **Virginia** Gov.

Bob McDonnell announced the launch of CommonHelp, an easy to use and secure self-service delivery system that will provide Virginians with the ability to screen their eligibility for public benefits, apply, check on the status of applications, and update or renew

their information online.

[Vermont Program Addresses Home Health Hazards](#) -- **Vermont** Gov. Peter Shumlin recently announced the receipt of a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address health and safety hazards in low-income housing around the state.

[Rhode Island Institutes Statewide Cybersecurity Plan](#) -- **Rhode Island** Gov. Lincoln Chaffee announced the state's first strategic plan for cybersecurity.

[Massachusetts Expands Clean Energy Internship for College Students](#) -- **Massachusetts** Gov. Deval Patrick announced the expansion of a state-run program that provides college students with paid internships at Massachusetts-based clean energy companies.

[Tennessee Works to Minimize Effects of Medicaid Eligibility Changes](#) -- **Tennessee** is asking the Medicaid managed care companies in that state to offer a health insurance plan on the state's health insurance exchange that covers the same care networks as the Medicaid plans to increase consistency in care for those families whose Medicaid eligibility changes throughout a year.

[Michigan Panel Suggests Ways to Link State Parks and Economic Development](#) -- **Michigan** Gov. Rick Snyder's Blue Ribbon Panel on State Parks and Outdoor Recreation presented its recommendations to the governor, offering seven strategies for improving the ability of state parks to meet the needs of Michigan residents and visitors.

[North Carolina Expands Pre-K Programs](#) -- **North Carolina** Gov. Beverly Perdue issued an executive order expanding the state's pre-kindergarten programs, which will serve up to 6,300 additional children by January 1, 2013.

[Utah Aims for 66 Percent Receiving College Degree or Certificate](#) -- **Utah** Gov. Gary Herbert announced the PACE plan to increase the number of adults with a post-secondary degree or certification to 66 percent by 2020.

[Wisconsin Receives Innovation Award for Community Emergency Recovery Guidebook](#) -- The Economic Development Administration Disaster Recovery Collaborative of **Wisconsin** recently received a 2012 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation for the Community Economic Recovery Guidebook.



[States Have a Role in Making Consumer Health Care Data Available](#) -- A recent Health Affairs article examined the effects that high-deductible health plans have on health spending.

[Report: Three-Strikes Laws May Not be Effective Crime Deterrent](#) -- A report in the California Journal of Politics and Policy found "three-strikes" laws have done nothing to reduce crime rates in the states that have them.

[Energy Production Straining U.S. Water Resources](#) -- A new report from the Government Accountability Office calls for improved planning and monitoring of the nation's water supply as domestic energy production increases demand for water.

[Organization Proposes Model Charter School Law](#) -- The Center for Education Reform proposed a model charter school law for all states to use in crafting state legislation.

[Increased Earnings Depends on Continued, Targeted Workforce Training](#) -- The final report in a series covering the effects of the Work Advancement and Support Center (WASC) on workers' earnings and levels of public assistance has been released, providing an update on study participants three to four years after their initial start in the program.



## What's New

### **RFA Available: Learning Network on Improving Birth Outcomes**

As governors continue to seek ways to reduce Medicaid costs while improving care for beneficiaries, one area where some states are seeing success is reducing preterm births. Medicaid and CHIP cover nearly 50 percent of births nationwide and there is a relatively high incidence of premature births across the program. The resulting medical complications of a preterm birth are not only harmful for the infant, but directly translate into increased costs -- from 9 to 33 times the cost of a full-term delivery.

The National Governors Association has launched a Learning Network on "Improving Birth Outcomes" to assist states in developing, implementing and

aligning their key policies and initiatives related to the improvement of birth outcomes. Over the next year, NGA will convene in-state sessions in 12 selected states to facilitate this process. This will be the first of three opportunities to apply for this Learning Network. There will be four states selected in each round, which will include a networking conference to facilitate shared learning.

Applications are due on November 21, and the first state visits will take place in January. There will be a conference call on November 2 at 3:00 pm for those interested in learning more about this opportunity. Contact us with any questions and to receive the request for applications.

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## Publications

### **Strategies for Curbing Health Insurance Costs for State Employees: Benefit Design, Wellness Programs, and Data Mining**

With continued strains on state budgets, governors are finding innovative ways to do more with less across state government. Included in those budget strains are the rising health care costs and rising insurance premiums for state employee health care benefits. A new issue brief by the National Governors Association (NGA) examines ways to provide state employees with access to quality care at lower costs rather than simply raising premiums or cutting health benefits.

This issue brief examines several models for employees' insurance plans, including:

- Collecting and analyzing data to understand rising health care costs and inform decisions about changes in health plans;
- Offering wellness programs and incentives for state employees to improve health outcomes by preventing chronic diseases and reducing the costs of treatment; and
- Introducing new health benefit plans such as high-deductible or consumer driven health plans; health plans designed to maximize the value of expenditures; and plans that offer tiered or limited provider networks.

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[Virginia Department of Social Services Launches Unified Benefits Application](#) -- **Virginia** Gov. Bob McDonnell announced the launch of CommonHelp, an easy to use and secure self-service delivery system that will provide Virginians with the ability to screen their eligibility for public benefits, apply, check on the status of applications, and update or renew

their information online.

[Vermont Program Addresses Home Health Hazards](#) -- **Vermont** Gov. Peter Shumlin recently announced the receipt of a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address health and safety hazards in low-income housing around the state.

[Rhode Island Institutes Statewide Cybersecurity Plan](#) -- **Rhode Island** Gov. Lincoln Chaffee announced the state's first strategic plan for cybersecurity.

[Massachusetts Expands Clean Energy Internship for College Students](#) -- **Massachusetts** Gov. Deval Patrick announced the expansion of a state-run program that provides college students with paid internships at Massachusetts-based clean energy companies.

[Tennessee Works to Minimize Effects of Medicaid Eligibility Changes](#) -- **Tennessee** is asking the Medicaid managed care companies in that state to offer a health insurance plan on the state's health insurance exchange that covers the same care networks as the Medicaid plans to increase consistency in care for those families whose Medicaid eligibility changes throughout a year.

[Michigan Panel Suggests Ways to Link State Parks and Economic Development](#) -- **Michigan** Gov. Rick Snyder's Blue Ribbon Panel on State Parks and Outdoor Recreation presented its recommendations to the governor, offering seven strategies for improving the ability of state parks to meet the needs of Michigan residents and visitors.

[North Carolina Expands Pre-K Programs](#) -- **North Carolina** Gov. Beverly Perdue issued an executive order expanding the state's pre-kindergarten programs, which will serve up to 6,300 additional children by January 1, 2013.

[Utah Aims for 66 Percent Receiving College Degree or Certificate](#) -- **Utah** Gov. Gary Herbert announced the PACE plan to increase the number of adults with a post-secondary degree or certification to 66 percent by 2020.

[Wisconsin Receives Innovation Award for Community Emergency Recovery Guidebook](#) -- The Economic Development Administration Disaster Recovery Collaborative of **Wisconsin** recently received a 2012 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation for the Community Economic Recovery Guidebook.



[States Have a Role in Making Consumer Health Care Data Available](#) -- A recent Health Affairs article examined the effects that high-deductible health plans have on health spending.

[Report: Three-Strikes Laws May Not be Effective Crime Deterrent](#) -- A report in the California Journal of Politics and Policy found "three-strikes" laws have done nothing to reduce crime rates in the states that have them.

[Energy Production Straining U.S. Water Resources](#) -- A new report from the Government Accountability Office calls for improved planning and monitoring of the nation's water supply as domestic energy production increases demand for water.

[Organization Proposes Model Charter School Law](#) -- The Center for Education Reform proposed a model charter school law for all states to use in crafting state legislation.

[Increased Earnings Depends on Continued, Targeted Workforce Training](#) -- The final report in a series covering the effects of the Work Advancement and Support Center (WASC) on workers' earnings and levels of public assistance has been released, providing an update on study participants three to four years after their initial start in the program.



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[Connecticut Utilities Face New Standards for Power Outage Response](#) -- Connecticut's electric and natural gas utilities will now be more accountable for how they prepare for and respond to large-scale power outages, as a result of new performance standards released by the state's Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA).

[Kentucky Pronounces November "College Application Month"](#) -- Kentucky Gov. Steven Beshear proclaimed November to be "College Application Month" to help students navigate the application process.

[Washington State Launches New Website to Help Businesses Increase Exports](#) -- The Washington State Department of Commerce launched a new web portal that streamlines access to government and nonprofit programs to help small and medium sized businesses grow through exporting.

[Child Care Finder to Help Wyoming's Working Parents](#) -- Working parents looking for child care in their Wyoming communities have a new online resource provided by the state Department of Family Services. As part of its new website, the Department's Early Childhood Division recently launched the Wyoming Community Child Care Finder, a searchable database of the state's licensed child care providers.

[New York Strengthens Domestic Violence Laws](#) -- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law that provides victims of domestic violence with heightened protections against their abusers. The law addresses recidivism by targeting serial domestic violence offenders.

[Pennsylvania Law to Reinvest Prison Savings in Local Law Enforcement](#) -- Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett has signed into law legislation that redirects

nonviolent offenders from prison into treatment and other alternative sentencing programs. The reforms are expected to save the state millions of dollars in corrections costs by lowering prison populations through reduced offender recidivism.

[Kansas Creates Online Portal for Reporting School Funding Inefficiencies](#) -- Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's School Efficiency Task Force launched an online portal for students, parents, citizens, teachers, and school administrators to anonymously submit examples of inefficiencies in the K-12 educational system.

[New York Outlines Strategy for Expanding Electric Grid](#) -- Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Energy Highway Task Force issued a blueprint for using private investment to expand New York's electric generation and transmission capacity. The blueprint is divided into four areas: expand and strengthen the energy highway, accelerate construction and repair, support clean energy, and drive technology innovation.

[Virginia Program Aims to Prevent Youth Substance Abuse](#) -- Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell launched a prevention initiative to warn parents, educators, students, and youth advocates about the dangers of substance abuse. The new Substance Abuse Awareness Vital for Virginia Youth (SAVVY) initiative focuses on the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids, hallucinogenic bath salts, and misused prescription drugs.



[State Transportation Depts. Finding New Ways to Communicate Funding Issues](#) -- A new report from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) highlights strategies that state transportation agencies have taken to better communicate the importance and impacts of transportation investments to the public and other state and federal policymakers.

[Medicaid Spending Slowed in FY 2012](#) -- The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU) and Health Management Associates (HMA) reported that Medicaid spending slowed in FY 2012 to a near-record low as the economy began to improve and enrollment growth slowed.

[Faith-Based Organizations Have a Role in Disaster Management](#) -- A new report by the University of Southern California recommends increased involvement of faith-based organizations in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery plans. According to the report, in times of crisis more than 60 percent of Americans turn to their religious leaders.

[Online Education Growing in K-12](#) -- The Evergreen Education Group released Keeping Pace with K-12 Online & Blended Learning, their annual review of online education policies and practices.

[Report Describes Successful Activities for Implementing the Common Core](#) -- ASCD released a new report called Fulfilling the Promise of the Common Core State Standards: Moving from Adoption to Implementation to Sustainability on EduCore, a technical assistance website for teachers and leaders.



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This event is open to the public and no registration is required. To view the

webcast live, go to [www.nga.org/webcast](http://www.nga.org/webcast) at the scheduled date and time below and select the appropriate link. **Questions for panelists may be submitted in advance of the webcast to [jmcleod@nga.org](mailto:jmcleod@nga.org).** Please note that this webcast will be archived on NGA's website ([www.nga.org/webcast](http://www.nga.org/webcast)) for future viewing.

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[Connecticut Utilities Face New Standards for Power Outage Response](#) -- Connecticut's electric and natural gas utilities will now be more accountable for how they prepare for and respond to large-scale power outages, as a result of new performance standards released by the state's Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA).

[Kentucky Pronounces November "College Application Month"](#) -- Kentucky Gov. Steven Beshear proclaimed November to be "College Application Month" to help students navigate the application process.

[Washington State Launches New Website to Help Businesses Increase Exports](#) -- The Washington State Department of Commerce launched a new web portal that streamlines access to government and nonprofit programs to help small and medium sized businesses grow through exporting.

[Child Care Finder to Help Wyoming's Working Parents](#) -- Working parents looking for child care in their Wyoming communities have a new online resource provided by the state Department of Family Services. As part of its new website, the Department's Early Childhood Division recently launched the Wyoming Community Child Care Finder, a searchable database of the state's licensed child care providers.

[New York Strengthens Domestic Violence Laws](#) -- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law that provides victims of domestic violence with heightened protections against their abusers. The law addresses recidivism by targeting serial domestic violence offenders.

[Pennsylvania Law to Reinvest Prison Savings in Local Law Enforcement](#) -- Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett has signed into law legislation that redirects

nonviolent offenders from prison into treatment and other alternative sentencing programs. The reforms are expected to save the state millions of dollars in corrections costs by lowering prison populations through reduced offender recidivism.

[Kansas Creates Online Portal for Reporting School Funding Inefficiencies](#) -- Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's School Efficiency Task Force launched an online portal for students, parents, citizens, teachers, and school administrators to anonymously submit examples of inefficiencies in the K-12 educational system.

[New York Outlines Strategy for Expanding Electric Grid](#) -- Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Energy Highway Task Force issued a blueprint for using private investment to expand New York's electric generation and transmission capacity. The blueprint is divided into four areas: expand and strengthen the energy highway, accelerate construction and repair, support clean energy, and drive technology innovation.

[Virginia Program Aims to Prevent Youth Substance Abuse](#) -- Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell launched a prevention initiative to warn parents, educators, students, and youth advocates about the dangers of substance abuse. The new Substance Abuse Awareness Vital for Virginia Youth (SAVVY) initiative focuses on the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids, hallucinogenic bath salts, and misused prescription drugs.



[State Transportation Depts. Finding New Ways to Communicate Funding Issues](#) -- A new report from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) highlights strategies that state transportation agencies have taken to better communicate the importance and impacts of transportation investments to the public and other state and federal policymakers.

[Medicaid Spending Slowed in FY 2012](#) -- The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU) and Health Management Associates (HMA) reported that Medicaid spending slowed in FY 2012 to a near-record low as the economy began to improve and enrollment growth slowed.

[Faith-Based Organizations Have a Role in Disaster Management](#) -- A new report by the University of Southern California recommends increased involvement of faith-based organizations in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery plans. According to the report, in times of crisis more than 60 percent of Americans turn to their religious leaders.

[Online Education Growing in K-12](#) -- The Evergreen Education Group released Keeping Pace with K-12 Online & Blended Learning, their annual review of online education policies and practices.

[Report Describes Successful Activities for Implementing the Common Core](#) -- ASCD released a new report called Fulfilling the Promise of the Common Core State Standards: Moving from Adoption to Implementation to Sustainability on EduCore, a technical assistance website for teachers and leaders.



## What's New

### **RFA Available: Learning Network on Improving Birth Outcomes**

As governors continue to seek ways to reduce Medicaid costs while improving care for beneficiaries, one area where some states are seeing success is reducing preterm births. Medicaid and CHIP cover nearly 50 percent of births nationwide and there is a relatively high incidence of premature births across the program. The resulting medical complications of a preterm birth are not only harmful for the infant, but directly translate into increased costs -- from 9 to 33 times the cost of a full-term delivery.

The National Governors Association has launched a Learning Network on "Improving Birth Outcomes" to assist states in developing, implementing and aligning their key policies and initiatives related to the improvement of birth outcomes. Over the next year, NGA will convene in-state sessions in 12 selected states to facilitate this process. This will be the first of three opportunities to apply for this Learning Network. There will be four states selected in each round, which will include a networking conference to facilitate shared learning.

Applications are due on November 21, and the first state visits will take place in January. There will be a conference call on November 2 at 3:00 pm for those interested in learning more about this opportunity. Contact us with any questions and to receive the request for applications.

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## Publications

### **Strategies for Curbing Health Insurance Costs for State Employees: Benefit Design, Wellness Programs, and Data Mining**

With continued strains on state budgets, governors are finding innovative ways to do more with less across state government. Included in those budget strains are the rising health care costs and rising insurance premiums for state employee health care benefits. A new issue brief by the National Governors Association (NGA) examines ways to provide state employees with access to quality care at lower costs rather than simply raising premiums or cutting health benefits.

This issue brief examines several models for employees' insurance plans, including:

- Collecting and analyzing data to understand rising health care costs and inform decisions about changes in health plans;
- Offering wellness programs and incentives for state employees to improve health outcomes by preventing chronic diseases and reducing the costs of treatment; and
- Introducing new health benefit plans such as high-deductible or consumer driven health plans; health plans designed to maximize the value of expenditures; and plans that offer tiered or limited provider networks.

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**Health Policy Resource Center Now Available**

The National Governors Association (NGA) today unveiled a new website, State Health Policy Options. The site, <http://statepolicyoptions.nga.org/>, is a virtual resource center developed by NGA that will make it easier to explore potential solutions to health policy problems that state policymakers face. The website also will provide policymakers with innovative approaches from expert analysis and the experience of states in their efforts to improve health care access, affordability and quality.

The website focuses on various topics, including:

- **Planning for 2014:** Provides information and analysis relevant to health insurance exchanges, Medicaid and insurance subsidy and tax credit policies that increase health insurance coverage once the Affordable Care Act changes required by 2014 come into effect;
- **Cost Containment:** Examines state initiatives to reduce Medicaid costs and maintain access to quality care for beneficiaries;
- **Improving System Performance:** Explores ways to lower health care costs, improve the quality of care and provide access to many people as possible;
- **Prevention and Health Promotion:** Considers how states can use their various roles to promote better health among state residents;
- **Workforce:** Focuses on how states can develop effective workforce planning and development strategies to respond to the growing demand on health care; and
- **Health Information Technology:** Shares ways to improve system performance, support patient self-management, support widespread adoption of electronic health records and design effective health information exchanges.

Each of the topic areas includes policy options for states; case studies of state-led efforts; federal regulations, guidance and grant opportunities for states; and expert sources with subject matter expertise.

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## Webinars

### **Strategies for Combating the Production and Distribution of Child Pornography**

The National Governors Association, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, will host a webcast for state policymakers and law enforcement officials on successful strategies for combating the production and distribution of child pornography. The webcast, Protecting Children and Holding Sexual Predators Accountable: Strategies for Combating the Production and Distribution of Child Pornography, will identify the latest tools available to law enforcement for identifying and locating individuals sharing illicit material. It will also recommend effective investigative techniques law enforcement can use to protect, recognize, and collect electronic evidence at crime scenes so that prosecutorial efforts are successful. For state policymakers, the webcast will provide public policy recommendations that can help strengthen law enforcement efforts, protect children, and hold offenders accountable.

This event is open to the public and no registration is required. To view the

webcast live, go to [www.nga.org/webcast](http://www.nga.org/webcast) at the scheduled date and time below and select the appropriate link. **Questions for panelists may be submitted in advance of the webcast to [jmcleod@nga.org](mailto:jmcleod@nga.org).** Please note that this webcast will be archived on NGA's website ([www.nga.org/webcast](http://www.nga.org/webcast)) for future viewing.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 8:59 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; Katie Altshuler; Alex Gerszewski; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Re:

What concerns me is the misinformation and the uneducated idiots that are screwing up this story and intertwining the \$54 million, the refusal to expand Medicaid and the exchange...

For example...does he really have a freakin clue what he's talking about? At ALL?

“I have two concerns,” said State Rep. Ed Cannaday (D-Porum). “One is will the attorney general’s (Scott Pruitt) approach to this be successful and, two, that we don’t want any federal oversight and involvement in our healthcare.”

Cannaday is worried the money, that would have gone to support healthcare initiatives in Oklahoma, will end up as part of an exchange in a neighboring state.

If Fallin had agreed to Medicaid expansion, more than 200,000 additional Oklahoma men, women and children would have been eligible for healthcare coverage.

Healthcare exchange money has been reported at \$54 million for Oklahoma, which would include operating expenses.

“Because other states around the country have decided to seek healthcare coverage for their citizens,” Scott Inman (D-Del City) said. “Oklahoma Republican leaders created a situation where Oklahoma tax dollars will be sent to other places to insure their citizens.”

On Nov 28, 2012, at 8:52 AM, "Alex Weintz" <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

I’m a little shocked they did all this crap with Bennett’s daughter in this article:

[http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article\\_50fb54b6-3918-11e2-8c0c-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article_50fb54b6-3918-11e2-8c0c-001a4bcf6878.html)

Definitely people are running hot on this issue, not that I needed to tell anyone that

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Hello Everyone,

We thought it might be a good idea with the hefty number of Open Records Requests to give everyone an update of what requests are open and which ones you need to respond to. Please review the chart below. Let me or Rebecca know if you have any questions. Thank you.

| Date Received | Request                                                                                                                                                            | Requesting Party                 | Who Needs to Respond    | Please Respond By                               |
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| 11/16/2012    | All correspondence re: 'Affordable Healthcare Act', 'Obamacare', and 'Health Exchange'                                                                             | Zeke Campfield, Oklahoman        | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/23/2012    | Correspondence between GMF and D. Northrup re: 'Healthcare Exchange' from 11/5/2012 to 11/20/2012                                                                  | Phil Cross, Fox 25               | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/26/2012    | All records re: Decision to reject 'Healthcare Exchange' and 'Expansion of Medicaid'                                                                               | Clifton Adcock, Gazette          | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/26/2012    | All records re: Decision to Reject ORR on GMF decision to reject 'Healthcare Exchange'                                                                             | Clifton Adcock, Gazette          | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/26/2012    | All records re: Decision to reject 'Early Innovator' federal money for healthcare exchange                                                                         | Clifton Adcock, Gazette          | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/27/2012    | Email/Written Communications <i>sent and received</i> by GMF and her Staff regarding 'A - F' Policy from July 1, 2012 - November 27, 2012                          | Andrea Eger, Tulsa World         | Entire Staff            | <b>Email to Audrey No Later Than 12/06/2012</b> |
| 11/27/2012    | Email/ Written Communications dated July 1, 2012 to November 27, 2012 between Wes Lane, GMF, Denise Northrup, or Preston Doerflinger re: Closing of NORCE and SORC | Robert Batton, Enid News         | Denise                  | <b>Email to Audrey No Later Than 12/06/2012</b> |
| 11/29/2012    | Analysis and Research Presentations re: Affordable Healthcare Act                                                                                                  | Cathleen Kurtis, Private Citizen | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/29/2012    | All Emails <i>Sent and Received</i> by GMF and Staff                                                                                                               | Zeke Campfield, Oklahoman        | OMES is pulling records | No reply needed                                 |
| 11/29/2012    | Constituent Correspondence re: 'Affordable Healthcare Act'                                                                                                         | Bob Sands, OETA                  | Public Affairs          | No reply needed                                 |

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More to come on this -- but wanted to make sure you all saw the memo (attached and below) that went to Members today regarding the Reconciliation process in the House Budget to address concerns over the impact of sequestration on our military.

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**From:** GOP Conference  
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**TO: Members, House GOP Chiefs, Legislative Directors, Communicators, and District Directors**

*(Courtesy of Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, Whip McCarthy, and Chairman Hensarling)*

**TO: House Republican Members**  
**FR: Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, Whip McCarthy, Chairman Hensarling**  
**DT: April 18, 2012**  
**RE: Reconciliation**

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From day one, House Republicans have been focused on job creation. We understand that the debt and deficit have placed a massive burden on our economy and American families. Testimony before Congress and even the President's own Bowles-Simpson Commission demonstrates that the debt has slowed our economy by about one percentage point, which translates into approximately one million unrealized American jobs. If we do not get the nation's debt under control, our economy and our families will continue to suffer.

That is why one of the many reforms included in the House-passed Budget Resolution is the initiation of a "reconciliation" process, whereby certain House Committees would propose changes to current mandatory spending programs in order to generate a specified amount of savings. The savings generated from these reforms to mandatory programs would first be used to offset the cost (approximately \$78 billion)<sup>[1]</sup> of replacing the automatic across-the-board discretionary spending cuts that are scheduled to occur on January 2, 2013, under what is known as sequestration. The additional savings achieved through reconciliation beyond the \$78 billion (over \$180 billion in the next ten years) would further reduce the deficit.

The six House Committees that received reconciliation instruction under the House-passed Budget Resolution are currently beginning the process of marking up their reconciliation packages which the House will take up as one bill in early May.

This memo will provide you with information on the necessity of replacing sequestration and a summary of the specific savings proposals that we anticipate being part of the final reconciliation bill.

### **Why it is Necessary to Replace the Sequester**

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As a result of political posturing by the Democrats, the "Super Committee" failed to report and Congress failed to enact \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction last December. Thus, current law requires that there be across-the-board cuts, known as a "sequester," imposed on January 2, 2013. The sequester will result in a 10% reduction in Department of Defense programs and an 8% reduction in certain domestic programs, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and border security.

Intended as a mechanism to force action, there is bipartisan agreement that the

sequester going into place would undercut key responsibilities of the federal government.

As the Administration makes clear in their own Budget, “By design, the sequester is not good policy and is meant to force Congress to take action: it would lead to significant cuts to critical domestic programs such as education and research and cuts to defense programs that could undermine our national security. ... [C]uts of this magnitude done in an across-the-board fashion would be devastating both to defense and non-defense programs.” [[The Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2013](#), p. 24, February 13, 2012]

Of particular concern is the impact sequestration, if allowed to occur, would have on our national security.

The sequestration cuts would be on top of the savings in discretionary defense spending that were already implemented as part of the debt limit agreement last August.

The House Armed Services Committee has analyzed the impact of the sequestration, and found that if left in place, sequestration would cut the military to its smallest size since before the Second World War – all while we are still a nation at war in Afghanistan, facing increased threats from Iran and North Korea, unrest in the Middle East, and a rising China.

Major consequences include:

- 200,000 soldiers and Marines separated from service, bringing our force well below our pre-9/11 levels;
- Ability to respond to contingencies in North Korea or Iran at jeopardy;
- The smallest ground force since 1940;
- A fleet of fewer than 230 ships, the smallest level since 1915;
- The smallest tactical fighter force in the history of the Air Force;
- Our nuclear triad that has kept the US and 30 of our allies safe for decades will be in jeopardy;
- Reductions of 20 percent in defense civilian personnel; and
- Two BRAC rounds of base closings.

[[House Armed Services Committee Memo “Assessment of Impacts of Budget Cuts”](#), 9/22/2011]

Secretary Panetta and the professional military leadership have also looked at the impact of sequestration and reached similar conclusions:

Secretary Panetta stated, "If the maximum sequestration is triggered, the total cut will rise to about \$1 trillion compared with the FY 2012 plan. The impacts of these cuts would be devastating for the Department... Facing such large reductions, we would have to reduce the size of the military sharply. Rough estimates suggest after ten years of these cuts, we would have the smallest ground force since 1940, the smallest number of ships since 1915, and the smallest Air Force in its history." [[Secretary Panetta, Letter to Senator John McCain, 11/14/2011](#)]

General Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated, "[S]equestration leaves me three places to go to find the additional money: operations, maintenance, and training. That's the definition of a hollow force."

The individual branch service chiefs echoed General Dempsey:

- "Cuts of this magnitude would be catastrophic to the military...My assessment is that the nation would incur an unacceptable level of strategic and operational risk." – General Ray T. Odierno, Chief Of Staff, United States Army
- "A severe and irreversible impact on the Navy's future," – Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations
- "A Marine Corps below the end strength that's necessary to support even one major contingency," – General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps
- "Even the most thoroughly deliberated strategy may not be able to overcome dire consequences," – General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

[[Testimony of Service Chief before House Armed Services Committee, 11/2/2011](#)]

Armed Services Ranking Member Adam Smith recently gave a speech about the need to reverse sequestration. During a question and answer period after the speech, he stated, "What I am saying is, we are going to have to re-write the sequestration law before January 1, one way or another, in order to make sure i[t] makes sense and can fit. I believe that between now and then we will find \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction somewhere, somehow, and avoid the immediate sequestration. But as the gentleman asked, the problem is now. If we wait until September we will have done great harm to the economy."

According to an analysis by the House Appropriations Committee, the sequester will also have a significant impact on non-defense discretionary programs, including:

- Automatically reducing Head Start by \$650 million, resulting in 75,000 fewer slots for children in the program;
- Automatically reducing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$2.4 billion, an amount equal to nearly half of total NIH spending on cancer this year; and

- A reduction of approximately 1,870 Border Patrol Agents (a reduction of nearly 9% of the total number of agents).

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### **Democrats Have Failed to Offer a Credible Solution**

While both Republicans and Democrats have warned of the consequences from both immediate sequestration cuts and the looming debt crisis, the President and leading Senate Democrats *refuse* to advance credible solutions:

- The President insists on taking more money from hardworking families and small businesses, a policy that will only exacerbate our current economic problems.
- Just as bad, Senate Democrats have failed to pass a budget in more than 1,000 days, and have chosen to give up on budgeting again this year.

### **Common-Sense Republican Reforms**

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Pursuant to the Budget Resolution, the House will advance a series of reforms that replace across-the-board cuts scheduled in law with common-sense reforms that take steps to address government's autopilot spending.

Six House Committees will advance legislation that will:

- Stop Fraud, by Ensuring that Individuals are Actually Eligible for the Taxpayer Benefits They Receive;
- Eliminate Government Slush Funds and Stop Bailouts;
- Control Runaway, Unchecked Spending;
- Restrain Spending on Government Bureaucracies; and
- Reduce Waste and Duplicative Programs.

The savings from these reforms will *replace* the arbitrary discretionary sequester cuts and lay the groundwork for further efforts to avert the spending-driven economic crisis before us.

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Below is an outline of the reforms being advanced by the four committees (Agriculture, Financial Services, Judiciary, and Ways and Means) that are marking up instructions this week (week of April 16).

This memo will be updated to include the recommendations of the Energy & Commerce Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee once their markups are announced.

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### **Stopping Fraud by Ensuring that Individuals are Actually Eligible for the**

## **Taxpayer Benefits They Receive**

- Restricting Categorical Eligibility under the SNAP (Food Stamp) Program: Under current law, an individual can automatically qualify for SNAP based on receipt of benefits through other low-income assistance programs, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or state-run General Assistance (GA) programs.

- The Obama Administration has actively encouraged states to implement a policy called “broad-based categorical eligibility,” which means states are conveying SNAP eligibility based upon a household receiving a TANF-funded brochure or access to an “800” number hotline.

As of January, there are now 43 jurisdictions – 40 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands – implementing this policy. Of the 43 jurisdictions using broad-based categorical eligibility, 39 currently have no asset test and 27 have a gross income limit above 130% of the federal poverty guidelines.

- The proposal from the House Agriculture Committee would restrict categorical eligibility to only those households receiving cash assistance from SSI, TANF, or a state-run General Assistance program. Receiving a TANF-funded brochure or a referral to an “800” number telephone hotline would no longer automatically make a household SNAP eligible. According to CBO, this proposal would save \$11.7 billion over ten years.

Note: While this change would render some households no longer eligible for SNAP, any household that meets the eligibility requirements in SNAP law will continue receiving its SNAP benefits. This policy change would only affect those who are not truly eligible for the program under SNAP law.

Eliminating the SNAP “Heat and Eat” Loophole: Under current law, low-income households receiving any Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) payments also qualify for the SNAP Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) which automatically increases their SNAP benefits. Approximately 16 states and DC are abusing this interaction (often at the behest of advocacy groups) by sending \$1 or \$5 LIHEAP checks to low-income households so they may automatically take advantage of the SUA. In practice, if a participant receives \$1 in LIHEAP, they can automatically deduct the SUA from their income, so their net income goes down and they receive more SNAP benefits. For example, this can trigger as much as \$130 in additional SNAP benefits per month.

The proposal from the Agriculture Committee would change current law so that a LIHEAP payment no longer automatically triggers the SUA deduction, closing this

loophole. This provision in no way prevents those households who are paying their utility bills out-of-pocket from receiving the SNAP SUA. Any household paying their utility bills can still receive this deduction. According to CBO, this proposal would save \$14.3 billion over ten years.

Preventing Abuse in the Refundable Child Tax Credit: Current law provides for a child tax credit in the amount of \$1,000 per child under the age of 17 (\$500 per child beginning in 2013). This credit is partially refundable, meaning that taxpayers may, depending on their income and other tax obligations, receive a government check as a result of this credit. Such checks are considered spending for budget purposes. Under the rules in effect through 2012, the refundable portion of the child tax credit – sometimes referred to as the additional child tax credit (ACTC) – is capped at 15 percent of the taxpayer’s earned income above \$3,000.

Also under current law, individuals who are ineligible to work in the United States – and are thus ineligible for a Social Security Number (SSN) – can obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for tax purposes. In 1996, Congress enacted legislation making those without SSNs ineligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a similar refundable tax credit. However, when the refundable portion of the child tax credit was subsequently enacted in 1997, Congress included no similar limitation, and the Treasury Department has taken the position that it lacks the statutory authority to limit the ACTC to those with an SSN. Thus, the refundable portion of the child tax credit currently remains available to individuals who are unable to obtain an SSN because they are ineligible to work in the United States.

The proposal from the House Ways and Means Committee would close this loophole and individuals (or at least one spouse in the case of a joint return) would be required to include their SSN on their tax return in order to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, this proposal would save \$7.6 billion over ten years.

Fully Recapture Exchange Subsidy Overpayments: The Democrats’ health care law fails to adequately protect taxpayers from overpayments of health insurance Exchange subsidies, even in the case of fraud. Exchange subsidy eligibility is based on two-year old income tax return data. Because income can change (new job, promotion, spouse returns to the workforce, etc.), the government will conduct an annual review to determine if someone received more taxpayer-funded subsidies than he/she was entitled to.

If an overpayment was made, the recipient is required to repay some or all of the overpayment, subject to certain limits described below. Originally, under the health care law, the maximum amount a subsidy recipient was required to repay was \$250 for an individual or \$400 for a family, even if he/she/they received thousands of dollars in

subsidy overpayments. Since the health care law's enactment, two laws have increased the maximum amount of improper Exchange subsidy payments the government can recoup, but in some instances still fails to require full repayment.

The proposal from the Ways and Means Committee would require those who receive Exchange subsidies to which they are not entitled to repay the full amount of overpayments. Individuals and families would still be allowed to keep the subsidies they are entitled to receive under the law. The Joint Committee on Taxation and CBO estimate this provision would reduce the deficit by \$43.9 billion over ten years.

### **Eliminating Government Slush Funds and Stopping Bailouts**

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Protecting Taxpayers by Eliminating the Dodd-Frank Bailout Fund: The Dodd-Frank Act granted the FDIC "Orderly Liquidation Authority" that gives government bureaucrats the authority to use taxpayer dollars to bail out the creditors of "too big to fail" institutions and treat similarly situated creditors differently. The Democrats have claimed that they created this new resolution authority to prevent a replay of the 2008 bailouts of Bear Stearns, AIG, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Citigroup, Bank of America, GM and Chrysler. But in reality, Dodd-Frank's Orderly Liquidation Authority mechanism just perpetuates the very taxpayer-funded bailout regime it claims it to abolish.

The proposal from the House Financial Services Committee would end "too big to fail" by repealing this Dodd-Frank fund that paves the way for future bailouts. Eliminating the bailout fund will, according to CBO, save \$22 billion over ten years for deficit reduction.

Terminate Ineffective Housing Bailouts: The Obama Administration claimed HAMP, its signature foreclosure prevention initiative, would help up to 4 million struggling homeowners. Instead, HAMP has resulted in only 763,000 loans being permanently modified and has been the target of widespread and bipartisan criticism. Of the \$30 billion in TARP funds set aside for HAMP, \$2.54 billion has actually been disbursed. The Special Inspector General for TARP (SIGTARP), the Congressional Oversight Panel, the Government Accountability Office and even *New York Times* editorial page have all reported on the ineffectiveness of HAMP and highlighted how this program has hurt, rather than helped, many struggling homeowners.

The Financial Services Committee approved H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act, on March 9, 2011, and the House voted to pass the bill 252-170 on March 29, 2011, but the Senate has yet to act. Terminating this costly and ineffective program as part of reconciliation will, according to CBO, result in deficit reduction of \$2.8 billion over ten years.

Reforming the National Flood Insurance Program: The National Flood Insurance Act of

1968 established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to minimize the economic impact of floods and to provide flood insurance to individuals and businesses. Congress last enacted a long-term NFIP reauthorization and reform bill in 2004. H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act sponsored by Rep. Judy Biggert, includes a five-year reauthorization of the NFIP and will reform the program by encouraging broader participation, increasing financial accountability and eliminating unnecessary rate subsidies. The NFIP has historically failed to charge sufficient rates to cover its risk. H.R. 1309 eliminates unnecessary rate subsidies by including a phase-in of full-risk, actuarial rates for new and certain existing areas designated as "Special Flood Hazard." This will improve the NFIP's financial health.

The Financial Services Committee passed H.R. 1309 by a 54-0 vote on May 12, 2011 and the House approved the bill 406-22 on July 12, 2011, but the Senate has yet to act. Reforming this program as part of reconciliation will, according to CBO, result in \$4.9 billion in savings over ten years.

### **Controlling Runaway, Unchecked Spending**

- Eliminate the Indexing on SNAP Nutrition Education: Under current law, states have the option of providing nutrition education to SNAP recipients as part of their program operations; such education is 100% funded by the federal government. Funding for the SNAP nutrition education program is capped at \$375 million but is indexed for inflation so that the amount spent increases each year.

The proposal from the Agriculture Committee eliminates the automatic annual spending increase and, according to CBO, saves \$546 million over ten years.

- Terminate the SNAP Increase from the Stimulus: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) included an across-the-board increase in SNAP benefits effective in April 2009. The ARRA effectively replaced the increase in SNAP benefits that occurs under the Food and Nutrition Act, which is normally based on annual food-price inflation indexing. The ARRA increase was to stay in place until food-price inflation "caught up" so that families did not see a decrease in their monthly SNAP benefit allotment. Therefore, the ARRA benefit increase was originally expected to terminate after FY 2018, when food-price inflation was estimated to "catch up" with the ARRA increase.

Last Congress, when the Democrat majority needed to pay for their other "priorities," including a teacher's union bailout and increasing school meal standards, the ARRA SNAP increase was used *twice* to offset other laws. They achieved their savings by moving up the ARRA termination date to October 31, 2013. This proposal from the Agriculture Committee terminates the ARRA increase on July 1, 2012 and would save, according to CBO, \$5.9 billion over ten years.

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## **Restrain Spending on Government Bureaucracies**

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Eliminating Automatic Funding of the New Bureaucracies: The centerpiece of the Dodd-Frank Act is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), a large and powerful Federal agency that is – by design – accountable to neither the executive branch nor Congress. Its Director has the unprecedented and sole authority to decide which financial products Americans can and cannot use. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act authorizes the CFPB to fund itself by drawing money directly from the Federal Reserve to whatever extent the CFPB Director deems “necessary” up to \$548 million in FY 2012, \$598 million in FY 2013 and 12 percent of the Fed’s operating expenses each fiscal year thereafter. Not Congress, not the President, not even the Federal Reserve which provides its funding can oversee how the CFPB Director spends these hundreds of millions of dollars.

To correct this glaring lack of accountability, the Financial Services Committee proposes to make the CFPB subject to the ordinary congressional appropriations process and authorize the appropriation of \$200 million to the agency for FY 2012 and FY 2013. This will ensure proper oversight and accountability, and according to CBO achieve savings of \$5.4 billion over ten years.

## **Reducing Waste and Duplicative Programs**

Repeal of the Social Services Block Grant: The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is a flexible source of Federal funds that states use for a wide variety of social services. Begun in 1956 as a way to match State spending on services to help families leave welfare, the SSBG is now a 100 percent Federal funding stream that can be used to provide almost any service to anyone regardless of their income. Many of the services funded by SSBG are duplicative of other federal programs including the Community Services Block Grant, Head Start, Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, Promoting Safe and Stable Families, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Child Welfare Services, Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, among many others.

Because there are so few strings attached, some of the most common services supported by SSBG funds are:

- **Information and Referral Services:** The most common service supported with SSBG funds is information and referral to other social welfare programs. In other words, a significant amount of SSBG is spent not to provide services, but to provide people with information about and referrals to other services.
- **Case Management Services:** States also use the SSBG to pay for “the arrangement, coordination, and monitoring of services.” In other words, SSBG

may be used for administrative costs.

- Other Services: Even with a flexible, unaccountable program like SSBG, States frequently report spending on “other” activities and services.

The proposal from the Ways and Means Committee would eliminate the SSBG program saving taxpayers almost \$17 billion over 10 years, according to CBO.

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Eliminate the 50/50 Cost Share for the SNAP Employment and Training (E&T)

Program: Each fiscal year, USDA provides federal formula grants to state agencies for states to operate a SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program. In addition to this funding, states have the option of providing more funding towards their state E&T program, which USDA is required to match. According to GAO, there are 47 federal employment training programs and almost all federal employment and training programs overlap with at least one other program in that they provide similar services to similar populations.

The proposal from the Agriculture Committee would maintain the federal formula grants for employment training, but eliminate the 50/50 cost share thus resulting in savings for federal taxpayers and, according to CBO, save \$3.1 billion over ten years.

Eliminate State Performance Bonuses: States are responsible for administering the SNAP program and it is their duty to process applications in a timely manner, ensure households receive the accurate amount of SNAP benefits, and make certain the program is administered in the most effective and efficient manner. Under current law, states can receive a bonus for doing a good job. Annually, these bonuses total \$48 million.

The proposal by the Agriculture Committee eliminates the bonuses that are given to states for essentially doing their job and would, according to CBO, save \$480 million over ten years.

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Reforming the Medical Liability System: Many state supreme courts have judicially nullified reasonable litigation management provisions enacted by state legislatures, many of which sought to address the crisis in medical professional liability that reduces patients’ access to health care and increases overall health care costs. Consequently, in such states, passage of federal legislation by Congress may be the only means of addressing the state’s current crisis in medical professional liability, restoring patients’ access to health care, and controlling unnecessary costs.

To address these issues, the House Judiciary Committee has proposed the HEALTH Act, modeled after California’s decades-old and highly successful health care litigation reforms. This reform addresses the current crisis in health care by reigning in unlimited lawsuits and thereby making health care delivery more accessible and cost-

effective in the United States. California’s Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (“MICRA”), which was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 1976, has proved immensely successful in increasing access to affordable medical care.

MICRA’s reforms, which are included in the HEALTH Act, include:

- A \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages;
- Limits on the contingency fees lawyers can charge;
- Provisions creating a “fair share” rule, by which damages are allocated fairly, in direct proportion to fault;
- Reasonable guidelines – but not caps – on the award of punitive damages; and
- A safe harbor from punitive damages for products that meet applicable FDA safety requirements.

The HEALTH Act will accomplish reform without in any way limiting compensation for 100% of plaintiffs’ economic losses (anything to which a receipt can be attached), including their medical costs, their lost wages, their future lost wages, rehabilitation costs, and any other economic out-of-pocket loss suffered as the result of a health care injury. The HEALTH Act also does not preempt any state law that otherwise caps damages.

According to CBO, “under [the HEALTH Act], premiums for medical malpractice insurance ultimately would be an average of 25 percent to 30 percent below what they would be under current law.” Lower health care lawsuit liability premiums would reduce health care costs for everyone and increase the supply of vital doctors by allowing more doctors to continue practicing, including in higher-risk medical fields.

Further, abusive state tort laws drive what is known as “defensive medicine,” which occurs when doctors are forced by the threat of lawsuits to conduct tests and prescribe drugs that are not medically required, simply to avoid liability exposure. Defensive medicine practiced in a variety of federal health care programs costs federal taxpayers billions of dollars. CBO pronounced that the legal reforms contained in the HEALTH Act would reduce the federal budget deficit by an estimated \$40 billion over the next ten years.

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<sup>[1]</sup> \$78 billion reflects the remainder of the FY 2013 discretionary sequester after accounting for lowering the FY 2013 discretionary cap from \$1047 to \$1028 as provided for in the House-passed budget Resolution.

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**To:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 8:59 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; Katie Altshuler; Alex Gerszewski; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Re:

What concerns me is the misinformation and the uneducated idiots that are screwing up this story and intertwining the \$54 million, the refusal to expand Medicaid and the exchange...

For example...does he really have a freakin clue what he's talking about? At ALL?

“I have two concerns,” said State Rep. Ed Cannaday (D-Porum). “One is will the attorney general’s (Scott Pruitt) approach to this be successful and, two, that we don’t want any federal oversight and involvement in our healthcare.”

Cannaday is worried the money, that would have gone to support healthcare initiatives in Oklahoma, will end up as part of an exchange in a neighboring state.

If Fallin had agreed to Medicaid expansion, more than 200,000 additional Oklahoma men, women and children would have been eligible for healthcare coverage.

Healthcare exchange money has been reported at \$54 million for Oklahoma, which would include operating expenses.

“Because other states around the country have decided to seek healthcare coverage for their citizens,” Scott Inman (D-Del City) said. “Oklahoma Republican leaders created a situation where Oklahoma tax dollars will be sent to other places to insure their citizens.”

On Nov 28, 2012, at 8:52 AM, "Alex Weintz" <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

I’m a little shocked they did all this crap with Bennett’s daughter in this article:

[http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article\\_50fb54b6-3918-11e2-8c0c-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article_50fb54b6-3918-11e2-8c0c-001a4bcf6878.html)

Definitely people are running hot on this issue, not that I needed to tell anyone that

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**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
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**From:** John Tidwell <jmtulsa@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, 31 Mar 2011 15:19:34 -0500  
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**To:** [ronpaul-32@meetup.com](mailto:ronpaul-32@meetup.com)

I spoke too soon. ♦Is anyone surprised?

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All,

The press release by Sen. Brian Bingman mentioned today on 1170 KFAQ is noted below. ♦Without mentioning any bill numbers, the release implies that the state is not moving forward in developing the health insurance exchange. This is incorrect - the legislature is just changing tactics.

1. HB2130, creating the HUB board governance over the implementation of ♦ the health insurance exchange, is reportedly 'dead'. ♦HOWEVER, ♦ according to Sen. Bill Brown's office the "language they like" in HB ♦ 2130 is going to be put into another bill. ♦This language is going to ♦ be added to HB 1996, by Rep. Dan Sullivan.
2. Link to HB1996 current status:  
♦ <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HB1996>
3. HB 1996 is assigned to the Retirement and Insurance committee, chaired ♦ by Sen. Bill Brown. (See committee members below.)
4. SB 411, by Sen. Bill Brown/Moore of the House - creates a comprehensive ♦ health care information system and website. ♦This is a key component of ♦ the exchange and so needs to be stopped. This bill is currently in the ♦ House waiting to be put on the House calendar.
5. SB960, by Sen. Bill Brown, a redundant bill creating an insurance ♦ exchange is dead. ♦This bill never had a third reading in the senate ♦ and has missed the deadline to be heard.
6. Attached please find the Oklahoma Health Benefits Overview Logical ♦ Model (the IT support structure necessary to make the health benefit ♦ exchanges work, to be develop with the federal grant money). ♦This ♦ diagram was in a packet of information handed out by the OK Health ♦ Insurance Exchange Steering Committee on March 3, 2011.



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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: :(  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:37:31 PM

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We miss you...

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 2:09 PM  
**To:** Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** :(

I just got a call from someone who was sent to me by Faught asking to see a copy of the “contract” Governor Fallin signed accepting the early innovator grant money. I told them we have not signed a contract of any kind.

This is the kind of stuff that is out there

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**From:** [Mark McCullough](#)  
**To:** [Glen Mulready](#); [Kris Steele](#); [Jonathan Buxton](#); [Doug Cox](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Jason Murphey](#); [Rick Farmer](#)  
**Subject:** FW: "Private" Exchange Presentation - Exchange Under the Health Care Reform Law Article  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 11:36:24 AM  
**Attachments:** [The New Health Exchange.pdf](#)  
[private exchanges - NCSL presentation.ppt](#)

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Gentlemen and Katie,

These attachments are from a presentation at the NCSL meeting in Tampa. This attorney, now in private practice, was one of the lead drafters of the PPACA. His presentation relates to what many of us know is happening now, in that Insurance Companies are already selling insurance thru private exchanges and how that may intersect with the PPACA's requirement for a State or Federally Run exchange. This guy was hyper informed.

Mark McCullough

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**From:** "Condeluci, Christopher E." <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Mon, 5 Dec 2011 06:46:57 -0600  
**To:** Mark McCullough <[mark.mccullough@okhouse.gov](mailto:mark.mccullough@okhouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** "Private" Exchange Presentation - Exchange Under the Health Care Reform Law Article

Hi Representative McCullough! I hope you enjoyed the rest of the NCSL Conference. It was a pleasure meeting you at Thursday's Health Reform Implementation/Standing Committee on Health session.

As promised, I wanted to provide you with an electronic version of my presentation on "private" health insurance exchanges. As I mentioned during our conversation, prior to joining Venable, I had the fortunate opportunity to serve as the Tax and Benefits Counsel to the Senate Finance Committee from 2007 to 2010. During my time on the Committee, I had the opportunity to participate in the health care reform debate and develop portions of the new law. In particular, I had a significant amount of involvement in developing the structure of the new health insurance Exchanges and other changes to State insurance laws.

Now that I am back in private practice, I have done a great deal of work on issues relating to the Exchanges. I actually wrote an article on the Exchanges and the minimum standards that apply to insurance policies sold inside and outside of the Exchange. Attached is the article for your review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me – or have any of your colleagues contact me – with any questions about "private" exchanges, the Exchange created under the new health care reform law, or any other issues relating to health care reform. W: 202-344-4231 C: 703-209-0690. As stated, I would be extremely interested in helping you and your colleagues work through the myriad of issues relating to the new Exchanges, and, more broadly, any and all issues relating to the implementation of the new health care reform law.

Again, it was great to meet you. I look forward to talking with you soon. Take care!

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: "Source Documents for the State Talking Points on Regulatory Costs and the Impact of Losing Federal Medicaid Support"  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:57:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [PPACA Regulatory Cost Impact by State 3-21-2012.xlsx](#)  
[Measuring the Coerciveness of the PPACA Medicaid Expansion 3-21-2012.xls](#)

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [mailto:██████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:58 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Cc:** Marie Sanderson  
**Subject:** "Source Documents for the State Talking Points on Regulatory Costs and the Impact of Losing Federal Medicaid Support"

Andrew S.  
Here is where that information came from.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lindsay Russell; Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Sam Batkins; Cameron Smith  
**Subject:** Source Documents for the State Regulatory Cost and Medicaid Coercion Estimates

All,

Attached are two documents that substantiate all of the regulatory cost estimates and the Medicaid coercion estimates in the state-by-state talking points. Here's a quick overview of each document. Please feel free to call me at 202-657-8428 if you have any questions.

Best,  
Michael

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## **Regulatory Cost Impact by State**

The American Action Forum is fortunate enough to have Sam Batkins as its Director of Regulation. Sam has compiled a [database](#) of every regulation issued by the Obama Administration broken down by total pages, total cost, and paperwork burden hours. He has also broken each regulation down by the type of agencies affected so there is a sub-database for just healthcare regulations.

To derive the attached spread sheet estimating regulatory costs by state, Sam took the largest regulations that impact states and broke down the federal government's estimates proportionately by state to come up with a reasonable estimate of how costly the Affordable Care Act's regulations have already been to the private sector and the public.

Interestingly, Sam has built such an advanced database that we are now able to use it to bracket President during every state visit he makes to talk about jobs. I hope you all check out the database and tell your colleagues because it's a tremendous resources explaining the effect of the Obama Administrations red tape fiasco.

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## **Measuring the Coerciveness of the PPACA Medicaid Expansion**

The Medicaid related estimates come directly from the [American Action Forum's Supreme Court Amicus brief on Medicaid](#), which was signed by over 100 economists including multiple Nobel Prize winners.

**From:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**To:** [Katie Shelton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 1/30/12 Daily News Clips (UPDATED)  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2012 11:15:00 AM

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I know you have been waiting all weekend to print the press clips, so I will end your suffering.

Let me know if you need guidance.

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**From:** Alex Gerszewski  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** 1/30/12 Daily News Clips (UPDATED)

### **GOVERNOR MARY FALLIN NEWS**

Edmond Sun – Fallin reappoints Thompson as banking commissioner

<http://www.edmondsun.com/business/x1296871866/Fallin-reappoints-Thompson-as-banking-commissioner>

Wichita Business Journal – Oklahoma governor joins opposition to general aviation user fee

[http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/morning\\_call/2012/01/oklahoma-governor-joins-opposition-to.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/morning_call/2012/01/oklahoma-governor-joins-opposition-to.html)

Edmond Sun – Choice: It's good for children

<http://www.edmondsun.com/opinion/x431313030/Choice-It-s-good-for-children>

Tulsa World – Oklahoma could benefit from health insurance exchange setup, study finds

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The Supreme Court decision making health care reform's Medicaid expansion optional has created a high-stakes guessing game about which states sign up.

A handful of governors who most emphatically refused to implement the Affordable Care Act grabbed the early attention after the court decision. Yet an overwhelming majority of the states aren't ruling it out. And Medicaid advocates are still counting on most of the states to come on board, if not by 2014 then soon after.

"I think based on past history ... it's really likely that most states are eventually going to take part" in the expansion, said Sara Collins, vice president for affordable health insurance at the Commonwealth Fund.

How they get there may not be pretty. Republican governors are talking tough and some Democratic governors are treading carefully. It's not as simple as a governor saying "yes" or "no." Complicated factors come into play, including politics, budget outlooks and Medicaid's own history — including the ways states can shape their own Medicaid programs, or get waivers to test ways of covering more people, improving quality or containing costs.

It all makes for some intense state-level battles over the next year, as long as the health law stays on the books. Here's a look at some of the more interesting states to watch as they decide whether to go ahead and expand Medicaid to bring in millions of Americans up to 133 percent of the federal poverty line.

## ARIZONA

Gov. Jan Brewer and the Obama administration have tussled plenty over Medicaid reductions in a very public way — actually earning a mention during Supreme Court oral arguments on the Medicaid question. But a deeper look shows that Arizona is not a lock for rejecting the Medicaid expansion.

Brewer, who says she remains undecided on the expansion, has taken a considerable number of steps for Arizona to run its own health insurance exchange. Whether the state legislature will be on board is another question.

Before the Affordable Care Act passed, Arizona had a history of covering some childless adults — a population excluded by most states but included under the expansion. But Arizona was able to cut some of that enrollment by letting its waiver expire last year. But Manatt's Deborah Bachrach, a former New York Medicaid director, figures Arizona would have something to gain by taking the expansion, because the feds would provide a much more generous financial match for adult populations through the expansion.

“The more a state has used a waiver to provide some limited coverage to childless adults, the more money they will save by doing the expansion,” Bachrach said.

## UTAH

When it comes to health policy, the conservative state has to be part of the discussion.

“It’s an interesting state to watch because they’re very engaged in health policy,” said Joan Alker of the Georgetown Health Policy Institute.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, who co-chairs the Republican Governors Association’s health committee, has spent the past few weeks laying out a whole host of reasons why Utah wouldn’t expand Medicaid. But he hasn’t flatly turned it down, either, as some of his colleagues have.

Herbert also hasn’t been shy about his frustrations with the Medicaid waiver process. He told POLITICO recently that the court’s Medicaid decision could provide states with new leverage to negotiate for Medicaid changes they’ve been pushing such as block grants or more flexibility on benefit design.

Utah already has some history with expanding Medicaid. In the early 2000s, the state secured a waiver to extend some Medicaid coverage to childless adults — partially by increasing cost-sharing and reducing benefits for some existing enrollees.

“It was a fairly high-profile waiver when they moved forward with it because it had a very limited benefit package and didn’t have inpatient coverage,” Alker said.

## MISSOURI

With a Democratic governor and a Republican legislature, Missouri has seen some of the fiercest state-level battles over the ACA. The legislature has already passed a law — albeit a symbolic one — banning the individual mandate, and it approved a ballot initiative for this fall on whether the state should set up an exchange.

So, how does Gov. Jay Nixon play this one? So far, cautiously. He hasn’t said much about this publicly, and a spokesman didn’t return a POLITICO inquiry.

Nixon’s been rebuffed by Republican lawmakers on earlier efforts to expand Medicaid, and he’s up for reelection this year. If he does want to move forward on the expansion, don’t expect to see much before November.

## OKLAHOMA

The state was the first to return a sizable exchange grant from HHS last year, but it’s also taken a huge chunk of money to update its Medicaid eligibility system. In fact, Medicaid experts say it’s top-notch.

Oklahoma doesn’t have a very expansive Medicaid program today, and the Medicaid expansion is projected to cover about half of uninsured Oklahomans.

So the big question, says Manatt’s Bachrach, is this: “Will they use that infrastructure to launch the expansion?”

Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican, isn’t saying yet. Her office says Fallin’s going to take a hard look at the state’s options.

Oklahoma already has updated Medicaid eligibility rules to be “very much in line” with the ACA, Bachrach said. It’s also taken a serious look at delivery system reform.

## MINNESOTA

The state is one of a handful to expand part of its Medicaid program ahead of 2014. Whether the Republican legislature would approve more remains a big question mark.

Already, Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton has a tricky relationship with the state legislature over the ACA. His executive order in October starting up Minnesota's exchange isn't sitting well with Republican lawmakers, who complain they've been left out of the process.

Dayton already told HHS that Minnesota plans to run its own exchange, but Republican lawmakers say the issue hasn't been settled. They want the legislature to address it next year, meaning health care politics will already be boiling in the state.

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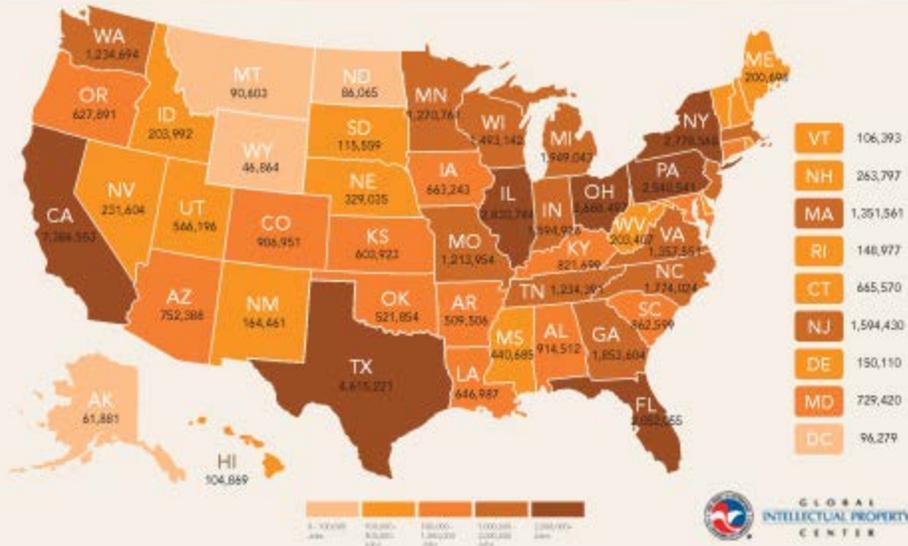
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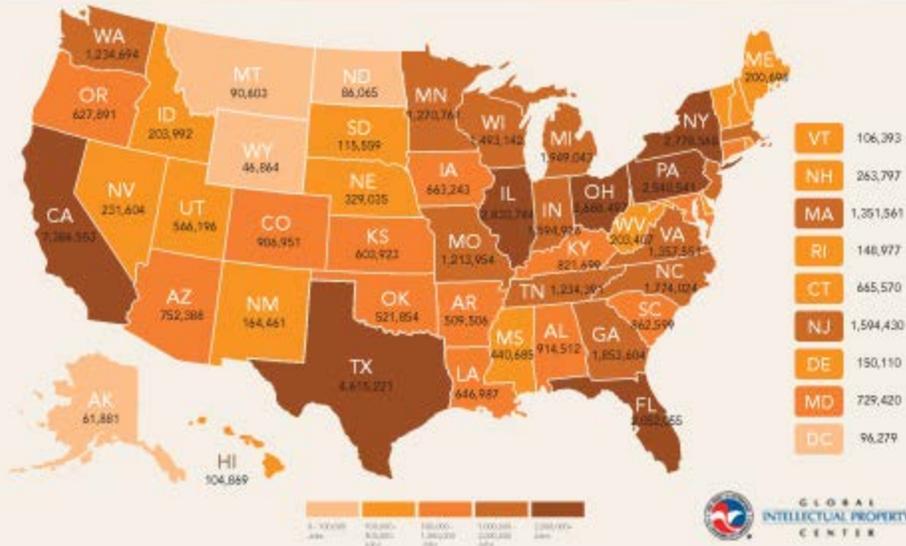
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**Subject:** Fw: A Closer Look: Utah's Health Insurance Exchange  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011 8:33:27 PM

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It may be a dead issue, but I liked some of the language and talking points they used...

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Subject: A Closer Look: Utah's Health Insurance Exchange

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**Subject:** FW: A Message From Blue Cross Blue Shield To ALL AMERICANS ...  
**Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2012 3:20:00 PM

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**From:** John Reaves [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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**To:** Dave Punnett  
**Subject:** Fwd: A Message From Blue Cross Blue Shield To ALL AMERICANS ...

**Message From**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield To ALL AMERICANS**

*November 6, 2012 will be the most important date that will affect the rest of your life ... The Choice Is Yours.*

## A message from Blue Cross Blue Shield

Professor Emeritus John W. Hill, JD, PhD  
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### **MEDICARE**

Look clearly at the 2014 rate compared to the 2013 rate.

For those of you who are on Medicare, read the following. It's short, but important and you probably haven't heard about it in the Mainstream News:

"The per person Medicare Insurance Premium will increase from the present Monthly Fee of \$96.40, rising to:

\$104.20 in 2012

\$120.20 in 2013

And

**\$247.00 in 2014."**

These are Provisions incorporated in the Obamacare Legislation, **purposely delayed so as not to confuse the 2012 Re-Election Campaigns.** Send this to all Seniors that you know, so they will know who's throwing them under the bus.

*Peggy Riehle*

*Internal Representative*

*Network Contracting*

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: ACA 1413 Evaluation - POC Request - Oklahoma  
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Nico

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Good Afternoon,

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who are most knowledgeable about the steps the State has taken or plans to take with regard to implementing the requirements of Sections 1413 and 2201 of the Affordable Care Act, regarding streamlined eligibility and enrollment as it pertains to State Medicaid programs.

The point of contact for the Medicaid requirements is Buffy Heater, MPH, Director of Planning & Development, OHCA, 2401 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Ste 1A, Oklahoma City, OK, 73107. She can be reached at (405) 522-7545 or [Buffy.Heater@okhca.org](mailto:Buffy.Heater@okhca.org)

We recognize the requests from the GAO and OIG ask for representatives from the Medicaid agency, as well as for appropriate points of contact at other State entities. We understand that the evaluation and survey will not be limited to Medicaid requirements but also include aspects of the required interoperability with a health insurance exchange as of January 1, 2014. To address this request, the CEO of the OHCA, Mike Fogarty, has passed along the GAO and OIG request letters to Oklahoma executive branch leaders. (Letters to Oklahoma Secretary of Health and Policy Director for Governor Mary Fallin attached to this email.) It is anticipated they may identify an additional state point of contact perhaps with broader knowledge of the plans for Oklahoma's health insurance exchange development.

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**Obama Care/Fallin Care Health Exchange Meeting This Wednesday**

The first meeting of the Obama Care/Fallin Care task force is to be held on Wednesday September 14th at 9:00 am in the House Chamber at the State Capitol. I believe they chose this particular meeting place to avoid having to deal with questions from the audience but a good crowd will remind them what is waiting for them should they go ahead and implement Obama Care here in Oklahoma. Below are the Senators and Representatives on the committee, it would be a good idea to call and email to remind them that the majority of the citizens of Oklahoma are dead set against Obama Care/Fallin Care.

Light em up..

Make it clear to them that there will be a political price for supporting Obama Care/Fallin Care in any form or fashion. Remember that they are practiced politicians, they can sell sand to an Arab, don't get in arguments or discussions, tell them what the people of Oklahoma want.

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### Phil Lakin, George Kaiser, and Obama

A few weeks ago we went over the candidates for Tulsa City Council. One of the candidates for District 8 is Phil Lakin; Phil is also the Chairman of the George Kaiser Family Foundation. George Kaiser is one of the investors of the defunct solar energy company that was in the news last week for going bankrupt owing the U.S. government hundreds of millions of dollars. Lakin is also on the board of the Tulsa Community Foundation and other boards.

Here is an email from a Washington Post reporter responding after a Tulsa activist reached out with info on Phil Lakin and George Kaiser:

Quote:

"We are very interested in George Kaiser and any help you might be able to give us would be greatly appreciated. Our George Kaiser is chairman of Tulsa-based BOK Financial Corp. and owner of Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. He also is one of Solyndra's biggest backers through an organization known as the George Kaiser Family Foundation. He is an Oklahoma oilman who bundled campaign contributions from multiple sources for Obama's 2008 campaign. Kaiser raised, or bundled, \$50,000 to \$100,000 for Obama's 2008 campaign, according to a list that had been posted on Obama's 2008 campaign website. He gave \$2,300 personally, according to the FEC.

As you probably know, the George Kaiser Family Foundation is a charitable organization based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and backed by donations from Kaiser. It holds about 35.7 percent of the company, according to a Solyndra filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Kaiser made three visits to the White House on March 12, 2009, and one on March 13. Kaiser has denied any direct involvement in the Solyndra deal. In a statement from his foundation he said he "did not participate in any discussions with the U.S. government regarding the loan."

The White House meetings put that statement to a test. He met with former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors Austan Goolsbee, Senior Advisor Pete Rouse, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council Heather Higginbottom and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Jason Furman. People who work for him also went to the White House, including chairman and founder Christian Gronet and Board Members Thomas Baruch and David Prend. This information is according to the WH visitor logs. Former Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel and Adviser Valerie Jarrett reportedly also met with Kaiser.

End quote.

Here are some articles on the [George Kaiser/Obama/Solyndra loan connection](#):  
[Washington Times article](#)  
[Bloomberg article](#)  
[Tulsa World article](#) that came out Sept 8th

[Tulsa Today article](#)  
[Big Government link](#)  
[Washington Times article today](#)  
[September 3rd article by Bloomberg](#)  
[Solyndra/Obama Connection](#)



### Representative Glen Mulready Talking Trash Again

Occasionally one of our members asks why we expose so much of the legislator's dirty laundry and focus on their response to our newsletters. For two reasons:

1. It shows people that the legislators are no better than the rest of us, almost anyone could run for office regardless of what baggage they might have or their "qualifications".
2. Their responses to our newsletters are illuminating, especially when they lash out in anger over the exposure of the seamy side of the legislature.

Last week, one of our old sparing partners, Representative Glen Mulready, just had to open his mouth again. Like the old joke about the hunter and the grizzly bear, one begins to wonder if Representative Mulready is doing this for the sport of it. Representative Mulready was one of the founding members of the Short Bus Caucus, a group of Republican House members that were running their mouth against the Tea Party during one of the Republican Caucus meetings. Here is a link to that May 8th newsletter where Representative Mulready helped us come up with the name transvestite Republican: [Transvestite Republicans](#)

So last week Representative Mulready once again shot off his infamous mouth in an email to one of our allies. Here is the email:

Subject: Re: A Jerry Springer Batch of Legislators

Date: Fri, 2 Sep 2011 14:25:06 -0500  
From: Glen Mulready  
To: Jim Gxxxx [xxxxxxx@cox.net](mailto:xxxxxxx@cox.net)

Jim,  
I would respectfully suggest to you that your forwarding of this groups "trash" only serves to undermine your own credibility.  
Hope you are well.

Best,

Glen Mulready  
Sent from my iPhone, please pardon any typos.

End quote.

When challenged by one of the messages recipients, Representative Glen Mulready had this to say:

Quote:

"BL,

So, "relevant to the topic" from your perspective is someones (Sic) innuendo and rumor tossed around without any kind of evidence. This is one radical person, with no evidence, throwing things out there about people he doesn't like....plain and simple.

The bottom line is no different than I tell my young boys daily. Choose your friends wisely...you will be known by those you hang out with. If you wish to be identified closely with this group, then by all means, continue to forward their emails. I'm telling you that this is a quick way for you to move you and your group towards irrelevance by association.

I have a lot more detail about this groups posting of comments and pictures of my family earlier this year that I could share with you, but will not take the time.

Choose your friends wisely!

Best regards,

Glen"

End quote.



Representative Mulready's purpose in taking the time to respond to B.L. is obvious; to try to drive a wedge between the Tea Party and the rural interests.

If you have taken one of my classes on the Real Nature of Politics, you will recognize the classic responses regurgitated by Representative Mulready. He starts by stating that forwarding the Sooner Tea Party newsletter undermines B.L.'s credibility. When a politician tells you something, the first thing you should ask yourself is how it benefits the politician if you believe what he says. Think about it, Representative Mulready is not supporting B.L.'s effort so if B.L. was hurting his credibility then Representative Mulready would just stay silent and let him hang himself.

Next Representative Mulready admits that forwarding something is the same as endorsing something. Using that logic, he supports and endorses the House leaders that voted for the transvestite birth certificate bill, therefore Representative Mulready supports everything else the House leadership stands for: allowing illegal immigration, biometrics on our drivers license for future facial recognition tracking systems, highway cameras watching car license plates for ticketing those without insurance (next will be those that are running an expired tag, next are those driving 5 miles over the speed limit), implementing the Obama Care/Fallin Care Health insurance exchanges (Mulready is heading that interim study), stopping Open Carry, and stopping all the Tea Party/Constitutional bills that support the 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 10th Amendments.

As to the list of immoral legislators cheating on their spouses, multiple sources backed up each instance of infidelity. One case was dropped after a Democrat legislator vouched for the legislator after approaching him on our behalf; five or six others are still under investigation so we did not put them on the newsletter. The Kirby and Osborn affair was checked using both GOP and Democrat sources. The Charles Ortega story was confirmed using legislators and local sources, he is the talk of the town these days... the old goat! The Lee Denney story was verified using local sources as well as multiple legislative sources.

We back up 100% of our info before we use it in the newsletter. As far as ruining a cheating legislator's reputation, they ruined it themselves; we are just spreading the news. As far as the Sooner Tea Party's "agenda", it is simple, force legislators like Representative Mulready to represent their constituents instead of ruling over them like they are royalty and to force the legislators to support the Constitution including the Bill of Rights. It Representative Mulready needs stepped on to force him to do right, we have no problem stepping on him.

As to posting his family picture, we took the picture off his campaign website. If he drags his family into his campaign to claim family values, then what is wrong with using the picture when Representative Mulready is going against family values? We posted his family shot next to a drag queen smoking a cigarette and asked the readers to see if the two men looked alike and to let us know if Mulready didn't look like a transvestite.... not as single email came in against the article, people understood that we were pointing out that Mulready was a hypocrite.

Lastly, Representative Mulready talks big about not slandering people and tossing around innuendo and rumor, yet he doesn't look into the stories before claiming we are "radical" and are slandering people. The difference between Representative Mulready and our group is

that we put our info out in public, Representative Mulready prefers to slink about and whisper lies in private. And where is Representative Mulready's outrage over Representative Dan Sullivan's behavior?

But the highest nail gets the hammer so Representative Mulready has earned another article in the newsletter about his character and his refusal to represent the people in his district. He is an elitist, he said so at that meeting in May, said that regardless of how the people in his district want him to vote he is going to vote his way. I've got it on tape, it is going to make a great robo call.

Remember always that the Mulreadys of this world believe that the rest of us are sheep to be sheared. They stay in power only by dividing any that rise against them. They are accomplished liars; the most dangerous of them are the sociopath liars who tend to rise into leadership positions. They truly believe they are not lying, from being so wrapped up in their fantasy world and their belief that they are above everyone else.



## **Oklahoma Real Estate Commission Whitewashes Sullivan Real Estate Investigation**

And after all that documentation of the forged document that we looked at last week, what did the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission do? They whitewashed the investigation, seizing upon a comment from Mrs. Sullivan that stated she didn't know which party altered the document and forged the initials. That is the problem with reasonable people, they talk reasonably, and Mrs. Sullivan was just stating an obvious fact. Most people would understand that an investigation was required to ascertain who altered the document and forged the initial. A bureaucrat on the other hand would jump at the chance to get this issue off their desk and done with! All they had to do was question the realtor about the document and she would have rolled over on either Representative Sullivan or his attorney.

Here is the official Investigative Report of the OREC investigator Sherry L. Kueffler. Look for the file labeled:  
["C-2010-047\\_Final\\_\(GS\)"](#)

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## **Did Representative Sullivan Lie To Tulsa Police on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2007?**

Two weeks ago we told the story of a terrified woman fleeing her home around 11:30 pm, in her night clothes, barefoot, not even taking the time to grab her cell phone. A source claimed that after an argument over continuing the marriage counseling, Representative Sullivan eyes were so dark with anger that they were like "looking at the end of the world".

Sources say Mrs. Sullivan fled northeast on I-44 in the early hours of September 19th, so afraid for her life, so shocked, so intimidated by her husband's behavior that she could only think of putting distance between them. Remember that reports state that Representative Sullivan had been mixing prescription medicines, over the counter cold medication, and booze. Documents and emails show that he was in dire financial straits, had impregnated a House staffer that worked under him at the capitol during an illicit and illegal affair, and was becoming increasingly unstable.

Mrs. Sullivan could think of only one place to go where her reserve deputy/Judicial Committee Chairman/Representative husband wouldn't likely find her, a bed and breakfast place near Grand Lake that she remembered from a previous trip long ago. She realized that she couldn't hope to find a vacancy at 2:00 or 3:00 am so she parked in the parking lot of the Cherokee Yacht Club near Ketchum, Oklahoma.

It wasn't long before a security guard came over to see why a woman was parked by the lake in the predawn chill. Dressed in night clothes, shoeless, and scared, the officer recognized the signs of an abused woman in need of help. The officer opened up the lobby and allowed Mrs. Sullivan to wait inside until daylight, then after telling her the bed and breakfast she was searching for had closed the previous year, the officer recommended another small business that rented secluded lake cabins.

The innkeeper was a woman that had also had experience with abused women in shelters and immediately recognized the tell tale signs: no shoes, no luggage, night clothing rather than suitable attire, a woman clearly frightened that her husband would find her and do harm. Since Mrs. Sullivan was still terrified of being found, the innkeeper suggested parking the car away from the cabin, lessening the chance that Representative Sullivan could track her down.

And what was Representative Sullivan doing about this time? Well, he had gone to work. Doesn't sound like something that a normal husband would do after his wife fled in terror the night before, most would be out looking for her or calling her friends and family, perhaps even calling the state police since she was the wife of a legislator. But not Representative Sullivan, where most of us would have been worried sick, Representative Sullivan went to work, had lunch, and went home.

Finally around 9:30 pm Representative Sullivan reported his wife missing, twenty two hours after she fled. Representative Sullivan told the officer of the cell phone left behind, that he had called his family and friends in an effort to find her, and had looked online to see if she had used her credit cards or withdrew money from an ATM. The police report states that Representative Sullivan said that he didn't believe that Mrs. Sullivan was suicidal but she had been upset over health issues. No mention of the argument that turned physical, no mention of the marriage counseling as a result of Representative Sullivan's infidelities, Representative Sullivan chose to lie and say Mrs. Sullivan was upset over health issues...

Look for the file labeled: ["Missing Person Police Report 9.19.2007"](#).

But much later Representative Sullivan testified under oath as part of the divorce proceedings. During his testimony Sullivan denied that he had told the Tulsa Police that Mrs. Sullivan was worried about her health the night she fled. **In fact Representative Sullivan admitted on the witness stand that they had had an argument which caused Mrs. Sullivan to flee.**

["Representative Sullivan Deposition Proving He Lied About The Reason Mrs. Sullivan Fleed"](#)

Okay, some of you might say, so Representative Sullivan didn't want to air his dirty laundry. He told a little white lie to save face. If that were all, we wouldn't be reporting this but what came next is absolutely chilling. The missing person report also states:

"Dan, who is also a TCSO reserve deputy, verified that his only owned weapon was accounted for in their home."

**Did Representative Sullivan own only one weapon?**

Representative Sullivan claimed only one gun in his statement to the Tulsa police on the missing person report. Here is what Sullivan had in the way of weaponry around that time, many of them left loaded around the home.

S & W 640-1 CD A6703

New England Arms SB4 MAG 10 ga NE320444

Remington 700 7mm mag 250505

Remington 742 30-06 A7371364

Remington Nov-48 20ga 5831524

Ruger super BH 44 81-65581

Remington 1100 20ga N823401

Mossberg 590 12ga p603944

Glock 21C FLD 346 Returned to Sheriffs dept.

Ruger Sec, six 357 15347399

Colt AR-15 sport 223 66548

Glock 21C DSV190US

Glock 27 EVN264US

US CARBINE M1 30 4242553

Remington 870 12 Y502890

S & W 457 45

**I counted 16 guns, not one that he told the Tulsa police officer about.**

And here are pictures of the guns that Representative Sullivan denied owning.



Now many people collect guns, nothing wrong with that. The problem here is Representative Sullivan lying.

One can only wonder why Representative Sullivan would lie to a police officer about the number of weapons he owned. Was he was covering his tracks in case a body was found and ballistic tests were run? What we can be certain of is that Representative Sullivan has no qualms about lying to a police officer or on the witness stand, if it suits his purpose. All that remains is to ask why Representative Sullivan lies. There are three types of liars:

- 1.Pathological Liar, someone that doesn't lie purposely, they actually believe that they are telling the truth.
- 2.Compulsive Liar, someone that lies out of habit because it feels "right".
- 3.Sociopaths, someone that lies incessantly in order to get their way and does so with little concern for others.

Of the three types of liar, I believe that Representative Sullivan better fits the Sociopath model better than any other. [link to list of traits of sociopaths.](#)



Yes, this was a messy divorce! But if character matters, something that the country forgot when they elected Bill Clinton, and if past behavior is indicative of future behavior, do we dare allow Representative Sullivan to walk away from his behavior and crimes without penalty? Do we dare allow the other 148 legislators think that if Representative Sullivan got away with it, that they can get away with it?

Here is the contact info for the Speaker of the House, Kris Steele and for the GRDA, who is considering Representative Sullivan for the top CEO position. Please call them and give them your opinion on this matter.

Kris Steele: (405) 557-7345 [krissteele@okhouse.gov](mailto:krissteele@okhouse.gov)

GRDA (918) 256-5545 Michael Kiefner, interim CEO

Oh, and what happened to Mrs. Sullivan? Her brother and her sister in law found her on Thursday, two days after she had gone missing. They had gone online to the Pike Pass website and found the Vinita exit charge, then cruised around till one of them spotted her car.

Representative Sullivan never went looking for her.



## Obama Administration Exporting American Jobs DOJ Advises Gibson Guitar to Export Labor to Madagascar

[This story](#) has been in the woodworking journals for some time. Gibson Guitar was raided in 2009 and despite their exotic woods coming from certified importers, millions of dollars worth of lumber and finished guitars were confiscated. Their competitors, Martin Guitar and Fender Guitar, use the same importer but they haven't been raided, likely due to the owner of Martin Guitar being an Obama donor and both companies not having the deep pockets that Gibson Guitar possesses. Despite obtaining letters from the Madagascar government stating that the wood in question was exported legally, the Obama administration contends that the wood was imported in violation of Madagascar law (not U.S. law!).

The wood the Government seized on August 24 is from a Forest Stewardship Council certified supplier and is FSC Controlled, meaning that the wood complies with the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council, which is an industry-recognized and independent, not-for-profit organization established to promote responsible management of the world's forests. I've seen articles in the wood working journals about Gibson Guitar's commitment to the Forest Stewardship Council program.

The Obama administration contends that only finished wood products are allowed to be exported from Madagascar and have told the Gibson Guitar company that all of this would go away if they moved production into the country that exported the exotic woods. Gibson is one of those rare companies that has been able to keep ahead of foreign imports by focusing on top quality products, keeping hundreds of jobs right here in the U.S.

I firmly believe that there is no such thing as a crazy person or a crazy law. Most alleged insanity usually looks reasonable once viewed from the correct angle. If one believes the [Cloward-Pivens strategy](#) is behind the Obama administration wanting to close down an American factory and send the jobs to Madagascar, then this story begins to make perfect sense.

I am a former employer. I've owned furniture factories and cabinet shops over the years, employing from a few to over 40 employees. My current shop was built to employ ten employees but the most employees we could ever amass at once was eight. The restriction was finding someone willing to actually show up for work, and then once there, be willing to put in a productive eight hour day putting out quality work. Once people stuck around long enough to pick up the skills required to work efficiently, they could earn as much as \$15.00 per hour. Not enough, I know, but with the other cabinet shops employing illegal workers at \$7.00 to \$8.00 per hour, that was the best we could pay. The wood working industry has always had wages up to 60% less than other manufacturing industries, the low barrier of entry for new shops has always caused professional shops to compete with those working in their garages or working on site to build cabinets, with the low overhead giving the unprofessional shops a large advantage.

Low wages in itself isn't 100% of the problem. Once people figure out how to play the system, they don't need to work for low wages if they use Section 8 housing, free medical care at the emergency room, food stamps, and the other welfare programs. So companies like Gibson are hit with both low price foreign competition and finding workers with enough self esteem that they are willing to work rather than sit on the government dole. And then the Obama administration wants to shut them down and ship the jobs overseas.

I started winding down the number of employees I worked years ago. When the internet age came upon us it was obvious that if your quality was not the best, it mattered not what price range you were in, unhappy customers would post bad references about your company online for all to see. I've seen comments where people talked about the price of a set of

cabinets being the only standard toward choosing a company because they could always demand quality. Well, cabinets are like any other product, you get what you pay for, all that type of customer can do is set themselves up for problems. So I decided to avoid the low end of the market, focusing on the upper end where one could charge enough to do top notch work and avoid the bad reviews. That meant that I could afford to hire only the best workers, because the old system of bringing in a new hand and absorbing the cost reworking his mistakes wasn't possible anymore.

If a manufacture can manage to get past the foreign competition and the lack of work ethic in the majority of the workers in the lower pay scales, then government regulation is still there to cause problems. It was bad enough back in the mid eighties when I had over 40 workers on my payroll, with untold dozens more producing materials, supplies, or components for my factory. It is ten times worse these days as Gibson Guitar is finding out.



So like John Galt in Atlas Shrugged, I went on strike. Now I work no employees, just do what I can do by myself and I've found I make more than I did with eight employees even carrying the enormous overhead of a 10,000 square foot shop. This strategy is the only safe way to survive in business these days unless you have a very profitable business and can just burn money to solve problems. One wonders how much of the current 9% unemployment and the enormous under employment is due to capitalist like myself just refusing to play the game.



### **Is The OBAMA REGIME ARMING U.S. STREET GANGS VIA ATF? Indiana Gun Sales Draw Scrutiny**

A few months back the ATF got caught letting weapons get smuggled into Mexico. Allegedly part of a sting operation to catch gun shops selling to buyers that weren't legally able to purchase guns, they termed it "gun walking" and as it turned out besides Mexico and Honduras, the ATF might be doing this all over our country. [The article at this link](#) raises the question: Is Obama arming the gangs and Muslims using the ATF? The story below talks about an Indiana gun walking scheme sanctioned by the ATF.

[Full story at Sipsey Street Irregulars](#)

**BBQ Fund Raiser Set For Rep John Bennett September  
15<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget about the John Bennett fund raiser at Sallisaw at the county fair barn at Redwood and Shirley on Thursday night, the 15th of Sept. @6:00 pm . I'll be doing some grassroots training after the meal. The Bar B Q is free, but please contribute to the re-election campaign funds of Senator Mark Allen and Rep. John Bennett. Door prizes, silent auction, and donation jars will be at the door. There will be a live band, "War Pony", playing as well.

**Also remember about the ArmesControl.Com trip on Saturday. Meet at the Newcastle Gaming Center before 7:00 am or call me before 9:00 am if you are meeting us in Lawton. Cell phone reception is spotty down South so call before we get into the area!**

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**Subject:** AP emails

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Thanks,  
Sean

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**To:** Denise Northrup; AJ Mallory  
**Subject:** Appointment with the Governor

Rep. Key is requesting an appointment with Governor Fallin on either February 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> to introduce Mr. Benjamin Domenech and Kendal Antekier of The Heartland Institute, and discuss HealthCare Exchanges. Mr. Domenech and Ms. Antekier will be in the state to share expertise on this subject. The dates and times they are sharing the information is listed below:

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ approximately 9:30am (following session), House Chamber**

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am in the State Capitol, room 512A**

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ noon @ OCPAC @ Italiano's, 4801 N. Lincoln Boulevard**

**Please advise if Governor Fallin has time in her schedule.**

**Information about The Heartland Institute and Mr. Domenech is listed below:**

Benjamin Domenech, managing editor of Health Care News and a research fellow at The Heartland Institute, has agreed to come to the State Capitol and share his expertise on this subject. Kendal Antekier of the Heartland Institute will also be in attendance. The Heartland Institute is a 27-year-old national nonprofit research organization dedicated to finding and promoting ideas that empower people. Founded in Chicago in 1984, its mission is to discover, develop, and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems. The Heartland Institute distributes six monthly public policy newspapers addressing the major domestic public policy issues to every national and state elected official in the U.S. plus 8,400 county and local officials and thousands of civic and business leaders. It also produces books, policy studies, and booklets. Approximately 130 academics and professional economists participate in its peer review process, and more than 200 elected officials currently serve on its Legislative Forum. A telephone survey of randomly selected state and local elected officials conducted in 2011 found 79% of state legislators and 63% of local elected officials read at least one of Heartland's publications, and 45% of state legislators say a Heartland publication changed their mind or led to a change in public policy. Approximately 1,800 support an annual budget of \$6 million. Heartland does not accept government funding.

Mr. Domenech joined The Heartland Institute in 2009 after several years working and writing on national health care policy, beginning with a political appointment as speechwriter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, and continuing as chief speechwriter for U.S. Senator John Cornyn during the Medicare Part D debate on Capitol Hill. In addition to his work with Heartland, Benjamin is currently editor of *The City*, an academic journal of faith, politics, and culture, published by Houston Baptist University. He previously worked as a book editor for Eagle Publishing, where he edited multiple New York Times bestsellers in the arenas of politics, history, and sports.

He was a founding board member of Redstate, a prominent conservative activist community site, and co-hosts *Coffee & Markets*, an award-winning daily podcast focused on politics, policy, and the marketplace. Educated at the College of William & Mary and University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Benjamin regularly writes opinion columns for the Washington Examiner and RealClearWorld, and in 2009 he was chosen as a Journalism Fellow by the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution.



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**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Lindsay Russell; Mike Schrimpf; Jon Thompson  
**Subject:** Attachments: SCOTUS Medicaid decision: call today at 4:30 EST

All- for today's staff call at 4:30 PM EST—please find attached:

1. Agenda
2. Medicaid overview
3. Medicaid overview from Politico, attached and <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0612/77945.html>

More information will be provided as we complete analysis.

Reminder, our governors will discuss all of this on their governors-only call on 7/3. Information was forwarded earlier this week to you and your schedulers.

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All: Quick update on the Medicaid opinion.

1. **CALL SCHEDULED FOR TODAY:** We will host a call at 4:30 EST today to discuss moving parts with a team of experts. [REDACTED] access code [REDACTED]
2. **PRESS:** We realize many of you are torn with what to say regarding the Medicaid expansion piece in your public states. We request that you continue indicate that your state is studying the opinion. We will discuss this today on the call. We will discuss Medicaid expansion, MOEs, healthcare exchanges and a number of other questions you might have. While the expansion piece is voluntary, Medicaid is still a regulatory mess and other pieces of PPACA for states appear to be intact.

Thanks,  
Marie

More:

<http://www.scotusblog.com/2012/06/court-holds-that-states-have-choice-whether-to-join-medicaid-expansion/>

## Court holds that states have choice whether to join medicaid expansion

The Court's decision on the constitutionality of the Medicaid expansion is divided and complicated. The bottom line is that: (1) Congress acted constitutionally in offering states funds to expand coverage to millions of new individuals; (2) So states can agree to expand coverage in exchange for those new funds; (3) If the state accepts the expansion funds, it must obey by the new rules and expand coverage; (4) but a state can refuse to participate in the expansion without losing *all* of its Medicaid funds; instead the state will have the option of continue the its current, unexpanded plan as is.

The votes for this outcome are divided among several opinions. Three Justices – the Chief, Justice Kagan, and Justice Breyer – took the position that depriving a state of *all* of its Medicaid funding for refusing to agree to the new expansion would exceed Congress's power under the Spending Clause. Although Congress may attach conditions to federal funds, they concluded, it may not coerce states into accepting those conditions. And in this case, taking away all the states' funds for the entirety of its Medicaid program just because it disagreed with a piece of the program would be coercive. But the remedy for that constitutional

violation is not to declare the expansion unconstitutional – such that even states that want to participate would not have the option. Instead, the plurality held that the provision of the statute that authorized the Government to cut off all funds for non-compliance with the expansion was unconstitutional. The result is that states can choose to participate in the expansion, must comply with the conditions attached to the new expansion funds if they take that new money, but states can also choose to continue to participate only in the unexpanded version of the program if they want.

Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor would have held the entire expansion program constitutional, even the provision threatening to cut off all funding unless states agreed to the expansion. Their votes created a majority for the proposition that the overall expansion was constitutional, and that states could choose to participate in the expansion and would have to comply with the expansion conditions if they did.

But there was still no majority about what to do about the states that do not want to participate in the expansion – the Chief Justice's 3-Justice plurality voted to strike down the provision allowing the Government to withhold all funds from states that reject the expansion; Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor voted to uphold it.

The deadlock was broken by the dissenters. Justice Scalia – writing on behalf of himself, and Justices Kennedy, Thomas, and Alito – agreed with the Chief's plurality that the threat to withhold all funds was unconstitutionally coercive. But they would have held that the consequence is that the entire expansion program should be stricken. The result would have been that even states that wanted to participate in the program could not. The plurality's approach of simply striking down the provision that allowed withholding *all* funds if the state refused the expansion was, in the dissenters' view, tantamount to rewriting the statute.

At this point, that meant that there were 2 votes to uphold the expansion in its entirety, 4 votes to strike the entire expansion down, and 3 votes to strike down only the provision withholding all funds for non-compliance with the expansion mandate. So where does that leave things?

Fortunately (for the sake of clarity at least), Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor resolved the ambiguity by voting with the plurality on the remedy question. That is, these Justices voted that *if* the statute was unconstitutionally coercive, then the remedy would be only to strike down the all-or-nothing sanction.

The consequence was a bottom line of 7 Justices – the Chief, Breyer, Kagan and the four dissenters – finding the expansion unconstitutional. But a different majority – the Chief, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan – held that the remedy for the violation was to

strike down only the provision allowing the federal government to withhold *all* Medicaid funds unless a state agrees to the expansion.

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State-created exchanges mean higher taxes, fewer jobs, and less protection of religious freedom. States are better off defaulting to a federal exchange. The Medicaid expansion is likewise too costly and risky a proposition. Republican Governors Association chairman Bob McDonnell (R., Va.) agrees, and has [announced](#) that Virginia will implement neither provision.

There are many arguments against creating exchanges.

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Second, operating an Obamacare exchange would be illegal in 14 states. Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia have enacted either statutes or constitutional amendments (or both) forbidding state employees to participate in an essential exchange function: implementing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates.

Third, each exchange would cost its state an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million per year, necessitating tax increases.

Fourth, the November 16 deadline is no more real than the “deadlines” for implementing REAL ID, which have been pushed back repeatedly since 2008.

Fifth, states can always create an exchange later if they choose.

Sixth, a state-created exchange is not a *state-controlled* exchange. All exchanges will be controlled by Washington.

Seventh, Congress authorized no funds for federal “fallback” exchanges. So Washington may not be able to impose Exchanges on states at all.

Eighth, the Obama administration has yet to provide crucial information that states need before they can make an informed decision.

Ninth, creating an exchange sets state officials up to take the blame when Obamacare increases insurance premiums and denies care to the sick. State officials won’t want their names on this disastrous mess.

Tenth, creating an exchange would be assisting in the creation of a “public option” that would drive domestic health-insurance carriers out of business through unfair competition.

Eleventh, Obamacare remains unpopular. The latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that only 38 percent of the public supports it.

Twelfth, defaulting to a federal exchange exempts a state’s employers from the employer mandate — a tax of \$2,000 per worker per year (the tax applies to companies with more than 59 employees, but for such companies that tax applies after the 30th employee, not the 59th). If all states did so, that would exempt 18 million Americans from the individual mandate’s tax of \$2,085 per family of four. Avoiding those taxes improves a state’s prospects for job creation, and protects the conscience rights of employers and individuals whom the Obama administration is forcing to purchase contraceptives coverage.

Finally, rejecting an exchange reduces the federal deficit. Obamacare offers its deficit-financed subsidies to private health insurers only through *state-created* exchanges. If all states declined, federal deficits would fall by roughly \$700 billion over ten years.

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## ***Brown urges Governor to halt implementation of Obamacare***

**OKLAHOMA CITY-** Sen. Bill Brown, Chair of the Senate Committee on Retirement and Insurance, on Monday called upon Gov. Fallin to stand with other governors who have announced their refusal to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) following the Supreme Court's recent ruling.

Calling the decision a blow to individual liberty and free markets, Brown said the state must refuse the expansion of Medicaid and federally-run market exchanges. Brown referenced Medicare as an example of the government's tendency to underestimate the cost of its far-reaching programs.

"It is a moral imperative that state leaders do everything in their power to halt the

implementation of a program that strikes at the heart of our founding principles,” said Brown, R-Broken Arrow. “Medicare began in 1965 with a cost of \$3 billion a year – that doubled every four years until 1980. In 2010, its cost was \$523 billion, and now the Congressional Budget Office estimates that by 2020 the cost will be \$932 billion.”

“The government has projected the cost of Obamacare will start at \$1 trillion each year, which is obviously not a realistic assessment, and it will only get more expensive.”

At its inception, Brown added, the House Ways and Means Committee estimated Medicare would cost \$12 billion yearly by 1990. Medicare expenditures totaled \$107 billion in 1990.

Brown noted that prior to the Court’s ruling, the so-called penalty was to be justified under the Commerce Clause. Sixty votes would have been needed to repeal the law in the U.S. Senate, a virtual impossibility. Now that the Court has ruled the penalty a tax, Brown added, the law could be overturned with just 51 votes.

“Repeal of this law is a real possibility, and it needs to be the rallying cry for those who value our constitutional freedoms,” Brown said. “Oklahoma must join those states which have refused to implement any part of the Act, including Medicaid provisions and the Exchange program while repeal efforts are alive. I call on Gov. Fallin to stand with governors in other states and join the vital effort to resist and repeal this extraordinary federal power grab.”

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**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:33:14 PM

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Looks like he said we shouldn't take the money either

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**From:** Murphy, Sean [mailto:[smurphy@ap.org](mailto:smurphy@ap.org)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:29 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Budget cuts/Health exchange money

Alex:

Sen. Bingman made mention of two things that I think it's important to seek a comment from the governor on:

1. He indicated the Senate will not hear HB 2130 which sets up the health insurance exchanges because he's concerned about the state "falling into a trap of adopting Obamacare." He also indicated he thinks the state should not accept any more of the \$54 million offered by the feds to help set up the exchange.
2. Bingman also indicated that he expects cuts to public education will be deeper than the 3 percent Fallin proposed in her executive budget. He said today he anticipates those cuts will be deeper, reaching as high as 5 to 7 percent.

Also, the Senate today approved bills to eliminate trial de novo and to expand the power of the state superintendent, both of which are headed to the governor's desk, as I understand it.

I am interested in Fallin's response to these developments, as well as any statement she may have with regard to former Senate President Pro Tem Mike Morgan being indicted in federal court.

Thanks,  
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**From:** [Cline, Dr. Terry L.](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Hiner, Janice D.](#)  
**Subject:** FW: call tomorrow?  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 2:58:12 PM

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Katie, how about tomorrow (see email below)? Any flexibility for a meeting? TC

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**From:** Cline, Dr. Terry L.  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 4:46 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Altshuler'  
**Subject:** call tomorrow?

Thanks Katie. If you have any flexibility in your schedule tomorrow, it would be helpful to have a brief conversation about the Health Insurance Exchange (given the article in the paper over the weekend about the Exchange and the Insurance Dept.) and the 92's to Sec. Coffee's office for the interim. Is there any specific time tomorrow that would work for you (I have a cancelled board meeting and therefore a lot of flexibility)? If not, we can go for later in the week. Thanks, TC

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 4:32 PM  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Governor Fallin's State of the State Address and Budget Materials  
**Importance:** High

Dear Working Group Members,

Please find the Governor's State of the State Address and Executive Budget in text below and attached for your information. For future reference you may also find the Executive Budget posted on the Office of State Finance website at the following address:  
<http://www.ok.gov/OSF/> under "Budget."

We will be in touch with you in the coming days to schedule follow up working group meetings.  
Thank you, Katie

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 7, 2011

The following email contains:

- the full text of Governor Mary Fallin's State of the State address
- a copy of the executive budget
- a PDF document summarizing the contents of the speech and the governor's legislative agenda
- a spreadsheet with information regarding appropriation levels for each agency
- a pie chart demonstrating what percentage of total spending each agency represents
- a pie chart demonstrating how the governor's budget closes the \$600 million budget shortfall

# **Governor Mary Fallin**

## **State of the State Address**

(as prepared)

**February 7, 2011**

Lieutenant Governor Lamb, statewide elected officials, Speaker Steele, President Pro Tem Bingman, members of the court, Honorable Senators and Representatives, cabinet members, distinguished guests, and citizens of Oklahoma:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand here today as your governor.

I'm joined today by my family, my husband Wade and our wonderful children. Thank you for your love and support.

We are gathered here to discuss the state of the state. I am proud to say, it is strong.

Oklahoma continues to be proud and beautiful ... a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and the only state I would ever choose to call home.

We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, at 6.9%.

Our economy is propelled by thousands of successful small businesses, our energy and

agricultural sectors and a strong aerospace industry.

Oklahomans are helping to feed our nation by raising crops and livestock and helping to power our nation with the extraction of oil and gas and by harnessing the wind.

Oklahoma is the home to the largest aerospace maintenance and repair facilities in the nation, and our aerospace technicians are keeping military and commercial aircraft flying safely throughout the world.

Here in Oklahoma City, we see a new floor added every few days to the Devon Tower, one of the tallest buildings west of the Mississippi river. And we are blessed with a low cost of living, abundant natural resources, ease of travel, great family values and an incredible people who form an unbreakable community.

It hasn't always been easy for Oklahoma. We have felt the affects of the national recession, and it has been hard. However, we have worked through it, and we will come out stronger. As Oklahomans have done for years, we will continue to manufacture goods and build skyscrapers on the land that was once known as the Dust Bowl.

That is the unshakeable spirit of the people of Oklahoma. We are a state that has survived the injustices of the Trail of Tears and the Tulsa Race Riots, the great depression, oil booms and busts and the horrors of the Murrah bombing, only to emerge as a stronger community and a prouder people.

That's the Oklahoma Spirit. It's a pioneer spirit, a spirit of resilience and a love for one's neighbors.

And it is because of the love, appreciation and respect I have for my fellow Oklahomans that it pains me, as I know it pains you, when we fall short in some areas.

It is unacceptable and unimaginable that a people who perfected amazing technical feats in areas like horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing cannot successfully address preventable illnesses like diabetes and heart disease that cost our state thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars in medical bills each year.

We don't tolerate mediocrity in our football teams, and yet our student performance continues to lag behind.

We allow overregulation and costly workers compensation and legal systems to slow our recovery and drive jobs out of the state.

And we have allowed our government institutions, in many instances, to become outdated 8-track bureaucracies in an I-pod world, rather than moving forward to adopt more efficient and effective practices, as we must.

None of these problems are insurmountable. But they require action. And for too long, we've kicked the can down the road. And it's our citizens and our state that have paid the price.

Now, going into the next legislative session, we have two distinct sets of challenges.

The first is to deal with an immediate revenue shortfall that has left our state budget with a 600 million dollar gap between revenues and last year's expenditures.

The second challenge is how, even in the midst of that revenue crisis, we can push forward to pursue the reforms that will make Oklahoma more prosperous for years and generations to come.

Voters understand these challenges. And in the last election, the people of Oklahoma had the opportunity to speak, and they sent us a message.

They told us that it's time to get serious about controlling spending, and that the growth of government shouldn't outpace growth in the private sector.

They asked us to eliminate government bureaucracy that holds back private sector growth.

They reminded our government officials that when hard times hit, the public expects a leaner, more efficient government, not one that raises taxes to avoid making tough decisions and sacrifices.

That is the philosophy I've embraced as I've worked with my administration and legislative leaders to put together the governor's budget and our leadership agenda.

The agenda I am presenting today represents a forward thinking plan of action that lays the groundwork for generations of prosperity. It will create jobs and grow the economy. It will reform our government to make it more efficient and effective. It will work towards a healthier, better-educated Oklahoma. Ultimately, it will help to build a state whose future is secure in a competitive global economy.

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Our first priority will be to balance our state budget without raising taxes, which we can do by carefully prioritizing our spending and enacting government reform.

I have proposed a series of cost-saving measures that will make government more efficient and effective while focusing on eliminating wasteful spending.

Those cost-saving measures are essential, because the bottom line is we can't spend what we don't have.

Some of the cuts and the reforms I am proposing will be painful. But I am not asking our state agencies to do the impossible. I don't believe there is anyone, either in government or the private sector, who does not believe that our state agencies can't find more ways to save money.

And the fact of the matter is, if we grow the government faster than the economy, then our state will sink under the weight of government spending. To prevent that, every agency will have to tighten its belt, just like families and businesses across the country have done.

We can do that even as we keep our commitments to important public priorities, like keeping our citizens safe, building our transportation infrastructure, educating our children, and caring for the less fortunate, the sick and the elderly. To reflect these priorities in my budget, agencies that deal with those issues will receive lesser cuts than the rest of our state government.

But the reality remains: all of us will have to do more with less. And I am asking our agency heads: resist the urge to tell the people of Oklahoma what you can't do. Instead, tell us what you

can do. Find ways to innovate and succeed. And just as countless Oklahomans have found ways to push through this recession, to put food on the table even when times are hard, find a way forward.

All of us in government can find ways to provide our services to our customers – the taxpayers – in a more efficient, cost-effective manner.

That's why I'm asking our legislative leaders to send me a series of reforms that will create a smaller, smarter state government, a better business climate for job growth and job creation, improved access to health care and higher academic achievement for our children.

This is Oklahoma's roadmap to prosperity.

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That roadmap begins with one goal: to create the very best business climate to retain and expand jobs and investments in Oklahoma. Our actions must send a signal to the rest of the nation: that Oklahoma is ready and open for business.

I recently attended the National Governor's Association conference and I ran across one of our neighbors, Governor Rick Perry. Governor Perry told me he's been using some scare tactics in Texas. He's been telling legislators they had better get busy and pass his pro-business reforms because Oklahoma and Mary Fallin are nipping at his heels.

And I told him then: you're darn right. And you had better watch out because Oklahoma is on the move, and we are dead serious about building a state that's pro-business, pro-growth and committed to creating more and better jobs for our citizens.

We can start by reforming our workers compensation system into one that takes care of our injured workers in a more timely fashion, reduces fraud and waste, and puts the brakes on runaway costs that have spiraled upwards each year.

Our system is one of the most expensive and inefficient workers compensation systems in the country. In some cases, when our workers get hurt, we pay them to stay at home. We need to start focusing on what workers can do, not what they can't. If at all possible, let's get them healthy, retrained and back into suitable jobs.

So to the legislators here today – I'm challenging you to send me a reform bill that will reduce legal and medical costs, get our workers healthy and back to work, and allow claims to be processed quickly and efficiently without unnecessary expenses to businesses.

I'm also asking our legislators to work with me to get a lawsuit reform package signed into law, one that includes a hard cap of \$250,000 for non-economic damages. We believe in justice for every Oklahoman. But we don't believe in jackpot justice. And excessive awards for non-economic damages hurt businesses, destroy jobs and give a bad name to a legal system whose professionals are, for the most part, dedicated to ensuring fair outcomes for all parties.

Moving forward, we should also carefully scrutinize new rules and regulations so that we can study how they might affect our economy and whether they achieve their intended goals or simply throw up more bureaucratic hurdles to growth.

As another tool for economic development, I'm asking the legislature to work with me to create

a Governor's closing fund ... so that when a business is deciding between, say, Texas and Oklahoma, we can reel that business in and get those jobs for our citizens and that revenue for our state.

That's why I'll continue to support the implementation of the income tax cut trigger, which lowers taxes for Oklahoma families and businesses and continues to make our state more competitive.

And on the subject of tax credits, I know a lot has been said. Representative Dank and Senator Mazzei are conducting a study to investigate which credits are effective and create jobs, and which do not. I'm looking forward to the results of that study, and our course of action will be simple: only tax credits that create jobs will stay. For instance, my budget begins the process of restoring the Aerospace Engineer Tax Credit, which brings good, high tech jobs to Oklahoma. But those tax credits that do not create jobs must be eliminated.

If we can do these things – reduce the costs of doing business here in Oklahoma, get government and legal hurdles out of the way of private sector growth, and retain jobs and businesses here while attracting new ones – we can do more and think longer-term than just ending the recession. We can make this state more competitive, more prosperous and more successful for many years to come. I'm asking you today to join me in pursuing that goal.

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I'm also asking you to join me in pursuing another goal: the goal of creating a modern, efficient and effective state government.

For the past several months, I've worked with some of the most innovative minds in the private and public sector to target waste and inefficiency in government.

Today we are proposing the first round in a series of reforms that streamline and modernize our state agencies.

For starters, we're going to require our state government to finally move from paper to electronic billing and payment services. Currently, the state of Oklahoma pays \$13.50 for every check it writes. That's inefficient. Moving to paperless billing and payment will be faster, more efficient and save the state around 3.5 million dollars a year.

We'll create a user-friendly one-stop shop for business licensing, so entrepreneurs looking to start companies can go to one location rather than several to do their paperwork, because it shouldn't be any easier to open a business in Texas than in Oklahoma.

I'm also going to ask our colleges and universities to move off of their individual purchasing card systems and onto the state system, a move that will save \$1.6 million annually and bring more accountability and transparency to the process. Oklahoma State University recently made this change, and I'd like to thank the university and President Hargis for their leadership on this issue.

In the next year, I'm also proposing a consolidation of IT services and personnel across state agencies. And while we're at it, I'm going to call on our agencies to use a uniform system for financial and administrative services. The state of Oklahoma doesn't need 76 different programs for financial bookkeeping. It needs one. And by moving towards that one system and consolidating services, we'll save a whopping \$146 million each year. I already have

commitments from our Secretary of State and the departments of health, agriculture and commerce to move to such a system, and I thank those agencies for their dedication to making government more efficient.

These are the kind of simple, common sense solutions we can pursue to save taxpayer dollars.

I'm challenging our citizens and our government employees: help me find more places to save money and cut waste. Tell us how we can make our state serve our customers – the people of Oklahoma – more efficiently.

If you have an idea, share it with my administration by going to the website [www.ideas.ok.gov](http://www.ideas.ok.gov) and tell us where we need to look to find waste or abuse.

Besides finding ways to make government operate more efficiently, we'll also need to work this legislative session to address one of the most serious long term budget problems facing the state: our underfunded and unsustainable pension systems. Currently, Oklahoma has an unfunded liability of \$16 billion dollars.

Without taking action, our pension systems will run out of money. The consequences for the state, its employees and our economy will be severe.

I know that our public employees and legislators do not want Oklahoma to go down the same path as states like California, states which refused to fix their pension problems. So I am looking forward to working with both the House and the Senate to passing reforms that protect the solvency of our pension systems. These reforms are necessary if the state of Oklahoma is going to keep its commitments to our current public employees without jeopardizing our future and the health of our economy and our state.

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We've talked now about the health of our economy; it is important that we also turn our attention to the health and welfare of our citizens.

Studies now rank Oklahoma 46th in the nation for the health of our citizens. That ranking is unacceptable, and comes hand in hand with lost workforce productivity, hundreds of millions of dollars in medical bills, and thousands of preventable deaths.

For Oklahoma to move forward it must get healthier. We can do that by increasing access to affordable health care through free market initiatives, but also by encouraging personal responsibility. These changes can and should come from the people of our state, not Washington.

Last November, Oklahomans sent a message when they voted to pass a ballot initiative stating that the federal government cannot force our citizens to purchase private health insurance. Many Oklahomans, including myself, feel that the federal mandate is unconstitutional and wrong. That's why Attorney General Scott Pruitt and I have acted to add Oklahoma to the list of states that are now challenging the president's health care law in court.

And while we pursue that challenge, the state of Oklahoma must continue to work on local solutions to help our citizens gain access to affordable health insurance. We can do that by supporting innovative, state-based programs like Insure Oklahoma, a public-private partnership that helps small businesses provide affordable health insurance options to their employees.

Likewise, Speaker Steele has also introduced the foundation for another Oklahoma-based reform effort with potential to help health insurance consumers.

Two years ago Speaker Steele passed legislation authorizing the creation of a website where every health insurance plan in the state could be compared side by side. In the coming years, we'll take that idea and build on it, allowing Oklahoma consumers to actually purchase health insurance through an Oklahoma exchange, knowing that the plan they've chosen has the right benefits at the right price.

Ultimately, the choice to live healthier and be healthier is just that: a choice. But I'm happy to say that the Department of Health has introduced innovative public-private initiatives like the Certified Healthy Businesses program to encourage healthy living and eating.

Currently, over 900 private businesses have become "certified." And I'm excited to see our healthy living initiatives grow to include the Certified Healthy Schools and Certified Healthy Communities programs.

By asking our citizens to take responsibility for their own health, we're building a healthier, more prosperous state, business by business, school by school and block by block.

We're also asking our citizens to take responsibility for their lifestyles and their wellbeing. It's no secret that many Oklahomans struggle with addiction issues that can lead to incarceration. As a result, Oklahoma is one of the highest rated states in the nation for female incarceration.

As we know, the costs to our state and our communities don't end with the original offender. Children with a parent in prison are five times more likely to end up in the correctional system.

As Oklahomans, we must always place a priority on protecting our citizens and keeping our streets safe. But we can be tough on crime *and* smart on crime.

That's why I'm continuing to offer my full support to programs like "Women in Recovery" and other initiatives that address substance abuse, prevent incarceration, and allow more families to stay together. By fighting the hold that substance abuse has on our communities, we can make Oklahoma healthier and safer while working towards reducing our incarceration rates.

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Lastly, there is nothing more important to our future and our long-term prosperity than education. It is the cornerstone of a prosperous society.

We have pockets of excellence in education throughout the state. Many of our teachers – like my sisters in law Rameen and Jane—along with many such as my sisters in law and administrators can be counted as some of the best in the country.

But the unfortunate truth is that Oklahoma too often comes up short when it comes to quality education.

We can do better. And we must do better in a challenging environment, in the midst of a serious and prolonged budget shortfall.

It is critically important that we restructure our spending and our educational programs in order to get more money into the classroom, where it can do the most good. That will require cutting down on overhead and educational bureaucracy by sharing administrative resources.

And like in any industry, we also need to find ways to encourage innovation and good results. That's why I'm working with Superintendent Barresi to find available funds for a new public-private partnership where private money matches state dollars to fund innovative learning programs that are shown to increase student performance and close the achievement gap.

And to address the limited circumstances where teachers are underperforming, I'm asking the legislature to send me a bill eliminating a practice known as "trial de novo;" a system that makes it nearly impossible to dismiss even the most underperforming teacher. By implementing these reforms, we'll make the system more accountable and better able to reward good results.

We have a lot more work to do.

It has been shown that from the first through third grade a child "learns to read," but from the fourth grade on a child "reads to learn." Our children must be able to read at grade appropriate levels to be successful, and so I will work with our superintendent and my secretary of education to take steps towards the elimination of social promotion.

We also need to make some common sense changes that save money, like moving towards electronic textbooks where appropriate. And we must reduce remediation rates and develop better and more accurate systems to track student progress, so we know what's working and what isn't.

In the next few years, I am confident Oklahoma will be the beneficiary of true education reform that delivers on many of these fronts.

Superintendent Janet Barresi and Secretary of Education Phyllis Hudecki are two of the strongest, most dedicated and most qualified women ever to spearhead education reform efforts in Oklahoma.

I know the legislature is committed to improving our schools as well.

And it must be. Because nothing – and I mean nothing – is as important to the success of this state than raising the bar in education.

With the right tools, our children will be the business leaders, the entrepreneurs, the social workers, and the teachers of the future. They will be our innovators and our civic leaders.

But to get there tomorrow, they need us to make the right choices today ... to budget responsibly, to ensure that our government operates efficiently and effectively and to reform those agencies that don't, to pursue an agenda that is pro-jobs and pro-business, to empower our citizens, to improve our health and to recommit ourselves to providing quality education and quality schools.

It won't happen overnight. But it starts now.

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One hundred and twenty-two years ago, many thousands of pioneers came in covered wagons to

the unsettled lands of Oklahoma. They built tent cities in the unsettled wilderness.

In 2011, we're done with tent cities and covered wagons. Now we build skyscrapers and jet engines, develop new crops and find new cures for disease. And our future is every bit as exciting today as it was then.

We have the tools we need to move Oklahoma forward, to forge a prosperous future and to ensure that the next century of history in this state is as impressive as the last.

Let's work together to build that future, for ourselves, our children and our children's children. In closing, let's share this simple goal: every year, when we return to these chambers, the state of our state will be stronger, healthier, better educated and more prosperous than it was the year before.

Thank you. God bless you and God bless Oklahoma.

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Cancellation of 4/29 OHX Stakeholder Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011 11:29:43 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange [mailto:InsuranceExchange@health.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** Cancellation of 4/29 OHX Stakeholder Meeting

**CANCELLED - OHX STAKEHOLDER MEETING: Friday, April, 29, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

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You will receive additional communications regarding the scheduling of our next Stakeholder meeting. We look forward to our continued discussions and to discovering local solutions to reduce the number of uninsured persons in Oklahoma by increasing the availability of affordable, quality health insurance.

***Respectfully,***  
Exchange Project Managers,  
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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Cancellation of 4/29 OHX Stakeholder Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, May 02, 2011 10:24:00 AM  
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**From:** Rushing, Crystal [mailto:CrystalS@health.ok.gov] **On Behalf Of** Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange  
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**Importance:** High

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I just received notice that the large stakeholder meeting for the Health **Insurance** Exchange is now postponed. The Health **Information** Exchange meeting conducted by the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange Trust scheduled for May 5 will go on as planned. This is clarifying the two projects as distinct and separate although with quite similar names. Please feel to let me know if I can help with any confusion.

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**[Kansas joins Oklahoma to opt out of “innovator” federal exchange grant](#)**

**Patrick B. McGuigan**

The state of Kansas on Tuesday (August 9) decided to return to the U.S. government the “early innovator” grant awarded last year.

**[A new world? No, says Union lobby chief who lists conservative interests on his Facebook page](#)**

**Stacy Martin**

The head lobbyist executive for Oklahoma’s largest teacher’s union has listed numerous conservatives and conservative groups as “activities and interests” on his personal Facebook page, a recent check showed.

**[Governor Fallin Announces Thunderbird Chapel Project](#)**

Governor Mary Fallin announced a project today (Tuesday, August 9) to construct a chapel at Camp Gruber, with the groundbreaking taking place next month. The project, which has received strong support from Oklahoma citizens, businesses and state leaders, will establish a chapel for the camp, which currently does not have a spiritual center.

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto:████████████████████]  
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**To:** Andrew Silvestri; Katie Altshuler  
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**Subject:** FW: Cato@Liberty: If Oklahoma Wins Lawsuit, 'The Whole Structure' of ObamaCare 'Starts to Fall Apart'

Making sure you guys saw Cato's post today re [OK If Oklahoma Wins Lawsuit, 'The Whole Structure' of ObamaCare 'Starts to Fall Apart'](#)

**Posted by [Michael F. Cannon](#)**

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt has filed a [lawsuit](#) challenging the Internal Revenue Service's unlawful attempt to impose ObamaCare's taxes on exempt employers and individuals. (Jonathan Adler and I plumb this issue in our forthcoming *Health Matrix* article, "[Taxation Without Representation: The Illegal IRS Rule to Expand Tax Credits Under the PPACA.](#)")

An article in the current issue of *Business Insurance* [cites](#) a couple of experts on the potential impact of the lawsuit:

While the ramifications of the suit pending in the U.S. District Court in Muskogee, Okla., are huge, the challenge brought last month has gotten little attention...

What is clear is that the outcome of the lawsuit could be crucial for the future of the health care reform law, observers said.

If premium subsidies are not available in federally established exchanges, "No one would go to those exchanges. The whole structure created by the health care reform law starts to fall apart," said Gretchen Young, senior vice president-health policy at the ERISA Industry Committee in Washington.

"The health care reform law would become a meaningless law," added Chantel Sheaks, a principal with Buck Consultants L.L.C. in Washington.

For more, read [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

[Michael F. Cannon](#) • November 5, 2012 @ 12:43 pm

<http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/if-oklahoma-wins-lawsuit-the-whole-structure-of-obamacare-starts-to-fall-apart/>

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**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Steve Mullins](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Cato@Liberty: The ObamaCare Rebellion Turns Exchange 'Deadline' into a 'Rolling Deadline'  
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**From:** Michael Cannon [mailto:████████████████████]  
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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Murphy, Sean](#)  
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**From:** [Mark McCullough](#)  
**To:** [Glen Mulready](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Jonathan Buxton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CBO Says Repeal of Exchange Grants Would Cut Deficit  
**Date:** Friday, April 29, 2011 1:37:47 PM

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I just got this from a friend at Leavitt Partners (Health Care Consultants). She also says OK was all the buzz at a conf she just attended in D.C. I know we made a splash the NCSL Health Reform Task Force I was at last week in D.C. You know - and this is coming from a guy who defended the decision - not taking that money looks smarter and smarter all the time....

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**From:** Cheryl Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2011 12:03 PM  
**To:** Mark McCullough  
**Subject:** CBO Says Repeal of Exchange Grants Would Cut Deficit

Interesting on so many levels. Enjoy!

Cheryl

CQ HEALTHBEAT NEWS

April 28, 2011 – 2:39 p.m.

### **CBO Says Repeal of Exchange Grants Would Cut Deficit**

By Jane Norman, CQ HealthBeat Associate Editor

A bill that would repeal mandatory federal funding for states to set up health insurance exchanges is headed to the House floor next week, and the Congressional Budget Office reports that it would reduce deficits by nearly \$13 billion from 2012 through 2016.

A section of the health care overhaul law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)) authorizes grants to states for \$1.9 billion between 2012 and 2015 for planning the exchanges that will serve as insurance marketplaces. If the government repeals that provision, the funding would be eliminated.

In addition, passage of the exchanges funding repeal measure ([HR 1213](#)) would likely lead to a delay in the establishment of exchanges. So fewer people would have health insurance and federal spending for subsidies would be reduced, CBO said.

The exchanges would become operational more slowly and would enroll fewer people in their first years without federal funds, CBO also said.

The CBO report assumed that states would still move forward to create exchanges but that the federal government would be required to take responsibility for setting them up in more states than if the health care law remained intact.

Under the health care overhaul, the federal government sets up exchanges if states decide not to do so. The secretary of Health and Human Services must approve each state's exchange plan by January 2014. If a state isn't ready to operate its own exchange, the federal government takes over. The exchanges are expected to ramp up enrollment over time and not reach full participation until 2016.

If the repeal bill is approved, there might be some efficiencies in having the federal government operate the exchanges in more states, CBO said. But the process might be

slowed because of the need to coordinate with states' Medicaid agencies to establish enrollment rules. Communication and coordination with local health insurers would also have to be set up and would take time, the report said.

States that set up their own exchanges, without federal grants, would be so slowed in becoming fully operational that they might not have the capacity to process enrollment requests, CBO said. Ultimately, that would result in 5 percent to 10 percent lower enrollment than what's expected in current law between 2014 and 2016. CBO estimated that by 2015 there would be almost 2 million fewer people enrolled in exchanges than had been expected.

Energy and Commerce Chairman [Fred Upton](#), R-Mich., the sponsor of the exchange repeal bill, called the grants a "slush fund" designed to push states into doing what the federal government wants. The repeal would help curb the deficit, he said.

"The secretary of Health and Human Services has been given an unlimited tap on the federal treasury to push for the establishment of state-based exchanges," said Upton.

"While a number of states are opting against operating their own exchanges, some administration officials have actually pointed to this unlimited spending power as a way to help alleviate other budget challenges our states are facing."

The House Rules Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Monday to consider the legislation that would repeal funding for exchange grants as well as a separate bill that would repeal the funding in the law for school-based health center construction ([HR 1214](#)) and one that would permanently ban taxpayer funding for abortion ([HR 3](#)), except in cases of rape, incest or danger to a woman's life.

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Conference call on state exchanges

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When: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).  
Where: Call-in line: [REDACTED] - Participant code: [REDACTED]

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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From: Andrew Silvestri  
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 3:43 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Conference call on state exchanges  
When: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).  
Where: Call-in line: 1-800-977-8002 - Participant code: 947786#

Call-in line: [REDACTED]  
Participant code: [REDACTED]

Please join us for a conference call for state leaders  
about issues, options, and protections against ObamaCare exchanges  
Tomorrow, November 22, Noon EST

Please join us for a conference call at noon tomorrow, November 22, to discuss the highly controversial issue of state exchanges. Our guest speakers will be leading state officials from Wisconsin, Utah, Louisiana, and Florida.

States are highly focused on the controversial issue of exchanges as they try to decide what to do to protect themselves from the expensive and coercive mandates in the Affordable Care Act. There has been very little leadership coming from Washington on this issue, leaving states perplexed about what they should be doing.

To help us understand some of the issues and options, we will be joined by Dennis Smith, secretary of [HYPERLINK "http://galen.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=c80eb2149ef4fa70ce2c72ef1&id=cdacb0b521&e=fb87d92031"](#) Wisconsin's Department of Health Services, and Robert Spendlove, director of policy for [HYPERLINK "http://galen.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=c80eb2149ef4fa70ce2c72ef1&id=b0981ef8e4&e=fb87d92031"](#) Utah Governor Gary Herbert and the governor's liaison to organizations such as the National Governors Association.

In addition, we will hear remarks from Bruce Greenstein, secretary of the [HYPERLINK "http://galen.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=c80eb2149ef4fa70ce2c72ef1&id=fe43b7aaec&e=fb87d92031"](#) Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and Jenn Ungru, deputy chief of staff for [HYPERLINK "http://galen.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c80eb2149ef4fa70ce2c72ef1&id=e065b5e2eb&e=fb87d92031"](#) Florida Gov. Rick Scott. We will then open the lines up for questions from the participants.

As background for the call, here's an example of one state wrestling with the idea of developing its own exchange:  
[HYPERLINK "http://galen.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=c80eb2149ef4fa70ce2c72ef1&id=f6ccb2e302&e=fb87d92031"](#) South Carolina's Waiting Game On Health Insurance Exchange (Kaiser Health News)  
The call will be jointly sponsored by the Galen Institute, the Institute for Policy Innovation, and the State Policy Network. We hope you will join us for this important call.

**From:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Constituent Services Report: July 23-27  
**Date:** Thursday, August 09, 2012 11:28:00 AM

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**From:** Keili McEwen  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2012 4:38 PM  
**To:** maryfallin [REDACTED]; Mary Fallin  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Rebecca Frazier; Glenn Coffee  
**Subject:** Constituent Services Report: July 23-27

**WEEKLY ISSUE ANALYSIS AND CASEWORK REPORT**

**To:** Governor Fallin  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup, Glenn Coffee, Andrew Silvestri, Katie Altshuler  
**From:** Keili McEwen, Brett Thomas, Cody Inman, Wendy Gregory, Marcia Crawford, Kandi Batts  
**Re:** Weekly Constituent Services Report  
**Date:** July 23 - July 27, 2012

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| Issue Area                        | Percentage | Correspondence | Phone Calls | Notes/Constituent Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Quincy Foster                     | 72%        | 96             | 100         | Constituents are against paroling Mr. Foster                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Pardons and Paroles               | 6%         | 4              | 12          | All correspondence is from constituents requesting information regarding Pardon and Parole Certificates                                                                                                                                                      |
| Healthcare - Supreme Court ruling | 4%         | 7              | 5           | 10 - Constituents are opposed to implementing PPACA // 2 - Constituents are for the health care law and believe we should implement                                                                                                                          |
| Taxes                             | 3%         | 4              | 3           | 4 - Constituent is in favor of paying taxes on online purchases to raise revenues for the state // 1 - Constituent is opposed to online sales tax // 1 - Complaint about the debit cards used for tax refunds / Complaint about fees on cell phone bills     |
| Human Services                    | 2%         |                | 5           | 1 - Benefits // 2 - Custody // 2 - Complaints regarding DHS employees                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Agriculture                       | 2%         | 4              | 2           | Constituents are opposed to the \$2 million for the Youth Expo                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Public Safety                     | 2%         | 4              | 2           | Complaints on agency understaffing, specifically for drivers license exams. Long wait times and constituents being turned away for multiple days.                                                                                                            |
| Guns                              | 2%         | 5              |             | Please make sure that Obama does not outlaw handguns // With all the recent shootings, there is enough proof that more gun control is needed // 2 - Constituent believes that open carry was a mistake // Green card holders should be allowed to carry guns |
| Education                         | 1%         |                | 4           | 4 - Support more funding for safe routes to schools                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Narconon Facility                 | 1%         |                | 4           | Please investigate the deaths                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| UAS Announcement                  | 1%         |                | 3           | Constituents are opposed to Oklahoma being a testing site, most believe the drones will be used to violate citizens' privacy                                                                                                                                 |
| Thank you                         | 1%         | 2              |             | Letter states - "Governor Fallin, you make me proud to be an Oklahoman" // Another constituent says "good job"!                                                                                                                                              |
| Public Safety                     | 0%         |                | 1           | More pressure must be put on OHP to enforce trailer safety, including their brake and signal lights                                                                                                                                                          |
| Elections                         | 0%         | 1              |             | Constituent is upset about the endorsement of Clark Jolley                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Federal Issues                    | 0%         | 1              |             | Constituents are opposed to the UN Arms Trade Treaty                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Miscellaneous                     | 0%         | 1              |             | Please fight to keep prayer in schools and "One Nation Under God" in the pledge of allegiance                                                                                                                                                                |
| Transportation                    | 0%         | 1              |             | Our state's mass transit systems need to be improved                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| TOTAL |  | 130 | 141 |  |
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**Date:** Thursday, August 09, 2012 11:28:00 AM

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| Pardons and Paroles               | 33%        | 40             | 27          | All correspondence is from constituents requesting information regarding Pardon and Parole Certificates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Healthcare - Supreme Court ruling | 29%        | 9              | 49          | 45 - Constituents disagree with the ruling and believe that OK should not implement the health care law // 6 - Support the ruling and believe Oklahoma should start working on implementation // 1 - Please do not opt out of the federal Medicaid funding // 1 - Constituent says that healthcare exchanges were originally a Republican idea, why are we against them? |
| Patricia Spottedcrow              | 12%        |                | 25          | Constituents are advocating for parole                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Human Services                    | 7%         | 2              | 13          | 6 - Child Welfare // 5 - SNAP benefits // 1 - Child Support // 1 - Visitation // 2- Thank you for appointing Wes Lane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NORCE                             | 5%         | 8              |             | Letters of support for the consolidation of SORC into the NORCE facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Corrections                       | 2%         | 5              |             | All correspondence is regarding facility complaints, including at county jail locations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Agriculture                       | 2%         | 4              |             | Constituents are opposed to the \$2 million for the Youth Expo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| UAS Announcement                  | 1%         | 1              | 2           | Constituents are opposed to Oklahoma being a testing site, most believe the drones will be used to violate citizens' privacy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Taxes                             | 1%         | 3              |             | Constituent is against the Business Activity Tax // 2 - Constituents are opposed to paying taxes on internet purchases                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Elections                         | 1%         |                | 2           | The President should have to prove his citizenship to appear on the ballot                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Budget                            | 1%         | 2              |             | The state should not worry about saving defense jobs and should focus on creating jobs // Constituent believes the budget process should be reformed to be more transparent                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Federal Issues                    | 1%         | 2              |             | Constituents are opposed to the UN Arms Trade Treaty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Native American Liaison           | 0%         |                | 1           | Requiring this position to be filled by a native American is discriminatory and racist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Aerospace                         | 0%         |                | 1           | Thank you for your hard work to get the plant built in Stillwater                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Transportation                    | 0%         | 1              |             | Complaint about the condition of rest facilities on I-44                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Veterans                          | 0%         |                | 1           | Complaint about the treatment of vets in the Norman VA facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Miscellaneous                     | 0%         | 1              |             | The legal age for alcohol should be 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

|                |    |           |            |                                                                                              |
|----------------|----|-----------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Energy         | 0% | 1         |            | The state should have information on their website that explains how to convert a car to CNG |
| Animal Cruelty | 0% | 1         |            | Something must be done about puppy mills                                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |    | <b>80</b> | <b>121</b> |                                                                                              |

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**From:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**To:** [Chase Almen](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Daily News Clips 7/12/12  
**Date:** Friday, July 13, 2012 9:33:00 AM

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These are from yesterday. No interns were here.

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**From:** Alex Gerszewski  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 7:50 AM  
**Subject:** Daily News Clips 7/12/12

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#### **Journal record**

**User:** [REDACTED]

**Pass:** [REDACTED]

#### **Tulsa world**

**User:** [REDACTED]

**Pass:** pressclips

#### **Wall Street Journal**

**User:** [REDACTED]

**Pass:** [REDACTED]

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### **GOVERNOR MARY FALLIN NEWS**

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Associated Press – Former prosecutor to head Oklahoma DHS Commission

<http://enidnews.com/featuredstory/x1447680823/Former-prosecutor-to-head-Oklahoma-DHS-Commission>

Edmond Sun – Fallin names Lane as new DHS commission chairman

<http://www.edmondsun.com/local/x1447680792/Fallin-names-Lane-as-new-DHS-commission-chairman>

Enid News & Eagle – Simpson named judge

<http://enidnews.com/localnews/x333934631/Simpson-named-judge>

The Oklahoman – Editorial: Let's tap Oklahoma Rainy Day Fund to build new medical examiner's office

<http://newsok.com/lets-tap-oklahoma-rainy-day-fund-to-build-new-medical-examiners->

[office/article/3691572](http://newsok.com/office/article/3691572)

The Oklahoman – Wes Lane, former Oklahoma County prosecutor, is new DHS chairman  
<http://newsok.com/wes-lane-former-oklahoma-county-prosecutor-is-new-dhs-chairman/article/3691625>

Daily Ardmoreite – Gov. Fallin to attend National Governors Association meeting in Virginia  
<http://www.ardmoreite.com/news/x1903090955/Gov-Fallin-to-attend-National-Governors-Association-Meeting-in-Virginia>

Tulsa World – GRDA moves into east Tulsa building despite controversy  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120712\\_16\\_A8\\_VINITA110703](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120712_16_A8_VINITA110703)

### **Other Oklahoma News**

The Oklahoman – Judge orders Chesapeake to pay \$100 million to complete Texas lease sale  
<http://newsok.com/judge-orders-chesapeake-to-pay-100-million-to-complete-texas-lease-sale/article/3691652>

The Oklahoman – Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. finishes third in customer satisfaction survey  
<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-gas-and-electric-co.-finishes-third-in-customer-satisfaction-survey/article/3691622>

The Oklahoman – Edmond's July sales tax check tops \$5 million, sets single – month record  
<http://newsok.com/edmonds-july-sales-tax-check-tops-5-million-sets-single-month-record/article/3691592>

The Oklahoman – Democratic leaders seek update from absent lawmaker  
[http://newsok.com/feed/democratic-leaders-seek-update-from-absent-lawmaker/article/3691778?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_news](http://newsok.com/feed/democratic-leaders-seek-update-from-absent-lawmaker/article/3691778?custom_click=pod_headline_news)

The Oklahoman – Government auditors doubt legality of Medicare bonuses  
[http://newsok.com/government-auditors-doubt-legality-of-medicare-bonuses/article/3691765?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_business](http://newsok.com/government-auditors-doubt-legality-of-medicare-bonuses/article/3691765?custom_click=pod_headline_business)

The Oklahoman – Department of Energy study looks at question: Can gas drilling fluids migrate and pose a threat to drinking water?  
[http://newsok.com/department-of-energy-study-looks-at-question-can-gas-drilling-fluids-migrate-and-pose-a-threat-to-drinking-water/article/3691653?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_business](http://newsok.com/department-of-energy-study-looks-at-question-can-gas-drilling-fluids-migrate-and-pose-a-threat-to-drinking-water/article/3691653?custom_click=pod_headline_business)

The Oklahoman – Editorial: Oklahoma AG's decision not to take mortgage settlement is paying off  
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<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/11/cnbc-ranks-okla-23rd-for-business-general-news/>

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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: David Doughten also commented on Governor Mary Fallin's link.  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 10:09:00 AM

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An apparent "real world" example of how the new policy is helping.

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**From:** Facebook [mailto:update+kjdm-1i-\_1pd@facebookmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:57 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** David Doughten also commented on Governor Mary Fallin's link.

## facebook

Hi A.k.,

David Doughten also commented on Governor Mary Fallin's link.

[See Comment](#)

David wrote: "I am covered by my employer but had to buy a separate private plan to add my son on as an affordable option thanks to Obamacare. I am calling BC&BS today about the child only plan!"

[See the comment thread](#)

Reply to this email to comment on this link.

Thanks,  
The Facebook Team



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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Subject:** FW: dennis cauchon of usa today writes...questions on health care reform act  
**Date:** Friday, July 06, 2012 10:14:00 AM

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FYI – this request is from USA Today; I am not going to reply unless I hear otherwise.  
Thanks.

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**From:** Cauchon, Dennis [mailto:[dcauchon@usatoday.com](mailto:dcauchon@usatoday.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2012 9:50 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** dennis cauchon of usa today writes...questions on health care reform act

We're taking a look at how the 50 governors stand on implementing parts of the health care reform act. I was hoping you could help me answer a few questions on the issue. Phone or e-mail works equally well. Thanks.

The questions are:

- 1) Does Gov. Falin expect Oklahoma to increase Medicaid eligibility up to the 133% poverty line limit that the federal government says it will pick up most of the cost for?
- 2) Has Oklahoma started forming a health insurance exchange and does Gov. Falin favor the state doing it or letting the federal government do it?
- 3) Will some of these decisions be put on hold until after the November election?

Thanks.

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Dennis Smith on "Why States Are Reluctant On National Health Care Reform"  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 7:39:45 AM

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[Some good stuff we can probably use here](#)

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2012 10:15 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson < [REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Lindsay Russell < [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Dennis Smith on "Why States Are Reluctant On National Health Care Reform"

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## Why States Are Reluctant On National Health Care Reform

By Dennis G. Smith | 7/9/2012

Last week's Supreme Court decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) guarantees the debate over health care will continue. Supporters of PPACA want to convince the public that everything is settled and any opposition is just politics.

But opponents are not out to score political points. We believe now, as we did two years ago, that the economic assumptions used in the debate are flawed and the policies are wrong for the nation.

Since the Court's decision, the law's supporters insist that Obama policies are successful because the cost of health care is declining. But that is not the case. Americans know that cost and spending are not the same thing. If the cost of a car is too high, a family won't buy one, which means their spending is lower.

Health care spending has slowed, but for the wrong reason -- the lingering recession. Demand is lower because fewer people now have health insurance than when the President's term of office began. In 2008, 42.7 million individuals were uninsured according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS estimates there will be 48.6 million people without insurance in 2013. It is hard to see how this could be considered an accomplishment.

Even the government's own actuaries say that the slowdown in health spending now

and into the future is unrelated to PPACA. PPACA hides and shifts costs; it does not lower them.

Most Americans already believe we are spending too much, not too little, on health care and that is what this debate should be focusing on once again. True health care reform must tackle the root causes of our health care costs and put individuals at the center of decision-making.

Those who support expanding Medicaid insist that a state cannot pass up "free" federal money or that if we don't expand, the money will go to another state. This is the kind of thinking that got us into the deficit and debt troubles we are in.

First, there is no such thing as "free" federal money. The federal government has no money of its own and it gets the money it spends from the same people the state government does. Regardless of who the tax collector is, the impact on the taxpayer is the same.

Second, Wisconsin won't "lose" Medicaid dollars to other states as some argue because each state gets its share of federal Medicaid funding regardless of what happens in another state. Finally, hospitals, doctors, and other health care professionals would receive higher payments under the new tax credits that will be used to purchase private insurance rather than under Medicaid.

The Court's decision reveals that PPACA is an enormous and regressive tax. The result may well be that lower income individuals pay the tax but won't qualify for either PPACA's new tax credits or for Medicaid. Some groups will press states to fix this inequity, but that burden rests with the authors of PPACA who deliberately chose a Medicaid expansion because it would be cheaper for the federal government.

PPACA took a layer cake approach to health care and stratified Americans according to income levels. But Americans should not be required to live their lives according to poorly designed federal government programs and rules. The best way to expand health insurance coverage is to get the economy moving again and Americans back to work.

PPACA was flawed from the start. The American people rightfully expect a new beginning to the health care debate.

*Dennis Smith is Wisconsin's secretary of health services.*

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** "maryfallin" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA  
**Date:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:17:21 AM

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**From:** Trent, Josh (Coburn) [mailto:Josh\_Trent@coburn.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 08:15 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Morris, Jerry (Coburn) <Jerry\_Morris@coburn.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** "[Juliek@health.ok.gov](mailto:Juliek@health.ok.gov)"  
**Subject:** Fw: draft: exchange/medicaid press release  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 2:27:50 PM

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**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 01:09 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee ([REDACTED]) <[REDACTED]> Glenn Coffee  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** draft: exchange/medicaid press release

Draft of exchange/medicaid expansion press release. We have not reached a decision on timing. Still waiting on some policy content in last paragraph.

Governor Fallin today released the following statement, announcing that Oklahoma would not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the proposed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act:

For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the possible creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or to the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that the ACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the U.S. while contributing to the nation's growing deficit crisis.

Nevertheless, the ACA remains the law of the land, and Oklahoma has now been placed in a highly undesirable position by the Obama Administration. We are being asked either to join the federal government in helping to implement the ACA by creating a state based exchange approved by the Obama Administration, or else to accept one created and run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma despite the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the ACA through their support of State Question 756 in 2010.

As I do not believe an ACA-compliant state based exchange will further the health care goals of the state of Oklahoma, and because our citizens have spoken loudly and clearly on this issue, I have today informed the federal government that Oklahoma will not be pursuing the creation of a state-based exchange.

After careful consideration, I have also informed the federal government that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration's proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would increase the burden on our state budget and would further our reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future. Massive new costs associated with the Medicaid expansion would also require cuts to other important government priorities, such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a system that people of all ideological stripes have criticized as inflexible and inefficient.

Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt ongoing legal challenge of the ACA. Our second, and equally important task, will be to pursue state-based solutions that offer families better access to more affordable and high quality health care in the private sector [looking for more concrete language from Health Dept/policy shop]. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: draft: exchanges/medicaid  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:43:00 PM

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:17 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** draft: exchanges/medicaid

This is really long ... but it is two big issues that we are trying to look thoughtful about so maybe that's ok.

Governor Fallin today released the following statement, announcing that Oklahoma would not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the proposed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act:

For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the possible creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase access to health care, lower the cost of medical treatment, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state of Oklahoma.

Because the health care industry has become a complicated maze of legal and regulatory restrictions and guidelines, a situation which has only been made worse by the 1,000 plus page Affordable Care Act, any decision regarding the future of Oklahoma's health care policy is a complex one. The decision, for instance, to either create a state-based exchange that is compliant with the ACA, or to let the federal government run one of its own designs, requires a large amount of background and contextual information that the Obama Administration has been unwilling to provide. Basic questions such as 'how much will an insurance exchange cost the state of Oklahoma?' have still been left unanswered. It continues to be disappointing and frustrating that so little information has been provided to states.

At this time, the state of Oklahoma has been placed in a highly undesirable position. As I have said many times before, it is my belief the ACA is both unworkable and unaffordable. The people of Oklahoma have also overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the ACA through their support of State Question XX, which in 2010 made it unconstitutional to mandate the purchase of health insurance in this state. Yet despite the clear rejection of the ACA by voters and elected officials in Oklahoma, it remains the law of the land.

Where health insurance exchanges are concerned, Oklahoma is faced with a choice. We are being asked to either join the federal government in helping to implement the ACA by creating an exchange approved by the Obama Administration, or else to accept one created and run by the federal government. While neither choice is a good one, I have determined the state of Oklahoma does not stand to benefit from committing its own dollars, resources and staff to designing an exchange that our citizens do not want. Furthermore, without more

detailed information from the Obama Administration regarding the rules and regulations within the ACA, the state is unable to adequately plan and design an exchange of its own making. With those facts in mind, I have informed the federal government today that Oklahoma will not be pursuing the creation of a state-based exchange.

After careful consideration, I have also informed the federal government that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration's proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable and threaten other vital state services by permanently committing the state of Oklahoma to annual expenses of \$50 million to \$100 million each year. Expenses of that magnitude would require drastic cuts to other important government priorities, such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a system that people of all ideological stripes have criticized as inflexible and inefficient.

Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our opposition to the Affordable Care Act through the appropriate legal channels. Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt has filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the ACA, an effort which is fully supported by my office. Our second, and equally important goal, will be to pursue state-based solutions that offer families better access to more affordable and high quality health care in the private sector. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** FW: DRAFT: MONTHLY COLUMN: (PHOTOS ATTACHED) Rejecting Federal Health Care Bill Right Thing for Oklahoma  
**Date:** Monday, December 03, 2012 2:53:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Governor Mary Fallin - High Resolution.jpg](#)  
[Governor Mary Fallin - Low Resolution.jpg](#)

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Governor – as a heads up – our monthly column this month is a version of our press release on Medicaid expansion/insurance exchanges. There are no substantive changes from the release. thanks.

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**From:** Governor Fallin Press  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 2:51 PM  
**To:** Governor Fallin Press  
**Subject:** TEST: MONTHLY COLUMN: (PHOTOS ATTACHED) Rejecting Federal Health Care Bill Right Thing for Oklahoma



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 3, 2012

*Editor's note: This is one of a regular series of monthly columns titled "Oklahoma Now" by Governor Mary Fallin.*

## Governor Mary Fallin's "Oklahoma Now" Column

Headline: Rejecting Federal Health Care Bill Right Thing for Oklahoma

By Governor Mary Fallin

This past month, I announced Oklahoma would not implement two key components of President Obama's health care law: the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid. I'm writing this month to let you know why that decision is in the best interests of Oklahoma taxpayers and families.

For several months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action

for Oklahoma in regards to both a possible health insurance exchange and the potential expansion of Medicaid.

Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation's growing deficit crisis.

Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, however, the state of Oklahoma found itself legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice was forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law time and time again.

After careful consideration, I decided last month that Oklahoma would not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. As I said at the time, any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be 'state-run' in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that would ultimately be under the control of the federal government and that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans. Furthermore, the creation of such an exchange would further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

With regards to Medicaid, I also announced that Oklahoma would not be participating in the Obama Administration's proposed expansion. Such an expansion would have been unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma hundreds of millions of dollars between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also have furthered Oklahoma's reliance on federal money that may or may not have been available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would also have required cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Finally, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

Moving forward, it is important for the state of Oklahoma to pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt's ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt's lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma's challenge can succeed.

Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance, should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Early Innovator Grant  
**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2011 4:04:35 PM

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What do you guys want to do here? I think it's good to have her on tape saying that the exchange is a good thing for Oklahoma and there's no contradiction in taking federal dollars to help speed it up ... but it is something that requires some focus. If she's too busy to do it we might want to think about getting Terry Cline

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From: Cross, Michael [michael.cross@okstate.edu]  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:00 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Early Innovator Grant

Alex,

Could Gov. Fallin be available in the morning for an interview about the Early Innovator Grant? I can do it over the phone at (405) 525-9932. It will take no more than 7 minutes. I will be in the office after 7:30am.

Thanks,

Michael Cross  
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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Craven](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Early Innovator question  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:55:00 AM

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:55 AM  
**To:** 'Jason Millman'  
**Subject:** RE: Early Innovator question

Hi Jason, no the state never spent any of the early innovator grant money.

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**From:** Jason Millman [<mailto:jmillman@politico.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:41 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Early Innovator question

Hi Alex,

I'm a health policy reporter with Politico, and I just had a quick couple of questions about the Early Innovator grant Oklahoma sent back. I also sent my questions to the insurance department, but thought you might be able to help as well.

I know that Oklahoma said in April of last year it wouldn't participate in the program. I was just wondering if the state had spent any of the grant before deciding not to participate. If so, how much, and did the state pay back the funds?

Thanks in advance. You can reach me at 703-341-4669 with questions.

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** "aweintz [REDACTED]"  
**Subject:** Fw: Election Recap and Healthcare Exchanges  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 9:30:58 AM

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**From:** denisenorthrup [REDACTED] [[mailto:denisenorthrup \[REDACTED\]](mailto:denisenorthrup [REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 06:37 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Craig Perry  
**Subject:** Election Recap and Healthcare Exchanges

So this is david tacketts blog, we'll want to follow what he's spewing this session...

And nice to know we didn't elect someone who doesn't know the difference between medicare and medicaid for petes sake!!!! Wth???

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
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What do you want me to say here? Question is: "As a follow-up, did anyone on the staff read the entire grant proposal? Were they aware that it proposes storage of personal medical records, a staff of 10 people, interfaces with multiple other state and federal data systems, and that Hewlett Packard had been chosen as a contractor?"

Possible answer:

We were aware the OHCA was requesting federal grant money for an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange, although we were not involved in or fully aware of the line items within the grant. Since receiving the grant, however, the governor and her staff have conducted a thorough review of the application and concluded that it is consistent with the goal of creating a market-based health insurance exchange that would help Oklahomans purchase affordable, quality care and prevent the implementation of a federally run system in 2013. With that said, the governor is happy to hear alternative proposals for the composition and funding of an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange and is working with legislators to build consensus on those issues.

Look ok?

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From: Ziva Branstetter [<mailto:Ziva.Branstetter@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 1:27 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: RE: email address

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>>> Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> 4/8/2011 1:19 PM >>>

"The Oklahoma Health Care Authority made members of Governor Fallin's transition staff aware OHCA was applying for the early innovator grant and asked if the governor had an objection. At that time, transition members indicated Governor Fallin did not have an immediate objection to OHCA proceeding with their application. The governor did not, however, commit to utilizing federal grant money or endorse the grant proposal in its entirety." -AW

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From: Ziva Branstetter [<mailto:Ziva.Branstetter@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 11:57 AM  
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Subject: email address

Hey Alex ... This is my correct email address. Thanks for your persistence!

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**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Exchange follow up  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 9:45:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Early Adopter Grant \(one file\).pdf](#)  
[OHIEP Grant Submission.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Nico Gomez [<mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2011 5:39 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Exchange follow up

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**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Steve Mullins](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Exchange information  
**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2012 9:41:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [AEI Making Effective Connections.docx](#)

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 09:39 AM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson < [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Dustin Huffman < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Exchange information

Chiefs, Action Officers and Healthcare Advisors:

To aid in the exchange conversation, attached is a white paper by Tom Miller of AEI and various news clips today on the subject matter. Note CQ article hinting at Nov 16 extension at the end of the email. Please let me know if you have any questions. We will continue to provide you with information as we access it.

Thanks,  
Marie

**Analysis: 20 states will run their health-law exchanges ([The Hill](#))**

*In their choices, Republican governors face a balancing act — not going too far to embrace the law, which remains divisive with the public and anathema to conservatives, but also not skipping a chance to wrest authority from the federal government.*

**Feds will run Virginia's health exchange at outset ([Daily Press](#))**

*McDonnell conceded that Virginia would not meet the Nov. 16 deadline for a blueprint for the state-run exchange and would default instead to a federally run insurance exchange. "The only logical decision is to choose the federal option," he said. "I don't have the answers for Virginia. They're telling us we have two years to build an exchange. It's expensive....I don't want to buy a pig-in-a-poke for Virginia taxpayers."*

**Ohio iffy on health-insurance exchange ([Columbus Dispatch](#))**

*"Our concern is (that) the flexibility to design the exchange in an Ohio-specific way really is limited," Moody said. "If it's a federal program, it would be most appropriate for the federal government to administer."*

**Federal gov't to create health exchange in Kansas ([KWCH](#))**

*Kansans feel Obamacare is an overreach by Washington and have rejected the state's participation in this federal program. My administration will not partner with the federal government to create a state-federal partnership insurance exchange because we will not benefit from it and implementing it could cost Kansas taxpayers millions of dollars.*

### **Gov suggests Ga. unlikely to run health exchange ([CBS News](#))**

*Deal told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he wouldn't disclose his decision until notifying federal authorities. But he noted that the state stopped planning an exchange once federal agencies wrote regulations that he says restrict Georgia's ability to design its own program.*

### **Haslam still studying health exchange in wake of election ([Memphis Business Journal](#))**

*Haslam, who has previously said he favors a state-run exchange, said Wednesday that's still his thinking, but that he's awaiting additional information from the federal government. The deadline for the state to declare its intentions is Nov. 16.*

### **Nixon: Missouri won't run health insurance exchange by 2014 ([AP](#))**

*Gov. Jay Nixon said Thursday his administration will inform the federal government that it won't be running a state-based health insurance exchange when they're due to begin under the federal health care law. That means that the federal government will step in to create an insurance exchange in Missouri.*

### **What Does the Election Mean for Obamacare? ([Heritage Morning Bell](#))**

*Two of the largest elements of the health care law—the massive Medicaid expansion and the costly subsidies scheme funneled through government exchanges—are heavily dependent on state compliance. But the June Supreme Court decision reaffirmed that states are not at the mercy of the federal government. Many state officials realize that there is little upside to joining forces with Washington in implementing this disastrous endeavor, thus further eroding the long-term viability of Obamacare.*

### **Obamacare: America's Last Entitlement ([Forbes](#))**

*America's unsustainable fiscal situation means that Obamacare is destined to be the last major entitlement enacted by the United States. Indeed, Obamacare's victory sets off a stiff competition for taxpayer dollars between Obamacare, Medicaid, and Medicare. It's a battle that the elderly, in particular, are likely to lose.*

### **Republican governors scramble over next Obamacare steps ([Washington Post](#))**

*States are working on a tight timeline: After the Nov. 16 deadline, they face another checkpoint on Jan. 1, when they have to demonstrate that their marketplace is on track to begin enrolling people in one year. "If were a governor, I'd be less concerned about the November deadline," Leavitt's Smith said. "I would be focused on the actual deadline, in January, to show you can make this work." With benchmarks looming, and the election barely hitting rearview mirror, many Republican governors seem to be in the middle of weighing the best next steps.*

### **With Obama Re-Elected, States Scramble Over Health Law ([NYT](#))**

*Much depends on the states as they decide in the coming weeks and months whether to build online marketplaces known as insurance exchanges, where individuals and small businesses can shop for health plans, and whether to expand their Medicaid programs to reach many more low-income people.*

## **Obamacare Is Here To Stay, But In What Form? ([NPR](#))**

*So far, according to Weil, only 13 states and Washington, D.C., have said they plan to set up their own exchanges. If states decide not to set up their own exchanges, the federal government will step in and do it instead. But federal officials still haven't spelled out exactly how that will work.*

## **HHS Expected to Give States More Time on Exchange Decisions**

By Rebecca Adams, CQ HealthBeat Associate Editor

The federal government is likely to extend the Nov. 16 deadline for states to decide whether they will run their own health insurance exchanges, according to several state officials.

State officials were supposed to notify the Department of Health and Human Services by that date about whether they plan to run the insurance exchanges that will launch in 2014, create a state-federal partnership or let the federal government operate the exchange in their area. Instead, HHS officials are expected to set a new deadline for states that want to operate the marketplaces alone but have a rolling deadline with ongoing discussions for states that are interested in a partnership.

A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services spokesman declined to comment.

The additional time will be a relief for many state officials who are trying to determine whether there is enough political will, technical knowledge and time for them to set up their own new health benefit marketplaces.

Although many governors, especially critics of the 2010 health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)), were not ready to commit to a state-run or state-federal hybrid exchange before the election because they did not want it to be interpreted as a show of support for the statute, many may be interested in exerting some control over an exchange in their jurisdictions since the alternative would be one run by Washington.

Before the election, nine states were expected to let the federal government operate an exchange. On Tuesday, Missouri voters in a ballot initiative also banned the state government from creating a state exchange, bringing the total of states refusing to run a state-administered exchange to 10. (See [related story](#), CQ HealthBeat, Nov. 7, 2012)

Sixteen states have indicated that they would like to proceed with their own state-run exchange and 14 of them have sent official letters to CMS officials that are posted on the agency's website.

The decision about how to run an exchange is complicated and in many cases, governors who would like to go ahead will have to win the support of state legislators. On Wednesday, Tennessee Republican Gov. Bill Haslam said he would prefer to have the state run its own insurance exchange program than leave it to federal officials. But state legislators in his party chimed in with criticism, saying that the legislature would not go along with the creation of a

state-based exchange. Governors in many states will have to navigate similar political climates.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** FW: exchange Query  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:18:00 PM

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:18 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: exchange Query

Ok, so, "At this point in time, it is not certain that the state of Oklahoma will elect to create a health insurance exchange. The governor and state agencies are reviewing the law, as well as the affects of the recent Supreme Court decision. No state agency is actively working on building a health care exchange at this point."

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:16 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: exchange Query

No one has been charged with doing it at this point

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 01:14 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** exchange Query

I'm not sure of the answer here ...

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**From:** Michael McNutt [<mailto:MMcNutt@opubco.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:13 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Query

Alex,  
What state agency is in charge of setting up a health care exchange? The Oklahoma Health Care Authority says it no longer is charged with that responsibility.

Is it the CIO or the office of state finance?  
Thanks.

**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Exchange Week: Essential benefit deadline approaches  
**Date:** Monday, September 10, 2012 10:43:00 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Dona DeLeon [<mailto:Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2012 10:30 AM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson; Kintner, Lauren; Katie Altshuler; debbie [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Ned Nurick; Bob Schwaneberg  
**Subject:** FW: Exchange Week: Essential benefit deadline approaches  
**Importance:** High

Interesting and timely. Mostly d states except for Nebraska and FLA.  
The hearing on wed of this week at ways and means is about health insurance exchange implementation. Also timely.

Dona deLeon  
Director, Washington DC Office  
NJ Governor Chris Christie  
(202) 638-0631

## **Exchange Week: Essential benefit deadline approaches**

By Jason Millman

9/10/12 5:32 AM EDT

With about three weeks to go until states have to decide on essential health benefit packages, there's not a whole lot of time. Though states knew as early as December they'd get to choose their packages, quite a few still don't have a firm answer.

**ILLINOIS** — Facing a Sept. 30 deadline, the state's Health Care Reform Implementation Council holds a public meeting in Chicago to discuss [essential health benefit options](#). The state is also accepting written comments through the middle of next week.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The exchange board recently put [its EHB options](#) out for public comment. The comments are due Sept. 28, and just two days later, the District will have to give HHS its decision.

**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING** — Expect EHB to play a prominent role at a House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee [hearing](#) Wednesday on exchanges. The hearing notice from Chairman Wally Herger (R-Calif.) criticized the Obama administration for failing to publish final rules on essential benefits and other important exchange requirements, and Herger questioned the use of “bulletins” to guide policy.

**MORE OUTREACH** — HHS continues its [series of calls](#) with the department’s different regions to discuss outreach efforts for connecting with the uninsured and small businesses about new coverage options under the ACA. Up this week: Every region, except V and VI.

**NEBRASKA** — Public meetings to gather feedback on how Nebraska should approach an exchange continue this week. Last week’s meetings seemed to show consensus that Nebraska should run its own exchange — as the insurance department is currently planning — but Gov. Dave Heineman says he won’t make a decision until after the election.

**MASSACHUSETTS** — The Massachusetts Health Connector board meets Thursday, when it’ll discuss “an update” on the national law. Though no agenda is out yet, the Connector is due to consider policy changes soon that the state may need to align its 2006 law with the ACA.

**FLORIDA** — The state is planning to start a [test run](#) of its long-delayed small business exchange this week. The exchange, known as Florida Health Choices, was enacted into state law in 2008 and isn’t intended to meet ACA standards. The exchange is scheduled for a wider launch this fall.

**HAWAII** — It was the first state to officially declare that it plans to run its own exchange, and now Hawaii is looking for a firm to bring its work to the public. In a new marketing and outreach [RFP](#), the exchange board notes the importance of reaching out to all of the state’s “diverse populations.”

**MINNESOTA** — The exchange board is weighing which health plans it will be eligible to sell in the new marketplace, and is

accepting feedback on [early recommendations](#). It already decided that certification requirements will be the same inside and outside the exchange, but the much tougher decision is whether the exchange will limit the number of health plans sold. The committee that delivered the recommendations seemed pretty split on that decision.

"Exchange Week" is a subscriber-only, weekly column with guidance on what states will be doing to set up — or block — exchanges. For updates throughout the week, check the [Exchange Watch](#) feature on the Pro website.

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:32:00 AM

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From: Andrew Silvestri  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:05 AM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: RE: Exchange

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**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Exchange  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 4:44:45 PM

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Fyi sent to wayne

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 04:42 PM  
To: 'Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com' <Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com>  
Subject: Exchange

I'm in an NGA exec committee session and i wont be able to leave for another hour. You can use the statement below ... I dont have anything to add to it.

"Governor Fallin has decided to postpone an announcement on the future of health insurance exchanges in Oklahoma. She will take advantage of the extension by continuing to study the issue and evaluate the state's options." - AW

We do not have a timeline for when the announcement will take place but we do expect one sooner rather than later.

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**To:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:41:00 PM

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Can u make sure this dude is on our distribution list

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**From:** Kyle Cheney [mailto:[KCheney@politico.com](mailto:KCheney@politico.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:37 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: Exchange

Hi Alex,

Hope you're well. Just wondering about the latest from Gov. Fallin on her plans for a health insurance exchange. Will she make a call today? Has she already decided?

Thanks,

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**Health Care Reporter**  
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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Exchanges: SC, NE, NM, LA  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:40:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [SC Gov Nikki Haley Letter to HHS Secretary.PDF](#)  
[NE 1115 ATTACHMENT Federal Health Insurance Exchange.pdf](#)

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:24 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Dustin Huffman  
**Subject:** Exchanges: SC, NE, NM, LA

Chiefs, Action Officers, and Healthcare Advisors:

In an effort to share information with you about healthcare exchange moving parts, please find four releases from governors on their healthcare exchange decision: SC, NE, NM and LA. If your governor has made a decision and you would like that information shared, please let me know. We are doing our best to follow moving parts.

Thanks,  
Marie

SC: See letter attached

NE: See remarks attached

NM: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-11-15/new-mexico-moves-ahead-with-health-exchange>

LA: See link and letter below.

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2694>

Louisiana:

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

November 16, 2012

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As you know, on March 23, 2011, the State of Louisiana announced that it would not

assume the risk of building a health insurance Exchange as outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Given the fact that deadlines established in the guidance issued in the August 13, 2012 request of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are not legally binding, the State of Louisiana will not be submitting a Declaration Letter; however, this letter serves as the state of Louisiana's position regarding critical components of the PPACA.

Since the PPACA was signed into law, the State of Louisiana has repeatedly stated that the law has severe legal problems, is bad policy, and is unworkable. Those beliefs remain unchanged. With the Supreme Court's decision in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, the Court agreed with the State of Louisiana that at least one of the over 450 provisions of the PPACA is unconstitutional and the provision requiring all individuals to have insurance coverage can only be upheld as a tax. Even after the Supreme Court's decision, there remain many questions about the legality of the PPACA involving issues fundamental to all Americans, including religious freedom and unjust taxation.

While the Supreme Court ruled on the Constitutionality of some parts of the PPACA, it was not an endorsement of its policy merits. In fact, Chief Justice Roberts underscored this fact when he wrote, "Members of this Court are vested with the authority to interpret the law; we possess neither the expertise nor the prerogative to make policy judgments." The PPACA remains a flawed piece of legislation that fails to fix the fundamental existing problems in the United States health care system, particularly the unsustainable rising costs faced by American families and small businesses. Instead, we are faced with a more tightly controlled federal-run health insurance market that will increase costs, undermine the private health care marketplace, and weaken private sector job creation.

The Supreme Court's decision also fails to resolve the fact that the PPACA is simply an unworkable piece of legislation. With incomplete regulations and unrealistic deadlines, States and the Federal government will struggle to have a health insurance Exchange ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013 that is not beset with major complications for the insurance market and the respective residents of the States. The full extent of damage the PPACA causes to small businesses, the nation's economy, and the American health care system will only be revealed with time. The State of Louisiana has no interest in being a party to this failure by implementing a state based exchange.

#### The PPACA's Legality

Louisiana was one of 26 States that filed suit against the federal government concerning the legality of the PPACA, specifically focusing on two parts: § 1501 (the individual mandate) and Title II (the mandatory expansion of the Medicaid eligible population to 133 percent of the federal poverty level). In June of this year, the Supreme Court agreed that the mandatory Medicaid expansion was unconstitutional. They also ruled that the individual mandate was unconstitutional under Congress's Commerce power, but upheld this provision as an example of Congress's taxing power, admitting that the purported penalty is actually a tax.

While the Supreme Court effectively rewrote the PPACA to uphold the individual mandate, they did not rule on the legality of the remainder of the law. In fact, the Supreme Court is aware that future challenges are likely to occur by its recent

actions. With continuing questions about the PPACA's legality, we believe it is prudent to wait until these challenges are completely resolved. Provisions that the Court did not rule on that are still being challenged include:

#### The Employer Mandate

- The PPACA requires that all employers with fifty or more full-time employees provide adequate health care coverage to their employees. (§ 1513, §1514, and §10106). If they do not, these employers could face a tax of \$2,000 or \$3,000.

#### Federally-Facilitated Exchange Subsidy

- In the PPACA, State-based health Exchanges are authorized to provide premium assistance subsidies to individuals from 100% to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. However, the PPACA does not expressly authorize Federally-facilitated Exchanges to do the same. Subsequent regulations from the Internal Revenue Service have interpreted the law so that all Exchanges are able to provide premium assistance. The legality of these regulations is currently being challenged.

#### Preventative Care Mandate

- Section 2713 of the PPACA allows for the Secretary to define preventive care services to be provided cost-free by all non-grandfathered insurance plans. In August 2011, the Secretary released a regulation that included contraceptive and some abortifacient services as preventative care. The regulation has been challenged by numerous groups and individuals (in over 35 lawsuits) who have religious objections to paying for health insurance that includes coverage for contraception and some abortifacient services.

#### Maintenance of Effort

- The Supreme Court's decision invalidated the provision of the PPACA which coerced States to expand their Medicaid program by threatening existing Medicaid funding. Questions remain whether this applies to the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, requiring States to maintain their existing Medicaid eligibility until 2014.

#### Origination Clause

- The Supreme Court decision made it clear that the individual mandate is a tax, not a penalty as claimed by the administration. The PPACA originated in the Senate. The Constitution (Article I, Section 7, Clause 1) is clear that all taxes are to originate in the House, and thus the individual mandate has been contested as an unconstitutional tax.

#### Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)

- Sections 3403 and 10320 of the PPACA created this 15-member federal board that is granted the authority to make payment changes for the Medicare program without approval from Congress. There are also no administrative or judicial reviews of these decisions.

#### Legality of Rulemaking/Guidance

- With many of the provisions of the PPACA, formal rules and regulations have been delayed or even non-existent. There are serious questions about the legality of this procedure in light of the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### Bad Policy

While HHS has repeatedly said that the States serve as incubators of innovation, the PPACA robs States of this ability by limiting their opportunities to enact meaningful state-led health care reform. For example, the concept for an Exchange originated as

a free market idea meant to lower the cost of health insurance for those who decide to purchase such insurance. In theory, an increased pool for those deciding to purchase health insurance is a good idea. It provides individuals the ability to select the insurance coverage that they want at a lower cost. If this were truly the framework for the Exchange model outlined in PPACA, the State of Louisiana would be glad to evaluate it as an option, adopting it to our State's needs. However, the PPACA Exchange is only masquerading as free market idea, and instead creates a vehicle for the Federal government to tightly control the coverage options available to consumers, raising costs and limiting choice. Many employers will drop the health insurance coverage they currently provide to employees, leaving individual health care needs to the federal government. Specifically, the consequences of the PPACA Exchange and associated insurance changes include:

#### Lack of Consumer Choice

- When the PPACA was proposed, the President promised that if individuals liked their current health care insurance, they could keep it. However, the PPACA model will actually force individuals into the broken, government-run Medicaid system and into heavily-regulated, government-run health care plans (deemed "minimal essential coverage" by the Federal government).

Individuals should have the right to select what health care plan is best for them, and not be limited to a one-size-fits-all product that a political process deems is "essential". By mandating that certain benefits be provided in all insurance plans, the price of premiums will increase, leaving individuals unable to continue the coverage they like and a price they can afford

#### Increased Taxes

- The PPACA requires that all Exchanges be financially self-sufficient by 2015. This will require the Exchange to generate revenue, either by instituting user fees in the Exchange market or in the entire insurance market- essentially a tax on all insurance plans purchased. This will only further drive up the costs of premiums in the Exchange market for consumers and for individuals who will have to pay the premium assistance through their taxes.
- The PPACA also includes a tax on insurance premiums which are proposed to be paid for by "the industry." It is troubling that these same taxes will affect managed care organizations, proven mechanisms for more effectively controlling cost for Medicaid and Medicare, especially needed for States with limited financial resources.

#### Impact on Employers and Employees

- The employer mandate, a tax on employers with fifty or more employees who decide not to provide "adequate" health insurance coverage to their employees, is a disincentive to provide coverage. Already, businesses are attempting to modify their business structure to avoid the law's mandates (either by laying off employees or reducing the number of hours these employees work). Even those employers who provide coverage can be taxed an additional \$3,000 if that employee is eligible and enrolls in coverage on the health insurance Exchange. So instead of building upon the existing insurance market, the PPACA is undermining it.

#### Unworkable

The deadline for all Exchanges (both State and federally-facilitated) to be ready for open enrollment is October 1, 2013. However, it is likely many exchanges will not be ready by that point, even in those States that are supportive of the PPACA. The

guidance received from the Federal government is often delayed or non-existent. For a project as large and complicated as health care reform, this is an insurmountable hurdle for the States to overcome. There are numerous unanswered questions and major problems remaining about Exchanges and the provisions of the PPACA entangled with them. Continuing issues include:

#### Exchanges in General

- In order for an Exchange to be ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013, it must be approved or conditionally approved by January 1, 2013. However, there have been no formal regulations regarding what guidelines HHS will use to determine if an Exchange is conditionally approved or not.
- It has been continuously promised by officials at HHS that there will be cost comparisons between the Federally-facilitated Exchange, the State-based Exchange, and the partnership Exchanges. These cost estimates have not yet been made public.

#### Federally-facilitated Exchanges

- To date, in addition to the incomplete final rule for health insurance Exchanges, there has been no rulemaking regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and their interactions with the respective States' eligibility systems. Promised in the March 2012 final Exchange regulation was further guidance regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchange. Since that point, only a questions and answers document has been released.

- Numerous contracts have been signed for the development of the Federally-facilitated Exchange, but these documents have not been made public. The State of Louisiana filed a Freedom of Information Act request within the last month for these contracts and has still not received these documents. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah requested similar documents in his role as Ranking Member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance and has not received a response. It is necessary for these documents to be made public so that States can make informed decisions concerning Exchanges.

#### Partnership Exchange

- A partnership Exchange will be a Federally-facilitated Exchange with certain functions run by the State. It is an option first introduced by a power point presentation and further expanded by a document entitled "General Guidance on Federally-facilitated Exchanges," but has yet to be defined in federal regulations. The final Exchange rule proposed no regulations regarding this option.

- There has been no answer from the Federal government concerning whether the Federal government or the States will be responsible to pay for the state-run functions of a partnership Exchange.

#### The Workings of an Exchange

- The Exchange is required to provide premium tax credits to those between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty line. Originally projected to cost the federal government \$462 billion between 2012 and 2019, these subsidies are now projected to be \$574 billion during the same period by the Congressional Budget Office. Already, Medicare funding will be cut by \$700 billion to pay for these premium tax credits. There is discussion that because these levels of subsidies are unsustainable, the number of Americans eligible for premium assistance subsidies will be reduced in number.

## Essential Health Benefits and Actuarial Values

- All plans in the individual and small group markets (including plans sold on the respective State Exchanges) must meet "essential health benefits," benefits not yet defined by the Secretary of HHS in formal rulemaking. Initial informal guidance suggests that these benefits will be based off of the most popular small group plans in each State in addition to benefits specified by the PPACA. The States, insurance companies, and other stakeholders are awaiting formal regulations about essential health benefits.
- The States are awaiting a promised "actuarial value calculator" to accurately determine actuarial values for plans sold on the Exchange. This still has not been delivered and numerous questions remain about how actuarial value of health insurance plans will be determined.

## Reforms Needed

It is most disappointing that the PPACA failed to offer sustainable reform of the nation's health care system. Instead of strengthening the market to lower costs and increase consumer choice, the PPACA created a big government "solution" - the type of solution history tells us will only create debt and worry for future generations of Americans. Health care reform should focus on improving the value of health care in America by bringing down costs and improving quality.

There are several ways to do this. Transparency in health care is essential for individuals to be better consumers of care. The cost and success rates of different procedures can be made publically available to help individuals make decisions about their care. Increased competition through individuals being allowed to purchase insurance across State lines can create greater competition and lower costs.

Similarly, just as individuals should have more investment in their health care choices, States should have greater ability to design programs that meet the needs of their people. States know how to take care of their residents more than the bureaucrats in Washington, distant both in geography and in experience. Louisiana, for example, has been able to make remarkable progress in its care of the Medicaid population through an innovative model of managed care, saving money and improving the quality of care. However, constrained by the federal requirements for Medicaid, Louisiana can only do so much. It is time to give the States the option to administer this program through block grants to save both the Federal and State taxpayers money and eliminate the perverse incentives created by federal rules and funding streams.

States need to be given the tools to solve these problems. The PPACA should either be repealed or replaced with a system giving States the ability to truly innovate. At the very least, we ask that you give the States flexibility through waivers exempting States from the burdensome requirements of the PPACA while providing the care their populations need and want in the way the States know best how to deliver.

In addition to these needed reforms, the State of Louisiana fully expects HHS to coordinate its efforts regarding implementation of a Federally-facilitated Exchange in an effort to mitigate the negative impact on either our private insurance market or the Medicaid program. The State expects that the Federal government will adhere to the four guiding principles included in the "General Guidance on Federally-facilitated Exchanges" and intends to hold the Federal government accountable to these principles. Additionally, the impact on our State's budget is a significant concern. In

this light we expect that HHS will:

- Provide a full and complete briefing to the State officials regarding on-going implementation efforts;
- Schedule routine meetings to update State officials on the implementation status;
- Notify the State when all stakeholder, consumer, or any other public meetings or public outreach activities are scheduled;
- Work with the State on memorandums of understanding and/or contracts if the Federal-facilitated Exchange expects any support or assistance of the State so that the State is fairly and equitably compensated, including for the use of any State data used by the Federally-facilitated Exchange to verify income;
- Provide the names of all contractors who will be working in the State on the Federally-facilitated Exchange and the details about what activities these contractors will be involved in, including copies of all contracts;
- After the establishment of the Exchange, provide regular (at least semi-annual) updates on its utilization, cost (including long-term financial health), and its impact on the State's insurance market, including, but not limited to the information that must be provided pursuant to §1311(d)(7) of the PPACA;
- If any changes to the Federally-facilitated Exchange model are anticipated, the State is notified immediately; and
- Inform the State of any navigator grant recipients and provide copies of memorandums of understanding between navigators and the Federally-facilitated Exchange.

All further correspondence regarding the PPACA and health insurance Exchange issues is to be directed to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (Bruce Greenstein, Secretary), the official agency authorized to collaborate with HHS on issues concerning the PPACA in Louisiana. The State of Louisiana hopes that HHS will listen to its concerns and give the States actual flexibility to improve health care for all Americans.

Sincerely,

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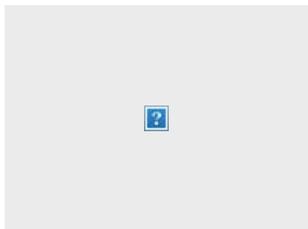
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**UPDATE - OK Governor Mary Fallin Attends Controversial NGA U.S.-China Governors Forum**

7-16-11 OK Gov. Mary Fallin at NGA Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. Photo Source: [National Governor's Association](#).

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin attended the controversial National Governors Association meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 13-17, 2011.

Only 'authorized' media was allowed into the closed-door sessions, Security was extremely tight, with the Governors, along with their entourages, entering and exiting their tour buses at the back entrance to The Grand America Hotel.

The photo above was taken during Saturday's Health & Human Services Committee Session on 7-16-2011.

This [link](#) takes one to the NGA video on this particular session, where Governors

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## Radio

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4/3/11 - Guest [Michael E. Cannon](#), Director of Health Policy Studies at the [Cato](#) Institute, discusses why "*Obamacare Can't Be Fixed, and Now is the Time to Dismantle It!*"; federal grants for state-based health insurance exchanges; and why states should *not*

asked questions about a proposed federal rule dealing with state-based exchanges and PPACA compliance.

Governor Fallin's question (albeit a long, confused one) about establishing a state-based exchange begins at minute-marker 35:49.

Video links to the entire NGA Conference, including the U.S.-China Governors Forum held on Friday, July 15, 2011 are available at the National Governors Association [website](#).

Other NGA Sessions dealt with Foreign Direct Investment, and included several Memorandums of Understanding signings.

The state of Utah, for one, is *dedicated* to developing "unprecedented partnerships" with the Communist Chinese, at the government level, as well as at the business and University levels.

[Let the Dealmaking Begin](#).

From the front page of [China Daily USA](#) - present at both conferences - on Thursday, July 14, 2011:



"Utah Governor Gary Herbert (left) shakes hand with Qinghai Governor Luo Huining after they signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City on Wednesday. Tom Smart / Deseret News"

### Questions

Questions should be directed to each state Governor asking exactly what are their intentions with Chinese "investment" in their state?

Contact information for OK Governor Mary Fallin:

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Calls and emails are needed to Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, who answered "Yes" to the question "Is your office planning to actively seek foreign direct investment in the state of Oklahoma?"

Phone: 405-521-2161

Email: [info@gov.ok.gov](mailto:info@gov.ok.gov), attention Lt. Gov. Lamb.

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### Imagine: The Best Little Whorehouses in...uh, Utah? From the OK-SAFE [Blog](#)

The U.S. is being sold out to the Chinese. And the U.S. Governors are greasing the wheels.



*The Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, site of the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Culture & Education Conference July 14-17, 2011.*

#### Excerpts:

"You are part of making history today. July 14, 2011 will be one of those days that you will be able to say to your children, and your grandchildren, that you were here when history was made." *Lew Cramer, President and CEO World Trade Center Utah.*

"On behalf of the people of Utah, I beg you for your continued partnership with Utah" *Utah Governor Gary Herbert to the Chinese officials and business interests present at the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference, 7-14-11.*

OK-SAFE, Inc. had the opportunity to send its' representative, Amanda Teegarden, to the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 14-17, 2011.



*The Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. July 14, 2011.*

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### Reclaiming America for Christ Event

Date: July 28-29, 2011

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Thursday, 6:15 pm - 10:15 pm.

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Location: First Baptist Church of Moore, OK  
301 NE 27th St., Moore, OK

Special speakers: Bob Carnuke, Dr. G Thomas Sharp, Pastor Dan Fisher, Pastor Paul Blair, Matt Barber, Jenni White, US Representative James Lankford, State Attorney General Scott Pruitt, and State Representative Sally Kern

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The U.S.-China 2011 event, sponsored by the Mormon-run [American-Chinese Friendship Promotion Society](#), took place across the street from The [Grand America Hotel](#), where 32 U.S. Governors met under tight security for the Annual National Governors Association conference.

That NGA event included the first-ever [U.S.-China Governors Forum](#) (document [here](#).) Chinese provincial leaders and Governors, all members of the [CPC](#), spoke at both events.

Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, July 14, 2011



*Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 14, 2011. Biography says he began his career as a member of the Communist Youth League in Hunan in 1975.*

Hotels - Or The Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah?

Over the four-day span these two otherwise fine hotels could have more appropriately been named the "*The Best Little Whorehouses in... Utah*". (Where 'whorehouse' is defined as a place where those seek after that which is immoral and idolatrous.)



*Chinese Government officials at the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Culture & Education Conference, Little America Hotel, 7-14-11.*

The object of both events was matchmaking; a sort of high-level, speed-dating event aimed at introducing and pairing up government officials, University R & D department heads, and Utah businesses (the "girls") with potential Chinese partners (the "johns") who are, after all is said and done, all still COMMUNISTS. (See bios of Chinese officials below).

Several [Memorandums of Understanding](#) were signed between the Chinese and U.S. Governors and Universities.

What follows at the link below is the transcript of the Opening Plenary Session of the [U.S.-China Trade, Education & Culture Conference](#), July 14-17, 2011, held at [The Little America Hotel](#), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Transcript and rest of blog post [here](#). Full report and more photos [here](#).  
*Acts 17:30-31 "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed..."*

your time and energy on the aspects of government which you have the most power and responsibility to effect.

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## Selling U.S. Out to China

Recently, OK-SAFE had the opportunity to interview award-winning investigative reporter, researcher, and analyst Vince Wade on *America in the Balance*. (Link [here](#).)

This followed our of [interview](#) of Prof. William "Bill" Kauffman, retired, Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan, who re-counted some of the university's activities with regard to the Chinese - including the sharing of sensitive defense technology.

Both are contributors to a site we all should become familiar with - [www.china-threat.com](http://www.china-threat.com).

Vince has produced two videos in a series of three dealing with the "Chinification" of America.

The first, entitled *U.S. Governors Selling Us to China*, is now at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kaUcwy27Ck>

The second, entitled *U.S. Governors - The Great American Sellout*, is now at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/vincewadeusa1?blend=3&ob=5#p/u/0/nO1ROoDcfFw>

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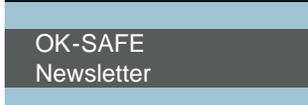
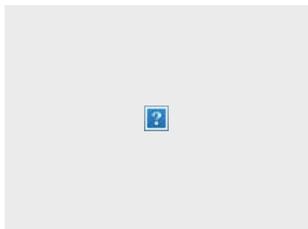
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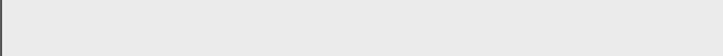
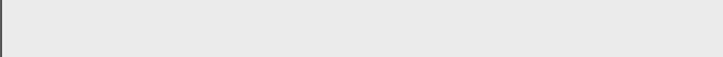
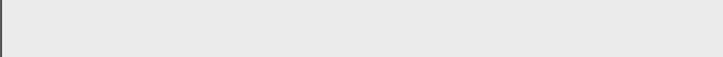
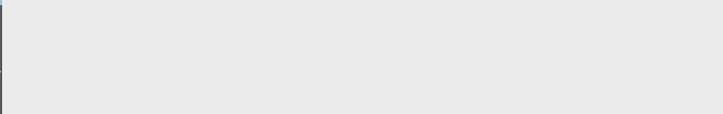
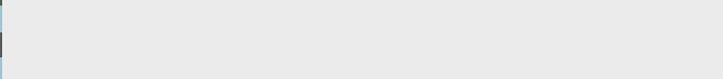
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## UPDATE - OK Governor Mary Fallin Attends Controversial NGA U.S.-China Governors Forum



7-16-11 OK Gov. Mary Fallin at NGA Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. Photo Source: [National Governor's Association](#).

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin attended the controversial National Governors Association meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 13-17, 2011.

Only 'authorized' media was allowed into the closed-door sessions, Security was extremely tight, with the Governors, along with their entourages, entering and exiting their tour buses at the back entrance to The Grand America Hotel.

The photo above was taken during Saturday's Health & Human Services Committee Session on 7-16-2011.

This [link](#) takes one to the NGA video on this particular session, where Governors

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## Radio

Listen to *America in the Balance* on [Truth in Focus](#) Internet radio.

7/24/11 - Guest [Dr. Michael Coffman](#), author, researcher and president of Environmental Perspectives, Inc. discusses the Bank of International Settlements; the move toward a carbon currency; the rise of "Technocracy"; environmental ties; and China's involvement.

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4/3/11 - Guest [Michael E. Cannon](#), Director of Health Policy Studies at the [Cato](#) Institute, discusses why "*Obamacare Can't Be Fixed, and Now is the Time to Dismantle It*"; federal grants for state-based health insurance exchanges; and why states should *not*

asked questions about a proposed federal rule dealing with state-based exchanges and PPACA compliance.

Governor Fallin's question (albeit a long, confused one) about establishing a state-based exchange begins at minute-marker 35:49.

Video links to the entire NGA Conference, including the U.S.-China Governors Forum held on Friday, July 15, 2011 are available at the National Governors Association [website](#).

Other NGA Sessions dealt with Foreign Direct Investment, and included several Memorandums of Understanding signings.

The state of Utah, for one, is *dedicated* to developing "unprecedented partnerships" with the Communist Chinese, at the government level, as well as at the business and University levels.

[Let the Dealmaking Begin](#).

From the front page of [China Daily USA](#) - present at both conferences - on Thursday, July 14, 2011:



"Utah Governor Gary Herbert (left) shakes hand with Qinghai Governor Luo Huining after they signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City on Wednesday. Tom Smart / Deseret News"

### Questions

Questions should be directed to each state Governor asking exactly what are their intentions with Chinese "investment" in their state?

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Calls and emails are needed to Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, who answered "Yes" to the question "Is your office planning to actively seek foreign direct investment in the state of Oklahoma?"

Phone: 405-521-2161

Email: [info@gov.ok.gov](mailto:info@gov.ok.gov), attention Lt. Gov. Lamb.

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### Imagine: The Best Little Whorehouses in...uh, Utah? From the OK-SAFE [Blog](#)

The U.S. is being sold out to the Chinese. And the U.S. Governors are greasing the wheels.



*The Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, site of the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Culture & Education Conference July 14-17, 2011.*

#### Excerpts:

"You are part of making history today. July 14, 2011 will be one of those days that you will be able to say to your children, and your grandchildren, that you were here when history was made." *Lew Cramer, President and CEO World Trade Center Utah.*

"On behalf of the people of Utah, I beg you for your continued partnership with Utah" *Utah Governor Gary Herbert to the Chinese officials and business interests present at the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference, 7-14-11.*

OK-SAFE, Inc. had the opportunity to send its' representative, Amanda Teegarden, to the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 14-17, 2011.



*The Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. July 14, 2011.*

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### Reclaiming America for Christ Event

Date: July 28-29, 2011

Times:

Thursday, 6:15 pm - 10:15 pm.

Friday, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, and 6:15 pm - 10:00 pm.

Location: First Baptist Church of Moore, OK  
301 NE 27th St., Moore, OK

Special speakers: Bob Carnuke, Dr. G Thomas Sharp, Pastor Dan Fisher, Pastor Paul Blair, Matt Barber, Jenni White, US Representative James Lankford, State Attorney General Scott Pruitt, and State Representative Sally Kern

Link to [flyer](#).

### Liberty Forge

Liberty Forge is a social network devoted to connecting voters and groups who support a constitutionally limited government. Since elections are the only part of our Republic that is democratic, and the representative to citizen ratio is so low, it only makes sense to have a discussion forum to enable voters to vet candidates and issues. The power of Liberty Forge is in assigning a discussion forum to each individual voting district. As a member you enroll in your voting district discussion groups and focus

The U.S.-China 2011 event, sponsored by the Mormon-run [American-Chinese Friendship Promotion Society](#), took place across the street from The [Grand America Hotel](#), where 32 U.S. Governors met under tight security for the Annual National Governors Association conference.

That NGA event included the first-ever [U.S.-China Governors Forum](#) (document [here](#).) Chinese provincial leaders and Governors, all members of the [CPC](#), spoke at both events.

Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, July 14, 2011



*Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 14, 2011. Biography says he began his career as a member of the Communist Youth League in Hunan in 1975.*

Hotels - Or The Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah?

Over the four-day span these two otherwise fine hotels could have more appropriately been named the "*The Best Little Whorehouses in... Utah*". (Where 'whorehouse' is defined as a place where those seek after that which is immoral and idolatrous.)



*Chinese Government officials at the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Culture & Education Conference, Little America Hotel, 7-14-11.*

The object of both events was matchmaking; a sort of high-level, speed-dating event aimed at introducing and pairing up government officials, University R & D department heads, and Utah businesses (the "girls") with potential Chinese partners (the "johns") who are, after all is said and done, all still COMMUNISTS. (See bios of Chinese officials below).

Several [Memorandums of Understanding](#) were signed between the Chinese and U.S. Governors and Universities.

What follows at the link below is the transcript of the Opening Plenary Session of the [U.S.-China Trade, Education & Culture Conference](#), July 14-17, 2011, held at [The Little America Hotel](#), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Transcript and rest of blog post [here](#). Full report and more photos [here](#).  
*Acts 17:30-31 "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed..."*

your time and energy on the aspects of government which you have the most power and responsibility to effect.

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## Selling U.S. Out to China

Recently, OK-SAFE had the opportunity to interview award-winning investigative reporter, researcher, and analyst Vince Wade on *America in the Balance*. (Link [here](#).)

This followed our of [interview](#) of Prof. William "Bill" Kauffman, retired, Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan, who re-counted some of the university's activities with regard to the Chinese - including the sharing of sensitive defense technology.

Both are contributors to a site we all should become familiar with - [www.china-threat.com](http://www.china-threat.com).

Vince has produced two videos in a series of three dealing with the "Chinification" of America.

The first, entitled *U.S. Governors Selling Us to China*, is now at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kaUcwy27Ck>

The second, entitled *U.S. Governors - The Great American Sellout*, is now at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/vincewadeusa1?blend=3&ob=5#p/u/0/nO1ROoDcfFw>

Are you asking the right questions of your governor about their intentions with Chinese investment in your state?

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Psalm 118: 8,9 - *"It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man; It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes."*

## [Livin' Large in Hong Kong - Try 150 Sq. Ft. Apartment](#)

Source: WSJ

Video: [Living in Hong Kong's Tiny Apartment Units](#)

Hong Kong's home prices have skyrocketed in recent years, forcing residents like Yang Lianchun and her family to live in subdivided apartments. She talks to the [WSJ](#) about what it's like for a family of four to live in 150 square feet of space.

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**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fallin office statement re: early innovator grants  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 6:17:26 PM

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what do you guys want me to say here?

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**From:** Sonya Colberg [[SColberg@opubco.com](mailto:SColberg@opubco.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 5:45 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Fallin office statement re: early innovator grants

Alex,  
Do you know whether the funding is going to the Health Care Authority or the Health Department?  
HHS is not sure.

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 4:50 PM  
**To:** Sonya Colberg  
**Subject:** Fallin office statement re: early innovator grants

"Governor Fallin is currently reviewing the state's Early Innovator grant to ensure that any federal assistance does not come with unaffordable or unworkable federal mandates, or any other unwanted conditions.

"The governor does, as she stated during her State of the State address, support the creation of an Oklahoma-based based health insurance exchange that would provide consumers with more choices and help to improve access to affordable plans. Regardless of any federal assistance the state does or does not receive in the future, she will continue to support the creation of such an exchange." – Alex Weintz

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**Subject:** Fw: Fallin Rejects Obamacare  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 2:20:13 PM

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fallin/medicaid expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012 2:53:00 PM

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Fyi this is what I sent to Carnuccio and is what the gov has been saying for the last 24 hrs.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012 2:50 PM  
**To:** Michael Carnuccio  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Fallin/medicaid expansion

Michael, this article is an accurate representation of the gov's position:

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120724\\_336\\_0\\_GovMar820522](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120724_336_0_GovMar820522)

She has said she will not make a decision regarding Medicaid expansion until after the November election, largely because of political, policy and economic uncertainties that still loom large.

Her first preference, obviously, is for Governor Romney to be elected president and for him to work with Congress to repeal and replace ObamaCare in its entirety. She plans to actively work to help Gov. Romney in his campaign and hopes that a new Congress and president can make this a reality.

Regardless of who is president, the governor also feels that there are too many economic and public policy questions left unanswered for her to make an immediate decision about Medicaid expansion. It is a fact that any expansion will cost the state of Oklahoma more tax dollars. That cost comes at a time when the federal government may or may not act to suspend the alternative minimum tax, may or may not renew the Bush tax cuts, and may or may not cut over \$500 billion in defense spending (which would cost an estimated 16,000 Oklahoma jobs). All of these things would affect Oklahoma's economy and budget. Furthermore, if an Obama White House continues to insist on tax increases and huge cuts in the defense budget, it has the potential to plunge the nation back into recession.

For all of these reasons Gov. Fallin has said she will continue to study the issue and wait until after the November election to announce a decision.

Note that where a potential insurance exchange is concerned, the governor also continues to study that issue. She has not, however, attached a timeline to her decision on an exchange.

Also, here is the governor's position and history with the ACA:

Governor Fallin was disappointed and frustrated with the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the bulk of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). She believes the law is unaffordable and unworkable, and that many aspects of the bill — including the individual mandate — grant Congress power that was not intended by the authors of the Constitution. She voted against

the bill as a congresswoman and supported the lawsuit filed by Oklahoma's attorney general as governor. She continues her adamant opposition to the law, and will actively campaign for conservative candidates, including the Republican presidential nominee, who pledge to overturn and replace the ACA.

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Also mortgages and religious liberty ... can probably either leave off or include as an FYI

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AG materials on health care

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Do you have the stuff from early 2011 about the ObamaCare lawsuit? Thanks again

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# Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

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# State Leaders Call



**Follow up on conference call for state leaders  
about issues, options, and protections against ObamaCare exchanges**

**November 22, 2011**

Thank you for joining us for a very informative discussion with leading state officials from Wisconsin, Utah, Louisiana, and Florida about their strategies involving health exchanges. The one common theme is that each state is doing what it believes is best for its citizens, regardless of ObamaCare mandates.

Our guest speakers were

- Dennis Smith  
Secretary of [Wisconsin's Department of Health Services](#)
- Robert Spendlove  
Director of policy for [Utah Governor Gary Herbert](#)
- Bruce Greenstein

Secretary of the [Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals](#)

- Jenn Ungru  
Deputy chief of staff for [Florida Gov. Rick Scott](#)

Here are some resources mentioned on the call:

- [“Another ObamaCare Glitch”](#)  
Michael Cannon and Jonathan Adler, *The Wall Street Journal*
- [“JCT: ObamaCare's Subsidies Remove 8 Million More Americans from the Tax Rolls”](#)  
Avik Roy, *Forbes*
- [“Georgia panel looks into health insurance exchange”](#)  
Guy Gugliotta, *The Washington Post*
- [“Louisiana to opt out of health insurance exchanges in federal law”](#)  
Jan Moller, *The Times-Picayune*
- [Wisconsin Health Insurance Exchange](#)  
This website is a prototype for the Wisconsin Health Insurance Exchange and demonstrates how health insurance may be purchased starting on January 1, 2014.
- [Utah Health Exchange](#)

Thanks again for joining us. We will notify you soon about the timing and topic for our next call. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), President Obama's controversial health care law:

"President Obama's health care law is unconstitutional and unaffordable. Not only will it limit choice and undermine the quality of American health care, it stands to cost the state of Oklahoma about half a billion dollars in the process.

"Our citizens have already passed a constitutional amendment blocking its implementation in Oklahoma, and it's clear that a majority of states are similarly opposed to the mandates, new taxes, and out-of-control spending proposed in the law.

"The Supreme Court should strike down the president's health care reform as unconstitutional as soon as possible. The uncertainty surrounding the future of PPACA is frustrating to those who believe it stands as an obvious affront to constitutional principles, and a hindrance to crafting serious budget and health care policy on both the state and federal levels."

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Tammie, have you been getting emails like this? We got a whole bunch of them yesterday. Should I just send them to you? We can't really respond to a scheduling request.

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Would you please see that The Honorable Governor Mary Fallin considers joining Governor Perry in declaring a day of prayer and fasting for our nation on August 6, 2011? Thank you.

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## For the Gov of God



It won't be football season, but people will still be flocking to the home of the Houston Texans this summer. On August 6, Gov. Rick Perry (R-Texas) will be celebrating prayer on his turf with an all-day event at Reliant Stadium. "The Response," which Perry is co-hosting with our friends at the American Family Association (AFA), couldn't come at a better time. Since early spring, the ACLU has been on the graduation circuit, trying to spook students out of their First Amendment rights. Just last weekend, a judge promised to jail seniors at Medina Valley High School for even mentioning the word "amen." Come August 6, there won't be a prison big enough to hold the 71,500 people who will be calling on God in public. "Given the trials that beset our nation and world," Perry said, "I believe it's time to convene the leaders from each of our United States in a day of prayer and fasting... I urge all Americans of faith to pray on that day for the healing of our country, the rebuilding

of our communities and the restoration of enduring values as our guiding force." As part of the event, Perry extended a special invitation to the other 49 governors to join him in Houston. Already, Gov. Sam Brownback (R-Kans.) is on board, and three others--Govs. Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Nikki Haley (R-S.C.) and Christine Gregoire (D-Wash.)--are following up with days of prayer in their own states. FRC will help get the prayers rolling during our third annual Call 2 Fall on July 3. You can help give Texas a head-start on their summer event by [logging on to our website](#) and joining the 759,000 people already signed up to ask God's blessing on our land during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

As Texans know, this isn't the first time Gov. Perry has set aside a day of prayer in the state, but the Secular Coalition for America is hoping it will be his last. Predictably, SCA and other groups are trotting out the same old tired arguments about the "[separation of church and state](#)" to blast the rally. Barry Lynn's faith police even went so far as to claim that it's "never OK for government officials to use their positions to meddle in religion." That's interesting, given that almost every president--including our current one--has called the nation to its knees in a time of solemn assembly. In fact, Thomas Jefferson, whose words these organizations twist to make their phony case, declared that the "power to prescribe any religious exercise... [rests] with the States." And last month, all 50 of them took advantage of it by [issuing proclamations](#) celebrating the National Day of Prayer. One thing "that must never change" in America, Ronald Reagan said, is that men and women "seek Divine guidance in the policies of their government and the promulgation of their laws." And Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) is working to keep it that way. This week, the Indiana Congressman introduced a bill to beat back some of faith's biggest legal challengers. With the Public Expression of Religion Act (PERA), Rep Burton wants to clamp down on all of the frivolous lawsuits that are trying to paralyze and silence Christians. Right now, the ACLU and other groups can sue state and local governments over things like religious speech and demand attorneys' fees if they prevail. If the defendants lose, they're not only responsible for their own legal fees but the fees of the plaintiff as well. Essentially, it gives liberals like the ACLU a financial incentive to attack expressions of faith. Since it's so costly, state and local authorities are more likely to cave to the demands of the ACLU rather than risk a lengthy lawsuit. PERA would ensure that both sides shoulder their own costs, which should give leaders more motivation to fight back. And you can help. Contact your congressmen and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 2023!

## A Berwick under the Senate's Saddle

The President can take away Indiana's Medicaid money, but he can't take their resolve. The Hoosiers are sticking by their new law to exclude Planned Parenthood from the state's "family planning" funds--even after the Department of Health and Human Services threatened to hit them where it hurts. Last week, President Obama's controversial recess appointment, Don Berwick, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, ordered Indiana to abandon its law or risk losing \$4 billion in federal Medicaid funds. Marcus Barlow, a spokesman for the Hoosiers' Family and Social Services Administration, told reporters that his office has no plans to back down. "The way the law was written, it went into effect the moment the governor signed it," [Barlow says](#). "We were just advised by our lawyers that we should continue to enforce Indiana law." Unlike the Obama administration, [which won't enforce any law it doesn't like](#), Hoosier leaders refuse to bend. And members of the U.S. Senate don't blame them. As a matter of principle *and* states' rights, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) drafted a letter to Berwick defending Indiana's H.B. 1210 and encouraged his fellow Senators to sign on. If this administration thinks Planned Parenthood is above the law, it's up to Congress to remind them that they're not. **\*\* It's the "[Last Stop for ObamaCare before the Supreme Court!](#)" Click over to the *Washington Examiner* to see what FRC's Ken Klukowski has to say about**

the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court case, which kicks off today in Atlanta.

\*\*\* In case you missed it, both of FRC's Kens--Blackwell and Klukowski--were on the Fox Business show with Lou Dobbs talking about their blockbuster new book, [\*Resurgent\*](#). Check out the video from that interview below.



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### **Bills of interest that passed out of the full House on Tuesday, March 1:**

HB 1034, by Rep. Jason Murphey (R-Guthrie), authorizes the State Purchasing Director to use a state purchase card for acquisitions with no limit on the amount of the transaction for interagency payments and certain professional services. The measure also modifies what professional service contracts a state agency is required to evaluate performance of. Vote: 93-4.

HB 1007, by Rep. Randy McDaniel (R-Oklahoma City), modifies the method by which dedicated state revenues are transferred to OTRS. Contributions into the teachers' retirement system would be counted in the per pupil spending average. Vote: 69-27.

HB 1489, by Rep. David Brumbaugh (R-Broken Arrow), creates a Web site for the public to access all state road funding. Vote: 96-0.

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#### **Energy:**

HB 1821, by Rep. John Trebilcock (R-Broken Arrow) has language that basically gives the oil and gas industry (exploration/mineral rights owners) the ability to veto wind production on surface land. It allows them to refuse wind production for "any reason or no reason at all." This is an OIPA request bill. The wind industry, OGE and PSO expressed concerns over the bill in its current form. Rep. Trebilcock agreed to work with both sides before the bill reaches the House floor. Vote: 18 to 5.

#### **Health:**

HB 2130, by Speaker Steele, is the health insurance exchange bill. Defines the membership and appointments to the Health Care for the Uninsured Board (HUB).

HB 1429, by Rep. Doug Cox (R-Grove) requires OSEEGIB to develop a cost-neutral or cost-positive plan for bariatric surgery coverage of eligible employees by Nov. 1, 2012.

HB 2020, by Rep. Randy Grau (R-Edmond), creates the Unborn Wrongful Death Act to permit a cause of action for the wrongful death of an unborn child with certain exceptions.

HB 1571, by Rep. Steve Vaughan (R-Ponca City), provides that all persons are created free and have inalienable rights, and it defines "person" as a human being at all stages of human development including the state of fertilization or conception, regardless of certain factors.

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HB 1081, by Rep. John Bennett (R-Sallisaw), would allow a judge to send a military veteran convicted of a crime to the Department of Veterans Affairs for treatment if the defendant was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury.

#### **Transportation:**

HB 1411, by Rep. Charlie Joyner (R-Del City), separates the Rails Program Division from the ODOT and creates the Oklahoma Railways Commission. On January 1, 2012 all assets, records and funds of the Division would be transferred to the new Commission.

**Education:**

HB 1744, by Rep. Jason Nelson (R-Oklahoma City), amends the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. It provides that a student who is a child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who transfers to a school in the state from out of state or from a foreign country will not need to have spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in the state to qualify for the scholarship program.

HB 1001, by Rep. Mike Reynolds (R-Oklahoma City), instructs school districts to treat the voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint by a student the same as it treats the voluntary expression of a secular viewpoint by another student. The district may not discriminate against students based upon religious viewpoints expressed on otherwise permissible subjects.

HB 1268, by Rep. Ann Coody (R-Lawton), requires that starting with students entering ninth grade in the 2011-12 school year, students must complete four units of mathematics to graduate from high school.

HB 1332, by Rep. Charles Key (R-Oklahoma City), instructs the State Textbook Committee to adopt "A Guide for Learning and Teaching the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution by Joseph Andrews no later than August 1, 2011.

HB 1380, by Rep. Corey Holland (R-Marlow), removes different hearing processes for probationary teachers and career teachers recommended for dismissal and provides that all teachers have the right to a hearing before a local board of education. Removes the process of a pretermination hearing for career teachers. Repeals the right to trial de novo.

HB 1585, by Rep. Todd Thomsen (R-Ada), provides that students entering the ninth grade in the year 2010-11, rather than 2008-09, must demonstrate mastery in four subject areas to graduate from high school with a standard diploma. Superintendent Barresi expressed concerns with this bill saying it was a step back.

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The results of any election -- let alone those of an election of "historic proportions," as this election was so frequently billed -- can be mined for insights for weeks, months and years to come. It's unlikely, then, that what we consider the top 5 lessons of Tuesday night *now* will be what we consider to be the top 5 lessons in the final analysis. Nevertheless, now is as good a time as any to attempt to make sense of an election that was at once predictable and unprecedented.

With that, we give you [the list](#).

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From our meeting on Thursday, I thought I would send out what I read at that time. Again, keep in mind that this was scratched out from the hip on a yellow pad during session. (my disclaimer) However, there seemed to be some agreement in the meeting the IF we go down this path, this is a good basic messaging. As a reminder, this is a "what if" scenario. We have NOT determined if we will be going down this path. We should know more tomorrow.

Basic message.....

"We received early unofficial indications that the plan/strategy that we were attempting to put in place to hold back a federal health insurance exchange and preserve our state's private healthcare system and private health insurance markets will not be viewed by HHS as any kind of compliance with the ACA and therefore would not prevent nor delay them from moving forward to establish a federal health insurance exchange.

The House, Senate, and Governor's office have no desire to move further into compliance with the ACA prior to the Supreme Court decision and November election.

Therefore, at this point we have decided that we will not move forward. If indeed our two avenues of repeal (legal and ballot) do not materialize and a federal insurance exchange has been established in Oklahoma, at the earliest opportunity, we plan to give HHS 12 month notice of our desire to takeover any federal exchange that has been established."

Hope this helps. We'll be in close touch.

GM

PS Sen Stanislawski, please forward to Trait and Nathan...I somehow did not have their emails in my iPad.

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Good Afternoon Action Officers and Healthcare Leads:

Your Communication staff received the following talking points from RGA/RGPPC today re the Amicus brief release tomorrow. Copied to this email are Mike Schrimpf, Comm Director, and Jon Thompson, Press Secretary, of our communications shop if you have any questions. You may contact me as well.

As soon as we receive the final brief in the morning, we will circulate.

Best,  
Marie

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Hello,

Some of you asked for talking points about the amicus/PPACA. Please find those below.

Best,

Mike

## **Amicus Brief and PPACA Talking Points**

### *Amicus Brief Topline Talking Points*

The amicus brief has three main arguments:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The presumption of Constitutionality attaching to PPACA is weak owing to the irregular parliamentary process employed in its enactment.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->The fact that Congress has never before required a citizen to purchase a good or service from another citizen negates the existence of that power.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->The individual mandate and penalty are contrary to the text of the commerce clause and foundational understandings

While the amicus focuses on the individual mandate, this case is about far more than just the individual mandate. The Obama administration's healthcare takeover grants sweeping authority to the federal bureaucracy to dictate to individuals, churches, charities, hospitals, schools, businesses and states how they must operate. This is the opposite of the vision of America set forth by our nation's founders.

### *General PPACA Talking Points*

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The Obama Administration has failed to adequately respond to the states requests for more flexibility: unfunded mandates, maintenance of effort, healthcare exchanges, denied waivers.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->a. <!--[endif]-->Essential to note:  
Republican governors proactively offered 31 specific solutions for reforming and saving Medicaid, but received no response from the White House.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->True cost of Obamacare after the Democrats' budget gimmicks are removed is \$2.5 trillion.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->States cannot afford Obamacare, and the White House's failure to work with the states creates more uncertainty for both state budgets, which in turns creates uncertainty for businesses who don't know how states will pay for Obamacare's provisions.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->ObamaCare is driving up premiums and jeopardizing coverage for millions of Americans. President Obama promised he would make our economy stronger, but policies like ObamaCare have made it worse.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->a. <!--[endif]-->The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service actuaries find that Obamacare will dramatically increase the near-term growth rate of health care costs. In 2014, the actuaries find that growth in the net cost of health insurance will increase by nearly 14 percent, compared to 3.5% if PPACA had never passed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->b. <!--[endif]-->A June 2011 report by McKinsey & Co. found that 30-50 percent of employers said they would stop offering health coverage once the bulk of ObamaCare took effect.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->c. <!--[endif]-->A May 2011 PriceWaterhouseCoopers survey found that 84 percent of employers would make changes to their plan as a result of ObamaCare.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->d. <!--[endif]-->Candidate Obama repeatedly promised his health care plan would LOWER premiums by \$2,500 per family, and do so within his first term. But the price of the average employer-sponsored plan ROSE by more than \$2,200 per family since Obama was first elected in 2008, according to studies from the Kaiser Family Foundation. In other words, Obama's abandoned promise has cost American families nearly \$5,000 per year – a \$2,200 premium increase compared to a \$2,500 promised premium reduction.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->Healthcare Exchanges: CMS continues to provide limited guidance and seeks to mandate a one size fit all approach to exchanges. Contrary to a recent White House report indicating that states are moving for embracing and implementing healthcare exchanges, states remain confused and are either not moving forward under any scenario or moving forward 1) play defense to the federal government, or 2) implement a market based anti-obamacare exchange.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->The Administration’s “compromise” on conscience protections for religious-affiliated employers now places the mandate on insurers to sell contraceptive coverage.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->a. <!--[endif]-->While religious employers will no longer be forced to *provide* products to which they have moral objections, they will be required to *facilitate*, directly or indirectly, access to those products. The Administration is forcing religious groups to “wash their hands” of actions they find morally objectionable by placing the mandate elsewhere.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->b. <!--[endif]-->Also, the rule is not fully repealed. The mandate will remain in place for other employers who may have conscience concerns about coverage of contraception and abortifacients. Religious leaders have expressed their strong desire to repeal the entire contraceptive mandate, noting that maintaining this new federal requirement – included in the President’s unpopular health care law – would still create moral difficulties for “good...business people who can’t in good conscience cooperate” with a federal mandate that violates their religious beliefs.

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Good Afternoon Action Officers and Healthcare Leads:

Your Communication staff received the following talking points from RGA/RGPPC today re the Amicus brief release tomorrow. Copied to this email are Mike Schrimpf, Comm Director, and Jon Thompson, Press Secretary, of our communications shop if you have any questions. You may contact me as well.

As soon as we receive the final brief in the morning, we will circulate.

Best,  
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Mike

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### *Amicus Brief Topline Talking Points*

The amicus brief has three main arguments:

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While the amicus focuses on the individual mandate, this case is about far more than just the individual mandate. The Obama administration's healthcare takeover grants sweeping authority to the federal bureaucracy to dictate to individuals, churches, charities, hospitals, schools, businesses and states how they must operate. This is the opposite of the vision of America set forth by our nation's founders.

### *General PPACA Talking Points*

1. The Obama Administration has failed to adequately respond to the states requests for more flexibility: unfunded mandates, maintenance of effort, healthcare exchanges, denied waivers.
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6. The Administration's "compromise" on conscience protections for religious-affiliated employers now places the mandate on insurers to sell contraceptive coverage.
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Thank you.

President Ronald Reagan once said that "there are no great limits to growth, because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination and wonder."

He believed, like I believe—like Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan believe—that the potential for America is limitless.

We can – and we will – overcome any economic challenge IF government lets go of the regulatory chokehold zapping the air out of the economy and deflating the spirits of our entrepreneurs.

We need a president who will applaud and encourage those who work hard to pursue their dreams ... to reach their potential ... and, in doing so, make themselves and America better and stronger. That man is Mitt Romney.

The history of my state of Oklahoma offers a great example of pursuing the American Dream. It was built and settled by pioneers moving West to seek better lives.

During the great Land Run of 1889, thousands of families rushed to put a stake down on empty plots of land.

They built tent cities overnight, they farmed the land and worked hard.

And In 1897, eight years after the Land Run, a handful of adventurous pioneers risked their own money -- NOT, the federal government's -- to drill Oklahoma's first oil well, the Nellie Johnstone.

By doing so, these early-day pioneers changed the future and the fortune of Oklahoma forever, and today Oklahoma is one of the nation's key energy producers and job creators.

President Obama wants us to believe that Oklahomans owe that success to the federal government: to the Department of Energy, to the EPA, the IRS or maybe even to him.

Mr. President, we know better. As we say in Oklahoma, that dog won't hunt.

We owe these remarkable successes to the imagination and ingenuity of people like my friend, Oklahoman Harold Hamm.

The son of sharecroppers, and the youngest of 13 children, Harold grew up in the small town of Lexington, Oklahoma.

As a child, he helped out on the farm and went to school only after the first freeze or Christmas.

While attending high school, he worked for a dollar an hour at a gas station.

After high school, Harold took a job cleaning out oil barrels. At the age of 20, he bought his own truck and began a one man oil field service business.

He made enough money to begin taking college level classes in geology and mineralogy.

At 26 years old, he drilled a wildcat well that produced 75 barrels of oil an hour ... we call that a gusher.

Today, Harold Hamm is the Chairman and CEO of Oklahoma's own Continental Resources, a top ten U.S. producer of crude oil with over 700 employees operating in 18 states and valued at over \$13 Billion. Now Harold and his company are helping to power cars, homes and businesses across the nation.

Harold and other energy entrepreneurs have completely transformed the U.S.'s energy outlook. And with a President Romney, we'll reduce America's dependence on foreign oil even further and create even more American jobs.

Harold's success story is not one-of-a-kind; it is an American dream that has been realized by countless men and women since the founding of this country.

He is just one of the many visionaries and innovators in the private sector that are the true drivers of economic growth and job creation.

And that's where President Obama just doesn't get it.

He'll tell you that "if you've got a business, you didn't build that."

Someone else did.”

Well, Mr. President – like who? The IRS? The EPA? Or the federal government?

The president believes that government is responsible for our successes ... and that’s why his solution to everything is more government, bigger spending, more regulation, and more bureaucratic programs like ObamaCare.

He says his plans are working, but look at the results:

- 41 straight months of unemployment over 8%.
- 23 Million Americans out of work.
- A nation threatened by \$15 trillion of debt
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President Obama believes the power of a Big Government is the key to American success.

Mitt Romney believes in the power of the people.

Governor Romney understands that free enterprise and hard work -- not government handouts -- have made the United States the envy of the world.

He will reverse the tide of decline and promote economic security. He knows it’s hardworking American families, not federal bureaucracy that “have built” our great and glorious nation.

Governor Romney is ready to lead. He has the experience and the vision we need to restore America’s economy and its greatness.

I am proud to support his candidacy for president, and as the next leader of the Free World, he’ll make us proud.

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The slow-motion collapse of the government status quo across the Western world is obvious, but the reality is the opposite of what Twain said about Wagner's music—it's worse than it sounds. That's the message of a recent report from Richard Ravitch and Paul Volcker that deserves far more attention than it has received.

Since 2010 the former New York Lieutenant Governor and Federal Reserve Chairman have been scrutinizing the balance sheets of six of the largest states—California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Texas and Virginia. Their conclusions make clear that Washington is not the only part of the government headed for the fiscal cliff.

Some of the problems the State Budget Crisis Task Force identifies are familiar: growing health-care spending and unfunded pension liabilities, for example. Others are not. Taking in "the totality of the problems," Messrs. Ravitch and Volcker write, "the storm warnings are very serious" and the "existing trajectory of state spending, taxation and administrative practices cannot be sustained."

- Medicaid. This state-federal program that increasingly pays for middle-class health care is the major albatross. Spending has grown faster than the economy every year since the 1960s, 7.2% annually over the last decade. It is now the largest part of state budgets—24% on average—and "the imbalance (or structural budget gap) can no longer be absorbed without significant cuts to other essential state programs like education or unpopular tax increases or both."

The panel also found that these costs are driven by states choosing to increase enrollment and create new benefits, rather than by rising underlying medical

costs. One of four New Yorkers is on Medicaid, and 70% of the coverage is not required by federal law.

Some 29% of California's population is in Medicaid, though it only accounts for 11.8% of the Golden State budget, well below the national average of 15.8%. But that share is so low only because California spends so much on other things too. New York spends more on Medicaid than Florida, Texas and Pennsylvania—combined.

Medicaid costs over the decade are due to jump 8.1% annually, as required by the Affordable Care Act's expansion. Without ObamaCare, the yearly rise would still be 6.6%.

- Pensions. The burgeoning retirement benefits that states owe their public employees are well-known. But the Ravitch-Volcker task force emphasizes that, unlike federal entitlements, state pension obligations are almost always constitutionally protected. In other words, they are non-modifiable contracts, not merely political promises.

California has 62 state and local pension systems, Texas 75, Illinois 457. The 1990s and 2000s saw a reckless benefit build-out—California even increased pensions for people who had already retired. The states are supposed to prefund these liabilities so they are able to pay out once vested, but by and large they don't. States then assume an 8% return on their investments, which means they can stint on their taxpayer contributions and make their pensions look healthier than they really are.

The bad news is that today they already look like they belong on a gurney at Antietam, despite such gaming. Using more conservative assumptions, the task force calculates that the unfunded liabilities in the six states comes to \$386.2 billion, or about a quarter of every dollar they will eventually be required to spend.

The task force also does the service of noticing retiree health insurance benefits, which states (unlike corporations) are not required to disclose. At a minimum, the panel figures the six states owe \$539 billion, with no plan to defuse this time bomb.

Combining pensions and other special public employee privileges, Illinois's total unfunded liability works out to \$15,800 per citizen—the only all-in data the task force could acquire. The true number may be far higher in the other five states.

- Budget gimmicks. The other novel Ravitch-Volcker observation is that no one knows for sure how deep these problems run, because the states are running bookkeeping cons that disguise the fiscal realities. The task force uncovered "chronic dependence" on gambits like assets sales, "temporary" raids on rainy-day funds, and shifting current spending to future years "as an ongoing budget strategy."

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The message of the Ravitch-Volcker report is that some large portion of the states are replicating the dysfunctions of Washington—adding to entitlements

that crowd out priorities like schools and bridges, and then concealing the real danger when they're not ignoring it. State and local governments now spend \$2.5 trillion, and rising. Without 49 more Scott Walkers, the fiscal mayhem has only begun.

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New Republican Governors Mark 100 Days

Today marks 100 days since the last of the country's new majority of Republican governors took office. Already, these 18 new governors have made a profound impact on their states as well as the nation at-large.

They have proven that true reform can occur despite opposition from well-funded, powerful interests and have shown Washington that not only can deep-holed budgets be balanced without raising taxes, but that it is possible to implement entitlement reform and restructure government's long-term costs and succeed. From education reform to fiscal and government reform, Republican governors are providing unparalleled political leadership.

Below is a list of the new governors' major initiatives and successes in their first 100 days:

Gov. Robert Bentley (AL)

- Signed the Responsible Budgeting and Spending Act which revises the budgeting process for the Education Trust Fund by allowing a "rolling reserve" process to make the Education Trust Fund resistant to proration.
- Working to implement health insurance exchanges that will increase competition and lower costs.

Gov. Rick Scott (FL)

- Rejected federal high speed rail proposal.
  - o Instead announced support of meaningful infrastructure projects like the dredging of the Port of Miami - a project that will help create 33,000 jobs - to accommodate Post Panamax ships and increased shipping that will result when the Panama Canal is expanded and free trade agreements with Colombia and Panama are ratified.
- Signed an executive order to freeze job-killing regulations and establish the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform to review all new rules.
  - o This office has already identified more than 1000 unnecessary regulations that can be repealed.
- Signed the Student Success Act into law, establishing a system to pay the best teachers more and eliminate teacher tenure for new teachers.
- Created a Drug Strike Force to attack illegal use of prescription drugs by targeting criminal distributors.
- Sold state-owned aircraft to reduce unnecessary state spending - one of the Governor's campaign promises
- Job Creation: through Gov. Scott's commitment to reduce the size, scope and cost of government, as well as return savings to taxpayers through tax cuts, the Governor has enticed companies like Bing Energy and Chromalloy to move operations to Florida and companies like Vision Airlines to expand business in the Sunshine State.

Gov. Nathan Deal (GA)

- Signed an overhaul of the state's cash-strapped HOPE scholarship into law, which assists students with their educational costs of attending college in Georgia.
- Passed an \$18.3 billion budget without controversy.
- Earmarked \$32 million in bond money for water infrastructure projects.
- Improved accessibility, holding regular legislative office hours for lawmakers.

#### Governor Terry Branstad (IA)

- Restored openness in state government:
  - o Launched a weekly video "Ask the Gov" Question and Answer series
  - o Revived weekly press conference after previous administrations abolished it
  - o Webcast live every weekly news conference
  - o Launched the "Call Gov. Branstad" show on WHO Radio
- Opening Iowa back up for business
  - o Signed an executive order rescinding burdensome RICE rule
  - o Announced new businesses bringing hundreds of jobs to Iowa, including Alltech, Cargill and Valent BioSciences Corporation.
  - o Signed an executive order requiring a Jobs Impact Statement for every proposed rule so as to know exactly the ramifications contained therein.
- Improving the state's finances:
  - o Gov. Branstad insists on a biennial budget that balances with five-year revenue projections and spends less than Iowa takes in each year.

#### Gov. Sam Brownback (KS)

- Sweeping reform of state agencies to find efficiencies, reduce burdensome regulation and focus on the core functions of state government.
  - o Established Office of the Repealer to review state laws and regulations and identify those which are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or contradictory.
  - o Created Citizens Regulatory Review Board to review new rules and regulations proposed by state agencies and provide the Governor with feedback on any concerns raised by its review.
  - o Eliminated, streamlined and/or re-organized seven state agencies.
  - o Streamlined state human resources and homeland security, ensuring efficiency, uniformity and cost-effectiveness for state government agencies and cuts overhead costs.
- Established Rural Opportunity Zones:
  - o Designated 50 counties as "Rural Opportunity Zones" (ROZ), providing an income tax exemption for certain out-of-state taxpayers who relocate to those counties; and authorizing the counties to participate in a state-matching program to repay student loans of up to \$15,000 for college graduates who move to ROZ counties.

#### Gov. Paul LePage (ME)

- Expedited state repayments of a Medicaid debt to hospitals.
- Agreed to allow the Maine Educational Loan Authority (MELA) to proceed with issuance of tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds to fund student loans for the upcoming academic year.
- Worked to remove unnecessary regulation, which will ease the burden on working families.

Gov. Rick Snyder (MI)

- Fundamentally realigning the state's tax structure to encourage investment and job creation.
- Put in place tools to help the state and local governments reduce long-term costs.
- Produced a budget plan that would cut taxes on businesses by more than \$1.5 billion – including the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax.

Gov. Susanna Martinez (NM)

- Balanced the budget:
  - o Governor Susana Martinez balanced a nearly-half billion dollar deficit she inherited upon taking office without raising taxes.
  - o Governor Martinez's balanced budget cut unnecessary spending, allowing an increase in state funding levels for top priorities like public education and healthcare for the most vulnerable citizens.
- Education reform:
  - o Governor Martinez worked with a bi-partisan group of legislators to pass a new school evaluation system with overwhelming support. New Mexico schools will now be graded on an easy-to-understand A-F scale, allowing parents to know how well their schools are serving their children and taxpayers to know how effectively their tax dollars are spent. This legislation will also speed up the process of assisting failing schools by targeting resources and providing additional help to struggling students.
- Katie's Law:
  - o This legislation will require a DNA sample from anyone arrested for a felony crime in New Mexico. New Mexico now has one of the strongest versions of Katie's Law in the country, giving law enforcement one of the best available tools to prevent crimes, convict criminals, and exonerate the innocent.
  - o Governor Martinez originally championed this legislation as a district attorney in 2006, but the bill that eventually passed only required a sample to be taken for certain violent felony arrests.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple (ND)

- Proposed budget includes cutting property and income taxes by \$500 million and unprecedented investments in infrastructure without borrowing money, while continuing to build the state's reserves to more than \$1 billion.
- Signed into law HB 1013, providing \$100 million to help communities in North Dakota's oil and gas counties offset direct impacts created by the rapidly developing energy industry.

Gov. Brian Sandoval (NV)

- Balanced the budget in the most challenging time in modern Nevada history.
- Introduced comprehensive education reform package.
- Improving government transparency and accessibility.

Gov. John Kasich (OH)

- Senate Bill 5 levels the playing field between taxpayers and the government workers who serve them, while maintaining government employees' ability to collectively bargain on wages and working conditions.

- Governor Kasich's Jobs Budget would balance an \$8 billion deficit while preserving an \$800 million tax cut for Ohio families.

- JobsOhio was established through House Bill 1 and is a non-profit economic development corporation that will work more effectively than Ohio's current state-centered efforts to retain and attract businesses. JobsOhio will be managed by a board of directors who are leaders in the business world, and because it is not a government entity, it will move at the speed of the market rather than at the speed of statute.

- Saving Jobs: Companies with major Ohio presences like American Greetings, Bob Evans, Diebold and Goodyear have committed to remaining in the state – preserving 5,500 jobs – and the unemployment rate has dropped below 9 percent for the first time in two years.

- Common Sense Initiative (CSI): Led by Lt. Gov. Taylor, is already eliminating undue burdens on business and helping Ohio companies grow and thrive.

- Statewide Coordination in the Fight Against Opiate Abuse: Through the new Cabinet-level Opiate Task Force will direct addiction prevention efforts across the state. The task force has already led to the raid of two pill mills where important evidence was collected that may assist in this effort.  
Gov. Mary Fallin (OK)

- Delivered landmark, comprehensive lawsuit-reform legislation:

- o By placing a hard cap of \$350,000 on non-economic damages and pursuing other common-sense legal reforms, Governor Fallin has helped to ensure that our legal system is fair to plaintiffs and victims without the kind of "jackpot justice" that drives jobs out of state.

- Cut Taxes:

- o Allowed the income tax trigger to take place, cutting income taxes in Oklahoma by roughly \$120 million annually for businesses and individuals.

- Brought more accountability to public schools:

- o Governor Fallin signed into law important legislation empowering the state superintendent and eliminating "trial de novo," a costly legal appeals process that makes it nearly impossible to terminate ineffective teachers.

- Continued the fight against ObamaCare and federal overreach:

- o The governor worked with Attorney General Scott Pruitt to ensure that the state of Oklahoma joined other states in challenging the constitutionality of President Obama's health care bill.

- o She has also agreed to refuse \$54 billion in federal funds to ensure that Oklahoma cannot be tied to ObamaCare.

Gov. Tom Corbett (PA)

- Advocating For a Responsible Budget:

- o When Gov. Corbett came into office in January, Pennsylvania was faced with a \$4.3 billion dollar deficit. His budget eliminates the deficit without raising taxes by reducing the cost of government.

- The Fair Share Act:

- o Will end abusive and frivolous civil lawsuits that target parties with "deep pockets" instead of the

defendants who are most culpable.

- o Has passed the House and is making its way through the Senate.
- o The measure will improve Pennsylvania's economic climate and competitiveness.
- Pushing for education reform:
  - o Gov. Corbett's plan includes school choice, merit pay, local property tax reform and giving school districts the ability to furlough employees when economic conditions make it necessary.

Gov. Nikki Haley (SC)

- Passed legislation that put more House and Senate votes on the record.
- Took taxpayer cash away from the state's public television and arts operations.
- Set in motion plans to deal with a soaring deficit in Medicaid programs and to restructure state government.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard (SD)

- Signed a balanced budget that completely eliminated the state's structural deficit without raising taxes or using one-time money.
- Proposed and signed package of bills to increase state incentives for economic development.

Gov. Bill Haslam (TN)

- Teacher tenure reform:
  - o Changed probationary period from three to five years.
  - o Included performance evaluations in tenure review.
  - o Gave principals flexibility to keep teachers beyond five year period but not grant tenure.
- Jobs4TN economic development strategy
  - o Regionalized strategies and created target industry clusters where Tennessee already has a clear competitive advantage.
  - o Created ECD field director positions to be the region's 'ombudsman' for businesses.
  - o Put focus more on turning Tennessee-based intellectual property from research hubs such as ORNL, St. Jude and Vanderbilt into Tennessee jobs.
  - o Restructured the Economic and Community Development office.

· Budget proposal -- \$1.8 billion less than previous years while still maintaining essential services.

Gov. Scott Walker (WI)

- 24,000 private sector jobs created, including 8,200 manufacturing jobs.
- Eliminated state taxes on Health Savings Accounts.
- Reformed Wisconsin's litigation climate.
- Signed relocation and economic development tax credit legislation.

- Providing tax relief for Wisconsin's job creators: small businesses.
- Transforming the Department of Commerce into the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- Enacted supermajority for passage of tax increase legislation.
- Right-sizing state government with modest requests on state pension, health care.
- Balancing Wisconsin's FY 2011 Budget.
- Proposed budget that balances \$3.6 billion deficit and reduces the structural deficit to lowest point in recent history.
- Introduced 3rd Grade Reading Taskforce to make sure every Wisconsin 3rd grader can read at grade level.
- Aggressively marketed Wisconsin as "Open for Business" after massive Illinois tax increase.

Gov. Matt Mead (WY)

- Began streamlining state government:
  - o Governor Mead and the Republican Legislature combined two state agencies into a single agency.
  - o Governor Mead cut salaries in his Office.
  - o Reviewing all existing executive orders going back decades to remove any that are unnecessary or irrelevant.
- Finished the legislative session while continuing to maintain a surplus and put money into savings.
- Successfully advocated for job creating initiatives that could bring new industries to Wyoming like data centers.
- Kept a tax exemption in place for manufacturers.
  - o Shortly after signing that bill a new employer (Worthing Gestamp) announced they would build a wind tower manufacturing facility in Wyoming.

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## **GOP Governors Detail the Costs of Obamacare on the States**

As the Supreme Court today hears arguments about the impact upon the states of expanding Medicaid, the Republican Governors Association released information from states highlighting the costs of expanding Medicaid and implementing the health care law.

“President Obama’s federal health care takeover was enacted by Democrats in Congress over the objection of governors and with little regard for the costs to the states,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The federal health care law shifts billions of dollars in unfunded, long-term costs to state governments while restricting the ability of governors to craft Medicaid solutions for the citizens of their states. This one-size-fits-all approach is yet another reason why the health care law needs to be replaced, and Republican governors have offered a blueprint for true reform. The current law is simply unaffordable, unsustainable and unworkable.”

### **Costs to the States:**

#### **Alabama**

The implementation of Obamacare will increase the costs of state government immediately and in the near future.

The overall Medicaid budget alone is expected to increase from \$6.3 Billion in 2012 to \$13.2 Billion at the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year.

#### **Medicaid Expansion Details**

- By 2014, Alabama expects to add up to 534,000 new enrollees to Medicaid. This is due to mandated eligibility to anyone under age 65 who has an income of less than 133% of the federal poverty level.

- Alabama is also required to provide subsidies to adults earning between 134% and 400% and children with incomes between 301% and 400%. This expansion would increase Medicaid eligibility from the current 21% of the state's population to about 40% of the population.
- Nearly 1,000 new primary care physicians will be needed to care for this new population.
- This cost of services for the new eligibles would initially be borne by the federal government, but that support would fade to 90% of the cost by 2020.
- HCR legislation does not provide any additional funds to the state to certify enroll and manage the new recipients.
- Administrative costs alone will require an estimated \$389 million in state funds. Eligibility system changes will be required to add new enrollees, to differentiate between those eligible under new vs. previous rules (each with different matching rates) and to allow information to flow back and forth between subsidy plans and Medicaid.

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Alaska  
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Alaska continues to be hampered in its efforts to manage the costs of its Medicaid program and continues to see Medicaid population increases. For the first time in recent history the Budget of the Department of Health and Social Services (Medicaid Authority) has surpassed that of the Department of Education and is projected to continue to grow ahead of inflation.

For FY2013 it is projected that Alaska will need an additional \$45 million in state general funds to cope with program growth and another \$129 million in state general funds to offset the loss of enhanced federal Medicaid funding. Alaska continues to be faced with substantial growth in Medicaid caseloads and utilization and forecasts an over 20 percent increase in Medicaid state general fund expenditures.

The State of Alaska continues to narrow projections on estimating the total cost of the ACA over the long term. However, a June 2010 preliminary analysis of the Medicaid impacts reflects that cumulative state general fund spending will increase by \$100M million, through 2020. While direct care spending in the early years is offset by increased federal match rates, spending in later years paints an even more concerning picture for Alaska's future and the ever increasing impact of Medicaid expansion on the State budget while oil throughput continues to decline.

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The mandatory Medicaid expansions in PPACA, and the woodwork created by these expansions, are expected to cost Arizona over \$550 million in the next three fiscal years. Once fully implemented in the latter half of this decade, PPACA is anticipated to increase Arizona's annual Medicaid obligations by almost \$500 million per year. Furthermore, because Arizona expanded to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level before the passage of the PPACA, it receives a lower matching rate for those populations than other states that did not expand (who will initially receive full federal financing).

Over the four year period of the recession, while overall state spending decreased, Medicaid spending soared by 63 percent, to the point where it accounted for nearly 30 percent of the state general fund in the recently-completed FY 2011. During the recession, Arizona's projected deficits spiked, which necessitated a series of aggressive, unprecedented steps in order to return the State to fiscal stability. An important element of this effort was the paring back of Arizona's

Medicaid program in FY 2012, which will be undermined by the mandated increases in population due to the PPACA.

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**Florida**

According to Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion will force Florida to spend an additional \$1.5 billion and force an additional 1.8 million Floridians to enroll in Medicaid in four years.

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**Georgia**

The projected impact of the Medicaid expansion in Georgia is significant. In January 2014, an estimated 650,000 additional members will be added to our state Medicaid and CHIP programs. This federally mandated expansion will increase state spending by at least \$2.4 billion between FY2010-FY2020 alone. That said, the cost could soar substantially higher because there are more federal regulations to come and initial spending could spike because of the pent-up demand of new members. The Georgia Department of Community Health is continually reassessing the impact of the Medicaid expansion mandate.

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**Idaho**

Idaho estimates between 150,000 and 200,000 new eligibles could be added to the Medicaid caseload when new expansion rules are implemented which could mean an 40-percent increase in participation compared to Idaho's current caseloads. The overall Medicaid benefit cost attributed to PPACA Medicaid provisions in the State of Idaho is conservatively estimated to be \$228 million in State funds by 2020. In preparation for the PPACA 2014 changes, Medicaid system readiness is estimated to cost \$34.8 million, of which Idaho's share will be \$3.48 million.

Idaho is purposely holding off on changes related to the Medicaid expansion requirement because of the uncertainty surrounding the Supreme Court's decision, 2012 elections and State legislative decisions which could drastically impact how Medicaid expansion is implemented and designed. The State anticipates the cost to meet the new Medicaid expansion requirement will be approximately \$9 million. That does not include the cost of operational and personnel needs related to the expansion.

In addition, the limited nature of the federal timelines and lack of final rules has forced Idaho to design a phased approach to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid. Idaho is working on modernization, expansion and connection phases – all of which depend on the Supreme Court decision and 2012 elections.

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**Indiana**

The additional enrollees will cost between \$2.5 and \$3.1 billion to Indiana's Medicaid expenditures for the period 2014 to 2020.

A fully state-operated Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$57.7-\$83.4M annually. This is in addition to the cost of the Medicaid expansion. Even if the State decides not to operate an Exchange, there will still be costs associated with eligibility for premium tax credits. Therefore, a fully federal Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$10.4-\$18.3M annually.

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**Iowa**

As recently as eight years ago, Iowa spent less than \$2.5 billion in total Medicaid expenditures. Total Medicaid spending in Iowa now approaches \$4 billion and accounts for more than 15% of Iowa General Fund expenditures.

When we entered office in January 2011, we were faced with replacing \$540 million in one-time

money that was used to fund the on-going Medicaid entitlement. Medicaid remains a complex funding source for health care that we manage very carefully.

It is anticipated that the federal takeover of health care under the Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid enrollment by at least 150,000 people in Iowa. In 2014, the first year of implementation, our Medicaid population will grow from 400,000 to more than 550,000 covered lives in a state where our population is just over 3 million people. The total cost of this expansion is estimated to be between \$180 to \$818 million (with mid-point estimate of \$255 million) in the first year, with the state picking up an increasing share of this cost over time. The uncertainty surrounding the wide range of potential costs is alone cause for concern.

Despite the federally mandated expansion of the Medicaid program, Iowa and other states will have less flexibility than ever before to effectively and efficiently manage this entitlement that is vital for so many of our vulnerable citizens. Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements continue to tie the hands of state policymakers, forcing a continual squeeze on health care providers and diverting benefits from those who need them most.

### *Kansas*

Without flexibility to reform Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce costs, Kansas will continue to see increases in Medicaid spending. Kansas' Medicaid budget has ballooned from \$2.4 billion in 2008, at the onset of federally mandated maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements, to what will reach nearly \$3 billion in 2013 without reforms. In the same period, enrollment will have increased from 293,000 to almost 400,000 -- all before the mandated PPACA expansion.

An example of the rigidity of the MOE requirements in the ARRA, and extended by PPACA, is the federal response to the Kansas Legislature's move in 2010 to adjust family premiums in the CHIP program by \$40 a month. CMS did not approve it, citing MOE. Instead, HHS offered an option to raise premiums that would have amounted to about 50 cents per month on a typical premium.

Kansas has proposed to acquire the flexibility it needs to remake Medicaid in a two-track Section 1115 demonstration project. The first track will address authorities needed to implement KanCare, an integrated, person-centered care coordination model that will incorporate nearly all Medicaid and CHIP populations and services, including long term services and supports. The second track proposes a global waiver, more specifically an outcomes-based Medicaid and CHIP program under a per capita block grant, fundamentally redefining the federal-state relationship in Medicaid and providing a model for reform that honors the program's statutory goal of improving the health of Americans in the greatest need.

### *Louisiana*

Obamacare is expected to cost Louisiana a total of \$7 billion in additional state general funds over the next 10 years.

Obamacare will increase Medicaid rolls by 645,843 over the next 10 years at a cost of \$3.69 billion in state general funds.

High costs of the IT systems needed to implement the expansions and the link to the Exchange (whether state-run or federal) are estimated to cost \$162 million in state general funds.

Increase payments to primary care providers, increased utilization for physicians and hospitals are estimated to cost \$2.6 billion in state general funds.

*Maine*

Maine's Medicaid program has experienced an increase in enrollment from 314,000 in June 2009 to 336,000 in June, 2010, and total spending in Maine's Medicaid program has increased by over one billion dollars since 2002. Over the last several years, Medicaid rates for healthcare providers have also been repeatedly cut to address the ongoing financial shortfalls in Medicaid as a result of increasing enrollment and utilization. As a result of these reductions, some Maine physicians have closed their practices to Medicaid patients significantly reducing access to primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. All of the above challenges will be exacerbated by ACA. As Maine struggles to confront a shortfall of more than \$800 million in the next biennial budget and the requirement to adopt a balanced budget, it is imperative that the Governor and the Legislature have the necessary flexibility to comprehensively manage the Medicaid program and to make necessary changes to effectively reduce total spending in the program.

*Mississippi*

The overall cost to implement PPACA in Mississippi is estimated to be \$1.7 billion over the next ten years, including an additional \$443 million in year ten.

*Nebraska*

In addition, based upon preliminary professional consultant projections, the State of Nebraska estimates that it will cost anywhere from \$61.4 million to \$86.9 million to build a Health Insurance Exchange in Nebraska. Due to the changing nature of the health insurance exchange project and the instability of the federal government's promulgation of final rules and regulations, the State projects that a state exchange annual operating budget would be \$17.5 million per year starting in 2016.

*Nevada*

In April of 2010, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services estimated the General Fund impact of implementing the Affordable Care Act was \$574 million from 2014 through 2019.

*New Mexico*

With the implementation of Obamacare, New Mexico is poised to add an additional 130,000 – 175,000 individuals to the Medicaid program with an additional cost of \$300 million - \$600 million between 2014 and 2019.

*North Dakota*

With the implementation of Obamacare, North Dakota's current estimate for additional Medicaid spending is \$106 million over 10 years.

*Ohio*

The estimated cost to Ohio from the first year to 2019 is over \$2.7 billion for Medicaid services. These estimates do not include the cost of increases in administration of the program. The long-term sustainability of the program is called into question, unless Ohio is given new options on how to manage the program.

*Oklahoma*

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority estimates that the Obamacare Medicaid expansion will cost an additional \$4.6 billion in state and federal funding and will add 250,000 new Oklahoman's to the Medicaid rolls from 2014-2020.

### *Pennsylvania*

Pennsylvania's Medicaid spending has doubled over the past ten years and it now comprises 31% of the state's budget. It has grown four times faster than K-12 spending, and nine times faster than transportation spending. Even before the healthcare bill passed, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path. Under this law, these statistics will only get worse. Pennsylvania will see an additional 800,000 individuals on the Medicaid rolls adding a significant burden to the budget and taxpayers. As the Medicaid population continues to increase and state revenues continue to not keep pace, the mandates of the maintenance of effort requirement and the lack of any meaningful flexibility within the program will severely hamper virtually all other aspects of the state budget. States simply cannot afford Obamacare. Their budgets will be crushed by the Medicaid expansion that the federal establishment is forcing on them. Americans deserve a vibrant, robust, competitive and transparent health care system that puts patients and quality first, focuses on personal responsibility, not a large government takeover that shifts the costs from the federal government to state tax payers.

### *South Carolina*

Medicaid enrollment will increase by 54% or 510,000 individuals in 2015 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. 176,000 of these persons will drop private insurance to go on Medicaid. The additional costs to state taxpayers between State Fiscal Year 2014 and State Fiscal Year 2020 ranges from \$1.15 billion to \$2.5 billion dollars depending on assumptions of participation rate and increases in physician fees resulting from physician shortages created by the new law.

### *South Dakota*

South Dakota estimates it will cost at least \$99.7 million in state funds through 2019 to comply with the Medicaid requirements of the PPACA.

This burden coupled with the inability to change other parts of the Medicaid program due to the MOE requirements will result in rate cuts to providers.

Providers that cannot absorb these cuts may stop taking people eligible for Medicaid, or may stop providing services altogether.

This would have a hugely detrimental effect on a very rural state, including citizens that rely on Medicaid for their health care and communities that may see their health care providers leave or quit. These unintended consequences of the MOE provisions in the PPACA are counter-productive of its larger goal to help Americans get access to the health care they need.

### *Tennessee*

Tennessee's Medicaid program is continuing to experience budgetary challenges in the coming fiscal year, as state revenues continue their slow climb back to pre-recession levels. Unfortunately, the MOE requirements limit the flexibility needed to make important changes to

the program as we deal with such issues. For instance, TennCare could save \$16 million alone just by modifying nursing facility level of care requirements that would bring Tennessee in line with the criteria of other states and rebalance its long-term care system in order to serve more people with lesser levels of need in more cost-effective home and community-based settings while targeting the more expensive long-term care services to persons with higher acuity of need. However, we have yet to receive approval to make such a change.

At a time when Tennessee is already facing budget difficulties and the ACA is expected to cost the state in excess of \$1.5 billion over five years, we must have the flexibility necessary to make common sense adjustments to the program.

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### Texas

Medicaid is consistently one of the biggest expenses all states face. It accounts for a quarter of the state budget in Texas. The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid without reforming the program.

ACA will increase Medicaid enrollment in Texas by nearly 2 million people and cost the state \$27 billion over 10 years.

States have received little federal guidance on key ACA provisions, including the primary care rate increases which is required starting in 2013. Additionally, guidance is needed on Medicaid Benchmark Benefits, eligibility changes, FMAP methodology and numerous other provisions.

Lack of timely guidance makes it impossible for states to effectively plan for the mushrooming Medicaid caseloads that the law will create. HHSC needs final, detailed guidance from the federal government to determine the full impact of certain ACA provisions on the Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs, and to make federally-required changes.

ACA does not recognize states' unique needs and prevents each state from tailoring its Medicaid and CHIP programs in accordance with the intent of its elected and appointed representatives.

### Utah

The Insurance Department has been tracking hours of work to account for the additional burdens imposed by the ACA. During FY11, we are able to account for over 5,700 hours, equating to approximately \$182,000 in personnel costs. Included in the estimate is time spent on rate review which has been supported by a grant from HHS, reimbursing the department \$112,757 in personnel costs. In addition to the above, numerous hours have been incurred by the Commissioner or our actuary

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### Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia has estimated the Medicaid cost of federal health reform to the State to be between \$1.5 and \$2.2 billion through 2022. These estimates have not been updated since August 2010, but because of the length of the recession and the current pace of economic growth, along with other developments in our understanding of the full impact of PPACA, the higher end of the cost range seems more realistic. For example, in a study completed for Medicaid Health Plans of America, Milliman, Inc. has estimated that the PPACA-mandated tax on health insurance companies, which did not exclude Medicaid health plans, will cost Virginia, a heavily managed Medicaid state, approximately \$430 - \$500 million through 2023; this was not included in Virginia's 2010 estimates of the PPACA cost, meaning this \$430 - \$500 million would be *in addition to* the \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion already estimated. Virginia is in the process of re-estimating impacts in preparation for the 2012 Medicaid forecast due in the fall of 2012. At that time, the estimates should better reflect the current economic environment in Virginia, and reflect a better understanding of the PPACA impact based on subsequent analysis and federal guidance

that was not available for the 2010 estimates.”

### Wisconsin

If implemented, the PPACA will force a heavy financial burden upon the people of Wisconsin through increased health insurance premiums, the expansion of Medicaid, and a new entitlement that will create new inequities among working families. Moreover, much of the new spending will not be used to increase coverage in Wisconsin, which has already achieved the levels of insurance that is aspired to under PPACA. Public dollars will simply displace private dollars at a higher cost.

New estimates from the Obama Administration and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) demonstrate that Medicaid enrollment will be higher than previously estimated. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) believes that increased enrollment among currently eligible individuals and retention of higher income children due to Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements will drive up the cost to the state. However, the direct burden on the state budget remains uncertain. New eligibility rules will result in some individuals migrating into and out of Medicaid. Rules on federal matching rates that are critical to our fiscal analysis have not been finalized.

More than 750,000 childless adults, parents, caretakers, and children are already enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid programs. There will be no additional federal assistance for the vast majority of these individuals and future enrollees. Some additional federal assistance will apply only to a relatively small number of individuals. Whether the federal government will “buy out” the state share of some eligibility groups is unknown at this time. It will matter little to taxpayers whether the costs will count as federal or state expenditures. Increased federal control over the management of the Medicaid program is stifling innovation and threatens to unnecessarily drive up costs.

### Wyoming

The costs of maintaining our Medicaid program are fast becoming a serious threat to our state general funds. The 2013-2014 biennial budget for Medicaid in Wyoming includes \$560 million in state general fund dollars. This is just the cost to provide care to the current population of approximately 76,000 enrollees. A study of Wyoming impacts from PPACA conducted by The Lewin Group in 2010 estimates an additional 31,000 enrollees due to the Medicaid expansion in 2014 – an increase of over 40%. It is difficult to estimate what the fiscal impact of this huge bolus of new enrollees will be. The State legislature commissioned a Medicaid Cost Study in 2011 and we expect findings in mid-2012. We do know, however, that the cost of implementing a new eligibility and enrollment system for Medicaid will cost over \$3.5 million in state general funds after the 90/10 federal match.

The larger and more detrimental impact of the implementation of PPACA is likely to be to our private health insurance markets. An actuarial study of our small group and individual markets conducted by Gorman Actuarial, LLC in 2011 indicates that we can expect premiums to go up an average of 30% to 40% in the individual market due solely to new insurance regulations effective in 2014. When you add the projected impact of higher morbidity of new entrants into the market and essential benefit mandates, we can expect overall 40% to 60% increases in premiums in the individual market.

Given that Wyoming already has a higher percentage of small employers that self-insure than other states, it’s not unreasonable to expect a number of small employers to stop providing insured coverage and either move their employees to the individual market or to self-insure to avoid regulation. During recent town hall meetings, a number of small employers indicated that it would be cheaper for them to pay the PPACA penalties for not providing coverage than it will be to continue to provide coverage. The Lewin Group estimates a net loss of over 8,000 covered lives in the employer sponsored insurance market.

With all the changes in PPACA, Gorman Actuarial estimates over 41,000 people in Wyoming will remain uninsured by 2016. This represents about half of the 83,000 people currently uninsured in our state.

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** FW: GOP Govs Request Expedited Review of Healthcare Lawsuits  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:51:46 AM

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Morning -- please see below. I assume Mike is correct, that the reason we did not sign the letter requesting the health care lawsuits be expedited is that we have filed our own lawsuit?

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From: Mike Schrimpf [[mschrimpf@RGA.ORG](mailto:mschrimpf@RGA.ORG)]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:45 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: FW: GOP Govs Request Expedited Review of Healthcare Lawsuits

Alex,

Please see below. My understanding of the reason why Gov. Fallin didn't sign is because she is planning/has her own lawsuit, but I don't know if that is public knowledge yet.

How would you like me to respond or should I just refer to your office?

Thanks!

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I noticed just one GOP gov didn't sign it (Mary Fallin). Any reason why?

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## GOP Govs Request Expedited Review of Healthcare Lawsuits

28 Republican governors sent a letter to President Obama today requesting him to direct the United States Department of Justice to support an expedited appellate process for the pending healthcare lawsuits to reach the United States Supreme Court as soon as possible.

A copy of the letter is attached.

The letter states, in part:

"This request for expedited review takes no position on PPACA, but seeks only to obtain the Supreme Court's final determination as soon as possible.

Given the daunting and costly financial and regulatory burdens that our states and the private sector will face in implementing PPACA over the coming years, particularly during this unprecedented budgetary time, public interest requires expediting a final resolution of the litigation to give certainty as soon as possible. We should not endure years of litigation in the circuit courts, when the Supreme Court can promptly provide finality. This resolution can help prevent the states and the private sector from undertaking potentially unnecessary measures and expenses. More importantly, our businesses, health care providers, and citizens of our great nation need to know as soon as possible whether all or part of the law will be upheld or stricken, so they know their options and obligations."

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#); [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: GOP Govs Unveil Medicaid Reform Principles  
**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2011 11:05:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Medicaid Reform Principles.pdf](#)

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Below is the RGA release on the healthcare task force letter. Attached is also the final PDF of the letter.

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**From:** Mike Schrimpf  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** Mike Schrimpf  
**Subject:** GOP Govs Unveil Medicaid Reform Principles



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## **GOP Govs Unveil Medicaid Reform Principles**

29 Republican governors unveiled today seven guiding principles for reforming Medicaid in a letter written to Senator Orrin Hatch, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance and Representative Fred Upton, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The principles will serve as the framework for future specific recommendations from the governors as they begin what will be an ongoing dialogue with Congress as it weighs how to reform Medicaid.

“Aside from the full repeal of Obamacare, no issue is more important to fixing our nation’s healthcare system than improving Medicaid,” said RGA Chairman Rick Perry. “Governors must be given the flexibility to craft solutions based on their states’ specific needs without constantly needing to ask the federal government for permission.”

“Medicaid is on an unsustainable trajectory that threatens the fiscal health of our states and the nation,” said RGA Policy Chairman Haley Barbour. “Just as governors answered the call to help reform the welfare system in the 1990’s, today’s Republican governors are committed to working with Congress to reform Medicaid.”

The seven principles are:

1. States and territories are best able to make decisions about the design of their healthcare

systems based on the respective needs, culture and values of each state.

2. States and territories should also have the opportunity to innovate by using flexible, accountable financing mechanisms that are transparent and that hold states accountable for efficiency and quality healthcare. Such mechanisms may include a block grant, a capped allotment outside of a waiver, or other accountable and transparent financing approaches.
3. Medicaid should be focused on quality, value-based and patient-centered programs that work in concert to improve the health of our states' citizens and drive value over volume, quality over quantity, at the same time containing costs.
4. States and territories must be able to streamline and simplify the eligibility process to ensure coverage for those most in need, and states must be able to enforce reasonable cost sharing for those able to pay.
5. States and territories can provide Medicaid recipients a choice in their healthcare coverage plans, just as many have in the private market, if they are able to leverage the existing insurance marketplace through innovative support mechanisms.
6. Territories must be ensured full integration into the federal healthcare system so they can provide healthcare coverage to those in need with the flexibility afforded to the states.
7. States must have greater flexibility in eligibility, financing and service delivery in order to provide long-term services and support that keep pace with the people Medicaid serves. New federal requirements threaten to stifle state innovation and investment. In addition, since dual eligibles now constitute 39 percent of Medicaid spending, Medicare policies that shift costs to the states must be reversed and the innovative power of states should be rewarded by a shared-savings program that allows full flexibility to target and deliver services, which are cost-effective for both state and federal taxpayers.

A copy of the letter is attached. Gov. Rick Snyder has sent a separate letter to Chairman Upton.

**From:** [Wendy Gregory](#)  
**To:** [tulsawendy](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Gov Fallin asks lawmakers to support Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange  
**Date:** Monday, July 23, 2012 2:58:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [3-22-11 Governor Fallin letter to lawmakers.pdf](#)

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**From:** Governor Fallin Press  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 4:06 PM  
**To:** Governor Fallin Press  
**Subject:** Gov Fallin asks lawmakers to support Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange

All –

In a letter sent today to all Oklahoma state senators and representatives, Governor Mary Fallin asked lawmakers to pass legislation (HB 2130) furthering the creation of an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange. The letter (attached) explains that an Oklahoma based health insurance exchange:

- Will help to avoid the forced implementation of a federal exchange run by the Obama administration and Washington, D.C.
- Will be run using conservative, free market principles
- Will empower consumers by providing them with more information and ultimately lower health insurance costs in Oklahoma

The full text of the letter is below:

Dear Lawmaker,

As you may know, this Wednesday, March 23, will represent the one year anniversary of the enactment of President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). I believe, as I know many of our legislators and the majority of our citizens do, that the PPACA is unconstitutional, fatally flawed and ultimately harmful to our economy and the health of our citizens. That is exactly what I told both the Obama administration and our federal lawmakers, in no uncertain terms, when I voted against the law as a United States Congresswoman.

As governor of Oklahoma and as a citizen, it is my great hope that the PPACA is either repealed by federal legislators or else is struck down by the United States Supreme Court. Our Oklahoma Congressional delegation has my full support as they work towards the former option, and Attorney General Scott Pruitt has my support and encouragement as he leads Oklahoma's legal challenge. As governor, I have sent multiple letters to the White House explaining the unreasonable economic burdens the PPACA places on Oklahoma and have requested that the White House fast track the lawsuits against President Obama's health care law to the Supreme Court. In short, I have been proud to be part of a united conservative front in Oklahoma opposing what I believe to be one of the most dangerous and counterproductive pieces of legislation to come out of Washington in decades.

I remain deeply concerned, however, that the PPACA will remain the law of the land for some time to come. As long as that is the case, the president's law will continue to actively assault both the rights of our citizens and the tenth amendment rights of our states. For that reason, I believe Oklahoma's lawmakers must continue to find new ways to prevent a federal takeover of our health care system in Oklahoma.

**One of the most important ways we can fight that federal takeover is to implement an Oklahoma-based, free-market health insurance exchange so that Washington does not force its own model on the state. While we have already begun to create that exchange, the next step in the process is the passage of HB 2130, which creates a governing board for the program. I am writing now to ask you to support that legislation.**

Under current law as outlined by the PPACA, the federal government will begin establishing a federally designed and run health insurance exchange in 2013 in all 50 states except those that have begun implementing their own state-based exchanges. If we do not develop our own exchange, if we instead do nothing, then we will be powerless to oppose the creation of a federally run program in Oklahoma.

As you may know, health insurance exchanges, when done right, have long been a conservative idea. In 2009, our Legislature authorized the creation of such an exchange based on model legislation introduced by the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Using that model, the Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange we are seeking to create will be an online health insurance market that empowers consumers by providing vastly improved access to information on private insurance products and expanding the purchasing power of individuals and small businesses. Private insurance products will be sold to meet individual needs, insurers will compete to promote real choices for consumers and the free-market will work to lower costs. Unlike the federal exchange Washington may try to force on us, the exchange we are trying to build offers a positive, free-market alternative to the big government, tax-and-spend plan that is the PPACA.

If we do not pass HB 2130 and implement an Oklahoma-based exchange, the results will be devastating for those of us who oppose ObamaCare and the federal intrusion it represents. Without an Oklahoma exchange, the state is virtually guaranteed to be subject to a federally run, Washington D.C. substitute. And unlike the one we develop here in Oklahoma, that federal exchange will rely on public health care plans and be funded by public debt for many years to come.

For that reason, a vote against an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange and HB 2130 is a vote to leave Oklahoma defenseless against a federal takeover, as mandated by ObamaCare, beginning in the year 2013.

As a conservative, I hope the PPACA is long gone by then. I join the majority of our lawmakers, as well as the majority of our citizens, in being passionately opposed to the federal health care law. It is my great hope to see it overturned or repealed. But I believe we have an obligation to plan for a future where that may not happen. And in the event the federal health care law is not overturned by 2013, I am not willing to allow the federal government to seize what has been a conservative idea and turn it into something unrecognizable and harmful to the state of Oklahoma and its citizens.

For all these reasons, I hope you will join me in supporting a free-market, conservative exchange and defend Oklahoma against the federalization of our health insurance by voting for HB 2130.

Sincerely,

Governor Mary Fallin

**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [dthompson@opubco.com](mailto:dthompson@opubco.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Gov Fallin asks lawmakers to support Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 5:07:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [3-22-11 Governor Fallin letter to lawmakers.pdf](#)

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Mr. Thompson,

Below is an item we sent out from the governor's press office today. I know the governor wanted to have a conversation with you about this topic.

Thanks.

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Governor Mary Fallin

**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: gov fallin contact  
**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2011 1:51:00 PM

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Any interest?

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2011 1:49 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Hi Aaron – is the Governor available for a phone interview tonight at 6pm EASTERN? Talking health care...let me know thanks.

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:44 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

We have a security detail that drive us so a car isn't needed. Either myself or Alex Weintz will be with her.

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Did you get my note about our budget solutions and personal income tax cuts in Oklahoma to talk about today?

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:42 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Thanks!

What's your cell number? Will you be traveling with the Governor? Does she need car service?  
Thanks!

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2011 5:53 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Our emails must have crossed in cyber space. I sent you a note with an interview angle.

Also, just an FYI – the last time we used the local Fox affiliate studio there was a technical malfunction that kept us from conducting the interview. In our experience, the local Cox Communication studios have been excellent.

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2011 4:53 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** FW: gov fallin contact

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2011 5:46 PM  
**To:** 'Aaron Cooper'  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Aaron – sorry for the delay.

Here's the studio for tomorrow:

KOKH Fox 25  
1228 East Wilshire Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Megan,

Any update on the studio booking information? Our schedulers would like to know ASAP.

Thanks.

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:16 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

15 minutes prior to the hit time – so no later than 4:45pm. Thanks!

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 4:11 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Thanks.

For our scheduling purposes, when would we need to be at the studio?

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:11 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Fantastic. I will book that studio.

The segment will probably be focused on the budget since that's been a big headline throughout the Midwest this week. If things change I'll let you know.

But right now we're confirmed for Wednesday and I will follow up that morning on further details.

Thanks for your help and have a great weekend!!!

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Oklahoma City. Would it be straight up 5/6pm?

And did you have a specific topic? OK has its own lawsuit on Obamacare, cutting state budgets always a good topic too.

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 2:49 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

That's perfect. I will mark our calendar.

5pm CENTRAL/6pm EASTERN on Neil Cavuto.

What city should I book a studio for?

Thanks for your help! We're looking forward to the interview.

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:44 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** FW: gov fallin contact

Megan,

I'm the press secretary for Gov. Fallin. Following up on your message to Alex Weintz. Looks like Gov. Fallin is available next Wed (Mar 2). How does that look for your schedule?

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 9:58 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Ok thanks for getting back to me. How about one night next week?

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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Unfortunately she's on the road today. thanks for checking

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan [mailto:megan.hawkins@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 9:55 AM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Hi Alex,

Is the Governor available tonight at 6pm EASTERN TIME/5pm CENTRAL for an interview with Neil Cavuto?

Please let me know, thanks!

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**From:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:36 PM  
**To:** 'Alex Weintz'  
**Subject:** RE: gov fallin contact

Hi Alex –

Checking in on my request for the Governor to appear on Neil Cavuto's program at 6pm ET weeknights.

Is there a night this week or next that we can schedule? Please let me know, thanks for your time and help.

Best,  
Megan Hawkins  
212-601-2447

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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 4:20 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Megan  
**Subject:** gov fallin contact

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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. Fallin on Red Tape  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 9:34:00 AM

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Please review answers to NFIB questions below. Due 5pm today:

1. During my first legislative session as governor, we saw many pro-business reforms signed into law all aimed at lowering the cost of doing business in Oklahoma including workers' compensation reform, lawsuit reform, and various government modernizations to cut red tape and make state government more "customer friendly" toward small businesses and the taxpayer
2. My number one priority as governor is to focus on jobs and the economy so that we can get Oklahoma moving forward. To do so we must focus on creating the very best business environment possible in our state in order to create and retain jobs, and attract more investment to our state.
3. We're already seeing workers' comp rates lowered for many Oklahoma businesses, and we expect businesses, especially in the medical field, to reap the benefits of lower business costs due to our comprehensive lawsuit reform measures. Additionally, through the creation of a "one-stop shop" for business licensing, we hope to provide a central location that will make it easier small business owners to get the necessary permits and documents.
4. There is always more that can be done to make Oklahoma more business friendly. The attitude that I bring to the governor's office is that we should always examine ways we can do things more efficiently and in a more cost-effective manner.

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**From:** Adam Wren [mailto:[awren@imaginepub.com](mailto:awren@imaginepub.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2011 10:09 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Cc:** Woods, Steve; Jerrod Shouse  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. Fallin on Red Tape

Aaron,

I'm following up on our exchange in October regarding an interview with Gov. Fallin on her efforts to reduce red tape for business owners. I'm working against a 5 pm deadline tomorrow. Do you think you could help me get answers to these questions by then?

1. Improving your state's regulatory environment was one of the key initiatives you mentioned in your inaugural address. What actions have you taken since then to reduce red tape for small business owners?
2. Why do you think it's important to revamp your state's regulatory structure?
3. What results do you expect to see given the reforms you're pursuing on the regulatory front?
4. What remains on your legislative wish list for this next session when it comes to regulatory reform?

Thanks,

Adam

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**From:** "Woods, Steve" <[Steve.Woods@NFIB.ORG](mailto:Steve.Woods@NFIB.ORG)>  
**Date:** Wed, 14 Sep 2011 15:05:08 -0500  
**To:** Adam Wren <[awren@imaginepub.com](mailto:awren@imaginepub.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: need some story ideas

Adam

The interview with gov. fallin went well. I mentioned the story to her press secretary and he said she would cooperate. His name is aaron Cooper 405-521-2342. [Aaron.cooper@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Aaron.cooper@gov.ok.gov)

**From:** Adam Wren [<mailto:awren@imaginepub.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2011 12:50 PM  
**To:** Woods, Steve  
**Cc:** Clough, David  
**Subject:** Re: need some story ideas

Steve,

We're thumbs up for the story, to run in the front of the magazine. What should be my next step to get those quotes? David, do you have any suggestions, or can you help me connect with the governor's office?

Thanks,

Adam

On 9/14/11 9:09 AM, "Woods, Steve" <[Steve.Woods@NFIB.ORG](mailto:Steve.Woods@NFIB.ORG)> wrote:  
Adam

I just attended a republican governors assn.. meeting in philly where gov. la page of maine talked about his initiative to do 25 regulatory audits of different type businesses in maine and follow-up

with reviews of their most burdensome regs. I am sure we could get him to give a quote or two if you do a story on this.

**From:** Adam Wren [<mailto:awren@imaginepub.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 4:37 PM  
**To:** Selvy, Gary; Woods, Steve  
**Cc:** Embody, Mary  
**Subject:** Re: need some story ideas

Thanks!

On 9/8/11 11:47 AM, "Selvy, Gary" <[Gary.Selvy@nfib.org](mailto:Gary.Selvy@nfib.org)> wrote:

Adam, one possible story could be from Georgia regarding economic development through regulatory reform. Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp (an NFIB member [http://specialtystonesupply.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://specialtystonesupply.com/Home_Page.html)) has initiated a program aimed at assessing and cutting the regulatory burden on small business <http://www.sos.ga.gov/cuttheredtape/>. Kyle Jackson our state director in Georgia says that Brian would be happy to talk directly to you regarding this effort (work through Kyle).

Hope this helps

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**From:** Woods, Steve  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2011 4:04 PM  
**To:** Goodrich, Tim; Markels, Daniel; Selvy, Gary; Brasher, Dave; Geiger, Roger; Herrle, Bill; Kabateck, John; Newton, Will  
**Cc:** Embody, Mary; [awren@imaginepub.com](mailto:awren@imaginepub.com)  
**Subject:** RE: need some story ideas

Ok. Had the meeting today. They will do a story on the health exchanges. Also, we agreed to consider doing a story on what states are doing to reduce regulations on small business. Adam wren did such a great job on the economic development story last month he will get another chance with this one. Any states come to mind that he could highlight in the story. We can try to tie this into the sensible regs coalition. Looking for ideas. thanks.

**From:** Woods, Steve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2011 2:23 PM  
**To:** Goodrich, Tim; Markels, Daniel; Selvy, Gary; Brasher, Dave; Geiger, Roger; Herrle, Bill; Kabateck, John; Newton, Will  
**Cc:** Embody, Mary  
**Subject:** need some story ideas

Have the my business editorial meeting tomorrow. I need some state story ideas. I think we have just about killed the topics of unemployment insurance, public pension reform, and state budgets. I have a few ideas that I think might make for interesting stories but haven't quite figured out the

story-line.

1. Immigration reform --- lots of bills passed this year. Mostly in the south and most had to do with e-verify. Could do a story contrasting the conservative vs. progressive states (Maryland and California passed DREAM act lite bills).
2. Paycheck protection --- look at the states that have passed laws or did it by executive order and how it has impacted union contributions and subsequently election results.
3. Health insurance exchanges --- just do an update on the states dilemma whether to start exchanges or wait for the supreme court decision, and what small business is looking for in the exchanges.
4. Minimum wage I told you so story. How the unemployment rate for teenagers and young adults has increased significantly, interview businesses that say how they won't hire because the young, inexperienced employee does not increase sales or add value to bottom-line
5. Regulatory reform efforts --- followup to last months story on new gov's and their privatized economic development agencies with what they are doing to reduce regulations. Good lead in to our sensible regulations coalition work
6. Tort reform --- highlight victories in 2011, new areas of tort cases like trespassers liability, ADA suits, consumer fraud cases\
7. Amazon issue --- not sure we can write this without a position or a bias but it would make for an interesting story, with the Texas and Tennessee promises, and the California effort to attach nexus to the Kindle subsidiary and subsequent Amazon threat to bring a referendum

Help me out guys. Thanks.

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: GOV. MARY FALLIN: "AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE NOT THRIVED UNDER THIS PRESIDENT"  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 11:51:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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If we can get the video lets send out our own icymi

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**From:** Kristy Campbell [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 11:47 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** FW: GOV. MARY FALLIN: "AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE NOT THRIVED UNDER THIS PRESIDENT"

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**From:** Romney Press Shop  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2012 12:36 PM  
**Subject:** GOV. MARY FALLIN: "AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE NOT THRIVED UNDER THIS PRESIDENT"

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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### **GOV. MARY FALLIN: "AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE NOT THRIVED UNDER THIS PRESIDENT"**

*"You know, the fact of the matter is, women are actually suffering under this president. You've seen the number of women that are on food stamps go up to record high. You have seen the average median household income go down by \$4,000. That's not good news for American families. And American families have not thrived under this president." –Gov. Mary Fallin*

America's Newsroom  
FOX News  
September 5, 2012

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**GOV. MARY FALLIN:** "I think they're not talking about the issues that are very important to mothers, to women in general. You know, I and my husband have six children between the two of us. We're concerned about will our children be able to find a job when they get out of college? Will our children be left with mountains of debt from college loans? Will they be left with mountains of debt from Obamacare which is going to be a huge drag upon our national economy? \$16 trillion of debt in our economy of 23 million Americans that are unemployed. You know, the fact of the matter is, women are actually suffering under this president. You've seen the number of women that are on food stamps go up to record high. You have seen the average median household income go down by \$4,000.

That's not good news for American families. And American families have not thrived under this president."

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** "[denisenorthrup](#)"; [Glenn Coffee](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Governor Fallin Letter to Lawmakers in Support of HB 2130, Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 4:25:07 PM

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See below...

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**From:** David Holt [<mailto:holt@lsb.state.ok.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 4:22 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Governor Fallin Letter to Lawmakers in Support of HB 2130, Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange

Katie –

I'm still hung up on the cost. \$50 million is a lot of money for something that I don't even think is a core government function, and though I may have felt different 10 years ago, I no longer view federal money sent to states as "free money." I don't have any strong dispute with the policy argument presented in this letter, but the cost is really a problem for me. Any argument you have to address that concern is welcome.

Best,  
David

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:55 PM  
**Subject:** Governor Fallin Letter to Lawmakers in Support of HB 2130, Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange  
**Importance:** High

The letter (attached and in text below) explains that an Oklahoma based health insurance exchange:

- Will help to avoid the forced implementation of a federal exchange run by the Obama administration and Washington, D.C.
- Will be run using conservative, free market principles
- Will empower consumers by providing them with more information and ultimately lower health insurance costs in Oklahoma

Dear Lawmaker,

As you may know, this Wednesday, March 23, will represent the one year anniversary of the enactment of President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). I believe, as I know many of our legislators and the majority of our citizens do, that the PPACA is unconstitutional, fatally flawed and ultimately harmful to our economy and the health of our citizens. That is exactly what I told both the Obama administration and our federal lawmakers, in no uncertain terms, when I voted against the law as a United States Congresswoman.

As governor of Oklahoma and as a citizen, it is my great hope that the PPACA is either repealed by federal legislators or else is struck down by the United States Supreme Court. Our Oklahoma Congressional delegation has my full support as they work towards the former option, and Attorney General Scott Pruitt has my support and encouragement as he leads Oklahoma's legal challenge. As governor, I have sent multiple letters to the White House explaining the unreasonable economic burdens the PPACA places on Oklahoma and have requested that the White House fast track the lawsuits against President Obama's health care law to the Supreme Court. In short, I have been proud to be part of a united conservative front in Oklahoma opposing what I believe to be one of the most dangerous and counterproductive pieces of legislation to come out of Washington in decades.

I remain deeply concerned, however, that the PPACA will remain the law of the land for some time to come. As long as that is the case, the president's law will continue to actively assault both the rights of our citizens and the tenth amendment rights of our states. For that reason, I believe Oklahoma's lawmakers must continue to find new ways to prevent a federal takeover of our health care system in Oklahoma.

**One of the most important ways we can fight that federal takeover is to implement an Oklahoma-based, free-market health insurance exchange so that Washington does not force its own model on the state. While we have already begun to create that exchange, the next step in the process is the passage of HB 2130, which creates a governing board for the program. I am writing now to ask you to support that legislation.**

Under current law as outlined by the PPACA, the federal government will begin establishing a federally designed and run health insurance exchange in 2013 in all 50 states except those that have begun implementing their own state-based exchanges. If we do not develop our own exchange, if we instead do nothing, then we will be powerless to oppose the creation of a federally run program in Oklahoma.

As you may know, health insurance exchanges, when done right, have long been a conservative idea. In 2009, our Legislature authorized the creation of such an exchange based on a proposal introduced by the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Using that model, the Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange we are seeking to create will be an online health insurance market that empowers consumers by providing vastly improved access to information on private insurance products and expanding the purchasing power of individuals and small businesses. Private insurance products will be sold to meet individual needs, insurers will compete to promote real choices for consumers and the free-market will work to lower costs. Unlike the federal exchange Washington may try to force on us, the exchange we are trying to build offers a positive, free-market alternative to the big government, tax-and-spend plan that is the PPACA.

If we do not pass HB 2130 and implement an Oklahoma-based exchange, the results will be devastating for those of us who oppose ObamaCare and the federal intrusion it represents. Without an Oklahoma exchange, the state is virtually guaranteed to be subject to a federally run, Washington D.C. substitute. And unlike the one we develop here in Oklahoma, that federal exchange will rely on public health care plans and be funded by

public debt for many years to come.

For that reason, a vote against an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange and HB 2130 is a vote to leave Oklahoma defenseless against a federal takeover, as mandated by ObamaCare, beginning in the year 2013.

As a conservative, I hope the PPACA is long gone by then. I join the majority of our lawmakers, as well as the majority of our citizens, in being passionately opposed to the federal health care law. It is my great hope to see it overturned or repealed. But I believe we have an obligation to plan for a future where that may not happen. And in the event the federal health care law is not overturned by 2013, I am not willing to allow the federal government to seize what has been a conservative idea and turn it into something unrecognizable and harmful to the state of Oklahoma and its citizens.

For all these reasons, I hope you will join me in supporting a free-market, conservative exchange and defend Oklahoma against the federalization of our health insurance by voting for HB 2130.

Sincerely,

Governor Mary Fallin

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [aweintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA (Health Insurance Exchange & Medicaid Expansion)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 11:07:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [PPACA Talking Points 1119.pdf](#)  
[Sebellus Letter.pdf](#)

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 11:04 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** FW: Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA (Health Insurance Exchange & Medicaid Expansion)

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 11:43 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA (Health Insurance Exchange & Medicaid Expansion)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 19, 2012

## Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of

State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

“Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt’s lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma’s challenge can succeed.

“Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance, should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.”

#### **Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA Talking Points**

- While Governor Mary Fallin has opted not to build a state-based insurance exchange or expand the Medicaid program as proposed in PPACA, she and the Oklahoma legislature remain deeply committed to the health of all Oklahoman’s. One demonstration of this commitment is that they protected the Health and Human Services agencies during the recent economic downturn from significant reductions that would jeopardize the health and safety of our citizens. The end result is that the Health and Human Services area took the smallest reduction of any of the cabinet areas.
- The Governor and her staff have been exploring the impact of PPACA and working with healthcare experts and lawmakers across the country in order to make sound decisions on implementing a state based exchange or expand Medicaid in Oklahoma. The final determination is that this law will not improve the quality of healthcare or address the escalating healthcare costs that are bankrupting our nation, nor does it provide the flexibility needed to improve health outcomes in a financially sound or sustainable manner.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovations in healthcare and the Governor is committed to building upon those innovations to create Oklahoma solutions to our healthcare problems. She welcomes the opportunity to work with the Oklahoma legislature and other stakeholders to develop an Oklahoma plan to reduce the number of uninsured families, provide quality healthcare and address rising healthcare costs.

#### **Insurance Exchange**

- There is an absence of critical guidance and regulations that would allow states to understand the full ramifications of building and implementing a state based insurance exchange. Without HHS regulation and guidance it is unclear how much flexibility and freedom of control will be provided to states operating an exchange. State based exchanges will be so in name only and it does not benefit us to fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government.
- The cost of building a PPACA compliant exchange in Oklahoma is estimated at \$30 million to \$50 million dollars. The cost of implementing PPACA in Oklahoma, and nationwide, is staggering and unsustainable. Governor Mary Fallin will continue to work with the Oklahoma legislature to develop financially sound healthcare solutions.

- While the pricing structure has not yet been released, HHS will likely pass the cost of the federal exchange to the insurers selling products on the exchange. This fee, in turn, will likely be passed on to the purchaser of the healthcare plan.

### **Medicaid Expansion**

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# Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no

meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

“Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt’s lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma’s challenge can succeed.

“Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance, should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.”

### **Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA Talking Points**

- While Governor Mary Fallin has opted not to build a state-based insurance exchange or expand the Medicaid program as proposed in PPACA, she and the Oklahoma legislature remain deeply committed to the health of all Oklahoman’s. One demonstration of this commitment is that they protected the Health and Human Services agencies during the recent economic downturn from significant reductions that would jeopardize the health and safety of our citizens. The end result is that the Health and Human Services area took the smallest reduction of any of the cabinet areas.
- The Governor and her staff have been exploring the impact of PPACA and working with healthcare experts and lawmakers across the country in order to make sound decisions on implementing a state based exchange or expand Medicaid in Oklahoma. The final determination is that this law will not improve the quality of healthcare or address the escalating healthcare costs that are bankrupting our nation, nor does it provide the flexibility needed to improve health outcomes in a financially sound or sustainable manner.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovations in healthcare and the Governor is committed to building upon those innovations to create Oklahoma solutions to our healthcare problems. She welcomes the opportunity to work with the Oklahoma legislature and other stakeholders to develop an Oklahoma plan to reduce the number of uninsured families, provide quality healthcare and address rising healthcare costs.

#### **Insurance Exchange**

- There is an absence of critical guidance and regulations that would allow states to understand the full ramifications of building and implementing a state based insurance exchange. Without HHS regulation and guidance it is unclear how much flexibility and freedom of control will be provided to states operating an exchange. State based exchanges will be so in name only and it does not benefit us to fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government.
- The cost of building a PPACA compliant exchange in Oklahoma is estimated at \$30 million to \$50 million dollars. The cost of implementing PPACA in Oklahoma, and nationwide, is staggering and unsustainable. Governor Mary Fallin will continue to work with the Oklahoma legislature to develop financially sound healthcare solutions.
- While the pricing structure has not yet been released, HHS will likely pass the cost of the federal exchange to the insurers selling products on the exchange. This fee, in turn, will likely be passed on to the purchaser of the healthcare plan.

#### **Medicaid Expansion**

- Medicaid is an outdated program that was expanded without true reform in PPACA. The Medicaid expansion does not adequately address needed improvements in the availability or quality of healthcare services and it does not begin to address the ever increasing costs of healthcare. Further, the federal law does not provide flexibility for states to meet the unique needs of their citizens.
- Expanding Medicaid as written in PPACA would cost the State of Oklahoma as much as \$475 million between fiscal years 2014 and 2020. Paying for these increases would necessitate significant cuts to other critical parts of the state’s budget like education and public safety. The cost of Medicaid expansion is unsustainable and creates an additional burden on taxpayers and the federal deficit.

- Oklahoma has a history of innovative programs and fiscally responsible enhancements to the Medicaid program. In fact, Oklahoma has reduced the rate of uninsured among children to just 7%. Oklahoma has also created an outstanding on-line enrollment system that allows families in need of healthcare real time access to Medicaid coverage. These are the very successes that Oklahoma wants to build upon to create a viable healthcare system that actually begins to reduce the costs of healthcare in our state while improving health outcomes.
- Oklahoma has a history of creating innovative solutions to reducing the number of uninsured, for example the Insure Oklahoma program (created in 2006) offers premium assistance to small businesses to support the purchase of private insurance for their employees. Under PPACA the Insure Oklahoma program would be discontinued and qualifying workers (those under 138%) would be required to enroll in traditional Medicaid. Oklahoma small businesses and their employees should have the same option to purchase private insurance coverage as other large employers and their employees.
- Oklahoma does not anticipate that opting not to expand Medicaid as written in PPACA will jeopardize Oklahoma hospitals when CMS implements the mandated reduction in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds. Oklahoma's current DSH payments do not meet the threshold for significant reduction.

#### **Oklahoma Plan**

- Governor Fallin recognizes the importance of having healthy citizens. Healthy people create a more productive workforce and children that are able to learn. The governmental system of providing healthcare (Medicaid) is important, but it should not be the primary source of healthcare for so many of our citizens. We need to transform the healthcare system into one that supports individuals and families who need a hand-up while also supporting a robust private insurance market that is focused on making people healthier.
- Oklahoma will be developing an Oklahoma Plan to reduce the number of uninsured and the costs of healthcare. The Oklahoma plan will include some of the following elements:
  - Establish goals that include improved health for our citizens
  - Empower individuals to be engaged in making good healthcare (and health) choices
  - Ensure payment incentives focus on preventive care and improving health
  - Support the purchase of private insurance products
  - Focus on reducing the cost of managing chronic disease, a major cost driver in Oklahoma, including;
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Katie,  
Please find attached a brief document outlining short and long-term goals that Blue Cross believes are important to improving our health care system. I greatly appreciate Governor Fallin's leadership and the opportunity to provide this input. I look forward to our next call. In the interim, if you have questions or issues please do not hesitate to call.

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Dear Chief of Staff:

CC: Action Officers  
CC: Schedulers  
CC: Healthcare advisors

A RGPPC Governors' Only conference call will be held on **Tuesday, July 3rd: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT)** to discuss the PPACA Supreme Court decision. *A copy of this email is being sent to your schedulers.* On this call, a brief summary of the decision will be provided, and governors will discuss what the decision means for their state as well as next steps. Please have your schedulers RSVP for your governor to Larissa Ziemann at [LZiemann@rga.org](mailto:LZiemann@rga.org). A conference line and agenda will be provided at that time.

A reminder that it is likely that a SCOTUS PPACA decision will occur on Thursday. Your communication teams have been provided talking points and information regarding our rapid response communication line. In addition, RGPPC will forward materials and interpretations of the decision as we get them.

As previously noted, please make every accommodation possible to have your governor join the July 3<sup>rd</sup> call with other governors. As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you need more information.

Best,  
Marie

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Reporters –

While Republican governors were recognized last week in outlets like [Politico](#) and [The Wall Street Journal](#) for their reforms and leadership positions within the GOP, the governors speaking at the DNC this week are defined by their records of increased unemployment and higher debt in their states.

There's a tremendous contrast between the results of Republican executive leadership in the GOP-led states and the leadership provided by the governors speaking this week. Please see below for more details on the governors speaking in Charlotte and the impact of President Obama's policies on their states.

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## Lincoln Chafee (I)

### Chafee

**Since Lincoln Chafee Took Office, Rhode Island Has Lost 3,200 Jobs.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### Obama

**Since Obama Took Office, Rhode Island Has Lost 12,900 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 9.7 Percent To 10.8 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Rhode Island Has 59,898 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**30,000 Rhode Island Children, Or 14 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Bill And The State Of Rhode Island

**Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, Rhode Island Has Lost 11,000 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 9.9 Percent To 10.8 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**The Stimulus Spent \$352,667 To Collect Temperature Records From A Chinese Lake.** “352,667 ... high-resolution, quantitative records of temperature and effective precipitation for the past 25kyr from Lake Qinghai...” (Mark Hollmer, “Stimulus Funding For Brown University Research Surpasses \$33M,” [Brown University](#), 2/17/10)

**The Stimulus Spent \$17,115 To Study The Effectiveness On Yoga For Women Quitting Smoking.** “17,115 ... Yoga for women attempting smoking cessation: an initial investigation.” (Mark Hollmer, “Stimulus Funding For Brown University Research Surpasses \$33M,” [Brown University](#), 2/17/10)

### **Obama’s Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Rhode Island’s Economy**

**Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Rhode Island 2,500 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Rhode Island \$0.7 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

## **Jack Markell**

### **Markell**

**Since Jack Markell Took Office, Delaware Has Lost 8,600 Jobs.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### **Obama**

**Since Obama Took Office, Delaware Has Lost 8,600 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Decreased From 6.9 To 6.8 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Since Obama Took Office, 5,275 Workers In Delaware Have Dropped Out Of The Labor Force.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Delaware Has 29,996 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**18,000 Delaware Children, Or 9 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### **Obama’s \$831 Billion Stimulus Bill And The State Of Delaware**

**Since Obama’s \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, Delaware Has Lost 7,800 Jobs.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

- **The Stimulus Spent \$889,000 To Study Green Jobs In Delaware.** “What does Delaware need to do in order to go green? That is the latest question that the University of Delaware’s Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research (CADSR) is tackling, thanks to an \$889,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.” (Jon Bleiweis, “Stimulus Grant Supports CADSR Study Of Green Jobs In Delaware,” [University of Delaware](#), 5/5/10)

### **Obama’s Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Delaware’s Economy**

**Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Delaware 2,300 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Delaware \$0.9 Billion In Lost**

**Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

### **Failure 101: Fisker**

**THEN: At Solyndra In 2010, President Obama Praised Fisker’s Loan Program And The Stimulus Grants And Tax Credits That Increased Demand For Their Vehicles.** “But thanks to loans through the Department of Energy, which helped provide Tesla motors with the financial wherewithal to expand, that shuttered plant is soon going to reopen. ... And it was made possible by loans through the Department of Energy, as well as tax credits and grants to increase demand for these vehicles.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President On The Economy](#), Fremont, CA, 5/36/10)

- **THEN: Vice President Biden Thanked The Stimulus For Helping Reopen The Former GM Plant Fisker Used Its Loan To Purchase.** BIDEN: “I was there to celebrate a beginning. Thanks to the Department of Energy loans and Recovery Act grants for vehicle electrification and an innovative company called Fisker Automotive, the plant was reopened in order to start producing the next generation of plug-in hybrid vehicles in America that get 100 miles to the gallon.” (Vice President Joe Biden, [Remarks At The Middle Class Task Force Meeting](#), Washington, D.C., 12/16/09)
- **Biden Attended The Re-Opening, Calling The Loan “Seed Money That Will Return Back To The American Consumer In Billions And Billions And Billions Of Dollars In Good, New Jobs.”** BIDEN: “This is seed money that will return back to the American consumer in billions and billions and billions of dollars in good, new jobs.” (ABC News’ “Nightline,” 10/25/11)

**NOW: In February 2012, Fisker Halted Work At Its Delaware Plant And Laid Off More Than 60 Workers Because It Failed To Meet Production And Sales Milestones Promised In Its Loan Agreement.** “Fisker Automotive, developer of luxury electric cars, halted work at a former GM plant in Delaware and laid off 26 workers there because it ran out of government loan money. Fisker had failed to meet production and sales milestones it had promised in the loan agreement with the Department of Energy, so loan cash was shut off last May. Fisker went on a cash diet, and solicited private investors, while it negotiated a new timetable with the DOE. The cash shortage finally forced the layoff of 26 people at the Delaware factory, which was most of the crew working there to get the former GM plant back into service. Fisker also sped up the layoffs of 40 to 45 engineers at its Anaheim, Calif., headquarters.” (James R. Healy, “Fisker, Out Of Government Money, Begins Layoffs,” [USA Today](#), 2/7/12)

- **Fisker, Backed By More Than A Half-Billion Dollars In Loan Guarantees, Missed Early Manufacturing Goals And Has Pushed Back Plans For U.S. Production And Creation Of Thousands Of Jobs.** “An electric car company backed by more than a half-billion dollars in Department of Energy loan guarantees has missed early manufacturing goals and has gradually pushed back plans for U.S. production and the creation of thousands of jobs.” (Carol D. Leonnig and Joe Stephens, “Fisker, Electric Carmaker Backed By \$529 Million U.S. Loan, Balks At Solyndra Comparison,” [The Washington Post](#), 10/21/11)

**In April 2012, Fisker Laid Off 12 More Workers At Its Delaware Plant.** “Fisker Automotive, the startup hybrid-electric carmaker backed by the state and federal governments, has laid off another dozen workers at its Newport-area factory. The layoffs, which occurred quietly Friday, come as the company continues closed-door negotiations with the U.S. Energy Department for a loan that could determine whether Fisker ever builds a car in Delaware. Meanwhile, the state continues to pay the utility bills for the factory, holding out hope that the automaker will still put scores of Delawareans back to work.” (Jonahtan Starkey,

“Fisker Plant ‘Absolutely Empty,’” [The News-Journal](#), 4/17/12)

## Jennifer Granholm

### Granholm

**During Granholm’s Governorship Of Michigan, The State Lost 532,900 Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**During Granholm’s Governorship Of Michigan, The State Unemployment Rate Increased From 6.6 To 10.9 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**During Granholm’s Governorship Of Michigan, 352,766 Workers Dropped Out Of The Labor Force.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### Obama’s Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Michigan’s Economy

**Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Michigan 21,300 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Michigan \$5.2 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

### Failure 101: A123 Systems

**THEN: Obama Called Then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D-MI) At A123 Systems To Say, “Thanks To The Recovery Act, You Guys Are The First American Factory To Start High-Volume Production Of Advanced Vehicle Batteries.”** OBAMA: “But I am calling to congratulate A123 Systems on this tremendous milestone. As you said, thanks to the Recovery Act, you guys are the first American factory to start high-volume production of advanced vehicle batteries.” (President Obama, [Remarks By The President In Phone Call To Recovery Act Advanced Battery Grant Recipient, A123 Systems](#), Livonia, MI, 9/13/10)

**Obama Told A123 Systems That “The Work You’re Doing Will Help Power The American Economy For Years To Come.”** OBAMA: “But most of all, I want to congratulate and thank all the men and women of A123 Systems. You guys are making us proud. The work you’re doing will help power the American economy for years to come.” (President Obama, [Remarks By The President In Phone Call To Recovery Act Advanced Battery Grant Recipient, A123 Systems](#), Livonia, MI, 9/13/10)

**NOW: China’s Wanxiang Plans To Invest \$450 Million In Obama-Funded A123 Systems, Taking An 80 Percent Stake.** “China’s largest automotive parts supplier is poised to take control of U.S. battery maker A123 Systems (AONE.O), which received \$249 million green-technology grant from the Obama administration in 2009. China’s Wanxiang Group Corp plans to invest up to \$450 million in A123 Systems, taking an 80 percent stake in the U.S. company, A123 said on Wednesday.” (A. Ananthalakshmi and Paul Lienert, “China’s Wanxiang To Take Control Of Battery Maker A123,” [Reuters](#), 8/8/12)

- **After Receiving Taxpayer Dollars, A123 Warned Last Month It Only Has Enough “Cash To Fund Its Operations For Only The Next Four To Five Months.”** “A123 warned last month that it had cash to fund its operations for only the next four to five months. A123 received more than \$200 million from venture investors before raising \$378 million in a 2009 initial public offering. That same year, it was awarded a grant under the Obama administration’s \$2.4 billion Electric Drive

Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative.” (A. Ananthalakshmi and Paul Lienert, “China's Wanxiang To Take Control Of Battery Maker A123,” [Reuters](#), 8/8/12)

## **Dannel Malloy**

### **Malloy**

**Since Malloy Took Office, 9,017 Workers In Connecticut Have Dropped Out Of The Labor Force.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### **Obama**

**Since Obama Took Office, Connecticut Has Lost 35,400 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 7.0 Percent To 8.5 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Connecticut Has 163,315 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**79,000 Connecticut Children, Or 10 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 10/18/11)

### **Obama’s \$831 Billion Stimulus Bill Failed To Create The Jobs He Promised Connecticut**

**Since Obama’s \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, Connecticut Has Lost 23,500 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 7.4 Percent To 8.5 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**The Stimulus Spent \$54 Million In Stimulus Funds To Operators Of Mohegan Sun Casino, Which Grossed \$1.3 Billion In 2009.** “With the support of Sen. Chris Dodd, D.-Conn., the federal government has awarded \$54 million to Connecticut's politically well-connected Mohegan Indian tribe, which operates one of the highest grossing casinos in the U.S. The tribe runs the sprawling Mohegan Sun casino, halfway between New York City and Boston, which earned more than \$1.3 billion in gross revenues in 2009.” (Coulter King and Marianne De Padua, “Mohegan Sun Casino Owners Received \$54 Million In Stimulus Money,” *ABC News’ The Blotter*, 6/17/10)

### **Obama’s Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Connecticut’s Economy**

**Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Connecticut 8,800 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Connecticut \$3.1 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Connecticut Economist Said ObamaCare Will Hit State’s 121 Medical Device Companies, 173 Pharmaceutical Companies, And Health Insurance Companies With New Taxes.** “The tax will affect 121 medical device manufacturers in Connecticut, according to state Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) Managing Economist Stan McMillen, who is preparing a report on the impact of health care reform on Connecticut companies. Beginning in 2011, McMillen says, Connecticut’s 173 pharmaceutical firms will be among those nationwide paying an escalating annual fee, depending on their share of the market for business they do with the government. An annual fee also will be imposed on most health-insurance companies beginning in 2014, based on national market share, for at least the next decade.” (Karen Singer, “ObamaCare: This Might Hurt,” [Connecticut Business News Journal](#), 5/10/10)

## **Martin O’Malley**

## O'Malley

**Since O'Malley Took Office, The Maryland Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 3.6 Percent To 7 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Since O'Malley Took Office, Maryland Has Lost 36,200 Jobs.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

## Obama

**Since Obama Took Office, The Maryland Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 6.3 Percent To 7 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Maryland Has 211,778 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**107,000 Maryland Children, Or 8 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

## Obama's Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Maryland's Economy

**Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Maryland 13,800 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Maryland \$4.0 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

## Obama's FY 2013 Budget Cuts \$27 Billion In Pensions To Federal Workers, Who Make Up 10 Percent Of The State's Civilian Budget, Leaving Democrat "Concerned"

**Unions And Maryland Democrats Criticize The Budget.** "Labor unions that represent government workers — and some Maryland Democrats — criticized the budget President Barack Obama unveiled Monday for cutting \$27 billion in federal employee pensions while offering what they called a modest, half-percent raise." (John Fritze & Andrea K. Walker, "Obama budget cuts would hit Maryland," [The Baltimore Sun](#), 2/13/12)

**"Maryland Is Home To Nearly 300,000 Civilian Federal Employees — About 10 Percent Of The State's Workforce."** (John Fritze & Andrea K. Walker, "Obama budget cuts would hit Maryland," [The Baltimore Sun](#), 2/13/12)

**Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) "Concerned" About Cuts.** "Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin praised the White House for taking a 'balanced approach' to deficit reduction but said he is concerned about proposed cuts to the federal workforce and bay programs as well as a proposed freeze in funding for the NIH." (John Fritze & Andrea K. Walker, "Obama budget cuts would hit Maryland," [The Baltimore Sun](#), 2/13/12)

## **Pat Quinn**

### Quinn

**Since Quinn Took Office, Illinois Has Lost 119,100 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 8.0 Percent To 8.9 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### Obama

**Since Obama Took Office, Illinois Has Lost 119,100 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 8.0 Percent To 8.9 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Illinois Has 587,249 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**389,000 Illinois Children, Or 13 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### **Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Bill And The State Of Illinois**

**Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, Illinois Has Lost 82,600 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 8.5 Percent To 8.9 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Obama Pet Project Received \$1 Billion In Stimulus Funds.** "Earmarks? Perhaps not. But funding for FutureGen? Absolutely, to the tune of \$1 billion. ...But others say that's a distinction without a difference -- that FutureGen is merely an earmark by another name, a project that had powerful patrons, funding straight out of the stimulus bill and requirements for the money targeted so narrowly that only a few projects would fit the bill." (Eamon Javers, "Stimulus Serves Up Obama Pork," [Politico](#), 6/16/09)

**Millions Of Stimulus Dollars Were Sent To Phantom Congressional Districts.**

"According to the people in charge of the Recovery Act, 2.5 jobs were saved in the 59th Congressional District of Illinois... We also experienced some job saving relief from the feds in the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 44th and District 00... The 22nd received almost \$2 million. Let's thank the elected officials who represent those districts. Anybody know who they are?" (Jerry Agar, "Districts Saved Or Created In Illinois," [Illinois Policy Institute](#), 11/17/09)

### **Obama's Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Illinois' Economy**

**Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Illinois 30,700 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Illinois \$9.0 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

### **FEMA Denied Illinois Disaster Aid, State To Appeal Decision**

**FEMA Ruled Illinois Would Not Receive Federal Aid After Storms Destroyed Nearly 100 Homes.** "The Federal Emergency Management Agency decided over the weekend that homeowners' insurance, local charities and state funds could cover those costs. The storm ripped through the town and surrounding Saline County on Feb. 29, destroying 98 homes and severely damaging 31 others. Seven people were killed." (Tammy Webber, David Mercer, "Officials Can't Believe FEMA Denies Tornado Aid," [The Associated Press](#), 3/12/12)

- **FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate: "It Has Been Determined That The Damage Was Not Of Such Severity And Magnitude As To Be Beyond The Capabilities Of The State."** "Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the state, affected local governments and voluntary agencies," FEMA administrator W. Craig Fugate wrote to Gov. Pat Quinn in a letter Saturday." (Tammy Webber, David Mercer, "Officials Can't Believe FEMA Denies Tornado Aid," [The Associated Press](#), 3/12/12)

**Gov. Patrick Quinn (D-IL): "FEMA Underestimated The Impact This Deadly Tornado Had."** "FEMA underestimated the impact this deadly tornado had on small towns like Harrisburg and Ridgway," Quinn said, adding that he'd spoken with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano." (Tammy Webber, David Mercer, "Officials Can't Believe FEMA Denies Tornado Aid," [The Associated Press](#), 3/12/12)

**FEMA Denied Illinois' Appeal To An The Earlier Denial.** "The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, denied Illinois' appeal to an earlier denial of individual assistance following a Feb. 29 storm that unleashed a deadly tornado in the southern part of the state." (Andrew Thomason, "FEMA Denies IL Disaster Relief, Again," [Illinois Statehouse News](#), 3/21/12)

- **Gov. Pat Quinn (D-IL): "I Am Very Disappointed With This Decision And Do Not Believe It Reflects The Reality And Devastation On The Ground. I Remain Committed To Obtaining Any And All Assistance Available To Help Our Southern Illinois Communities Recover."** (Andrew Thomason, "FEMA Denies IL Disaster Relief, Again," [Illinois Statehouse News](#), 3/21/12)

## **Brian Schweitzer**

### **Schweitzer**

**Since Schweitzer Took Office, The Unemployment Rate In Montana Has Increased From 3.8 Percent To 6.4 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### **Obama**

**Since Obama Took Office, Montana Has Lost 2,800 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.3 Percent To 6.4 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Montana Has 32,111 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**15,000 Montana Children, Or 8 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

### **Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Bill And The State Of Montana**

**Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, Montana Has Lost 500 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.5 Percent To 6.4 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/1/12)

**Stimulus Spent \$6.5 Million For Montana Power Plant That Doesn't Produce Power.** "Private-equity firm Wayzata Investment Partners created neither jobs nor energy with the \$6.5 million it received for a plant in Thompson Falls, Mont. The facility had state permits to burn coal and wood for energy, and Wayzata had invested more than \$20 million to comply with government rules, said a person familiar with the matter. After finishing the work, this person said, Wayzata told Treasury officials the plant would burn only wood; coal-burning plants don't qualify for 1603 money. The facility, which still doesn't produce power, is for sale. Wayzata representatives declined to comment." (Janthe Jeanne Dugan and Justin Scheck, "Cost Of \$10 Billion Stimulus Easier To Tally Than New Jobs," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/24/12)

**The Stimulus Spent \$50,000 For A Tennis Court In Bozeman, MT, Which Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D-MT) Said Violated The "Rule Of Common Sense."** "[Violated The] Rule Of Common Sense." DAVID MATTINGLY, CNN: "I Came To Bozeman to find a city on thin ice over how it's spending stimulus money -- \$50,000 to erase all of these cracks and potholes in city tennis court. ... Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer wants to make Bozeman an example of how not to spend stimulus money." ... GOV. BRIAN SCHWEITZER: "What they violated was that rule of common sense. There ought to be that little guy in your head that waves his finger at you and says, wait a minute, we might want to rethink this thing." (CNN, 1/25/10)

## **Obama's Proposed Tax Hikes Will Hurt Montana's Economy**

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- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Montana \$0.5 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

### **Obama "Wall Street Guy" Jon Corzine's MF Global Bankruptcy Harming Montana Farmers**

**Obama: Corzine Is "Our Wall Street Guy."** "The rollout also provided a showcase for Corzine, the former Goldman Sachs CEO whom Obama referred to as 'our Wall Street guy' at a meeting of Democratic governors in Chicago on Friday." (Claire Heining, "Corzine Profile Rises In Obama Camp," *The Star-Ledger*, 6/23/08)

**Jon Corzine Has Bundled Over \$500,000 For Obama's Reelection Campaign.** (Obama Volunteer Fundraisers, [Barackobama.com](#), Accessed 4/1/12)

**In November 2011, It Was Reported Jon Corzine, One Of Obama's "Leading Wall Street Fundraisers," Is Now "The Center Of An FBI Investigation."** "Jon Corzine, now the center of an FBI investigation into the handling of hundreds of millions of dollars invested in his securities firm, was one of the leading Wall Street fundraisers for President Obama's campaign and suggested to investors that he might take a top administration post if the president were re-elected." (Michael Isikoff, "Corzine, Top Obama Fundraiser, Under FBI Investigation," MSNBC's [First Read](#), 11/2/11)

- **"Federal Regulators Are Investigating Whether MF Global, As Its Financial Condition Worsened, Tapped Client Funds That Were Supposed To Be Kept Safe In Strictly Segregated Accounts."** (Steve Karnowski, "Shock Waves From MF Global Collapse Felt On Farms," [The Associated Press](#), 12/4/11)
- **Corzine Gave "Direct Instructions" To Transfer Funds From A Customer Account To Meet The Overdraft At JP Morgan In London.** "Jon S. Corzine, MF Global Holding Ltd. (MFGLQ)'s chief executive officer, gave 'direct instructions' to transfer \$200 million from a customer fund account to meet an overdraft in one of the brokerage's JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPM) accounts in London, according to an e-mail sent by a firm executive." (Phil Mattingly and Silla Brush, "MF Global's Corzine Ordered Funds Moved To JPMorgan, Memo Says," [Bloomberg](#), 3/23/12)

**"The Havoc Wreaked" By The Failure Of Jon Corzine's MF Global Is Rippling Through The Farm Belt.** "The havoc wreaked by MF Global's bankruptcy filing has been felt not just by Wall Street investors and traders, but also by wheat and corn growers, cattle ranchers and pig farmers. Dotting the farm belt, many who used the commodities market to protect against price swings are finding their money locked up and their hedges unwound due to the firm's downfall." (Jerry A Dicolo And Dan Strumpf, "MF Global Collapse Felt In Farm Country," *The Wall Street Journal*, 12/7/11)

- **Farmers, Ranchers And Rural Businesses Were The Hardest Hit By MF Global's Failure And The Investigations Following The Bankruptcy.** "Farmers, ranchers and rural businesses such as grain elevators and feed mills were among the hardest hit when they were cut off from the cash in their hedging accounts at MF Global, which sought bankruptcy protection in October after making a disastrous bet on European government debt. The number of people harmed and the extent of their losses isn't clear yet." (Steve Karnowski, "Shock Waves From MF Global Collapse Felt On Farms," *The*

*Associated Press, 12/4/11)*

**Montana Farmers Have Filed A Class Action Lawsuit Against Jon Corzine, Charging That He “Stole Millions From Their Accounts” To Pay Off MF Global’s “Spiraling Debts.”** “Montana farmers have filed a class action suit against former New Jersey governor Jon Corzine, charging that the failed financial firm run by Corzine stole millions from their accounts to pay off its spiraling debts, and that Corzine’s ‘single-minded obsession’ with making MF Global a big player on Wall Street led to the firm’s collapse.” (Cindy Galli, “Farmers Sue Jon Corzine Over Missing Millions,” [ABC News](#), 1/9/12)

- **MF Global’s Included 38,000 Farmers And Ranchers Whose Funds Were “Supposed To Be Segregated And Secure.”** “MF Global’s clients included 38,000 wheat farmers, cattle ranchers and others who ‘hedged’ prices by placing millions in MF Global accounts. Those accounts were supposed to be ‘segregated and secure,’ according to the federal suit, meaning MF Global could not draw on those funds.” (Cindy Galli, “Farmers Sue Jon Corzine Over Missing Millions,” [ABC News](#), 1/9/12)
- **The Montana Lawsuit Alleges MF Global Siphoned “Funds Withdrawn From Segregated Client Accounts” To Cover Its Bad Investments.** The lawsuit, filed on behalf of all 38,000 customers, alleges that when MF Global made a series of bad investments -- notably in European debt -- it began ‘siphoning funds withdrawn from segregated client accounts’ to cover its debts. (Cindy Galli, “Farmers Sue Jon Corzine Over Missing Millions,” [ABC News](#), 1/9/12)
- **“This Is A Suit By The Real Victims Of MF Global,’ Said Plaintiff’s Attorney Mark Baker Of The Law Firm Anderson, Baker & Swanson.”** (Cindy Galli, “Farmers Sue Jon Corzine Over Missing Millions,” [ABC News](#), 1/9/12)
- **“The Montana Complaint Takes Square Aim At Corzine,” Alleging That He Had A “Single-Minded Obsession” With Making MF Global A “Wall Street Powerhouse.”** “The Montana complaint takes square aim at Corzine, alleging that the former governor longed to make MF Global a Wall Street powerhouse through a series of risky investments. The lawsuit says Corzine, a former CEO of Goldman Sachs, had a ‘single-minded obsession’ when he took over in early 2010.” (Cindy Galli, “Farmers Sue Jon Corzine Over Missing Millions,” [ABC News](#), 1/9/12)
- **The Montana Farmers Allege That MF Global Grew “Through Corzine’s Political Lobbying And The Commingling And Looting of Customers Segregated Accounts.”** “But Corzine was reckless in his zeal, according to plaintiffs’ attorneys, instead trading in the risky debt of European countries. MF Global grew not through sound business, alleges the complaint, but ‘through Corzine’s political lobbying and the commingling and looting of customers’ segregated accounts.” (Cindy Galli, “Farmers Sue Jon Corzine Over Missing Millions,” [ABC News](#), 1/9/12)

## **Ted Strickland**

### **Strickland**

**During Strickland’s Governorship Of Ohio, The State Lost 338,168 Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/4/12)

**During Strickland’s Governorship Of Ohio, The State Unemployment Rate Increased From 5.4 To 9.0 Percent.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/4/12)

**During Strickland's Governorship Of Ohio, 134,113 Workers Dropped Out Of The Labor Force.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/4/12)

## **Obama**

**In 2008, Ted Strickland Determined That Barack Obama Could Not Win Ohio Because Ohioans Won't Be "Taken In By The Fluff."** "I don't think Ohio is going to be taken in by the fluff,' Strickland told The News in Cincinnati. 'I think it's a choice between a speech and a plan,' he said." ("In Wake Of NIU Horror, Barack Obama & Hillary Clinton Back Arms," New York Daily News, 2/16/08)

**In 2008, Ted Strickland Did Not Support Obama Because It Was Unwise To Choose "A President Based On Feelings."** "In interviews, Strickland praises Clinton's experience and the depth of her policy proposals and questions whether Obama would prove to be anything more than a wave of enthusiasm. 'Not many years ago,' Strickland said, 'we chose a president based on feelings. George Bush was elected because he seemed like a good guy, the kind of guy you'd like to have a beer with. ... Look what we got.'" (Jim Tankersley, "Favor Wins Clinton Fervent Ohio Aid," Chicago Tribune, 2/23/08)

**In 2008, Ted Strickland Said "That Some Obama Supporters Are Following Their Heart Without Engaging Their Head In The Process."** "Gov. Ted Strickland has endorsed Clinton and is actively campaigning for her in Ohio, saying last week that he thinks Clinton is by far the more experienced candidate ? and that some Obama supporters are 'following their heart without engaging their head in the process.'" (Mark Niquette, "One Win Is Enough, Obama Says," The Columbus Dispatch, 2/23/08)

**In 2008, Ohio Governor Dismissed Barack Obama's Policy On Trade, Claiming That It Was "Just Political Rhetoric."** "Ohio Governor Ted Strickland said at a rally this morning with Clinton in Toledo that Obama's vow to renegotiate NAFTA and be tough on trade is 'just political rhetoric.' 'Well, we people in Ohio believe that you ought to say what you mean and you ought to mean what you say,' Strickland said." (Foon Rhee, "Clinton Goes After Obama On NAFTA Meeting," The Boston Globe, 3/3/08)

**In 2008, When Commenting On Hillary Clinton's Campaign Strategy, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland Dismissed Senator Barack Obama As A "Phenomenon."** "Gov. Ted Strickland of Ohio, a Democrat who has campaigned across the state with Mrs. Clinton, said in an interview. 'I think we've survived the initial blast of the Obama phenomenon, and we're now holding steady.'" (Adam Nagourney, "Spending Heavily, Obama Attempts Knockout Blow," The New York Times, 3/2/08)

**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Gov's flyer  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2011 10:30:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [GovLeaveBehindChicago.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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This was the proof. I told them to remove the reference to Early Innovator Grant and they said they did before printing.

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**From:** Schmidt, Beth [mailto:[Beth\\_Schmidt@odoc.state.ok.us](mailto:Beth_Schmidt@odoc.state.ok.us)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2011 12:03 PM  
**To:** Milligan, Tim; Combs, Michael; Yadon, Kelli; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: Gov's flyer  
**Importance:** High

Could you guys please proof while we make final tweaks over here?

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**From:** Milligan, Tim  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2011 12:00 PM  
**To:** Combs, Michael; Schmidt, Beth  
**Subject:** Gov's flyer

Got the PO# and bids completed. Let me know when you have the files ready and I will send them over. Thanks!

**Tim Milligan | Deputy Director, Marketing & Communications**  
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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Greta-tonight  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 2:58:08 PM

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Fyi

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [<mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 02:52 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

Hi Alex,

We're adding a couple of breaking news hits at the top of the show so we'll need to start at 10:30pm EST/ 9:30pm CST now. Please have the good governor arrive by 10:15pm EST/9:15pm CST. Thank you!

Joshua  
212.301.5087

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** McCarroll, Joshua  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

Yes sir, sounds good. We'll be there at 10 PM EST unless the hit time changes. thanks

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [<mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 9:55 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

OK...Can we have her arrive 15-20 minutes before the hit time then?

Thanks!

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 10:55 AM  
**To:** McCarroll, Joshua  
**Subject:** Re: Greta-tonight

She wont need makeup

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [<mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 09:39 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** DelPriore, Samantha <[Samantha.DelPriore@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Samantha.DelPriore@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

Hi Alex,

This info should be plenty-thank you for sending. The topic will be Gov's position on setting up the exchanges and in the impact Medicaid expansions is having on the state of Oklahoma. Right now those are the topics and if something is added, we'll be sure to let you know.

The studio on Hudiburg Circle is being confirmed right now and I'll make sure you have the confirmation. We've ordered makeup for the governor-does she still want that? If she does we'd like her to arrive to the studio 30 minutes prior to her hit for hair/makeup. Exact hit time TBD but it's looking like 10:20pm EST/ 9:20pm CST.

For any last minute issues or questions contact Samantha Delpriore (cc'd). Her cell is 917.499.0471, desk is 212.301.5360.

Thank you!

Joshua  
212.301.5087

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 10:01 AM  
**To:** McCarroll, Joshua  
**Subject:** RE: Greta-tonight

I think the statement below pretty thoroughly outlines her position on exchanges/Medicaid expansion. Do you need more?

Also, will we be talking about just exchanges or exchanges and Medicaid expansion? Any other topics we should be prepared to cover?

Can you confirm the studio is the one on Hudiburg Circle in OKC rub by Cox ... and I assume if we arrive 15-20 mins before the hit that will be sufficient?

If for any reason we have last minute issues or questions who should I call tonight?

I will be with the gov and can be reached at: 405-535-7317

## **Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue a State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

“Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt’s lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma’s challenge can succeed.

“Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance, should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions

for Oklahoma families.”

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**From:** McCarroll, Joshua [<mailto:Joshua.McCarroll@FOXNEWS.COM>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 8:33 AM

**To:** Alex Weintz

**Subject:** Greta-tonight

Good morning, Alex

Is the governor set for her interview tonight with Greta in the 10pm EST/9pm CST hour? Right now I'm looking at a 10:15pm hit with Governor Fallin and I'll be in touch if that changes. Would you mind sending me statements/press releases the Governor has put out related to health care exchanges?

Thank you!

Joshua

Joshua McCarroll

Associate Producer, On the Record w/ Greta Van Susteren

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Care Anniversary Friday & Supreme Court Next Week  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 1:12:00 PM

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[If this helps ...](#)

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**From:** Mike Schrimpf [mailto:mschrimpf@RGA.ORG]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 9:51 AM  
**To:** Mike Schrimpf  
**Cc:** Jon Thompson  
**Subject:** Health Care Anniversary Friday & Supreme Court Next Week

Good Morning,

The 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Obamacare is this Friday, March 23 and the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on the Constitutionality of the law March 26-28. An hour of the arguments on 3/28 are reserved for the impact the forced expansion of Medicaid will have on the states.

With this in mind, the RGA is heavily messaging on health care issues the next 7 days.

Today, the RGA released 7 principles for true health care reform via an [op-ed](#) by Gov. McDonnell and an event with Gov. Herbert and the American Action Forum. These principles have been developed with the input of every governors' policy shops. We wanted to lead with the principles to show that the GOP is more than just the "party of no."

**On Friday, the RGA will be sending out a release marking the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Obamacare. (A copy of the release is at the bottom of this email.) We encourage you to echo with similar releases from your governor in your states.**

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**On Wednesday of the Supreme Court arguments, the RGA will be sending a release detailing the Medicaid costs due to Obamacare for each state. The RGA's policy staff is working with your policy staff to compile the data.**

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**Last, if you are interested in talking about Obamacare on national TV or radio, please touch base with Jon Thompson who can book you on programs that fit your governor's schedule:**

**Jon Thompson**  
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DESK: 202-464-8564  
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Sample Release:



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **RGA Statement on Anniversary of Obamacare**

Republican Governors Association Chairman Bob McDonnell issued the following statement today on the second anniversary of Obamacare.

“The two years following the enactment of President Obama’s national healthcare takeover have made clear that the law is unsustainable, unworkable and unconstitutional. Its estimated costs have already doubled, and premiums continue to rise. The law restricts the abilities of governors and state legislatures to manage healthcare programs for the citizens of their states while simultaneously shifting billions of dollars in unfunded costs to the states. Most alarming, if upheld, President Obama’s healthcare law would usher in a brave new world of federal power that would be wholly foreign to our nation’s founders.

Republicans recognize that our current healthcare system is broken, but know there is a way to improve it that doesn’t require an unprecedented expansion in the size and scope of the federal government. Republican governors are putting forward a realistic healthcare plan that would improve the quality of care, expand access and make healthcare more affordable by focusing on market-centered reforms, eliminating the one-size fits-all approach preferred by the Obama administration and allowing states the flexibility to innovate.”

Last year, Republican governors detailed [31 specific recommendations](#) for transforming Medicaid. This year, Republican governors are taking the next step and developing a comprehensive healthcare reform blueprint that builds on the following principles:

**1. Health care reform should emphasize health:** Health and well-being are determined by more than health services used. Employment, education and personal choices influence the health of each American. Unfortunately, the health care law undermines employment and limits personal choice. Meaningful reform should emphasize health by expanding economic opportunity and aligning incentives for Americans to make healthier personal choices that can drive improvements throughout the health care system.

**2. Responsibility is best fostered through individual incentives and not an oppressive federal mandate that violates the economic freedoms of Americans:** Americans should be in control of their health and the decisions regarding their care. Individuals and families, not governments, are best able to decide the right course of action, which is why price and quality transparency are essential to meaningful reform.

**3. Health care reform should enable Medicaid to restore and maintain the economic independence as well as health status of the neediest Americans:**

Medicaid should be a bridge, not a barrier, to independence. Public assistance programs should be designed to offer support for disabled Americans and help individuals return to or maintain economic independence as well as health status.

**4. Health care reform should increase design flexibility in Medicaid and the private insurance market to improve coverage choices:** Increasing design flexibility in Medicaid and the private insurance market will strengthen access to care for patients, reduce the regulatory burden that increases the cost of care and lead to innovative programs.

**5. Health care reform should align delivery system incentives to improve the value of patient care:** Delivery incentives should be aligned to focus on quality, value-based and patient-centered programs that improve health — driving value over volume and quality over quantity while containing costs.

**6. Health care reform should foster state innovation to improve health care systems:** States are best able to make decisions about the design of their health care systems based on the needs, culture and values of their citizens. Reform should reduce the federal disruption in state and local health care markets while increasing accountability.

**7. Health care reform should address unsustainable spending at the family, state and federal levels to ease the debt burden that threatens our future:** Families, states and the federal government face a dangerous budgetary outlook made worse by this health care law. The budget problem is spending; correcting it means empowering individuals and fixing the Tax Code to remove hidden costs from the health care system.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** FW: health care exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, March 01, 2012 10:29:00 AM

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Woohoo! What do you want to do?

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Greene [<mailto:Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 10:24 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: health care exchange

A:

Could I get some time on the phone this week with Katie Altshuler or you and Katie Altshuler to talk about health insurance exchange issues?

wg

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**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: health care exchange  
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From: Wayne Greene [<mailto:Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 10:36 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: RE: health care exchange

The two big ones:

Does the governor support a state exchange that is explicitly ACA noncompliant?

Do you anticipate a federal exchange being established in the state?

tnx. wg

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>>> Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> 3/1/2012 10:29 AM >>>

I'll see what I can do. Anything specific other than what the gov's general position is?

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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Care Law-Oklahoma  
**Date:** Friday, July 06, 2012 11:27:00 AM

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Is this response OK to send to AP? Thanks.

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**From:** Aaron Cooper  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2012 8:47 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** 'gcoffee [REDACTED]'; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** RE: Health Care Law-Oklahoma

Is this OK to send to AP? Has Katie's edits

Governor Fallin was disappointed and frustrated with the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the bulk of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). She believes the law is unaffordable and unworkable, and that many aspects of the bill—including the individual mandate – grant Congress power that was not intended by the authors of the Constitution. She voted against the bill as a Congresswoman and supported the lawsuit filed by Oklahoma's attorney general as governor. She continues her adamant opposition to the law, and will actively campaign for conservative candidates, including the Republican presidential nominee, who pledge to overturn and replace the ACA.

However, in light of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold most of the ACA, Governor Fallin believes it is her responsibility to thoroughly and thoughtfully review the state of Oklahoma's options regarding the future of both Medicaid and the creation of a health insurance exchange.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 3:30 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; 'gcoffee [REDACTED]'; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Re: Health Care Law-Oklahoma

So is that approved with katie's edits?

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 02:59 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; 'gcoffee [REDACTED]'; <[gcoffee \[REDACTED\]](#)>; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Re: Health Care Law-Oklahoma

Especially since the week involved a holiday where it was impossible to meet with people

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 02:46 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; 'gcoffee [REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]> Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Re: Health Care Law-Oklahoma

I think it is too long...I think we should cut this..."In the coming weeks, the governor will continue to study the issues with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, which oversees Medicaid in Oklahoma. She and her staff are also continuing to meet with experts in the private and public sector regarding the potential creation of an exchange. Next week, she will visit with dozens of governors at the National Governor's Association meetings, where health care will be discussed at length. Additionally, her administration continues to communicate with doctors, health care providers and Oklahoma families about these issues...Governor Fallin believes these conversations and meetings are necessary to making an informed decision about health care policies that will affect hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans."

I think saying she will review it thoughtfully and thoroughly covers it. If we advertise meetings we are just inviting all kinds of people to line up at the door for mtgs, etc.

I think less is more!

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 02:30 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee <[REDACTED]> Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** RE: Health Care Law-Oklahoma

See below for Sean Murphy's questions. I think if we aren't going to decide on Medicaid we can at least beef up our non-statement statement. here is what I sent earlier:

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**From:** Murphy, Sean [<mailto:smurphy@ap.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 2:24 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Health Care Law-Oklahoma

Alex/Aaron:

I'm interested in putting together a weekend story on how the state plans to respond now that the new health care law has been upheld.

Now that the governor and her legal team have had a week to digest the new law, is she ready to say how the state should proceed?

Does she plan to take a cue from other GOP governors and attempt to force the feds' hand with respect to the health insurance exchanges, or does she think the state should develop its own exchange? Is there enough time to get a state exchange up and running? Does she think it would be a good idea to partner with other states?

How about the expansion of Medicaid eligibility? Does she think that might be a good idea in any way? What are her thoughts about the costs to the state versus the benefits of having more poor people, especially working poor, covered with health insurance?

Some lawmakers are advocating what appears to be open resistance to complying in any way with a law that has been approved by Congress, signed by the president and upheld as constitutional by the Supreme Court. What does the governor think of that?

I'd love to have a chance to talk tomorrow to the governor or someone in your office about the state's next step.

My plan was to put the story together for papers to use on Sunday or Monday, but since I don't believe the governor's official position has been reported at this point, we could certainly move it

spot tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Sean

**AP**



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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Care Update  
**Date:** Monday, June 06, 2011 1:26:00 PM  
**Importance:** High

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FYI – this is info the gov requested for her fox news interview later today just in case she gets asked anything on the various health care reform initiatives taking place at the federal level.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2011 1:02 PM  
**To:** Mary Fallin  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Alex Weintz; Andrew Silvestri; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Health Care Update  
**Importance:** High

Republican State Action on Health Insurance Exchange Development:

- 1) Three Governors have announced that they have no plans to develop an exchange: Florida (Scott), Louisiana (Jindal) and Texas (Perry)
- 2) Approximately 16 states are studying the issue further before making a final determination
- 3) Approximately nine states have announced plans to develop exchanges (that includes OK)
- 4) Kansas and Wisconsin are developing exchanges and are using the Federal Early Innovator Grant to do so

Medicaid Reform Initiatives:

Several Republican states have publically stated plans to pursue federal waivers to reform Medicaid. Examples of reforms:

- 1) Block grants
- 2) Capping growth in spending and tying it to the growth of other state spending
- 3) Reduction in benefits
- 4) Establishing a capitated rate to incentivize doctors and patients to keep spending under control. It would create a monthly lump sum payment per patient, if the cost of care is higher than the doctor is responsible for the difference, if it is lower the doctor receives a portion of the savings.
- 5) Governor Gregoire in Washington State has also come out in support of block grants

Number of Waivers Requested by Republican States (these are on a variety of issues related to Medicaid and Obama Care):

Alabama-2  
Alaska-0  
Arizona-1  
Florida-4  
Georgia-0

Guam-  
Idaho-0  
Indiana-  
Iowa-7  
Kansas-0  
Louisiana-  
Maine-  
Michigan-  
Mississippi-0  
Nebraska-  
Nevada-4  
New Jersey-9 SPA's and two waivers  
New Mexico-12  
North Dakota-0  
Ohio-  
Oklahoma-0  
Pennsylvania-0  
Puerto Rico-0  
South Carolina-0  
South Dakota-0  
Tennessee-4  
Texas-0  
Utah-1  
Virginia-0  
Wisconsin- 0  
Wyoming-  
  
TOTAL-36

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**From:** [Keili McEwen](#)  
**To:** [Brett Thomas](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Care  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:56:00 PM

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:16 AM  
**To:** Keili McEwen  
**Subject:** Health Care

## Key Points

- Health care costs are skyrocketing all over the country and Oklahoma is no different.
- Reducing the growth of health care costs can be accomplished through market based solutions such as supporting personal control over health care dollars and expanded consumer choice and competition with an emphasis on innovation, entrepreneurship and private sector health care solutions. The effective use of advances in technology can help curb health care costs.
- We must foster healthy lifestyle choices among Oklahomans such as eating better, exercising more and reducing or eliminating tobacco use.
- Obamacare will raise taxes and erode health care quality. It also fails to recognize the fact that states have the ability and right to craft their own health care solutions.
- Government sponsored universal style plans do nothing but offer inadequate care at an astronomical cost to taxpayers.
- Of Oklahoma's 3.5 million residents, approximately 494,114 are uninsured.
- Excessive mandates raise insurance premiums, in turn

making insurance coverage less affordable to more people.  
Additional mandates would drive the number of uninsured up.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: health exchange question  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 3:52:55 PM

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**From:** Jason Millman [mailto:jmillman@politico.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 12:17 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Alex Gerszewski  
**Subject:** RE: health exchange question

Hey Alex,

Just wondering if you guys are going to announce anything today, or if you're planning to use the extra time. Thanks.

--Jason

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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 3:56 PM  
**To:** Jason Millman  
**Cc:** Alex Gerszewski  
**Subject:** Re: health exchange question

Sure thing. We'll let you know.

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**From:** Jason Millman [mailto:jmillman@politico.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 02:09 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** health exchange question

Hi Alex,

I'm just looking to stay in the loop for when Gov. Fallin has a decision ready on a health insurance exchange. Would adding me to the email distribution list be the best way?

Thanks,  
Jason

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Insurance Exchange Info.  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2011 2:38:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [UtahMassComparisonFinal.docx](#)  
[FAQs Health Insurance Exchanges FINAL.docx](#)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2011 2:37 PM  
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**Subject:** Health Insurance Exchange Info.

Attached please find two documents that were prepared for the committee by National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices:

- 1) Comparison of the Utah and Massachusetts exchanges; and
- 2) FAQ: Health Insurance Exchanges

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**Subject:** FW: health insurance exchange letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 4:48:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [3-15-11 health care exchange.docx](#)

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Alex wrote this – may be helpful for a lette.r

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Andrew Silvestri; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Kaleb Bennett; Craig Perry; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** health insurance exchange letter

Per Denise's suggestion I wrote this letter to lawmakers to be included with the OCPA health insurance exchange op-ed. Do we think it would help to send out to lawmakers? If so, please review/revise and I will get it on our letterhead.



### **Office of Governor Mary Fallin**

**To: Oklahoma State Representatives and State Senators**  
**From: Governor Mary Fallin**

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Dear Colleague,

I would like to take this opportunity to visit with you about the extraordinary opportunity Oklahoma has to be a national leader in designing and implementing a conservative, free-market based health insurance exchange.

As you know, the idea of an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange is not a new one. In 2009, the legislature passed a bill that authorized the creation of a health insurance exchange portal where consumers could compare and research various private health insurance plans in one online location. That online hub was designed to affect the health insurance industry in Oklahoma the same way travel websites like Travelocity and Expedia have empowered consumers across the globe.

As I told lawmakers in my State of the State address, our goal is now to fund the creation of that website and expand its role further, by creating an insurance exchange where small businesses and individuals can pool their money to expand their purchasing power, increase competition and ultimately reduce costs.

To build the IT infrastructure necessary for that exchange, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority applied for and received an Early Innovator Grant in the sum of \$54 million. The state needs this money to develop the kind of high quality, free market, patient-centered exchange program that our citizens expect and deserve. Using this money will make Oklahoma one of 48 states that have already accepted such federal aid in order to begin the

creation of a state exchange.

I believe the creation of this Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange represents a great opportunity for our state to develop a national model for providing citizens with quality private health insurance. I also believe it represents an important opportunity for conservative policymakers to offer a positive agenda for Oklahoma families.

I invite you to read more about our Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange, and I've attached what I believe to be a thoughtful and informative article penned by OCPA's Jason Sutton entitled, "Health Insurance Exchanges Done Right." In it, Sutton outlines the conservative case for health insurance exchanges. He writes, "The Heritage Foundation envisioned exchanges as a centralized online marketplace that was lightly regulated, where transaction costs were reduced, where all types of health products could be bought and sold, where all insurers could participate and compete, and where competition would promote real choices for consumers."

This is the exchange that that my administration, the Speaker, the Pro Tem and others are dedicated to creating. We hope you are as excited by this opportunity as we are.

Please do not hesitate to call my office if you have questions about this issue, at 405-522-xxxx.

Sincerely,

Governor Mary Fallin

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management Forum Overview  
**Date:** Friday, December 16, 2011 8:50:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Daily Summaries.pdf](#)

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**From:** SERFF Marketing [mailto:serffnews@naic.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2011 8:29 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management Forum Overview

The NAIC hosted its second Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management Forum Dec 12-14 in Washington, DC. A summary of the daily activities during the forum is attached. This meeting brought together state insurance regulators from some 30 states, representatives of national and regional insurance companies and the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss plan management, one of the five core functions of exchanges as described by HHS.

The components of Plan Management were identified and discussed. From there, participants discussed the pieces of exchange insurance plans, the process insurers might use to submit policy forms and rates, how the states would complete their review and how the data and information contained in filing submissions could be shared with each of the states' health exchanges. There was general agreement among those attending on a number of issues including the existing role of state regulators in plan management type functions, the desire to have a single data format and that SERFF is a logical primary workflow tool for plan management supporting an exchange. The need for regulatory simplicity and efficiency was stressed by states and companies, emphasizing the need to leverage existing systems in exchange development.

There was a collective sense of urgency expressed given the requirements of the law. Under the provisions of PPACA, exchanges must be ready to start enrolling consumers into insurance plans on October 1, 2013, which implies the exchanges must be functional by early to mid-2013 to allow issuers to get their plans submitted, reviewed, approved and published on an exchange.

NAIC staff will continue to offer coordination and collaboration opportunities related to plan management for state and federal regulators as well as interested parties from the industry.

***If you would like to be included in the interested parties distribution list for the NAIC HIX Plan Management Project please contact Terri Hiebert at [thiebert@naic.org](mailto:thiebert@naic.org).***

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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Health Insurance Exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:11:22 AM

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Has anyone talked to this reporter this morning?

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**From:** Hertneky, Dana [mailto:[dana.hertneky@news9.net](mailto:dana.hertneky@news9.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:09 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Health Insurance Exchange

Aaron, I'm working on a story about the Obamacare, and the Health insurance Exchange. Can you call my cell when you have a second? 464-2059

Thanks!



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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** "rcodyinmar [REDACTED]";  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: health policy  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 12:54:35 PM

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Statements below. Will be out of date in a maximum of 4 days

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 05:38 PM  
**To:** Zeke Campfield <ZCampfield@opubco.com>; Michael McNutt <MMcNutt@opubco.com>  
**Subject:** FW: health policy

Whoops! I typed this several hours ago and forgot to hit send. have a great weekend.

Zeke, expanding on our conversation the other day. Including Michael as well.  
All statements attributable to me.

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“Governor Fallin is continuing to explore the state’s options as they relate to health insurance exchanges. Her priority is to ensure the people of Oklahoma are best served by a system that increases access to health care, controls health care costs and does so in a way that is fiscally responsible. Oklahoma is not in a unique position; many other states are continuing to weigh what options best serve their citizens, as is responsible.

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Health Reform Cost updated 2 29 12 at 57 part rate.xls  
**Date:** Friday, July 13, 2012 7:13:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Health Reform Cost updated 2 29 12 at 57 part rate.xls](#)

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: health reform report  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:17:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Fed Health Reform Comm Report\\_edits2.doc](#)

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Rough draft, in case you don't have it yet.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Estus [<mailto:John.Estus@okhouse.gov>]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:57 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: RE:

This isn't final.

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Can I get a copy of the health insurance exchange draft?

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**Date:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 3:37:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012 NGA Letter - Secretary Sebelius 070212.pdf](#)

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Alex, see article below reporting that 15 Governors will not or are at least leaning against expanding Medicaid...

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 08:19 AM  
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**Cc:** Lindsay Russell < [REDACTED] > Dustin Huffman < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Healthcare call TODAY 5 PM EST

Healthcare Advisors and Action Officers:

Before we head into a holiday, we'd like to host a call today, **Tuesday at 5 PM EST** to recap the governors-only call today and talk about states decisions heading into next week. Please join us for a brief call at 5 PM to discuss moving parts. If you are unable to join, please feel free to follow up with us at another time this afternoon.

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As the Action Officers heard yesterday, the governors will consider writing a letter to the President asking a host of questions regarding unanswered questions for PPACA post SCOTUS decision. Everything from exchanges to MOE to Medicaid to financing mechanisms.

If they decide to head down that trail, we'll work with all of you on content. As an FYI, NGA wrote the Secretary last week. Attached is their letter.

We'll be providing you more communication materials for next week as many of you head into NGA in Williamsburg.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have ideas/questions/ suggestions.

Best,  
Marie

FYI

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/236033-fifteen-governors-reject-or-leaning-against-expanded-medicaid-program>

Fifteen governors reject or leaning against expanded Medicaid program

by Elise Viebeck  
07/03/12

At least 15 governors have indicated they will not participate in the expansion of Medicaid under the healthcare law, striking a blow to President Obama's promise of broader insurance coverage.

Before Thursday's Supreme Court ruling, states had the option of either increasing their Medicaid rolls or being penalized by the federal government. The high court struck down that offer as unconstitutional.

Governors still have a financial incentive to participate in the expansion of coverage for low-income people, since the government will foot most of the bill through 2016. But the decision is also loaded with politics, particularly for Republican governors who are adamantly opposed to "ObamaCare."

"You can make the political call real quick, but the actual decision is a complicated one," said Matt Salo of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. "Governors are going to be looking at the numbers and asking: Does this make sense for us?"

Seven states with Republican governors have given a flat "no" to the Medicaid expansion since the Supreme Court ruling, according to reports and press statements.

States that will decline to participate include Florida, where Gov. Rick Scott (R) turned his opposition to the law into a political career, and Louisiana, where Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) has vowed to help elect Mitt Romney as president in order to repeal it.

In eight other states – seven with GOP governors – the Medicaid expansion seems unlikely, given comments from governors and their offices.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry (R) "has no interest in fast-tracking any portion of this bankrupting and overreaching legislation," spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said in a statement Monday. "We will continue to call for the full repeal of the bill."

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell (R), considered a contender to be Romney's vice-presidential nominee, said his focus is on November.

"The only way to stop Barack Obama's budget-busting healthcare takeover is by electing a new president," McDonnell said in a statement following the court's decision.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R), also the subject of VP speculation, has

not announced what his state will do. His political position is trickier, since he leads a blue state where there is more support for the healthcare law.

In its original form, the Affordable Care Act would have pulled all federal funds for state Medicaid programs that did not expand as the law intended.

Chief Justice John Roberts strongly criticized that approach in his opinion for the majority.

“The financial ‘inducement’ Congress has chosen is much more than ‘relatively mild encouragement’ ” to expand Medicaid, Roberts wrote. “It is a gun to the head.”

Past estimates have found that, as designed, the law’s expansion would have provided healthcare access to an additional 17 million low-income Americans.

“States have a lot to consider,” said Robin Rudowitz with the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. “That is a lot of federal money sitting on the table.”

Alan Weil with the National Academy for State Health Policy said states that do not comply could raise the ire of some in Congress.

“If states turn down that offer, it leaves a lot of people uninsured. If we end up in that place, a lot of people in Congress are going to say that is a problem,” he said.

Several Democrats have expressed confidence that the bill’s intention to expand healthcare coverage can still be fulfilled.

Peter Orszag, who led the White House budget office during the healthcare debate and had a major role in shaping the legislation, said states might come around eventually.

He said the law’s coverage expansion would be significantly undercut if a large number of states opt out.

“There may be significant gaps that open up, and that would be unfortunate,” he said, noting that more than half of the coverage expansion was set to come through Medicaid.

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"A 90 percent subsidy rate is going to be hard to resist," Orszag said Monday on a conference call organized by Foreign Affairs magazine.

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All:

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In the meantime, please see a memo below prepared and sent by the Speaker’s Office today. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best,  
Marie

**TO: Members, House GOP Chiefs of Staff, Legislative Directors, Communicators, and District Directors**

*(Courtesy of the Speaker’s Office)*

**\*As mentioned by the Speaker at this morning's House GOP Conference meeting, here are the talking points the Speaker's office is currently using in response to questions about the upcoming Supreme Court ruling on President Obama's health care law\***

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### **Clarifications and Policy Guidance**

States should consider the following issues in establishing an Exchange.

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- Network adequacy
- Accreditation for performance measures
- Quality improvement and reporting
- Uniform enrollment procedures

Additional areas where Exchanges must ensure plan compliance with regulatory standards established by the Secretary include:

- Information on the availability of in-network and out-of-network providers as identified in Section 1311(c)(1)(B) and (C), including provider directories and availability of essential community providers
- Consideration of plan patterns and practices with respect to past premium increases and submission of plan justifications for current premium increases under Section 1311(e)(2)
- Public disclosure of plan data identified in Section 1311(e)(3)(A), including claims handling policies, financial disclosures, enrollment and disenrollment data, claims denials, rating practices, cost sharing for out of network coverage, and other information identified by the Secretary
- Timely information for consumers requesting their amount of cost sharing for specific services from specified providers as described in Section 1311(e)(3)(C)
- Information for participants in group health plans as described in Section 1311(e)(3)(D)
- Information on plan quality improvement activities as specified in Section 1311(g)

### **Clarifications and Policy Guidance**

States should consider the following issues in establishing an Exchange.

- **Organizational Form.** Section 1311(d) gives States the option to establish the Exchange as a governmental agency or nonprofit entity. Within the governmental agency category, the Exchange could be housed within an existing State office, as it is in Utah, or it could be an independent public authority, as it is in Massachusetts. Regardless of its organizational form, the Exchange must be publicly accountable, transparent, and have technically competent leadership, with the capacity and authority to take all actions necessary to meet federal standards, including the discretion to determine whether health plans offered through the Exchange are “in the interests of qualified individuals and qualified employers” as Section 1311(e)(1) requires. The Exchange also must have security procedures that meet the data and privacy standards necessary to receive tax data and other sensitive information needed for enrollment. The type of organization may affect the federal tax treatment of an Exchange, including potential income taxation (depending upon whether a nonprofit organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization), annual filing requirements, the availability of tax-exempt bond financing, and FICA liability for employees.

- **Operating Model.** States have a range of options for how the Exchange operates from an “active purchaser” model, in which the Exchange operates as large employers often do in using market leverage and the tools of managed competition to negotiate product offerings with insurers, to an “open marketplace” model, in which the Exchange operates as a clearinghouse that is open to all qualified insurers and relies on market forces to generate product offerings. In both cases, consumers will end up with options, and States should provide comparison shopping tools that promote choice based on price and quality and enable consumers to narrow plan options based on their preferences.
- **Small Business (SHOP) Exchanges.** Small business customers offer unique challenges but also powerful opportunities for Exchanges. Successful Exchanges will streamline the process for small businesses. Federal rules will provide a framework for SHOP Exchanges, including options for how employers can provide contributions toward employee coverage that meet standards for small business tax credits.
- **Risk Adjustment.** Federal rules in 2011 will outline risk adjustment methods and require all health plans to report demographic, diagnostic, and prescription drug data. Further guidance addressing risk adjustment rules and formulas will be provided in subsequent regulations. As specified by the law, federal rules will apply risk adjustment consistently to all plans in the individual and small group markets, both inside and outside of Exchanges. Federal rules on reinsurance payments will apply to all plans in the individual market, and rules on risk corridors will apply to all qualified health plans in the individual and small group market, as specified in the law.
- **Performance Measures.** Standardized public data reporting will be needed to evaluate Exchange performance and assure transparency. Federal rules will require accurate and timely public disclosure of coverage data and other key performance measures to facilitate research, analysis, and evaluation. Given that Exchanges are likely to pursue diverse strategies on several issues, analysis of performance metrics will be critical to identifying best practices that can be shared and used to improve the performance of all Exchanges.
- **State Choices.** Federal rules will clarify that the following policy areas, among others, are State decisions, although HHS may offer recommendations and technical assistance to States as they make these decisions:
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  - Whether to form regional exchanges or establish interstate coordination for certain functions
  - Whether to elect the option under the Affordable Care Act to use 50 employees as the cutoff for small group market plans until 2016, which would limit access to exchange coverage to employer groups of 50 or less
  - Whether to require additional benefits in the Exchange beyond the essential health benefits
  - Whether to establish a competitive bidding process for plans

- Whether to extend some or all Exchange-specific regulations to the outside insurance market (beyond what is required in the Affordable Care Act)
- **State Authority.** The federal government will work with the Governor of the State as the chief executive officer unless authority to operate the Exchange has been delegated to a specific authority through state law.

### **Federal Support**

Forty-eight States and the District of Columbia were awarded their first Exchange grants under Section 1311 in September 2010. Those grants were for planning purposes and the next round of grants will be for the purpose of establishing an Exchange. The opportunity to apply for grants will be announced in February 2011 and will become available on a rolling basis throughout the next three years. States will have to meet certain milestones in order to be awarded grants in 2011, and the size of State awards may be related to the number of milestones met. States that are not able to meet required milestones by spring 2011 may apply for grants later in the year. Necessary Exchange costs will be fully funded by HHS until 2015. After January 1, 2015, Exchanges must be self funded.

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**From:** [Wendy Gregory](#)  
**To:** [tulsawendy](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage article  
**Date:** Monday, July 23, 2012 2:59:00 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Aaron Cooper  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:06 AM  
To: Wendy Gregory  
Subject: Re: Heritage article

Crazy today. Alex is tied up and not sure he can send asap.

I don't have link but it's heritage foundation backgrounder title "a state lawmaker's guide to health insurance exchanges" by edmund haislmaier.

----- Original Message -----

From: Wendy Gregory  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:04 AM  
To: Aaron Cooper; Alex Weintz  
Subject: RE: Heritage article

Send asap and I will print before noon! Or tell me which one it is and I can pull it from the web.  
Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:00 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Cc: Wendy Gregory  
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Alex, GMF wants you to email the Heritage article re: exchanges to Wendy.

Wendy, GMF wants you to print out a couple copies for the noon speech and a couple copies for the evening speech to give to the organizers so they can make copies to eventually share with their members.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HHS NEWS: States receive more flexibility, resources to implement Affordable Insurance Exchanges  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 29, 2011 4:22:00 PM

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FYI Jim Myers sent this to me as just a "heads up"

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**From:** Joy-Bush, Keya A. (CMS/OEA) [mailto:keya.joy-bush@cms.hhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2011 11:04 AM  
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## HHS NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

**Contact:** HHS Press Office

(202) 690-6343

### **States receive more flexibility, resources to implement Affordable Insurance Exchanges**

*More than half of states now creating marketplaces to help millions of families and small businesses buy insurance*

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today awarded nearly \$220 million in Affordable Insurance Exchange grants to 13 states to help them create Exchanges, giving these states more flexibility and resources to implement the Affordable Care Act. The health care reform law gives states the freedom to design Affordable Insurance Exchanges – one-stop marketplaces where consumers can choose a private health insurance plan that fits their health needs and have the same kinds of insurance choices as members of Congress.

The Department also released several Frequently Asked Questions providing answers to key questions states need to know as they work to set up these new marketplaces. Critical among these are that states that run Exchanges have more options than originally proposed when it comes to determining eligibility for tax credits and Medicaid. And states have more time to apply for "Level One" Exchange grants.

Today's awards bring to 29 the number of states that are making significant progress in creating Affordable Insurance Exchanges. States receiving funding today include: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont.

"We are committed to giving states the flexibility to implement the Affordable Care Act in the way that works for them," HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said. "Exchanges will give consumers more choices and make it easy to compare and shop for insurance plans."

In the new Exchanges, insurers will provide new information such as an easy-to-understand summary of benefits and costs to consumers. The level of detail will sharpen competition between carriers which will drive costs down.

HHS also released today a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in anticipation of state legislative sessions beginning in January. Answers will help advance state policy development for Exchanges. For example, they clarify that Exchange grants can be used to build a state Exchange that is operational after 2014; that state-based Exchanges will not be charged for accessing Federal data needed to run Exchanges in 2014; and that state insurance rules and operations will continue even if the Federal government is facilitating an Exchange in the state. HHS will also allow greater flexibility in eligibility determinations, allowing, for example, a state-based Exchange to permit the Federal government to determine eligibility for premium tax credits.

Of the 13 states awarded grants today, 12 are receiving Level One grants, which provide one year of funding to states that have already made progress using their Exchange planning grant. The 13th state, Rhode Island, is receiving the first Level Two grant, which provides multi-year funding to states further along in the planning process.

Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have already received planning grants, and 45 states have consulted with consumer advocates and insurance companies. Thirteen states have passed legislation to create an Exchange.

States have many opportunities to apply for funding. To accommodate state legislative sessions and to give states more time to apply, HHS also announced a six-month extension for Level One establishment grant applications. Applications now will be accepted until June 29, 2012 (the original deadline was December 30, 2011).

For the FAQs, visit <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/regulations/index.html#hie>.

For more information on Affordable Insurance Exchanges, visit <http://www.HealthCare.gov/law/features/choices/exchanges/index.html>

For more information on the states receiving grants, visit <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/05/exchanges05232011a.html>

Note: All HHS press releases, fact sheets and other press materials are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/news>

**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**To:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**Cc:** [Lindsay Russell](#)  
**Subject:** FW: How Obamacare WORSENS Poverty  
**Date:** Monday, July 16, 2012 2:08:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Excellent analysis by Chris Jacobs today. Worth the read.

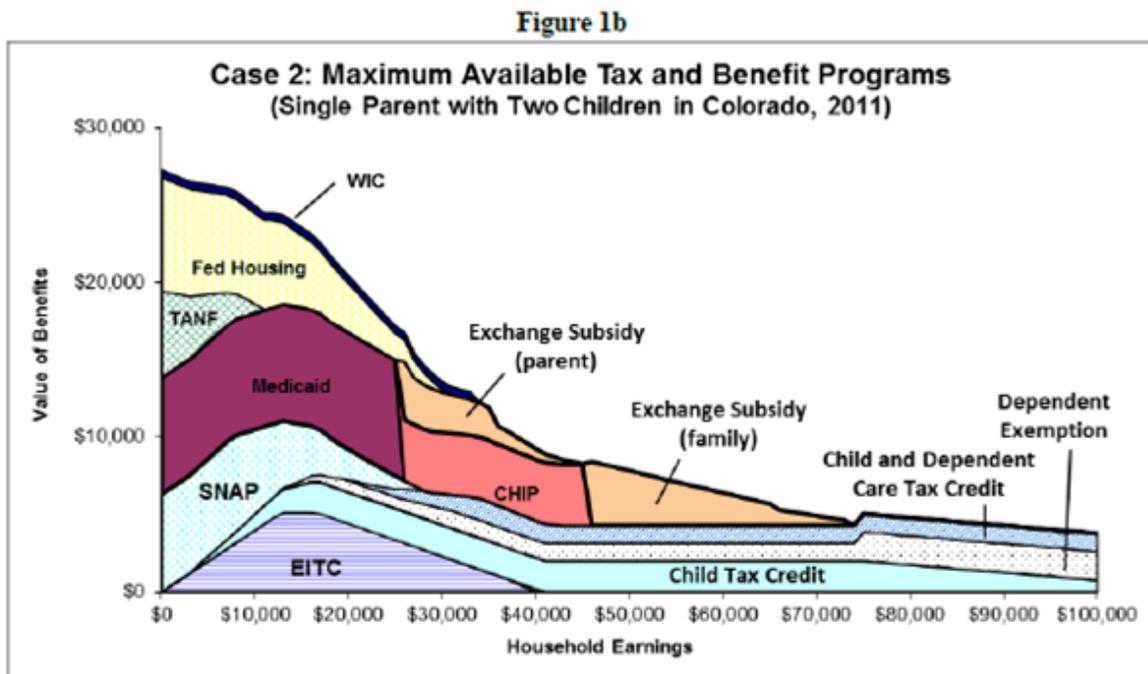
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**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 10:19 AM  
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There are many arguments to be marshaled about the ill effects of Obamacare – but a little-seen analysis issued several weeks ago offers a devastating indictment about how the law will effectively hurt the very people it is designed to help. In [testimony](#) before a Ways and Means subcommittee hearing, the Urban Institute’s Gene Steuerle discussed the “poverty trap” developed by means-tested government programs – a trap that Obamacare will both extend and worsen.

The “poverty trap” is best demonstrated graphically, as Steuerle’s testimony illustrates. The chart below shows a hypothetical example whereby a family (single parent and two children) can receive nearly \$30,000 in government benefits with no household earnings, but only about \$10,000 in government benefits with \$35,000 in household earnings:



Another chart shows a similar example from a slightly different graphical perspective. The chart (Figure 4) shows the effects of rising income on a single parent with two children in Alabama whose

income rises from the federal poverty level to twice poverty. Under that situation, if the family's income rises by about \$17,000, the family will LOSE over \$10,000 in government benefits. As a result, "income would rise by only about \$6,900—an effective average marginal tax rate of about 60 percent, to which must be added any loss of health insurance benefits." These examples, and so many more like them, often lead families to ask the obvious question: **If I will lose so many government benefits by generating additional income, why work?**

**And in the main, Obamacare WORSENS this problem, rather than improving it.** By extending insurance subsidies up the income scale, it does eliminate the Medicaid "cliff," whereby individuals may stop working now in order to remain eligible for Medicaid benefits (because Medicaid eligibility isn't determined on a sliding-scale basis – you're either eligible for it, or you're not). But extending the subsidies up to four times poverty only EXTENDS this "poverty trap" further up the income ladder to middle-income individuals – who now will face the same "cliff" that some Medicaid beneficiaries currently face. Families will forego making \$1,000 of additional income if it will cost their household \$5,000 or more in insurance subsidies – as it will for families who barely exceed the 400% cut-off for subsidy eligibility. No wonder the Congressional Budget Office [said](#) that the law's "phaseout of the [health insurance subsidies] as income rises will effectively increase marginal tax rates, which will also discourage work."

Ronald Reagan [famously said](#) that the nine most terrifying words in the English language are "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." By penalizing success and discouraging work, Obamacare is the quintessential example of that truism. Because, by trapping people in a cycle of poverty and dependence on government assistance, Obamacare doesn't enhance true security for millions of low-income Americans – it UNDERMINES it.

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**From:** [Cody Inman](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I can't believe you accepted a \$54 million "Early Innovator Grant" from the federal government  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 9:45:02 AM

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[Do we have a specific response on the \\$54 million "Early Innovator Grant" from the federal government?](#)

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**From:** Keili McEwen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 9:42 AM  
**To:** Cody Inman  
**Subject:** RE: I can't believe you accepted a \$54 million "Early Innovator Grant" from the federal government

I would check with Andrew or Alex and see if there is a response to this. I know we have heard this from constituents via phone. I have just thanked them for their call. I would see if GMF has responded to any of these comments in her public appearances, if not, we probably need to draft a response that explains the grant.

Keili

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 9:07 AM  
**To:** Keili McEwen  
**Subject:** FW: I can't believe you accepted a \$54 million "Early Innovator Grant" from the federal government

[General Thank you for your opinion response?](#)

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**Governor Fallin:**

I can't believe you accepted a \$54 million "Early Innovator Grant" from the federal government to establish an Oklahoma-based Health Insurance Exchange. In a time when states need to declare 10th Amendment Sovereignty and be weaned away from the federal "breast", I can't believe that the Governor of Oklahoma decides to take "free" monies from the federal government, which is BROKE, to enslave us to a president who seems to want to destroy this country in every way he can.

I did not vote for you. I'm trying to back you, but when I see you do things like this, I wonder how you got enough votes to be governor. I'm willing to give you a chance, but this is a big mistake. You need to send that money back to D.C. Yes, Oklahoma would like the money but not at the expense of our future. ObamaCare is no good. It can't be revised. There is absolutely nothing good in

it. It needs to be totally destroyed, but in the mean time, Oklahoma does not need to have a chain around our neck.

Sincerely,  
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It would be amazing to get tapped in to opportunities like this. I guess they didn't want two Okies though for this panel.

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(CBS News' "The Early Show")

The following is a transcript of "TOWN HALL WITH REPUBLICAN LEADERS," which took place Monday, June 13, 2011 at the Newseum in Washington D.C.

Participating were: South Carolina's Governor Nikki Haley, Florida Congressman Alan West, Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan, architect of the House budget plan, and Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn

The event was hosted by "Face the Nation" anchor Bob Schieffer and "Early Show" co-anchor Erica Hill, with CBS News business and economics correspondent Rebecca Jarvis.

ERICA HILL:

Hello and welcome to this special hour of the Early Show coming to you from the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Our focus this morning, the economy. A town hall with Republican leaders. Here to answer your questions, just as President Obama did in a similar event last month. I'm Erica Hill, along with CBS News chief Washington correspondent and host of Face the Nation, Bob Schieffer.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Hi, everybody. Well, we're here to talk with key Republican leaders this time about the economy. According to a recent CBS News poll, 79 percent of Americans believe the economy is bad. More than half of us are concerned about ourselves or someone in our household losing their job.

ERICA HILL:

And unemployment, of course, is back above nine percent. Gas prices still around \$4 a gallon in many areas. And across the country, there are signs of a double dip in the housing market. Major economic issues affecting millions of Americans. So, today, we've invited a cross-section of folks to ask Republican leaders what they can do to alleviate some of that pain. Folks have submitted their questions about the issues they find most important. And we'll also be hearing from viewers who sent their questions in on line.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

So, basically, we know what the questions is, they don't. (LAUGH) But joining us are four distinguished Republican officials. Beginning with Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin. He, of course, is chairman of the House Budget Committee and the author of the Republican budget plan.

ERICA HILL:

Also with us, Florida Congressman Allen West and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, who were both elected in the Republican wave from the 2010 Midterm Elections.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And finally, Oklahoma Senator, Tom Colburn, who served with Congressman Ryan on the president's-- deficit commission. We want to say welcome to all four of you.

VARIOUS:

Thank you. Thank you for having us. (APPLAUSE)

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Okay. So, let's get the-- let's get right to it. Our first question is from Trey Lewis. And this is for all four of you on the panel here. So, Trey?

TRAE LEWIS:

Good morning, everyone. There are many ways that people as though President Obama isn't using to stimulate and make the economy more robust. If you were in the position to do so, what would be the one thing you would do to stimulate and grow the economy that President Obama isn't doing?

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Start Congressman?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

One thing? (LAUGH)

ERICA HILL:

Well, 30 to 45 seconds each. You can each have time to answer.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

First of all, I-- I'd go in the opposite direction on spending, on taxes, on debt and deficits. Get rid of all the uncertainty in the economy. He's promising huge tax increases on successful small businesses. I wouldn't do that. Keep taxes low and get spending under control so we don't have a debt crisis. If we have a debt crisis and we have a huge interest rate increase. We have an inflation problem. That's causing uncertainty in the economy. It's making it harder for businesses to create jobs. So, I would go in a different direction than he has gone on fiscal policy. And that's exactly what we've done in the house. Is offered a different direction on fiscal policy. Keep taxes and spending low, not high.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

I think the exact same thing we Paul is talking about is creating the economic and fiscal policies that create confidence in the American consumer and also our small business owners. What I see down in my district is the-- small businesses are the economic engine that drive this country. But yet-- when you look at some of the regulations that are coming in and that's restricting the access to capital for them to grow. And you look at some of the tax policies which are gonna preclude them from hiring more Americans. When you drive by in South Florida on U.S. Federal Highway 1, you see all

those closed storefronts. You just have to think about maybe there were six to eight Americans that once occupied those storefronts.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Governor?

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

You know what I would like to see this president do is really lead and asked for a balanced budget, which he has yet to do. And I think that's incredibly important. But from a governor's perspective, everything I've tried to do to govern in South Carolina has been stopped by President Obama. Whether it's how we're gonna deal with the health care crisis. He's mandating more on our states and we can't afford it. Whether it's creating jobs. He's actually got the National Labor Relations Board suing a great American company for creating jobs in South Carolina.

Or when it comes to illegal immigration, he's stopping my labor director from allowing her to enforce the laws that are in place. So, you know, the key is let the states have the flexibility and the freedom they need to have. In order for us to govern, which at the end of the day is really down to the states. The federal government needs to get out of the way. We need-- a president that really understands, let the state understand what the Tenth Amendment's all about. Let them have states rights and let them handle their states in the way they need to.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Senator?

SEN. TOM COBURN:

I-- I-- I think what needs to happen is we need to identify the real problem. And the real problem is America's anxious. It doesn't have confidence about where we're goin'. And that's, I think, a leadership deficit on behalf of my friend, President Obama. I think we need to talk (UNINTEL) and honestly to the American public about the depth of our problems. They're not unsolvable, but they're unsolvable until we address them and identify 'em.

And what Washington's big habit is we treat the symptoms of the problem rather than the problem. And so, being honest and saying, "We don't have any choice. We have to eliminate \$9.7 trillion out of the federal government's expenditures over the next ten years to not go in the tank. Now, they can dispute that, but that's the fact. And if anything short of that will not solve the problem for your future or your children's future."

There's \$2.5 trillion sittin' on the sideline in this country right now that could be invested if people had confidence and clarity about the future. And I don't believe-- President Obama has delivered that. And I think as soon as he does, you're gonna see a big turnaround in the economy. Regardless of what we do on the other things. Is we've gotta have confidence that we believe in our future. And I think that future is lacking, because we haven't had the leadership to put-- put that forward.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Well, that certainly-- gives you the Republican view of what's wrong with the economy right now. So, that gives us--a place to start here. Erica?

ERICA HILL:

A nice overview. We want to move on to our next question now. Nancy Logan's an executive assistant who's currently between jobs. And chances are Nancy may look familiar if you were with us at last month's town hall. She was here. She asked the president-- pretty much the same question. So, your chance now to ask it of Republican leaders.

NANCY LOGAN:

Thank you, Erica. Hello. I was given a three-year adjustable rate loan modification that ends in less than a year. And the rate is likely to go up significantly, where I won't be able to afford my monthly mortgage payment. I can't refinance my house or move in-- move into a fixed rate mortgage, because I owe more than the house is worth. My question is, what is your party in Congress doing to help Americans like myself who are stuck in this home mortgage process dilemma.

ERICA HILL:

And we want to toss this one to Congressman West, because I know in Florida, I believe, it's 46 percent of homes are under water.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Yeah, if-- it's an incredible situation down in Florida, where, of course, the subprime mortgage industry really--took a toll. And I think the most important thing that we have to do is from the policies we're creating up here is set the conditions by which we can reduce the size and the scope of this federal government to get money back into your pockets. So that you can stay into your home. So that you can have this job growth.

I think that one of the problems that we have seen, if you go back and you look at the Community Reinvestment Redevelopment Act, you know, when government all of a sudden got involved into the mortgage industry, I mean, soon or later, 30 years down the road, well, you see what happens. When all of a sudden we start to take those-- those mortgage-backed securities and we're selling them freely between banks and also to form banks, then we have all this bad paper out there.

So, I think the most important thing is get back to sound economic principles that work. And not come up with the band-aid-- remedies like this \$8,000-- mortgage credit that we give, which we saw really did not do anything to stimulate the-- the mortgage industry.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Senator-- I mean, Congressman?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, I'm gonna say like Tom Coburn said. Why is this happening? It's happening because the economy's in the tank. There's no confidence. People don't feel confident about the future. So, they're not going out and taking a risk and buying a home and therefore bringing your home value up.

So, this is a symptom of a bad economy. So, let's fix the economy. And there's a lot of things I hope we can get into about what is necessary to get this economy growing. Because Washington's throwing a bunch of programs at you. And it's still not working. It's cost a lot of

taxpayer liability. There's no substitute for economic growth and confidence in this economy to bring that market back up so you're not under water any more.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

All right. Let's go-- to-- Robert Johnson. Who has-- I think a fairly interesting question here. Mr. Johnson?

ROBERT JOHNSON:

Thank you, Bob. Good morning. There's a lot of agreement that we need to balance the budget and reduce the deficit. How realistic are we in achieving those goals if we do not reinstate or raise at least some taxes?

BOB SCHIEFFER:

I want to ask-- Senator Colburn to ask that question, because Senator Colburn voted against the continuation of the Bush tax cuts last December. Kind of got the Republican reservation there. He wanted them offset. So, should taxes be off the table, Senator Coburn?

(OVERTALK)

SEN. TOM COBURN:

No, I don't think so. Look-- there's two answers to your question. One is a policy question. And the other's a political. How-- how do we with the divided government we have today fix our problems without agreeing that we're gonna have to give something to get what we want. And growing the economy to markedly enhance the revenues shouldn't be anathema-- anathema to--to Republicans.

So, if in fact we need to do all these spending reductions-- and I'd love for us to have time to really talk about it. Because I can-- I can give you \$8 out of the \$9 trillion I'm gonna propose. But if we're gonna do it, you're gonna-- for those that are locked in politically to those programs, you're gonna have to give 'em somethin'. So, we-- we're at historically low -- values, as far as the percentage of the G.D.P. that comes from revenue from American taxpayers.

That's part of our problem. We're also at a historical high, in terms of spending. That's the bigger part of our problem. What we have to do is pull those both together. If we're gonna get back to it. The-- 18.8 percent is about the max you're ever gonna collect, unless you have a boom like the-- the dotcom bubble. But we need to solve that political problem and be realistic to know that for us to get a solution to the problem, both sides are gonna have to give something.

Now, what's the policy question? The policy question is is how do you drive the economy with the government taking a larger and larger share out of the economy? And the answer to that is is eliminate things that are not legitimate roles for the federal government. Going back to the question of homes. Where do you find in the Constitution the authority for the federal government to be in the home loan business?

I mean, it's not there. And the reason we're at risk today, the reason our children are at risk, is because we've abandoned constitutional principles. We've abandoned the enumerated powers.

And we've decided to do things that our founders in the--in our best interest would never work in terms of a republic.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

All right. We're gonna take a break here.

ERICA HILL:

(UNINTEL) we're gonna take a quick break. But there will be more. Don't worry. Our town hall on the economy continues. With more questions from our studio audience and also from you at home. Stick with us. You're watching the Early Show on CBS.

ERICA HILL:

We are back now with our panel of Republican leaders. Senator Tom Coburn, Governor Nikki Haley, Congressman Allen West, and Congressman Paul Ryan.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And we want to bring in our CBS News--business and economics correspondent, Rebecca Jarvis, who is following the questions we have been getting online. Rebecca?

REBECCA JARVIS:

Bob, thank you. And this first question comes from Facebook. It was submitted to us from Suzanne Thornton of Cushing, Texas. And she asks, "Under the Democrat president, Clinton, we had a surplus. Under a Republican president, Bush, it disappeared and turned into a deficit. So, why should we hand our country back over to Republicans?" Governor Haley, why don't you take this one?

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

You know-- I think what we first have to understand is both parties made a mistake. I mean, both parties did not handle the government responsibly the way they should. We have got to-- and-- and in reference to what the Senator said, we do have to cut taxes. In South Carolina, we have an economy where I have basically said, "Government was intended to secure the rights and freedoms of the people. It was never intended to be all things to all people."

So, what we did was we said, "This is gonna hurt, but we're gonna get back to the basics. And we're gonna get strong again. And we're gonna do it independently of the federal government." And a lot of that is we are cutting unemployment taxes for employers. We are cutting down the weeks for employees on what they get in terms of unemployment taxes. But we are incentivizing those that are successful to want to be more successful.

And we have to remember that when you give businesses cash flow, when you give them profit margins, what's the first thing they do? They hire people. So, your goal has to be on jobs. It has to be on job creation. And it has to be on the fact that when you know both parties have messed up, guess what that brought about? The rise of the Tea Party, which were upset with both parties. That said, "We want to take our government back. We're gonna do it. Now it's government's responsibility to control the spending and know the value of the dollar."

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Governor-- can I just ask you this question. Corporations are-- are turning in record profits right now. But they don't seem to be hiring. So, doesn't that-- beg the question here, "Why aren't they hiring? With-- with all these big profits coming--"

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

Well, you know, I'll tell you-- I'm proud to say that while the economy is taking a downward turn-- nationally, in South Carolina it's going up. And the reason it's going up is because unemployment's down for the fourth time in the row. They have a governor that's fighting for jobs every day. We just passed TORT reform. We just passed Medicaid reform. With just passed that every legislator had to start voting on the record. I mean, we're doing things that are giving companies confidence.

Confidence one to come to South Carolina. We are fighting the unions every step of the way. We are a strong right to work state. We're gonna stay that way. That's what gives a company confidence to come and say, "This is a state where we can make money. This is a state where we can invest and know that we're right to hire." And then they say in-- you know, and then they come to stay. And my job as governor is to continue to keep communication with those companies and say, "How do we help you expand?"

REBECCA JARVIS:

Representative Ryan, a lot of Governor Haley's response talks about jobs. And jobs are top of mind for Americans. The most recent CBS News poll showed that 48 percent of Americans think the most important thing is jobs and the economy. But just ten percent think it's the deficit. That's what we mostly hear from Republicans. We hear more about the deficit than we hear about jobs.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, I wouldn't suggest-- they're interrelated. These are the same issue. So, they're not exclusive of one another. Jobs comes from economic growth. Economic growth gives us more revenues, which helps us get down the deficit. The huge deficit we have is nothing more than tomorrow's interest rate increases or tax rate increases.

So, when government runs huge deficits, like it is today, what that tells businesses who are sitting on capital and not hiring, "Look out, my taxes are gonna go up tomorrow or we're gonna have an inflation interest rate problem tomorrow." And so, it is these massive deficits-- deficits that are showing businesses that there's an uncertain future, an uncertain future with which they don't want to invest in.

And that is why a lot of businesses are-- sitting on capital. I had a roundtable in Kenosha with business leaders last Thursday, (UNINTEL) two hours ago with business leaders. All of them are telling me the same thing. "We don't know what's coming from government next. So many new regulations coming down the pike."

(OVERTALK)

REBECCA JARVIS:

--coming from the consumer, though. There's no consumer demand for a lot of their products.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Say that again?

REBECCA JARVIS:

They don't know what's coming from the consumer. The demand that's coming from American consumers is very weak, at this point. Which is why they're not creating the jobs to sell the product or to manufacture it.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Consumption comes when people feel secure in their own lives. When people have jobs that they are-- that they--they feel secure in. When they're not worried about losing their job. You need to have a good economy that is producing jobs and giving security, economic security to Americans, who then will go forward and act like consumers.

And so, what we have right now is a government that is giving so much uncertainty, tax rates on successful small businesses under the President's plan, which is in law, is going as high as 44.8 percent on successful small businesses. Most of our jobs don't come from the big corporations. They come from these successful small businesses. And when we're gonna be raising their taxes as much as President Obama is proposing, that puts a chilling effect on job ncreation.

When we raise and borrow all this money, 42 cents out of every dollar coming out of Washington, it's borrowed. 47 percent is coming from other countries like China. This is not a future in which people, businesses or consumers, feel confident in the American economy. We gotta deal with these issues, so we can feel confident and get this job creation back on.

REBECCA JARVIS:

There's-- there's obviously a vicious cycle here. And it doesn't help--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's right.

REBECCA JARVIS:

--that the U.S. economy is absolutely a consumer-driven economy. You talk about the importance of confidence. You talk a lot about small businesses. But going back to large businesses who are sitting on this cash.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's right.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Isn't one of the major issues also that they have learned how to do more with less. And it is not in their interest to hire people. Is there any way you can change that?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, first of all, predictability. I think large businesses-- first of all, we're in the international economy, whether we like it or not? And we have to recognize, if we tax our employers, our producers a lot more than our foreign competitors tax theirs, they win, we lose. Right now, we have the highest corporate tax rate now that Japan is lowering theirs than any other industrialized country.

Right now, we are taxing our businesses, our manufacturers in America, a lot more than our foreign competitors tax theirs. And what is the government telling them? "You're gonna pay higher taxes." What is the government doing? Running up record deficits that mean even higher taxes. So, even though the president's proposing over \$2 trillion in new tax increases on these businesses, we still aren't solving our fiscal problem and it's putting a chilling effect on hiring.

So, you're not gonna get good consumption in this country if you don't have good investment, if you don't have confidence, if you don't have businesses out there not only keeping people on the payroll, but adding to their payrolls. And so, we're in a vicious cycle and we want to get on a virtuous cycle.

ERICA HILL:

All right, we're gonna have to stop this cycle right now. Because we need to take a quick break. (LAUGH) When we come back, though, we do have several more questions to get to. So, stay with us here at the Early Show.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And still ahead more of your questions for our panel of Republican-elected officials, as we continue a CBS News town hall on the economy.

ERICA HILL:

This is the Early Show on CBS. Your local news is next.

ERICA HILL:

Welcome back to this special hour of the Early Show. A town hall on the economy, the Republican view.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Joining us-- Senator Tom Coburn, Governor Nikki Haley, Congressman Allen West, and Congressman Paul Ryan. And next--we have a little question about taxes. Senator Colburn, I'm gonna ask this one be directed to you and it comes from Crystal Grant.

CRYSTAL GRANT:

Greetings. I'm originally from Boiling Springs, South Carolina. So, greetings to you, Governor Haley. My question is about compromise. With low and middleclass Americans making sacrifices every day and the deficit growing exponentially, it seems difficult to justify

tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires. Are you open to considering-- maybe tax-- returning to previous levels for those making over \$500,000 a year versus a \$250,000 level?

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

Well, I-- I think my-- my approach would be we've gotta find a compromise. I don't like that. Because-- when you-- when you do that, what you're doing is taking investment capital that's not gonna go into a small business or a medium-sized business. You're-- you're taking capital away and saying the government can spend the money better. The-- the fact is is if we were to lower tax rates we could actually generate increased revenue.

And that's what we had proposed, in terms of the president's deficit commission. That's what the gang of six was working on. You know, we-- we can increase taxes a trillion dollars by lowering tax rates and gettin' rid of things like the ethanol blenders credit that you all pay \$6 billion a year for and then go to the pump and pay another Hun-- \$1.72 a gallon in subsidies for ethanol-blended gasoline. I mean, we have a trillion dollars worth of tax earmarks in the tax code that are special favors across-- and some are not, but the vast majority are special favors.

We ought to eliminate those, lower the tax rate, so people can have the confidence and the expectation that they know what they're gonna pay. So, I'm not against increasing the revenues of the federal government. But I-- we ought to do it in a way that actually increases jobs and increases wealth and increases prosperity. But combined with that, you have to decrease the size of the federal government. The size of the federal government is double what it was ten years ago. We just simply can't afford it.

I mean, you-- you just said, in your statement, you have to live within your means. And the federal government has refused to do that. And-- and we're incompetent in Congress to address the issues. A couple examples, if I can take some time. We have 80 economic development programs-- we have 188 total. We have 80 within four agencies. Not one of those economic development programs has had-- ever had a measurement on it to see if it was actually effective in developing ec-- the economy. Not one time have we ever looked at it.

And the cost-- for that money, that's \$6.6 billion that goes for that. We don't know what-- wouldn't we be better off having that \$6.6 billion in the states like Governor Haley. And say, "Here, do economic development with the money the way you think you ought to do it, rather than us in Washington, where we don't actually know how to do it."

**BOB SCHIEFFER:**

What would be your take on that, Mr. West?

**REP. ALLEN WEST:**

Well, I think it's very simple. And--and understand, four years ago, I was sitting in a desert and Kandahar, Afghanistan. So, I bring a very common-sense perspective. And being in the military is-- is simple. You know, we don't reinforce with additional resources where we're gonna lose those resources. And so, I think until we up here in the federal government can show that we can be fiscally responsible with the resources of the American taxpayers. Then we should not be asking to-- to get increased resources.

See, one of the problems is when you have tax cuts, but then you grow government, that's

how you take a surplus, you turn it into a deficit. But it's not just the tax rates. It's all of the additional taxes that make up a marginal tax rate. So, the next thing you know, you've got the dividends tax, you've got your capital gains tax, you've got your estate tax. You've got all of the other taxes you may have at the state level, even down at the local level. And now what we're talking about is a marginal tax rate for people that can be anywhere from 60 up to 70 percent.

And even when John F. Kennedy took over as president, and he saw a marginal tax rate on those top-- income tax brackets of 91 percent, he said, "That's too high." And he cut it down to 71 percent. So, when you're talking about growing the economy, once again, investment, ingenuity, and innovation does not come from Capital Hill, does not come from Washington, D.C. It comes from the people down here.

And we have to set those fiscal and economic policies that promote that. And we have to get spending in line with revenues. 18 to 20 percent. That's where it is. We need to cap that federal government spending at about 20 percent. Right now, federal government spending, as per G.D.P. is 25 percent. And with the Obama budget, it's programmed to go above 30 percent. And you cannot continue to go on that path, if you want to have long-term, sustainable economic and job growth.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Let me-- let me ask you-- the three members of-- of Congress here, you've been here since January. The best to my knowledge, you've done absolutely nothing. There's no jobs program. You've got unemployment at 9.-- 1 percent. Why is that?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, we have divided government now. First of all, what happened the last two years--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Well, there's always been divided government.

(OVERTALK)

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Well, (UNINTEL) jobs program is a trillion dollars when you add the borrowing cost in stimulus. Remember what stimulus was supposed to do. It was supposed to keep unemployment from going above eight percent. We're at 9.1. We went as high as 9.8 percent. What else happened? Our tax increase, \$800 billion in tax increases with the president's health care law. The health care law passed, which is basically the government taking over 17 percent of our economy.

We've got new energy regulations coming through, putting a chilling effect on American-made energy to lower our-- our gas prices. And so, with so much has come from the government in the last two years, I believe that that is a gre-- greatest reason why the economy's not growing. What have we done since January? In the House of Representatives, where the two of us work. We've passed a budget to reform this tax system, make people take away tax shelters from higher income individuals in exchange for lower tax rates (UNINTEL) businesses to create jobs.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Congressman, not to be argumentative, but you passed something that you knew there wasn't one chance that the Senate was gonna chance.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, it would be nice if the Senate tried to pass a budget. It's been 775 days since the Senate even bothered trying to pass a budget.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

But wouldn't it be good to try to find some way to compromise on these--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's why we've said--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

--things to kind of get the people at the same table and say, "Here's something we want to do. Here's something you want to do. Instead of passing these things that people know will never get agreed to by the other house."

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Well, I'll give you another great example. Our office came up with HR-16-63. Which is the-- Small Business Encouragement Act. And what it says is in the previous fiscal year, if you're a small business that has revenues of \$20 million or less. You have \$100 employees or less. We're talking about extending the work-- opportunity tax credit for 2012 and 2013 which says we'll give you \$6,000 if you hire a person off the unemployment rolls.

And if you're in a county that has a double-digit unemployment rate, you get an additional \$6,000. And now those are the type of things we're looking to do to help small businesses get out there, encourage them and incentivize them to hire people. It's sitting in the Ways and Means Committee. And-- hopefully, they'll get it passed and we'll get it in the House floor and then we'll get over to the Senate. And hopefully they-- they'll pass that and it'll get on the president's table--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Senator?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--before we recess.

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

Well, I think-- Bob, I think what you're describing is-- is a system of the careerism that has invaded and

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perhaps been here a long time. The goal is the next election, not the next generation right now in Washington.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Absolutely.

SEN. TOM COBURN:

It-- we're more interested in political careers than we are fixing the very real and urgent problems in front of our country. The Senate has-- this is the lowest level of votes the Senate has had in my seven years and the lowest level of votes in 25 years.

And the reason we're not voting is people don't want to take a vote, because they might have to defend it. So, rather than come up here and do the job and have the courage and the honor to go out and defend your votes, what we do is we just don't vote.

ERICA HILL:

How do you change that? How do you change that, Senator.

(OVERTALK)

ERICA HILL:

But leadership-- leadership continues--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

We've put ideas on the table.

ERICA HILL:

--to change.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

We've passed ideas in the House. We've said, "Here's how we think we balance the budget. Here's how we save Medicare. Here's how we create jobs." We're putting these bills out there. We're passing these bills, because we think you need to do is lead with your ideas, defend your ideas. And what we're having is basically the crickets are chirping. We're not seeing any action from any of our legislative partners on the other side of the aisle.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Governor Haley ca-- looks like she'd like to comment here.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

I have to say this. Because while--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

From outside Washington.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

While D.C. is-- is totally-- in chaos. And has-- (LAUGH) is just-- not doing anything. The states can't wait. We have to lead. And so, what I would beg of both the Congress and the Senate, which I think everybody should agree on is give us flexibility. Quit mandating any expend-- any spending down. Medicaid alone is a quarter of South Carolina's budget. Give us the ability to decide what the health care needs are of our citizens. When it comes to any education mandates, let us decide how to educate our kids. When it comes to any of the health care, let us decide our health care. And (UNINTEL) and Medicaid is huge for us.

(OVERTALK)

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

--and I know that the Congressman has done that, as well. And-- and they've been helpful, these are things that can really make a difference. So, you know-- I have said D.C. is just dysfunctional right now. But all I would beg is that those things can be done right away. Those are things that y'all could pass that would make a huge difference with our states. That we could continue to function and lead for our people, while y'all figured everything else out.

**BOB SCHIEFFER:**

Let-- let me just ask Senator Coburn to wrap this up. 'Cause I think he hit the nail on the head here. Is there any way to change this, Senator? I mean, will we still see a change in our lifetime?

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

Yeah, I think American people need to change it, though. I-- I'm convinced--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's why we're here.

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

--that Washington is-- its main focus is short-term political expediency. And the reason our country's at risk is because we think short term and about the next election, rather than thinking about the future of our country. You know, the reason I'll stand up as a conservative Republican, one of the biggest deficit (UNINTEL) in Congress and say, "I'll negotiate on taxes." Because our country's in trouble.

And if we don't, we're gonna lose the very limited future that's in front of us today and somebody else is gonna tell us where we're gonna spend our money. It isn't gonna be the American people. It's gonna be the bond holders throughout the world.

REBECCA JARVIS:

So, Senator Coburn, do we go the direction, then, of the United Kingdom and employ austerity measures and face, potentially, a toxic environment. That's what the Bank of England just said. A toxic environment where there's slow growth and inflation, taking place

at the same time?

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

No, you do both. You do both. There's no question if what-- first of all, every dollar the federal government spends doesn't give the same bang in the-- for the buck in the economy. And I can show you about \$5 trillion that gives us a negative return on the dollars that we spend. So, if we're gonna spend money as a federal government, then we ought to be spending it where we get an economic

multiplier of \$2 or \$3.

The problem with the stimulus bill, there was only \$46 billion out of almost \$900 billion that actually had any productive change in terms of economic multiplier in the whole stimulus bill. No wonder it failed. We said it was gonna fail. Because it did not create jobs that then created more jobs. So-- this isn't hard. What-- what is hard is to come to the realization that career politicians in this country are killing this country.

**ERICA HILL:**

We-- and with that, we actually have to move on to the next topic. Although we could talk about this for a long time. And this comes from Leslie who's in our audience. Leslie has a question about Medicare.

**LESLIE SIDDELEY:**

Hi there. I'm 48 years old. So, I'm in the age group that would be impacted to the changes to the Medicare program under the so-called Ryan Plan. I'm also the caretaker of an elderly parent. It's common in my age group. How can I be certain that Medicare will be affordable for me when it comes time for me to retire? Especially considering I've been paying in for 30 years.

**REP. PAUL RYAN:**

I'm the Ryan guy. (LAUGH) I guess I'll answer the question. A few facts that are not in dispute. Fact number one, we have 10,000 baby boomers retiring every day and fewer workers coming in to pay taxes to pay for the program. Fact number two, health care costs, they're skyrocketing at about four times the rate of inflation, which is threatening Medicare's current ability to provide affordable accessible care.

Fact number three, all the independent ex--experts agree, Medicare's going bankrupt. Medicare along with Social Security, I would argue, are the most important federal programs we have. And so, what we want to do is save and strengthen the program. Here's what we say. Number one, if you have retired already or if you're 55 and above and you're about to retire, government made a promise to you. We should keep that promise.

So, we say, "Don't change the program for anybody above the age of 55." But in order to be able to do that. In order to cash flow that promise, prevent that bankruptcy from hitting my mom who's on Medicare. You know, my mom and I took care of my grandmother when she was on Alzheimer's on Medicare. It's very important to me, personally, as well. You've got to

fix it for the next generation, if you want to keep it for the current generation. And the way in which we propose to fix it for 54 and below are to have a system that works like the one we have in Congress.

Like the one that President Clinton's bipartisan commission to save Medicare proposed in the late 1990s. It's an idea that's had bipartisan support in the past. It's called premium support. It works just like Medicare Advantage today. Medicare prescription drugs. Medicare supplemental. You get a list of plans that Medicare preapproves that are guaranteed coverage options that you select from.

These plans compete against each other for your business. And then Medicare subsidizes that plan based on who you are. If you're a wealthy person, we don't think tax payers should subsidize their health care as much as everybody else. If you're a lower income person or if you're a person who keeps getting sicker, we think we should have increased subsidies. And so, what we say, is starting for the 54 and below crowd, when they turn 65, is take what we spend per person on Medicare, apply it to these people and adjust it like I said. Less for the wealthy, more for the poor and the sick, so that they can

have plans to choose from and use choice and competition.

Here's the alternative. The president passed a law, it's in law, Obamacare, I know people don't like it being called Obamacare. The current health care law raids half a trillion dollars from Medicare to spend on this new health care law. And then it puts a board of 15 unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats in charge of cutting Medicare for current seniors through price controls, which will lead to providers dropping care, which will lead to rationing, which will hurt the actual program for current seniors.

We repeal the rationing board. We repeal the raid of Medicare. We think Medicare funds should go to Medicare, not other programs. How many times have you heard that since Social Security? And then we save it for the next generation, so that we can cash flow the promise and keep it for the current generation. So, when you turn 65, you'll have a program that will be there for you. At--at the rate-- at the age you are, 48, I'm not that much younger than you. It's not gonna be there for us if we don't do anything to save it.

It is going bankrupt. The sooner we act on this, the better off we are. And the more gradual the necessary reforms are. It will be British austerity. It will be painful benefit cuts to current seniors, tax increases on everybody like young people that slows down our economy, if we keep kickin' the can down the road. And it is a political careerism around here that has put us in the mess we are in. And you need leaders to step up and stop doing this.

We put a plan out there. I don't expect everybody to like the plan. But at least we put a plan out there. And I would love to see our partners on the other side of the aisle put their alternative plans out there, so we can get to the business of actually solving this problem.

**BOB SCHIEFFER:**

We need to kick this can over to Rebecca for the next-- (UNINTEL) Rebecca.

**REBECCA JARVIS:**

Well, we have a question from Brian Olfey, from Post Falls, Idaho. He sent it via email. He says, "Considering the fact that the U.S. Government is the nation's largest employer, how do

you expect to cut \$2 trillion from the budget without sending the jobless rate through the roof?  
" And-- Representative West, why don't you take it?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

I think it's important for us to-- as we say, we gotta get back to understanding what are the essential functions of the federal government? One of the questions I asked when I got up here, 'cause I'm a newbie, I've been here since the 5th of January. Never held any type of public office before. But it's-- once again, it's a common-sense approach. It's a very disciplined approach that the military-- teaches you. 13 appropriations bills come out of the-- the House of Representatives. What's the priority? No one could answer that.

And that's why I wrote a letter over to the House Appropriations chairman-- Hal Rodgers. Why don't we have a tiered progress-- program so that we say, "These are the priorities." And then we can understand from the bottom up. We can start to refine. We can start to cut. And get the federal government back into its essential functions. So, I think that, you know, we can have this bureaucratic

nanny state. That grows up here in Washington, D.C.

And if you continue to have that, you're gonna continue to have the separation between the revenues that are coming in and the spending that is going out. And so, what we've seen in the past three years, \$1.42 trillion. \$1.29 trillion. And now \$1.65 trillion of deficits. So, we have to make the hard decisions up here. And I think that's one of the reasons why persons like the governor and myself, we're not career politicians. And we're bringing a perspective that is totally different and outside of the beltway.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Coming back to the question--

(OVERTALK)

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--we've got to make a change.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Coming back to the question, though, of jobs. We are facing a new reality. We are a facing a reality--

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Government does not create jobs. The private sector creates jobs. And if we continue--

REBECCA JARVIS:

And we are looking at--

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--to-- if we continue to--

REBECCA JARVIS:

--a private sector right now that's not doing it.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

You're not--

(OVERTALK)

REBECCA JARVIS:

They're shipping them overseas.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--conditions for the private sector to grow. You're not setting the conditions.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Well, let me tell you what the conditions are--

(OVERTALK)

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--business tax rate of 35 percent. The highest in the world. Who is going to be able to create a job in the United States of America, bring production and manufacturing back to this country, if you're pushing them away?

REBECCA JARVIS:

Well, Ford Motor Company, for example--

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Ford Motor Company did not take--

REBECCA JARVIS:

--is creating jobs.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--any bailout money and they created jobs.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Exactly. They are.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Great company.

REBECCA JARVIS:

They're creating 7,000 jobs here over the next two years. But they're also building a third of their cars and producing a third of their cars for the Asian market by 2020. That means the market is changing, the world is changing. People overseas are the primary customers of U.S. businesses.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Absolutely. And that's why--

REBECCA JARVIS:

If they are building cars for foreign counterparts, why aren't they building them in foreign countries? That's exactly what they are doing. How do you work against fate?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Well, I don't think we're working against fate. I think the thing is once-- I look at the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal is gonna be expanding in 2014 to bring in larger cargo ships. We happen to have a little thing in my district called Port Everglades, brought in \$98 billion of revenue last year. I've already had meetings with the-- senior representative from Hong Kong and also--Consular General from Taiwan who want to have increased trade and increased revenue comin' out of South Florida with small business owners.

Those are the type of things we're looking to do. How can we increase our production, our manufacturing, our export to some of these foreign markets. But right now, we don't have the right type of economic and fiscal policies. It comes back to the one word we keep saying over and over again. Certainty.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

Well, I-- I think we've missed talking about the fact that the National Labor Relations Board, when you've got a president that allows the National Labor Relations Board to actually sue an American company for creating jobs, you are actually incentivizing companies to do business overseas. That was huge. And that is right at the heart of what we're saying. If we have to create jobs, government can't be the one stopping them.

I mean, President Obama can't say on one side, "I am for job creation." And on the other side, sue one of the companies that is trying to create thousands of jobs. They created a thousand jobs in South Carolina all while expanding 2,000 more jobs in Washington. And they still sued them. That sends a terrible message to our companies. And a terrible message-- when I was at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, we had a Canadian company that said, "I'm not doing anything until I see what happens with this lawsuit."

ERICA HILL:

We're gonna have to leave it there. (LAUGH) Stay with us, though. We'll be back again in just a moment.

(OFF-MIC CONVERSATION)

ERICA HILL:

We are back with time for one quick final question, a yes or no if you can. Do you believe the debt ceiling will be raised?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

I do believe so, if for every dollar of borrowing, we cut more than a dollar's worth of spending.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Not without spending control measures.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

Only with deep spending cuts and spending caps going forward.

SEN. TOM COBURN:

I agree with the governor.

ERICA HILL:

Okay. There's not a yes or no in any of those answers. (LAUGH)

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Yes, but. Yes, but.

ERICA HILL:

But they were all short. And we appreciate that. We appreciate all your time today.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Thanks to all of you.

VARIOUS:

You're welcome. Thank you.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Very, very interesting. We all learned a lot. Thank you.

ERICA HILL:

Our panel again. Congressman Paul Ryan, Congressman Allen West, Governor Nikki Haley, and Senator Tom Coburn.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And thanks to our studio audience out there. And our host, the-- night studio at the Newseum here in Washington.

ERICA HILL:

If you missed any bit of it or maybe you'd just like to see it all again, you can view the entire town hall at [YouTube.com/CBS](https://www.youtube.com/CBS) or on our website at [EarlyShow.CBSNews.com](http://EarlyShow.CBSNews.com). And also be sure to log on to [CBSNews.com](http://CBSNews.com) for a special Washington unplugged with reaction from our town hall. Have a great day, everyone. Thanks for being with us.

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The following is a transcript of "TOWN HALL WITH REPUBLICAN LEADERS," which took place Monday, June 13, 2011 at the Newseum in Washington D.C.

Participating were: South Carolina's Governor Nikki Haley, Florida Congressman Alan West, Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan, architect of the House budget plan, and Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn

The event was hosted by "Face the Nation" anchor Bob Schieffer and "Early Show" co-anchor Erica Hill, with CBS News business and economics correspondent Rebecca Jarvis.

ERICA HILL:

Hello and welcome to this special hour of the Early Show coming to you from the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Our focus this morning, the economy. A town hall with Republican leaders. Here to answer your questions, just as President Obama did in a similar event last month. I'm Erica Hill, along with CBS News chief Washington correspondent and host of Face the Nation, Bob Schieffer.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Hi, everybody. Well, we're here to talk with key Republican leaders this time about the economy. According to a recent CBS News poll, 79 percent of Americans believe the economy is bad. More than half of us are concerned about ourselves or someone in our household losing their job.

ERICA HILL:

And unemployment, of course, is back above nine percent. Gas prices still around \$4 a gallon in many areas. And across the country, there are signs of a double dip in the housing market. Major economic issues affecting millions of Americans. So, today, we've invited a cross-section of folks to ask Republican leaders what they can do to alleviate some of that pain. Folks have submitted their questions about the issues they find most important. And we'll also be hearing from viewers who sent their questions in on line.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

So, basically, we know what the questions is, they don't. (LAUGH) But joining us are four distinguished Republican officials. Beginning with Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin. He, of course, is chairman of the House Budget Committee and the author of the Republican budget plan.

ERICA HILL:

Also with us, Florida Congressman Allen West and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, who were both elected in the Republican wave from the 2010 Midterm Elections.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And finally, Oklahoma Senator, Tom Colburn, who served with Congressman Ryan on the president's-- deficit commission. We want to say welcome to all four of you.

VARIOUS:

Thank you. Thank you for having us. (APPLAUSE)

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Okay. So, let's get the-- let's get right to it. Our first question is from Trey Lewis. And this is for all four of you on the panel here. So, Trey?

TRAE LEWIS:

Good morning, everyone. There are many ways that people as though President Obama isn't using to stimulate and make the economy more robust. If you were in the position to do so, what would be the one thing you would do to stimulate and grow the economy that President Obama isn't doing?

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Start Congressman?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

One thing? (LAUGH)

ERICA HILL:

Well, 30 to 45 seconds each. You can each have time to answer.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

First of all, I-- I'd go in the opposite direction on spending, on taxes, on debt and deficits. Get rid of all the uncertainty in the economy. He's promising huge tax increases on successful small businesses. I wouldn't do that. Keep taxes low and get spending under control so we don't have a debt crisis. If we have a debt crisis and we have a huge interest rate increase. We have an inflation problem. That's causing uncertainty in the economy. It's making it harder for businesses to create jobs. So, I would go in a different direction than he has gone on fiscal policy. And that's exactly what we've done in the house. Is offered a different direction on fiscal policy. Keep taxes and spending low, not high.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

I think the exact same thing we Paul is talking about is creating the economic and fiscal policies that create confidence in the American consumer and also our small business owners. What I see down in my district is the-- small businesses are the economic engine that drive this country. But yet-- when you look at some of the regulations that are coming in and that's restricting the access to capital for them to grow. And you look at some of the tax policies which are gonna preclude them from hiring more Americans. When you drive by in South

Florida on U.S. Federal Highway 1, you see all

those closed storefronts. You just have to think about maybe there were six to eight Americans that once occupied those storefronts.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Governor?

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

You know what I would like to see this president do is really lead and asked for a balanced budget, which he has yet to do. And I think that's incredibly important. But from a governor's perspective, everything I've tried to do to govern in South Carolina has been stopped by President Obama. Whether it's how we're gonna deal with the health care crisis. He's mandating more on our states and we can't afford it. Whether it's creating jobs. He's actually got the National Labor Relations Board suing a great American company for creating jobs in South Carolina.

Or when it comes to illegal immigration, he's stopping my labor director from allowing her to enforce the laws that are in place. So, you know, the key is let the states have the flexibility and the freedom they need to have. In order for us to govern, which at the end of the day is really down to the states. The federal government needs to get out of the way. We need-- a president that really understands, let the state understand what the Tenth Amendment's all about. Let them have states rights and let them handle their states in the way they need to.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Senator?

SEN. TOM COBURN:

I-- I-- I think what needs to happen is we need to identify the real problem. And the real problem is America's anxious. It doesn't have confidence about where we're goin'. And that's, I think, a leadership deficit on behalf of my friend, President Obama. I think we need to talk (UNINTEL) and honestly to the American public about the depth of our problems. They're not unsolvable, but they're unsolvable until we address them and identify 'em.

And what Washington's big habit is we treat the symptoms of the problem rather than the problem. And so, being honest and saying, "We don't have any choice. We have to eliminate \$9.7 trillion out of the federal government's expenditures over the next ten years to not go in the tank. Now, they can dispute that, but that's the fact. And if anything short of that will not solve the problem for your future or your children's future."

There's \$2.5 trillion sittin' on the sideline in this country right now that could be invested if people had confidence and clarity about the future. And I don't believe-- President Obama has delivered that. And I think as soon as he does, you're gonna see a big turnaround in the economy. Regardless of what we do on the other things. Is we've gotta have confidence that we believe in our future. And I think that future is lacking, because we haven't had the leadership to put-- put that forward.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Well, that certainly-- gives you the Republican view of what's wrong with the economy right now. So, that gives us--a place to start here. Erica?

ERICA HILL:

A nice overview. We want to move on to our next question now. Nancy Logan's an executive assistant who's currently between jobs. And chances are Nancy may look familiar if you were with us at last month's town hall. She was here. She asked the president-- pretty much the same question. So, your chance now to ask it of Republican leaders.

NANCY LOGAN:

Thank you, Erica. Hello. I was given a three-year adjustable rate loan modification that ends in less than a year. And the rate is likely to go up significantly, where I won't be able to afford my monthly mortgage payment. I can't refinance my house or move in-- move into a fixed rate mortgage, because I owe more than the house is worth. My question is, what is your party in Congress doing to help Americans like myself who are stuck in this home mortgage process dilemma.

ERICA HILL:

And we want to toss this one to Congressman West, because I know in Florida, I believe, it's 46 percent of homes are under water.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Yeah, if-- it's an incredible situation down in Florida, where, of course, the subprime mortgage industry really--took a toll. And I think the most important thing that we have to do is from the policies we're creating up here is set the conditions by which we can reduce the size and the scope of this federal government to get money back into your pockets. So that you can stay into your home. So that you can have this job growth.

I think that one of the problems that we have seen, if you go back and you look at the Community Reinvestment Redevelopment Act, you know, when government all of a sudden got involved into the mortgage industry, I mean, soon or later, 30 years down the road, well, you see what happens. When all of a sudden we start to take those-- those mortgage-backed securities and we're selling them freely between banks and also to form banks, then we have all this bad paper out there.

So, I think the most important thing is get back to sound economic principles that work. And not come up with the band-aid-- remedies like this \$8,000-- mortgage credit that we give, which we saw really did not do anything to stimulate the-- the mortgage industry.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Senator-- I mean, Congressman?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, I'm gonna say like Tom Coburn said. Why is this happening? It's happening because the

economy's in the tank. There's no confidence. People don't feel confident about the future. So, they're not going out and taking a risk and buying a home and therefore bringing your home value up.

So, this is a symptom of a bad economy. So, let's fix the economy. And there's a lot of things I hope we can get into about what is necessary to get this economy growing. Because Washington's throwing a bunch of programs at you. And it's still not working. It's cost a lot of taxpayer liability. There's no substitute for economic growth and confidence in this economy to bring that market back up so you're not under water any more.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

All right. Let's go-- to-- Robert Johnson. Who has-- I think a fairly interesting question here. Mr. Johnson?

ROBERT JOHNSON:

Thank you, Bob. Good morning. There's a lot of agreement that we need to balance the budget and reduce the deficit. How realistic are we in achieving those goals if we do not reinstate or raise at least some taxes?

BOB SCHIEFFER:

I want to ask-- Senator Colburn to ask that question, because Senator Colburn voted against the continuation of the Bush tax cuts last December. Kind of got the Republican reservation there. He wanted them offset. So, should taxes be off the table, Senator Coburn?

(OVERTALK)

SEN. TOM COBURN:

No, I don't think so. Look-- there's two answers to your question. One is a policy question. And the other's a political. How-- how do we with the divided government we have today fix our problems without agreeing that we're gonna have to give something to get what we want. And growing the economy to markedly enhance the revenues shouldn't be anathema-- anathema to--to Republicans.

So, if in fact we need to do all these spending reductions-- and I'd love for us to have time to really talk about it. Because I can-- I can give you \$8 out of the \$9 trillion I'm gonna propose. But if we're gonna do it, you're gonna-- for those that are locked in politically to those programs, you're gonna have to give 'em somethin'. So, we-- we're at historically low -- values, as far as the percentage of the G.D.P. that comes from revenue from American taxpayers.

That's part of our problem. We're also at a historical high, in terms of spending. That's the bigger part of our problem. What we have to do is pull those both together. If we're gonna get back to it. The-- 18.8 percent is about the max you're ever gonna collect, unless you have a boom like the-- the dotcom bubble. But we need to solve that political problem and be realistic to know that for us to get a solution to the problem, both sides are gonna have to give something.

Now, what's the policy question? The policy question is is how do you drive the economy

with the government taking a larger and larger share out of the economy? And the answer to that is is eliminate things that are not legitimate roles for the federal government. Going back to the question of homes. Where do you find in the Constitution the authority for the federal government to be in the home loan business?

I mean, it's not there. And the reason we're at risk today, the reason our children are at risk, is because we've abandoned constitutional principles. We've abandoned the enumerated powers. And we've decided to do things that our founders in the--in our best interest would never work in terms of a republic.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

All right. We're gonna take a break here.

ERICA HILL:

(UNINTEL) we're gonna take a quick break. But there will be more. Don't worry. Our town hall on the economy continues. With more questions from our studio audience and also from you at home. Stick with us. You're watching the Early Show on CBS.

ERICA HILL:

We are back now with our panel of Republican leaders. Senator Tom Coburn, Governor Nikki Haley, Congressman Allen West, and Congressman Paul Ryan.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And we want to bring in our CBS News--business and economics correspondent, Rebecca Jarvis, who is following the questions we have been getting online. Rebecca?

REBECCA JARVIS:

Bob, thank you. And this first question comes from Facebook. It was submitted to us from Suzanne Thornton of Cushing, Texas. And she asks, "Under the Democrat president, Clinton, we had a surplus. Under a Republican president, Bush, it disappeared and turned into a deficit. So, why should we hand our country back over to Republicans?" Governor Haley, why don't you take this one?

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

You know-- I think what we first have to understand is both parties made a mistake. I mean, both parties did not handle the government responsibly the way they should. We have got to-- and-- and in reference to what the Senator said, we do have to cut taxes. In South Carolina, we have an economy where I have basically said, "Government was intended to secure the rights and freedoms of the people. It was never intended to be all things to all people."

So, what we did was we said, "This is gonna hurt, but we're gonna get back to the basics. And we're gonna get strong again. And we're gonna do it independently of the federal government." And a lot of that is we are cutting unemployment taxes for employers. We are cutting down the weeks for employees on what they get in terms of unemployment taxes. But we are incentivizing those that are successful to want to be more successful.

And we have to remember that when you give businesses cash flow, when you give them profit margins, what's the first thing they do? They hire people. So, your goal has to be on jobs. It has to be on job creation. And it has to be on the fact that when you know both parties have messed up, guess what that brought about? The rise of the Tea Party, which were upset with both parties. That said, "We want to take our government back. We're gonna do it. Now it's government's responsibility to control the spending and know the value of the dollar."

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Governor-- can I just ask you this question. Corporations are-- are turning in record profits right now. But they don't seem to be hiring. So, doesn't that-- beg the question here, "Why aren't they hiring? With-- with all these big profits coming--"

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

Well, you know, I'll tell you-- I'm proud to say that while the economy is taking a downward turn-- nationally, in South Carolina it's going up. And the reason it's going up is because unemployment's down for the fourth time in the row. They have a governor that's fighting for jobs every day. We just passed TORT reform. We just passed Medicaid reform. With just passed that every legislator had to start voting on the record. I mean, we're doing things that are giving companies confidence.

Confidence one to come to South Carolina. We are fighting the unions every step of the way. We are a strong right to work state. We're gonna stay that way. That's what gives a company confidence to come and say, "This is a state where we can make money. This is a state where we can invest and know that we're right to hire." And then they say in-- you know, and then they come to stay. And my job as governor is to continue to keep communication with those companies and say, "How do we help you expand?"

REBECCA JARVIS:

Representative Ryan, a lot of Governor Haley's response talks about jobs. And jobs are top of mind for Americans. The most recent CBS News poll showed that 48 percent of Americans think the most important thing is jobs and the economy. But just ten percent think it's the deficit. That's what we mostly hear from Republicans. We hear more about the deficit than we hear about jobs.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, I wouldn't suggest-- they're interrelated. These are the same issue. So, they're not exclusive of one another. Jobs comes from economic growth. Economic growth gives us more revenues, which helps us get down the deficit. The huge deficit we have is nothing more than tomorrow's interest rate increases or tax rate increases.

So, when government runs huge deficits, like it is today, what that tells businesses who are sitting on capital and not hiring, "Look out, my taxes are gonna go up tomorrow or we're gonna have an inflation interest rate problem tomorrow." And so, it is these massive deficits-- deficits that are showing businesses that there's an uncertain future, an uncertain future with which they don't want to invest in.

And that is why a lot of businesses are-- sitting on capital. I had a roundtable in Kenosha with business leaders last Thursday, (UNINTEL) two hours ago with business leaders. All of them

are telling me the same thing. "We don't know what's coming from government next. So many new regulations coming down the pike."

(OVERTALK)

REBECCA JARVIS:

--coming from the consumer, though. There's no consumer demand for a lot of their products.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Say that again?

REBECCA JARVIS:

They don't know what's coming from the consumer. The demand that's coming from American consumers is very weak, at this point. Which is why they're not creating the jobs to sell the product or to manufacture it.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Consumption comes when people feel secure in their own lives. When people have jobs that they are-- that they--they feel secure in. When they're not worried about losing their job. You need to have a good economy that is producing jobs and giving security, economic security to Americans, who then will go forward and act like consumers.

And so, what we have right now is a government that is giving so much uncertainty, tax rates on successful small businesses under the President's plan, which is in law, is going as high as 44.8 percent on successful small businesses. Most of our jobs don't come from the big corporations. They come from these successful small businesses. And when we're gonna be raising their taxes as much as President Obama is proposing, that puts a chilling effect on job ncreation.

When we raise and borrow all this money, 42 cents out of every dollar coming out of Washington, it's borrowed. 47 percent is coming from other countries like China. This is not a future in which people, businesses or consumers, feel confident in the American economy. We gotta deal with these issues, so we can feel confident and get this job creation back on.

REBECCA JARVIS:

There's-- there's obviously a vicious cycle here. And it doesn't help--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's right.

REBECCA JARVIS:

--that the U.S. economy is absolutely a consumer-driven economy. You talk about the importance of confidence. You talk a lot about small businesses. But going back to large businesses who are sitting on this cash.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's right.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Isn't one of the major issues also that they have learned how to do more with less. And it is not in their interest to hire people. Is there any way you can change that?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, first of all, predictability. I think large businesses-- first of all, we're in the international economy, whether we like it or not? And we have to recognize, if we tax our employers, our producers a lot more than our foreign competitors tax theirs, they win, we lose. Right now, we have the highest corporate tax rate now that Japan is lowering theirs than any other industrialized country.

Right now, we are taxing our businesses, our manufacturers in America, a lot more than our foreign competitors tax theirs. And what is the government telling them? "You're gonna pay higher taxes." What is the government doing? Running up record deficits that mean even higher taxes. So, even though the president's proposing over \$2 trillion in new tax increases on these businesses, we still aren't solving our fiscal problem and it's putting a chilling effect on hiring.

So, you're not gonna get good consumption in this country if you don't have good investment, if you don't have confidence, if you don't have businesses out there not only keeping people on the payroll, but adding to their payrolls. And so, we're in a vicious cycle and we want to get on a virtuous cycle.

ERICA HILL:

All right, we're gonna have to stop this cycle right now. Because we need to take a quick break. (LAUGH) When we come back, though, we do have several more questions to get to. So, stay with us here at the Early Show.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And still ahead more of your questions for our panel of Republican-elected officials, as we continue a CBS News town hall on the economy.

ERICA HILL:

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ERICA HILL:

Welcome back to this special hour of the Early Show. A town hall on the economy, the Republican view.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Joining us-- Senator Tom Coburn, Governor Nikki Haley, Congressman Allen West, and Congressman Paul Ryan. And next--we have a little question about taxes. Senator Colburn,

I'm gonna ask this one be directed to you and it comes from Crystal Grant.

CRYSTAL GRANT:

Greetings. I'm originally from Boiling Springs, South Carolina. So, greetings to you, Governor Haley. My question is about compromise. With low and middleclass Americans making sacrifices every day and the deficit growing exponentially, it seems difficult to justify tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires. Are you open to considering-- maybe tax-- returning to previous levels for those making over \$500,000 a year versus a \$250,000 level?

SEN. TOM COBURN:

Well, I-- I think my-- my approach would be we've gotta find a compromise. I don't like that. Because-- when you-- when you do that, what you're doing is taking investment capital that's not gonna go into a small business or a medium-sized business. You're-- you're taking capital away and saying the government can spend the money better. The-- the fact is is if we were to lower tax rates we could actually generate increased revenue.

And that's what we had proposed, in terms of the president's deficit commission. That's what the gang of six was working on. You know, we-- we can increase taxes a trillion dollars by lowering tax rates and gettin' rid of things like the ethanol blenders credit that you all pay \$6 billion a year for and then go to the pump and pay another Hun-- \$1.72 a gallon in subsidies for ethanol-blended gasoline. I mean, we have a trillion dollars worth of tax earmarks in the tax code that are special favors across-- and some are not, but the vast majority are special favors.

We ought to eliminate those, lower the tax rate, so people can have the confidence and the expectation that they know what they're gonna pay. So, I'm not against increasing the revenues of the federal government. But I-- we ought to do it in a way that actually increases jobs and increases wealth and increases prosperity. But combined with that, you have to decrease the size of the federal government. The size of the federal government is double what it was ten years ago. We just simply can't afford it.

I mean, you-- you just said, in your statement, you have to live within your means. And the federal government has refused to do that. And-- and we're incompetent in Congress to address the issues. A couple examples, if I can take some time. We have 80 economic development programs-- we have 188 total. We have 80 within four agencies. Not one of those economic development programs has had-- ever had a measurement on it to see if it was actually effective in developing ec-- the economy. Not one time have we ever looked at it.

And the cost-- for that money, that's \$6.6 billion that goes for that. We don't know what-- wouldn't we be better off having that \$6.6 billion in the states like Governor Haley. And say, "Here, do economic development with the money the way you think you ought to do it, rather than us in Washington, where we don't actually know how to do it."

BOB SCHIEFFER:

What would be your take on that, Mr. West?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Well, I think it's very simple. And--and understand, four years ago, I was sitting in a desert

and Kandahar, Afghanistan. So, I bring a very common-sense perspective. And being in the military is-- is simple. You know, we don't reinforce with additional resources where we're gonna lose those resources. And so, I think until we up here in the federal government can show that we can be fiscally responsible with the resources of the American taxpayers. Then we should not be asking to-- to get increased resources.

See, one of the problems is when you have tax cuts, but then you grow government, that's how you take a surplus, you turn it into a deficit. But it's not just the tax rates. It's all of the additional taxes that make up a marginal tax rate. So, the next thing you know, you've got the dividends tax, you've got your capital gains tax, you've got your estate tax. You've got all of the other taxes you may have at the state level, even down at the local level. And now what we're talking about is a marginal tax rate for people that can be anywhere from 60 up to 70 percent.

And even when John F. Kennedy took over as president, and he saw a marginal tax rate on those top-- income tax brackets of 91 percent, he said, "That's too high." And he cut it down to 71 percent. So, when you're talking about growing the economy, once again, investment, ingenuity, and innovation does not come from Capital Hill, does not come from Washington, D.C. It comes from the people down here.

And we have to set those fiscal and economic policies that promote that. And we have to get spending in line with revenues. 18 to 20 percent. That's where it is. We need to cap that federal government spending at about 20 percent. Right now, federal government spending, as per G.D.P. is 25 percent. And with the Obama budget, it's programmed to go above 30 percent. And you cannot continue to go on that path, if you want to have long-term, sustainable economic and job growth.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Let me-- let me ask you-- the three members of-- of Congress here, you've been here since January. The best to my knowledge, you've done absolutely nothing. There's no jobs program. You've got unemployment at 9.-- 1 percent. Why is that?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, we have divided government now. First of all, what happened the last two years--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Well, there's always been divided government.

(OVERTALK)

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Well, (UNINTEL) jobs program is a trillion dollars when you add the borrowing cost in stimulus. Remember what stimulus was supposed to do. It was supposed to keep unemployment from going above eight percent. We're at 9.1. We went as high as 9.8 percent. What else happened? Our tax increase, \$800 billion in tax increases with the president's health care law. The health care law passed, which is basically the government taking over 17 percent of our economy.

We've got new energy regulations coming through, putting a chilling effect on American-made energy to lower our-- our gas prices. And so, with so much has come from the government in the last two years, I believe that that is a gre-- greatest reason why the economy's not growing. What have we done since January? In the House of Representatives, where the two of us work. We've passed a budget to reform this tax system, make people take away tax shelters from higher income individuals in exchange for lower tax rates (UNINTEL) businesses to create jobs.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Congressman, not to be argumentative, but you passed something that you knew there wasn't one chance that the Senate was gonna chance.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Well, it would be nice if the Senate tried to pass a budget. It's been 775 days since the Senate even bothered trying to pass a budget.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

But wouldn't it be good to try to find some way to compromise on these--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's why we've said--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

--things to kind of get the people at the same table and say, "Here's something we want to do. Here's something you want to do. Instead of passing these things that people know will never get agreed to by the other house."

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Well, I'll give you another great example. Our office came up with HR-16-63. Which is the-- Small Business Encouragement Act. And what it says is in the previous fiscal year, if you're a small business that has revenues of \$20 million or less. You have \$100 employees or less. We're talking about extending the work-- opportunity tax credit for 2012 and 2013 which says we'll give you \$6,000 if you hire a person off the unemployment rolls.

And if you're in a county that has a double-digit unemployment rate, you get an additional \$6,000. And now those are the type of things we're looking to do to help small businesses get out there, encourage them and incentivize them to hire people. It's sitting in the Ways and Means Committee. And-- hopefully, they'll get it passed and we'll get it in the House floor and then we'll get over to the Senate. And hopefully they-- they'll pass that and it'll get on the president's table--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Senator?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--before we recess.

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

Well, I think-- Bob, I think what you're describing is-- is a system of the careerism that has invaded and

perhaps been here a long time. The goal is the next election, not the next generation right now in Washington.

**REP. PAUL RYAN:**

Absolutely.

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

It-- we're more interested in political careers than we are fixing the very real and urgent problems in front of our country. The Senate has-- this is the lowest level of votes the Senate has had in my seven years and the lowest level of votes in 25 years.

And the reason we're not voting is people don't want to take a vote, because they might have to defend it. So, rather than come up here and do the job and have the courage and the honor to go out and defend your votes, what we do is we just don't vote.

**ERICA HILL:**

How do you change that? How do you change that, Senator.

(OVERTALK)

**ERICA HILL:**

But leadership-- leadership continues--

**REP. PAUL RYAN:**

We've put ideas on the table.

**ERICA HILL:**

--to change.

**REP. PAUL RYAN:**

We've passed ideas in the House. We've said, "Here's how we think we balance the budget. Here's how we save Medicare. Here's how we create jobs." We're putting these bills out there. We're passing these bills, because we think you need to do is lead with your ideas, defend your ideas. And what we're having is basically the crickets are chirping. We're not seeing any action from any of our legislative partners on the other side of the aisle.

**BOB SCHIEFFER:**

Governor Haley ca-- looks like she'd like to comment here.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

I have to say this. Because while--

BOB SCHIEFFER:

From outside Washington.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

While D.C. is-- is totally-- in chaos. And has-- (LAUGH) is just-- not doing anything. The states can't wait. We have to lead. And so, what I would beg of both the Congress and the Senate, which I think everybody should agree on is give us flexibility. Quit mandating any expend-- any spending down. Medicaid alone is a quarter of South Carolina's budget. Give us the ability to decide what the health care needs are of our citizens. When it comes to any education mandates, let us decide how to educate our kids. When it comes to any of the health care, let us decide our health care. And (UNINTEL) and Medicaid is huge for us.

(OVERTALK)

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

--and I know that the Congressman has done that, as well. And-- and they've been helpful, these are things that can really make a difference. So, you know-- I have said D.C. is just dysfunctional right now. But all I would beg is that those things can be done right away. Those are things that y'all could pass that would make a huge difference with our states. That we could continue to function and lead for our people, while y'all figured everything else out.

**BOB SCHIEFFER:**

Let-- let me just ask Senator Coburn to wrap this up. 'Cause I think he hit the nail on the head here. Is there any way to change this, Senator? I mean, will we still a change in our lifetime?

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

Yeah, I think American people need to change it, though. I-- I'm convinced--

REP. PAUL RYAN:

That's why we're here.

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

--that Washington is-- its main focus is short-term political expediency. And the reason our country's at risk is because we think short term and about the next election, rather than thinking about the future of our country. You know, the reason I'll stand up as a conservative Republican, one of the biggest deficit (UNINTEL) in Congress and say, "I'll negotiate on taxes." Because our country's in trouble.

And if we don't, we're gonna lose the very limited future that's in front of us today and somebody else is gonna tell us where we're gonna spend our money. It isn't gonna be the American people. It's gonna be the bond holders throughout the world.

REBECCA JARVIS:

So, Senator Coburn, do we go the direction, then, of the United Kingdom and employ austerity measures and face, potentially, a toxic environment. That's what the Bank of England just said. A toxic environment where there's slow growth and inflation, taking place at the same time?

SEN. TOM COBURN:

No, you do both. You do both. There's no question if what-- first of all, every dollar the federal government spends doesn't give the same bang in the-- for the buck in the economy. And I can show you about \$5 trillion that gives us a negative return on the dollars that we spend. So, if we're gonna spend money as a federal government, then we ought to be spending it where we get an economic

multiplier of \$2 or \$3.

The problem with the stimulus bill, there was only \$46 billion out of almost \$900 billion that actually had any productive change in terms of economic multiplier in the whole stimulus bill. No wonder it failed. We said it was gonna fail. Because it did not create jobs that then created more jobs. So-- this isn't hard. What-- what is hard is to come to the realization that career politicians in this country are killing this country.

ERICA HILL:

We-- and with that, we actually have to move on to the next topic. Although we could talk about this for a long time. And this comes from Leslie who's in our audience. Leslie has a question about Medicare.

LESLIE SIDDELEY:

Hi there. I'm 48 years old. So, I'm in the age group that would be impacted to the changes to the Medicare program under the so-called Ryan Plan. I'm also the caretaker of an elderly parent. It's common in my age group. How can I be certain that Medicare will be affordable for me when it comes time for me to retire? Especially considering I've been paying in for 30 years.

REP. PAUL RYAN:

I'm the Ryan guy. (LAUGH) I guess I'll answer the question. A few facts that are not in dispute. Fact number one, we have 10,000 baby boomers retiring every day and fewer workers coming in to pay taxes to pay for the program. Fact number two, health care costs, they're skyrocketing at about four times the rate of inflation, which is threatening Medicare's current ability to provide affordable accessible care.

Fact number three, all the independent ex--experts agree, Medicare's going bankrupt. Medicare along with Social Security, I would argue, are the most important federal programs we have. And so, what we want to do is save and strengthen the program. Here's what we say. Number one, if you have retired already or if you're 55 and above and you're about to

retire, government made a promise to you. We should keep that promise.

So, we say, "Don't change the program for anybody above the age of 55." But in order to be able to do that. In order to cash flow that promise, prevent that bankruptcy from hitting my mom who's on Medicare. You know, my mom and I took care of my grandmother when she was on Alzheimer's on Medicare. It's very important to me, personally, as well. You've got to fix it for the next generation, if you want to keep it for the current generation. And the way in which we propose to fix it for 54 and below are to have a system that works like the one we have in Congress.

Like the one that President Clinton's bipartisan commission to save Medicare proposed in the late 1990s. It's an idea that's had bipartisan support in the past. It's called premium support. It works just like Medicare Advantage today. Medicare prescription drugs. Medicare supplemental. You get a list of plans that Medicare preapproves that are guaranteed coverage options that you select from.

These plans compete against each other for your business. And then Medicare subsidizes that plan based on who you are. If you're a wealthy person, we don't think tax payers should subsidize their health care as much as everybody else. If you're a lower income person or if you're a person who keeps getting sicker, we think we should have increased subsidies. And so, what we say, is starting for the 54 and below crowd, when they turn 65, is take what we spend per person on Medicare, apply it to these people and adjust it like I said. Less for the wealthy, more for the poor and the sick, so that they can

have plans to choose from and use choice and competition.

Here's the alternative. The president passed a law, it's in law, Obamacare, I know people don't like it being called Obamacare. The current health care law raids half a trillion dollars from Medicare to spend on this new health care law. And then it puts a board of 15 unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats in charge of cutting Medicare for current seniors through price controls, which will lead to providers dropping care, which will lead to rationing, which will hurt the actual program for current seniors.

We repeal the rationing board. We repeal the raid of Medicare. We think Medicare funds should go to Medicare, not other programs. How many times have you heard that since Social Security? And then we save it for the next generation, so that we can cash flow the promise and keep it for the current generation. So, when you turn 65, you'll have a program that will be there for you. At--at the rate-- at the age you are, 48, I'm not that much younger than you. It's not gonna be there for us if we don't do anything to save it.

It is going bankrupt. The sooner we act on this, the better off we are. And the more gradual the necessary reforms are. It will be British austerity. It will be painful benefit cuts to current seniors, tax increases on everybody like young people that slows down our economy, if we keep kickin' the can down the road. And it is a political careerism around here that has put us in the mess we are in. And you need leaders to step up and stop doing this.

We put a plan out there. I don't expect everybody to like the plan. But at least we put a plan out there. And I would love to see our partners on the other side of the aisle put their alternative plans out there, so we can get to the business of actually solving this problem.

**BOB SCHIEFFER:**

We need to kick this can over to Rebecca for the next-- (UNINTEL) Rebecca.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Well, we have a question from Brian Olfey, from Post Falls, Idaho. He sent it via email. He says, "Considering the fact that the U.S. Government is the nation's largest employer, how do you expect to cut \$2 trillion from the budget without sending the jobless rate through the roof?" And-- Representative West, why don't you take it?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

I think it's important for us to-- as we say, we gotta get back to understanding what are the essential functions of the federal government? One of the questions I asked when I got up here, 'cause I'm a newbie, I've been here since the 5th of January. Never held any type of public office before. But it's-- once again, it's a common-sense approach. It's a very disciplined approach that the military-- teaches you. 13 appropriations bills come out of the-- the House of Representatives. What's the priority? No one could answer that.

And that's why I wrote a letter over to the House Appropriations chairman-- Hal Rodgers. Why don't we have a tiered progress-- program so that we say, "These are the priorities." And then we can understand from the bottom up. We can start to refine. We can start to cut. And get the federal government back into its essential functions. So, I think that, you know, we can have this bureaucratic

nanny state. That grows up here in Washington, D.C.

And if you continue to have that, you're gonna continue to have the separation between the revenues that are coming in and the spending that is going out. And so, what we've seen in the past three years, \$1.42 trillion. \$1.29 trillion. And now \$1.65 trillion of deficits. So, we have to make the hard decisions up here. And I think that's one of the reasons why persons like the governor and myself, we're not career politicians. And we're bringing a perspective that is totally different and outside of the beltway.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Coming back to the question--

(OVERTALK)

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--we've got to make a change.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Coming back to the question, though, of jobs. We are facing a new reality. We are a facing a reality--

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Government does not create jobs. The private sector creates jobs. And if we continue--

REBECCA JARVIS:

And we are looking at--

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--to-- if we continue to--

REBECCA JARVIS:

--a private sector right now that's not doing it.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

You're not--

(OVERTALK)

REBECCA JARVIS:

They're shipping them overseas.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--conditions for the private sector to grow. You're not setting the conditions.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Well, let me tell you what the conditions are--

(OVERTALK)

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--business tax rate of 35 percent. The highest in the world. Who is going to be able to create a job in the United States of America, bring production and manufacturing back to this country, if you're pushing them away?

REBECCA JARVIS:

Well, Ford Motor Company, for example--

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Ford Motor Company did not take--

REBECCA JARVIS:

--is creating jobs.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

--any bailout money and they created jobs.

REBECCA JARVIS:

Exactly. They are.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Great company.

REBECCA JARVIS:

They're creating 7,000 jobs here over the next two years. But they're also building a third of their cars and producing a third of their cars for the Asian market by 2020. That means the market is changing, the world is changing. People overseas are the primary customers of U.S. businesses.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Absolutely. And that's why--

REBECCA JARVIS:

If they are building cars for foreign counterparts, why aren't they building them in foreign countries? That's exactly what they are doing. How do you work against fate?

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Well, I don't think we're working against fate. I think the thing is once-- I look at the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal is gonna be expanding in 2014 to bring in larger cargo ships. We happen to have a little thing in my district called Port Everglades, brought in \$98 billion of revenue last year. I've already had meetings with the-- senior representative from Hong Kong and also--Consular General from Taiwan who want to have increased trade and increased revenue comin' out of South Florida with small business owners.

Those are the type of things we're looking to do. How can we increase our production, our manufacturing, our export to some of these foreign markets. But right now, we don't have the right type of economic and fiscal policies. It comes back to the one word we keep saying over and over again. Certainty.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

Well, I-- I think we've missed talking about the fact that the National Labor Relations Board, when you've got a president that allows the National Labor Relations Board to actually sue an American company for creating jobs, you are actually incentivizing companies to do business overseas. That was huge. And that is right at the heart of what we're saying. If we have to create jobs, government can't be the one stopping them.

I mean, President Obama can't say on one side, "I am for job creation." And on the other side, sue one of the companies that is trying to create thousands of jobs. They created a thousand jobs in South Carolina all while expanding 2,000 more jobs in Washington. And they still sued them. That sends a terrible message to our companies. And a terrible message-- when I was at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, we had a Canadian company that said, "I'm not doing anything until I see what happens with this lawsuit."

ERICA HILL:

We're gonna have to leave it there. (LAUGH) Stay with us, though. We'll be back again in just a moment.

(OFF-MIC CONVERSATION)

ERICA HILL:

We are back with time for one quick final question, a yes or no if you can. Do you believe the debt ceiling will be raised?

REP. PAUL RYAN:

I do believe so, if for every dollar of borrowing, we cut more than a dollar's worth of spending.

REP. ALLEN WEST:

Not without spending control measures.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY:

Only with deep spending cuts and spending caps going forward.

**SEN. TOM COBURN:**

**I agree with the governor.**

ERICA HILL:

Okay. There's not a yes or no in any of those answers. (LAUGH)

REP. PAUL RYAN:

Yes, but. Yes, but.

ERICA HILL:

But they were all short. And we appreciate that. We appreciate all your time today.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Thanks to all of you.

VARIOUS:

You're welcome. Thank you.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

Very, very interesting. We all learned a lot. Thank you.

ERICA HILL:

Our panel again. Congressman Paul Ryan, Congressman Allen West, Governor Nikki Haley, and Senator Tom Coburn.

BOB SCHIEFFER:

And thanks to our studio audience out there. And our host, the-- night studio at the Newseum here in Washington.

ERICA HILL:

If you missed any bit of it or maybe you'd just like to see it all again, you can view the entire town hall at [YouTube.com/CBS](https://www.youtube.com/CBS) or on our website at [EarlyShow.CBSNews.com](http://EarlyShow.CBSNews.com). And also be sure to log on to [CBSNews.com](http://CBSNews.com) for a special Washington unplugged with reaction from our town hall. Have a great day, everyone. Thanks for being with us.

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**From:** [Nico Gomez](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Instructions for Grantees: Restriction of Funds for IT Innovator Grantees  
**Date:** Friday, April 08, 2011 10:14:44 AM  
**Attachments:** [Drawing Down Funds--4 4 2011.docx](#)

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**From:** Buffy Heater  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 9:50 AM  
**To:** Nico Gomez; Carrie Evans; Cindy Roberts  
**Subject:** FW: Instructions for Grantees: Restriction of Funds for IT Innovator Grantees

This just in from the federal EI staff...basically the same information as I just sent to you. Buffy

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**From:** Lumsden, Susan (HHS/OCIIO) [mailto:[Susan.Lumsden@hhs.gov](mailto:Susan.Lumsden@hhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 8:51 AM  
**To:** 'Craig.Steele@dhs.wisconsin.gov'; Leibowitz, Nora; 'john.koreski@state.or.us'; Sheppard, Linda; Hermes, Cindy; Stallings, Nicole; 'SSayani@dnhm.state.md.us'; 'emc03@health.state.ny.us'; 'pwa01@health.state.ny.us'; 'twd01@health.state.ny.us'; 'dxw07@health.state.ny.us'; 'bxo03@health.state.ny.us'; Buffy Heater; 'Jay.Himmelstein@umassmed.edu'  
**Cc:** McCart, Linda; Smith, Jeanene; Sheppard, Linda; Cain, Shawn; 'aliceburton [REDACTED]'; Mike Fogarty; 'research.funding [REDACTED]'; Ambrosini, Ellen M. (CMS/CMCS); Branch, Jeffrey A. (CMS/CMCHO); Dorle, Debbie (CMS/CMCHO); Freund, Alan F. (CMS/CMCHO); Friedman, Richard H. (CMS/CMCS); Grothe, Kirk (HHS/OCIIO); Guiney, David (CMS/CMCHO); Heeney, Sally A. (CMS); Hinojosa, Sophia A. (CMS/WC); Kane, Terence (HHS/OCIIO); Kelley, Lucy (HHS/OCIIO); Lelis, Nikoleta (HHS/OCIIO); McCarthy, Robert D. (CMS/CMCHO); Meacham, David L. (CMS/WC); Mickley, Paul W. (CMS/CMCHO); Miller, Frederick J. (CMS/CMCHO); Oh, Mark (HHS/OCIIO); Reed, Elizabeth (CMS/CMCS); Schmidt, Donna W. (CMS/CMCS); Thompson, Tyrone (HHS/OCIIO)  
**Subject:** Instructions for Grantees: Restriction of Funds for IT Innovator Grantees

Dear IT Innovator Grantees,

### **Drawing Down Funds: Instructions to Grantees:**

#### **Background:**

The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) will perform four (4) Gate Reviews during the course of each year of early innovator grant funding consistent the Systems Development Life Cycle practices to monitor, assess, and guide grantees to ensure the highest quality results are attained.

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| Gate Review 1: | Architecture Review (AR):               | March 30 –April 1, 2011 |
| Gate Review 2: | Project Baseline Review (PBR)           | May/June 2011           |
| Gate Review 3: | Pre-Operational Readiness Review (PORR) | September 2011          |
| Gate Review 4: | Operational Readiness Review (ORR)      | September/October 2012  |

#### **Summary of Requirements:**

CCIIO will review requests for a draw-down of funds to support the SDLC activities at the time of the Gate Reviews. The request is prospective for the obligations needed to get the grantee through to the next gate review. Grantees may in the interim request a draw-down of

funds to support the activities of the Early Innovator IT Cooperative Agreement award. Grantees will be required to submit to their requests to their project officer via email:

1. A brief description of how the draw-down request supports the goals of the approved application's scope of work and the specific SDLC cycle
2. Standard Form (SF) 424, a SF 424A, and a Budget Justification specific to the draw down request. Use the link and attach the form to your request for draw down. [http://intranet.hhs.gov/forms/PHS/SF-424\\_Forms\\_SF-LLL\\_Forms\\_.pdf](http://intranet.hhs.gov/forms/PHS/SF-424_Forms_SF-LLL_Forms_.pdf); and
3. A description of fiscal accountability of funds. Specifically, address:
  - a. Name of Contractor or proposed contractor.
  - b. Method of Selection: How was the contractor selected? State whether the contract is sole source or competitive bid. If an organization is the sole source for the contract, include an explanation as to why this institution is the only one able to perform contract services.
  - c. Period of Performance: How long is the contract period? Specify the beginning and ending dates of the contract.
  - d. Scope of Work: What will the contractor do? Describe the specific services/tasks to be performed by the contractor as related to the accomplishment of program objectives. Deliverables should be clearly defined.
  - e. Method of Accountability: How will the contractor be monitored? Describe how the progress and performance of the contractor will be monitored during and on close of the contract period. Identify who will be responsible for supervising the contract.

**Timeline for Review and Release of Grant Funds:**

CCIIO will perform an internal review of draw down requests. That review is expected to take up to two weeks, assuming documentation is sufficient to support the request for draw down of funds. The Division of Grants Management Operations will notify grantees by email of CCIIO's decision regarding the draw down request.

Susan Lumsden  
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**Subject:** Fw: interview request  
**Date:** Monday, November 26, 2012 3:29:06 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Open records requests regarding recorded phone calls w constituents re: medicaid expansion and or exchange

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**From:** Bob Sands [mailto:BSands@oeta.tv]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2012 03:22 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** interview request

Alex:

Since the governor had time for Fox news, how about her own statewide public television network. I am asking for an interview for her reasons behind refusing expansion of Medicaid and not setting up a health care exchange. Would it be possible to do this interview sometime over the next three days?

I would also like to ask her about the public reaction to her decision. Opinion pages and blogs have almost all been negative to the decision. What about the calls to your office and by the way if they were recorded, I would believe them to be open records and if such I am now making a formal request for copies of those recordings.

Thank you for your time

Bob Sands  
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**From:** [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Becky Woodie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for Governors' Offices to Meet with HHS/CMS Officials on Sunday, February 27  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2011 10:16:44 AM

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Let me know if you all are interested in setting up a meeting during NGA, information below.

Dana Wolpert  
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Governor Mary Fallin  
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**From:** AJ Mallory  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** Dana Wolpert  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for Governors' Offices to Meet with HHS/CMS Officials on Sunday, February 27

Do you get this? Sorry, I know I have asked this before ☹

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**From:** Mason, James (HHS/IGA) [<mailto:james.mason@hhs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2011 11:17 AM  
**To:** US HHS Intergovernmental Affairs  
**Cc:** Dioguardi, Paul (HHS/OS); Kidwell, Lauren (HHS/IGA); Morales, Esther (HHS/IGA); Snow, Jennifer (HHS/IOS)  
**Subject:** Invitation for Governors' Offices to Meet with HHS/CMS Officials on Sunday, February 27

Dear Colleague:

As Governors come to Washington later this month for the National Governor's Association Winter Meeting, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would like to continue our dialogue with Governors' offices regarding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Specifically, we invite your state to schedule a meeting with senior representatives from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to discuss issues of interest to your state such as the establishment of health insurance exchanges and changes to the Medicaid program.

Cindy Mann, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification and Steve Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight will be available to meet with Governors and/or their staffs in on Sunday, February 27, 2011.

If your state is interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact Jim Mason of my staff at [james.mason@hhs.gov](mailto:james.mason@hhs.gov) (202) 401-5639 to indicate if there is a specific time on Sunday February 27, 2011 that works especially well for your Governor or staff.

Paul Dioguardi  
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to Legislators  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 4:01:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [OHX Stakeholder Agenda - March 2011.doc](#)  
[Key Advisory Work Groups OKLAHOMA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE 2011.pdf](#)  
[NAIC Exchange Information.pdf](#)  
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**From:** Prieto Johns, Nicole S. [mailto:NPrieto@health.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 12:02 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri  
**Cc:** Lieser, Derek G.  
**Subject:** Invitation to Legislators

**Dear Legislators:**

**You are invited to attend General Stakeholder and Workgroup meetings for the Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange Project. Please visit our website:**

<http://www.okhca.org/OHX>

- The Work Group sign-up page is now available, please click on this link to sign up to participate in an Advisory Work Group: <http://www.okhca.org/ohx-feedback.aspx>
- Please review the attached meeting agenda and list of Key Advisory Work Groups to carefully consider where you would like to participate.
- Key Advisory Work Groups will develop recommendations regarding an Oklahoma Exchange.

**Save the date: Next Exchange Stakeholder Meeting: March 16, 10:30 a.m. at the ODMHSAS Training Center in the Shepherd Mall**

Dates set for future General Stakeholder meetings:

- March 16, 2011, 10:30am -12:00pm / OKC
- April 29, 2011, 10:30am -12:00pm / TULSA
- May 25, 2011, 10:30am -12:00pm/TBD

Nicole Prieto Johns, Project Manager  
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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to the Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management Forum  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2011 3:36:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [HIX Plan Management Forum Agenda 20111212.pdf](#)

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**From:** NAIC Meetings Dept [mailto:meetingsmail@naic.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2011 3:29 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Invitation to the Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management Forum

You are invited to attend the Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management Forum, Monday, December 12 through Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

Please review the conference agenda, which is attached to this e-mail.

**REGISTRATION:**

Regulator Fee: \$0.00  
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Registration will close by end of day, Tuesday, December 6. **There will be no onsite registration.**

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Please [click here to register](#) for the NAIC Health Insurance Exchange Plan Management

Forum, December 12-14, 2011.

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: IOM Essential Health Benefits Report  
**Date:** Friday, October 28, 2011 1:42:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Essential Health Benefits IOM Report.pdf](#)

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**From:** Prieto Johns, Nicole S. [mailto:[NicolePJ@health.ok.gov](mailto:NicolePJ@health.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2011 1:39 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** IOM Essential Health Benefits Report

Andrew – Thought I’d pass this along, please feel free to provide to Katie at her convenience....

**FYI - Essential Health Benefits IOM Report (please see attached):**

The report, [Essential Health Benefits: Balancing Coverage and Cost](#), from the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Defining and Revising an Essential Health Benefits Package for Qualified Health Plans was released on October 6. The report proposes criteria for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to use in determining the essential health benefits package (EHB). Though the report is the outcome of a challenging exercise by the committee, it is only the initial step in what the committee itself described as a “politically and socially charged endeavor.” **HHS will be taking the recommendations into account and will be issuing final rules in 2012.**

The committee recommended that HHS achieve the following milestones:

- May 1, 2012: An initial EHB package will be developed by HHS using the “national average premium target” as a guide, as well as the benefits of what a “typical” small employer offers today. Adjustments should be made “so that the expected national average premium for a silver plan with the EHB package is actuarially equivalent to the average premium that would have been paid by small employers in 2014 for a comparable population with a typical benefit design.” A public process should be implemented to guide the adjustment process.
- January 2013: HHS should have developed a plan for monitoring the implementation of the EHB including mechanisms for sharing data.
- 2015: A public process should be implemented to guide the updating of the EHB package.

Other important recommendations outlined in the report include:

- Promoting state innovation and allowing those states that administer exchanges to modify the EHB package as long as it is consistent with the federal framework;
- Establishing a National Benefits Advisory Council to provide oversight; and
- The implementation of a strategy which will take into account the growth of the rate of health care spending and assure that it is aligned with the growth in the nation’s economy.

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To: Cox-Kain, Julie; Hiner, Janice D.; Cline, Dr.Terry L.; Archer, Pam J.; Ronck, Stephen W.; Newman, Mark S.; Hartsell, Hank  
Cc: Hanley, M. Diane; Rushing, Crystal; Murrell, Elvia; Newby, Leigh A.; Cannady, Cynthia J.; Lieser, Derek G.; Grissom, VaLauna K.; Spradlin, Carol K.; Dickson, Debbie L.; Prieto Johns, Nicole S.  
Subject: eCap-Oklahoma Policy Institute: State not on path to create own health exchange

The full edition of Capitol News Now is not yet available, but should be posted on IRENE later today.

eCapitol News

eCap-Oklahoma Policy Institute: State not on path to create own health exchange

Author: Justin Martino

Date: 10/26/2011

(eCap) According to David Blatt, director of the Oklahoma Policy Institute, Oklahoma is not on the path to show sufficient adequate progress in creating a state insurance exchange by January 2013.

On a list of core areas of basic minimum requirements of which the federal government requires a state to show readiness, Oklahoma is showing sufficient progress only in the area of background research. In other areas, such as legislative action, financial management and stakeholder consultation, Oklahoma is showing limited progress at the moment.

Blatt's presentation was part of an all-day meeting of the Joint Committee on Federal Health Care Law, which met Wednesday in the Senate Chamber at the state Capitol. [Editor's note: See related story on the committee's meeting.]

Oklahoma must have a plan in place for a state-run exchange by January 2013, giving the state about 14 months to make the necessary progress. If Oklahoma does not have an adequate plan, the federal government will create a health exchange in Oklahoma.

Blatt mentioned several areas in which Oklahoma has shown little progress, including legislative and regulatory action. Although the state attempted to pass two different bills that would have created a board to research creating a health insurance exchange in 2011, neither bill passed out of the Legislature.

HB 2130, by House Speaker Kris Steele, R-Shawnee, and Sen. Clark Jolley, R-Edmond, provides for members of the Health Care for the Uninsured Board and provides that the board will hold its first meeting no later than Dec. 15, 2011. It directs the secretary of health and human services to act as the Health Care for the Uninsured Board executive director. It removes reference to the Oklahoma Insurance Department and Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The bill expands the board's duties to include applying for grants or other federal Medicaid funds to implement the provisions of the Health Care for

Oklahomans Act and to establish a system of counseling, including a website, for individuals without health insurance who are not covered by Medicaid. The bill also expands the duties of the insurance commissioner to include establishment of a system for the certification of low-cost health insurance programs designed to provide coverage to certain individuals and that the program will not be required to meet certain mandates. The bill provides that the board may recommend that plans certified by the commissioner be offered statewide to eligible individuals. It states that the HUB is not to receive general revenue appropriations but be funded by grants awarded to the state.

The bill was approved by the House but not heard by the Senate, which resulted in Oklahoma declining the federal early innovator grant. A second bill was filed that would require the exchange to be funded by state and private dollars.

SB 971, by Jolley, Sen. David Myers, R-Ponca City, Rep. Scott Martin, R-Norman, and Rep. Earl Sears, R-Bartlesville, establishes the Health Insurance Private Enterprise Network as a state-beneficiary public trust. It states that the network will be governed by a seven-member board of directors, comprised of one member appointed by the governor representing health insurance carriers granted a certificate of authority by the Oklahoma Insurance Department; one member appointed by the House speaker representing consumers who has purchased or is reasonably expected to purchase policies through the network; one member appointed by the governor who shall be a health care provider; one member appointed by the governor who shall be a representative of employer groups; one member by the Senate president pro tempore who shall be an insurance agent or broker; the insurance commissioner and the secretary of health and human services. It requires the insurance commissioner to serve as chair of the board. It requires the board to appoint an executive director.

The measure also grants the network the minimum authority under state law that is necessary to avoid the establishment of a federal exchange. It requires the network's funding to come from state and private sources. It establishes the purpose of the network to increase choice and competition in the health insurance market of Oklahoma. It prohibits the network from exercising regulatory authority over any entity, discriminating against any qualified health insurance carrier willing to participate in the network or supplanting any marketplace outside the network. It requires the network board to establish a system of certification for insurance programs offered in the state to be offered by the network and establish a system for credentialing licensed insurance producers who intend to market insurance programs certified by the state. It removes language relating to duties of the network board. It requires all personal information generated through the purchase of any policy purchased through the network to remain confidential between the insurer and the insured. It requires the network board to promulgate rules as necessary to implement the purposes of the act.

SB 971 never received a hearing in the Senate. Instead, legislative leaders decided to step back and study the issue over the interim through the

committee that met Wednesday.

Blatt added that even if the two bills had passed, they did not include all of the necessary provisions to meet federal requirements.

Blatt also discussed the issue of stakeholder consultation, another requirement to show progress in creating a health insurance exchange. Although Oklahoma received an exchange planning grant to help facilitate the process, he said in recent months the planning process has come to a "screeching halt," with the last stakeholder meeting being held about seven months ago.

Oklahoma has also shown little progress in creating an information technology system for a health insurance exchange. Although the state received a \$54 million Early Innovator Grant from the federal government that would have been used to obtain the necessary technology, the state chose to decline the grant funds.

If the federal government sets up a health insurance exchange in Oklahoma because the state has not shown adequate progress, Blatt said Oklahoma would face several disadvantages, including the loss of regulatory authority and ability to design the exchange on the state's own terms to create one uniquely suited to Oklahoma's residents.

The Oklahoma Policy Institute also released a report Wednesday stating that projections that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will cost billions of dollars are "way out of line" with other studies and based on mistaken assumptions and methodologies.

According to the report, the fiscal impact of the act will be between \$200 and \$800 million between 2014 and 2020, adding that several studies that looked at a broader range of costs, savings and revenue factors have projected the cost will be even less and could yield net savings.

"We think that anyone who looks carefully at the assumptions and calculations of the various studies will agree that the federal government is on the hook for the lion's share of the cost of health care reform," Blatt stated in a release. "Although we cannot precisely calculate the fiscal impact of the Affordable Care Act, the fact that the federal government will take over funding responsibility for functions now borne by the state, such as health care for adults with mental illness, will help the state budget and offset some of the expense of a larger Medicaid population."

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**From:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?  
**Date:** Monday, October 08, 2012 11:07:00 AM

I'm sure you have seen this already, but just in case...

**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2012 10:43 AM  
**To:** Steve Mullins; Rebecca Frazier  
**Subject:** FW: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?

Interesting – sooner tea party advocating no on the pardon and parole question...

**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2012 9:08 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Fw: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?

**From:** Sooner Tea Party [<mailto:soonerteaparty@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2012 09:06 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
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## SENATE DISTRICT 15 RACE

### PART 2

### THE DEMOCRAT

The Democratic challenger for the Senate District 15 seat is Mrs. Claudia Griffith, a newcomer herself to politics but she is no stranger. Her husband sits on the Norman City Council. That raised some red flags immediately. The Norman City Council is quietly implementing the U. N.'s agenda 21 right under the noses of the public with the help of a corrupt GOP candidate for the state legislature Bobby Cleveland.

Mrs. Griffith's [web site](#) gives her work history as nursing and she claims to be an independent thinker.

However there is a complete lack of specifics in her proposals on her website. She believes that throwing more money at schools will solve our education problem, when it won't. What is needed in education is more local control and less state and federal interference in education. She fails to indicate whether or not she supports Obamacare. She also fails to indicate whether or not she supports the size of government. Sometimes what people don't say is more important than what they do say.

The Oklahoma State AFL-CIO is her largest contributor by far having contributed \$5,000.00 to her campaign. We expect unions to contribute to Democrats, so this is no big deal.

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In her filings with the Oklahoma State Ethics Commission three items that stuck out. The first is

- Evolve Ok
- the second is Transform Ok
- the third is Okie Force

The reason these three stuck out is that they all three share the same address. Now this would not be unusual if it was an office building, but it's not; this is a home in one of the outlying suburbs of Oklahoma City. All three entities are environmentally oriented organizations. In other words, they support Norman's Agenda 21 scheme. Why are we not surprised that they support her? I wonder if Bobby Cleveland has taken their money as well?

This is not a candidate that we can support. There is too much Agenda 21 in her platform to do Oklahoma and Oklahoma jobs any good.

## The Rat, the Democrat and the Republican

By Ms PM

This story goes to show that it doesn't matter what party you belong to, the same conclusion is reached...our country is in trouble.

Vacationing in California and seeing my old boss and dear friend of 20+ years, we were able to talk about many of the issues facing the nation. This was a new experience for me as we had never gotten into politics. Armed with more knowledge following the political foolishness over the past few years, our conversations were interesting with surprisingly similar thought processes for the most part.

The only news I was able to catch was from local stations. During the two week stay the main topics were mostly about local California stupidity and I began to ask questions to see if my friend knew any of what was really going on. His most disturbing question was, "why haven't I heard about any of this stuff you're talking about in the news?"

He is a person that lives on 350 acres of one of the most beautiful secluded hill tops about five miles inland from the coast just south of Half Moon Bay. There is no cell coverage and he gets about eleven TV stations with an antenna, with six that are in English. That perturbs him, my word, not his. Politically correct isn't in his vocabulary. Being a registered Democrat and one that voted for Obama in 08, I could tell that some of what I was saying was disturbing, but, not at all surprising to him. He had no idea about all the executive orders bypassing Congress nor the acquisition of guns and ammo being stockpiled by different entities of the government just to name a couple. The information on the NDAA left him speechless.

This man has qualities that most others have discarded. His loyalty to people and friends would warm any heart. He's around 70 years old and a Vietnam Vet. He learned a long time ago that fighting in that war wasn't patriotic when he came back home. Being one of principle, he has become bitter towards our government because of all the lies told to him and others and absolutely does not trust those in charge. He has chosen not to follow what is going on because he gets too mad and doesn't believe there is anything he can do to change any of it. Both Obama and Romney scare the hell out of him. He doesn't believe either will keep their promises and follow what the Founders set up for America. The sadness I saw in his tired face broke my heart. I saw clearly what a tyrannical government does to its people. And now, his only choice as he sees it, is to live in an area he loves, eke out a living to pay his rent and enjoy the hilltop with some semblance of peace.

By now you're probably wondering how the rat fits into this. Well...he has an old truck parked that isn't running. I had parked next to it and he said, "I want to show you something." He raised the hood and this huge pack rat was sitting in the well established nest he had built for himself, just looking at us. He had been there a while. Two days later we went into town and there was no washer fluid, odd, it had been filled not long ago.

I checked it the next morning and Mr. Rat had chewed the hose to the wiper fluid and what I saw laying on the top of the motor was pretty amazing. There was one of our "Oklahoma Guardian" newspapers. Somehow he had gotten into the truck and swiped a copy to start his nest with under the hood. I took the paper into the house and had told my friend what had happened.

Curiosity got the better of him and he read the article I had written on "Fear and Unrest, What Will You Do?" But...he continued to read the entire newspaper. From all of our conversations we had had, after reading the newspaper he understood to a greater depth of what I had talked to him about. It had come clear to him that it didn't matter what party you were registered as, if what both party's are doing is wrong, it's wrong.

He understood why we were doing what we do and I understood just how worn out he had become. So...I will continue this fight for America, for him, and all of us. What an exceptional experience....and all because of a lesson from a rat. It doesn't get any better than that!



Rep Shumate married

I gots me a sugar daddy to go with all these kids!

**Stuart and the State Chamber Sitting in a Tree,**

**K-I-S-S-I-N-G.**

**First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage,**

**Then Comes Stuart With a Baby Carriage...**

Do kids still use that childhood ditty that our generation used to use on the playground to tease other kids that were smitten? Yuck, girls had cooties after all! Or so we thought at that young age, later on we wanted all the cooties we could get. If kids are still using the chant then it applies quite well to Stuart Jolley the director of Oklahoma's chapter of Americans For Prosperity (AFP). This last week found old Stuart (AKA Little Man Viagra spokesperson) slobbering all over the State Chamber and supporting their judicial evaluation report that is purported to evaluate judges based on their "pro business" positions.

Now we aren't knocking the idea of someone keeping up with these judges and letting the voters know when the law isn't followed and judges disregard Oklahoma conservative values. Appellate court judges stand for retention votes every six years and Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices stand for retention at the next statewide election following their initial appointment. As the sitting judges usually retain their seat by a two to one margin it is entirely appropriate for someone to cast a leery eye on their records, our problem is with the State Chamber being the sole judge, jury, and executioner.

So Stuart Jolly, ever the publicity hound, spooned up with the State Chamber in calling out four Justices for being activist judge: Yvonne Kauger, James Edmondson, Douglas Combs, and Noma Gurich. Stuart said in an interview that he would be publicizing the judicial rankings to "thousands of its members". Right..., I remember back when Stuart was claiming 40,000 member of Oklahoma AFP and we would have to lend him Sooner Tea Party volunteers to staff his table at events. People's email address captured by others forwarding their newsletter hardly constitutes "membership in a group. Hell Stuart, don't stop there, get a phone book and do some robo calls and claim everyone with a working phone number as a member.

Interesting enough, Stuart also claimed in a Capitol Beat story that he was considering whether or not to launch an advertising campaign against the jurists, something that AFP National might be interested in as actually advertising against a candidate violates their 501C 3 status.

The problem with AFP endorsing the State Chamber judicial rankings is that the judges are ranked using a narrow set of interests, the big business interests of the State Chamber with zero use of constitutional or civil rights votes. The only issues covered were employment, medical malpractice, product liability, insurance, other liability issues and workers' compensation, nothing was considered that covered respect for existing law, freedom, liberty, or justice.

The judges do need reined in, the AT&T v. Oklahoma State Board of Equalization case resulted in a ruling that ruled that "intangible" property could be assessed for purposes of ad valorem taxation, leading to a quick fix at the Capitol that allowed businesses to pay a token tax, but one that required more bookkeeping for businesses and was and is a pain in the Stuart Jolley. State Question 766 is to address this issue on the November ballot, but allowing the State Chamber even more control over Oklahoman's affairs is hardly a step forward for conservatives.

Poor Stuart, he reminds me of a blond joke:

Question: What is the first thing a blond will do in the morning?

Answer: She walks home.....

So once again Stuart Jolley embarrasses Oklahoma values and AFP by supporting the State Chamber instead of the common good. No doubt someone will catch him trudging North on the Broadway Extension one of these mornings, pushing his baby carriage full of illegitimate State Chamber offspring, already showing signs of his latest love child that he agreed to carry for the State Chamber.



## Give This Man Some Help

### Or Would You Rather See a Liberal Democrat Elected Again?

Dave Bell, one of our favorite candidates, is running against former representative Jabar Shumate of North Tulsa. Shumate is a liberal Democrat, allegedly accused of being a closeted gay man, and is someone that needs sent back to the life he is better suited for. Dave put out a request for campaign donations last week so his campaign can purchase more signage and flyers for precinct walks.

Last week the Sooner Tea Party reached out to Brian Bingman, the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the one that has access to Senate PAC money. Bingman's office did respond and they did talk to Dave Bell on the possibility of considering a PAC donation but the staffer threw up a smokescreen of requirements before the Senate PAC would donate. Basically if the candidate had the money to jump through all their hoops, he wouldn't need their donation. Not good Brian, Dave Bell is a constitutional conservative, not a process that you can size up and categorize. Last I checked the Senate PAC had over \$40,000 sitting in the bank and Dave Bell is one of the handful of contested Senate races in November.

**Let's remind Brian Bingman that their PAC money was given to promote Republican candidates for Senate office. You can email Brian at [bingman@oksenate.gov](mailto:bingman@oksenate.gov).**

Let's also dig into our pockets and donate directly to Dave Bell. I will personally match the first \$250.00 in donations to Dave so that your hard earned money is stretched to do more good. Just reply to this newsletter letting me know how much you donated and I will send a matching amount to Dave Bell. Any amount will help, from \$5.00 to \$5,000.00, and donations under \$50 won't become public record if you wish, just make sure that you don't contribute more than \$50 per campaign because then the info becomes public. If your donation is over \$50, include who you work for, your profession, along with your home address.

Dave is a hard core constitutional conservative and he will look out for our interests all across the state if we can get him elected. You can't push Dave around, he stands for everything that the Republican Party Platform and the Tea Party stands for, and I think you would have to kill him before he would break his word. You can contact Dave at 918-638-9977 to donate or to volunteer. Please mail checks to Dave Bell for State Senate, 1312 North Canton, Tulsa Ok, 74115



## No Where to Hide Indeed

Once again State GOP Chairman Matt Pinnell cast aside decency and common sense with [his weekly rant](#) against other politicians. In his blog "Nowhere to Hide" Matt takes Obama to task for his record so far, high unemployment, skyrocketing debt, and poor foreign policy. He reminds us that Obama said in 2008 that if he didn't turn things around then he would be a one term president. Fair enough Matt...

Pinnell goes on to brag about Romney's Massachusetts record, balancing the budget, cutting taxes, reduced spending, and job growth, all with a Democrat controlled legislature.

Pinnell doesn't mention though the decline of Oklahoma's prosperity during his leadership of the GOP. Our own unemployment is still fairly high, the Governor that he helped elect and continues to support schemed to implement Obama Care on Oklahomans, while the Capitol building crumbles around her desk. Pinnell himself made huge promises in 2010 to win the Oklahoma GOP State Chairman slot yet few of those promises were delivered. Pinnell sat on his hands and watched the two largest budgets in Oklahoma history get passed at the Capital, saw the Governor that he supported join with the State Chamber of Commerce and RINO Republicans to support a bill that promised

prosperity by taxing our way into economic freedom in a 2010 billion dollar state tax increase and Pinnell did this despite having a rock solid majority in the House, Senate, and all of the state agencies.

We can only hope that Republicans in Oklahoma make it to the February Republican precinct meetings, ask to be a delegate, and either remove Pinnell from office or force him to do his job of supporting the Republican Party Platform.



## Questioning the State Questions?

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Sooner Tea Party Newsletter published a list of State Questions that would be on the November ballot and made recommendations on how to vote. However we had to take a second look at one of those State Questions after new information popped up that made us question if SQ 765 deserved a yes vote. Sometimes many minds working on a possible corruption case or an attempt to confuse and lead astray conservative voters will benefit finding the truth or will at least drive the cockroaches from the cracks where we can stomp on them. Below in blue type is the bill summary of every one of the State Questions along with the House voting record where it is warranted. Sometimes knowing who voted for and against a bill helps to define exactly what the intent of the legislature was. But skip the blue type if you wish to get to the gist of the matter.

The legislative bill number needs to be linked with the State Question number to avoid confusion:

SQ758 = HJR1002    SQ759 =SJR15    SQ762 = SJR25    SQ764 = HJR1085

SQ765 = HJR1092    SQ766 = SJR52

### BILL SUMMARY

#### 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1002

Version:            Senate Amendments

Request Number:    NA

Author:             Rep. Dank

Date:                4/19/2011

Impact: Change in the Rate of Growth

FY-14: \$6,558,000

The Tax Commission indicates the rate of potential growth in the revenue to taxing jurisdictions will be restrained. Analysis undertaken by the Commission reveals that forty-two percent (42%) of residential and commercial property parcels may be subject to a full five percent (5.0%) valuation increase at some point in future years. A reduction in the maximum annual rate of assessed valuation increase to three percent (3.0%) will restrain the revenue growth rate approximately \$6.56 million in FY-14. The estimate is based on current county databases – the actual effect on revenue growth will be a function of changes in valuation in coming years.

The change in growth resulting from a similar cap in agricultural land is not estimated, as the utilization of use value methodology to value property is not expected to exceed the percentage cap.

Only around \$7,000,000 in savings to the tax payer? Small change, better than a sharp stick in the eye but they could do much better.

Vote yes on SQ 758

BILL SUMMARY

**1st Session of the 53rd Legislature**

Bill No.: SJR 15  
Version: Committee Substitute  
Request Number: 1531  
Author: Sen. Rob Johnson  
Date: 4/26/2011  
Impact: \$0

Fiscal Analysis

The CS for SJR 15 ask the voters to approve or reject an amendment that the state shall not grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on certain specified conditions. This state question will be on the General Election ballot, so it will cost no additional funds to be voted upon.

**Vote Yes on SQ 759**

BILL SUMMARY

**1st Session of the 53rd Legislature**

Bill No.: SJR25  
Version: CS  
Request Number: N/A  
Author: Representative Faught  
Date: 2/29/2012  
Impact: Estimated Cost Savings – DOC  
\$3.3 Million Annually

Research Analysis

The CS for Engrossed SJR 25 sends to a vote of the people a proposed amendment to the State Constitution that would give the Pardon and Parole Board the power to grant parole for nonviolent offenses and would require the Board to report annually to the Legislature certain information about all paroles granted.

Fiscal Analysis

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SJR25 authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to nonviolent offenders. This action will allow nonviolent parolees to be released earlier than they are currently and save the Department of Corrections (DOC) the cost of housing these offenders while awaiting approval from the Governor.

According to the Pardon & Parole Board, approximately 1,200 non-violent offenders are recommended for parole annually. The process typically takes about 90 days after the Board recommendation before the offender is released. SJR25 would shorten that process by approximately 60 days. With average daily prison costs of \$46/day per offender, SJR25 would save approximately \$2,760 per offender, or \$3.3 million annually.

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

SENATE JOINT RES 25 Constitutional amendment; modifying parole

Steele authority. Ballot title. Filing.

THIRD READING PASSED

YEAS: 86 RCS# 1194

NAYS: 8 2/29/2012

EXC : 5 2:25 PM

C/P : 0

VAC : 2

YEAS: 86

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| Brown      | Hilliard     | Mulready    | Sears      |
| Brumbaugh  | Holland      | Nelson      | Shannon    |
| Cannaday   | Hoskin       | Newell      | Shelton    |
| Casey      | Inman        | Nollan      | Sherrer    |
| Cockroft   | Jackson      | Ortega      | Shoemaker  |
| Condit     | Johnson      | Osborn      | Shumate    |
| Coody      | Jordan       | Ownbey      | Stiles     |
| Cooksey    | Kern         | Peters      | Thomsen    |
| Cox        | Key          | Peterson    | Tibbs      |
| Dank       | Kirby        | Pittman     | Vaughan    |
| Denney     | Liebmann     | Pruett      | Virgin     |
| Derby      | Lockhart     | Quinn       | Walker     |
| DeWitt     | Martin, Sc.  | Renegar     | Watson     |
| Dorman     | Martin, St.  | Richardson  | Wesselhoft |
| Enns       | McCullough   | Roan        | Williams   |
| Faught     | McDaniel, C. | Roberts, D. | Wright     |
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Bennett Hamilton Proctor Ritze

Christian Murphey Reynolds Terrill

EXCUSED: 5

Billy Kouplen Trebilcock

Joyner Morgan

CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE: 0

**Vote No on SQ 762**

BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1085

Version: CS

Request Number:

Author: Richardson

Date: 3/8/2012

Impact: Impact only if bonds need to be issued

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HJR 1085 creates a state question to amend the Oklahoma Constitution by creating the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund which is authorized to issue bonds used for a reserve fund for water resource and sewage treatment financial assistance programs for subdivisions of the state. OWRB can issue general obligation bonds up to \$300,000,000 only after other monies and sources are used for repayment. The Legislature is required to provide for administration for the fund, methods for issuing the bonds and sufficient appropriations to pay for the bonds.

Fiscal Analysis

CS for HJR 1085 sends to a vote of the people a proposed constitutional amendment creating within the Oklahoma Water Resources Board the Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to secure the payment on bonds issued to provide for the Board's financial assistance programs. The bonds authorized by the amendment would only be issued in the event of a future payment default and after all pledged monies, reserved funds required of borrowers, reserved funds required of OWRB, and any surety bond payments have been used. According to officials at the OWRB, this kind of default has never happened in the history of OWRB's lending and the likelihood of these bonds needing to be issued is minimal. The purpose of the bond authority is to allow towns and rural water districts the foundation of the state's credit as they secure financing for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades as outlined by the Comprehensive Water Plan.

Other Considerations

According to the OWRB, existing financing programs are expected to only cover 10% of the future demand for upgrades and improvements, leaving many Oklahoma communities to fend for themselves in securing financing.

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

HOUSE JOINT RES 1085 Constitutional amendment; water resources and

Richardson sewage treatment program; bonds; ballot title;

THIRD READING PASSED

YEAS: 81 RCS# 1407

NAYS: 11 3/12/2012

EXC: 7 3:08 PM

C/P: 0

VAC: 2

YEAS: 81

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| Condit                      | Joyner       | Peterson    | Stiles     |
| Coody                       | Kirby        | Pittman     | Thomsen    |
| Cooksey                     | Kouplen      | Proctor     | Vaughan    |
| Cox                         | Liebmann     | Pruett      | Virgin     |
| Dank                        | Lockhart     | Quinn       | Walker     |
| Denney                      | Martin, Sc.  | Renegar     | Watson     |
| Derby                       | Martin, St.  | Richardson  | Williams   |
| DeWitt                      | McCullough   | Roan        | Wright     |
| Dorman                      | McDaniel, C. | Roberts, D. | Mr.Speaker |
| Fourkiller                  | McDaniel, J. | Roberts, S. |            |
| Glenn                       | McDaniel, R. | Rousselot   |            |
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| NAYS: 11                    |              |             |            |
| Bennett                     | Hamilton     | Key         | Ritze      |
| Christian                   | Johnson      | Murphey     | Terrill    |
| Faught                      | Kern         | Reynolds    |            |
| EXCUSED: 7                  |              |             |            |
| Enns                        | Nelson       | Tibbs       | Wesselhoft |
| Morgan                      | Peters       | Trebilcock  |            |
| CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE: 0 |              |             |            |

### Vote No on SQ 764

Below is the State Question that we... well, began to question after an email from Representative Osborn was forwarded to us. When we looked back at the bill information we found that the bill that was passed didn't even mention the Governor controlling the DHS organization, it said that the legislature would create and administrate the agency.

Below is what Osborn had sent out on SQ 765 and it is very close to other legislator's email recommendations. We aren't picking on Osborn, just pointing out that the misinformation is wide spread and that got us to comparing notes and tying together some loose ends.

#### [SQ 765 Rep. Steele/Sen. Treat](#)

A yes vote on this State Question would abolish the Commission for Human Services, a constitutionally mandated, 9 member group of unelected volunteers. It is a 1930's governance model that can be traced to the agency's major problems with an unaccountable commission and an insulated director. With the passage of this measure The DHS director will be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. This would place the agency's leadership closer to the people because the Governor is accountable to all the people of the state. DHS would basically now be answering directly to the public, not an unelected, unaccountable commission.

Now here is what the legislation actually said about the bill that would become SQ 765:

This measure amends the State Constitution. It provides for the repeal of Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 which relate to the Department of Public Welfare, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare. This measure grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct by law the administration of a department or departments to provide for public welfare for the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 6>. For the purpose of effectively administering and carrying into execution all laws enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 1 of this Article, the Legislature is hereby authorized to create a department or departments charged with the duty and responsibility of faithfully administering and carrying into execution all laws enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 1 of this Article and shall perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law. <

And a monstrous red flag popped up, on the [enrolled \(final version\) of the bill](#) Democrat Wade Rousselot was one of the House co authors, along with Speaker Kris Steele, Jason Nelson, Pat Ownbey and Ron Peterson. That is a rouge's gallery if I ever saw one.

Here is the header of the enrolled version with the author's names in red type:

By: Steele, Rousselot, Nelson, Ownbey and Peterson of the House  
and  
Treat, Brinkley and Johnson (Constance) of the Senate

**So what is so ominous about Wade Rousselot's participation?** We reported last week that Republican Governor Mary Fallin has allowed her image to be used by incumbent House member Democrat Wade Rousselot's campaign even though he is running against Republican David Tackett.



Tackett's campaign put out the word on Fallin's tactic support of an opposing party candidate against one of her own party's candidates along with a letter from Representative Mike Reynolds and another from Representative Mike Ritze calling for Governor Fallin to set the record straight on allowing the use of her picture. This week other legislators joined in calling Fallin to limit the use of her image in supporting opposing candidates and to publically endorse the Republican candidate for House District 12. Also the Republican Chairman for Wagoner County called for Governor Fallin to explain the use of her picture on Rousselot's campaign material.

The Tackett campaign reported that one GOP official had this to say:

"This is unprecedented. I can't remember if there was a time that a State Representative sent out campaign literature with a picture of the Governor of the opposing party. And the fact that Governor Fallin has yet to endorse the Republican candidate in this race makes it even more troubling."

We need everyone to contact the Governor about this mess and demand a response. Governor Fallin's political director is Denise Northrup, and can be contacted at [denisenorthrup](mailto:denisenorthrup). Ask her just who the Governor is supporting in the HD 12 race and why the Governor's picture is on a Democrat's mailer. Tell her that Oklahomans deserve an answer on this issue.

It would appear to be obvious that the Governor may well have struck a deal with the liberal Democrat, support a power grab to seize power over the DHS department in exchange for her endorsement. I ask you how this is different from the Leftwich scandal that generated flimsy Oklahoma County criminal charges against two legislators in 2011? Are the unusually worded SQ 765 information emails circulating an effort to subvert the will of the legislature and potentially the vote of the people to maintain legislative control over the DHS agency? Is this a Quid Pro Quo between Republican Governor Fallin and Democrat Wade Rousselot?

Governor Fallin has a staff member read our newsletter every Sunday night right after it comes out. Andrew Silverstri is the current Deputy Policy Director for Governor Fallin and I must say he is conscientious about doing his task so we know that Governor Fallin also reads everything we write or at least the most interesting parts. It might be a good idea to email Andrew as well and pass along a request that Governor Fallin either endorse the Republican candidate for House District 12 and put a stop to her support of Democrat Wade Rousselot or switch party her affiliation to Democrat.

Here are those emails again:

[andrew.silverstri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:andrew.silverstri@gov.ok.gov)

[denisenorthrup](mailto:denisenorthrup)

Bill No.: HJR 1092  
Version: CCRA  
Request Number: 10514  
Author: Speaker Steele et al  
Date: 5/22/2012  
Impact: \$0

Research Analysis

The CCS for HJR 1092 sends to a vote of the people a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 of the State Constitution that created the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare position. The measure would authorize the Legislature to create and direct by law the administration of the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Analysis

CCR A for HJR 1092 provides for a proposed amendment to the state Constitution and a ballot title related to repealing sections regarding the Department of Public Welfare, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare. In addition, the measure grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct by law the administration of a department(s) to provide for public welfare for Oklahomans.

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

CCR HJR1092 Constitutional amendment; Oklahoma Public Welfare

Steele Commission; authorizing the Legislature to create

FOURTH READING PASSED

YEAS: 80 RCS# 1948

NAYS: 7 5/22/2012

EXC: 11 5:30 PM

C/P: 0

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| Brown     | Hickman  | Mulready     | Scott      |
| Cannaday  | Holland  | Murphey      | Sears      |
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| Christian | Jackson  | Nollan       | Sherrer    |
| Condit    | Johnson  | Ortega       | Shoemaker  |
| Coody     | Jordan   | Osborn       | Shumate    |
| Cooksey   | Joyner   | Ownbey       | Stiles     |
| Cox       | Kern     | Peters       | Terrill    |
| Dank      | Key      | Peterson     | Trebilcock |
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Fourkiller      Martin, St.      Roberts, D.      Wright  
Glenn      McCullough      Roberts, S.      Mr.Speaker

NAYS: 7

Bennett      Morrisette      Reynolds      Williams  
Dorman      Renegar      Ritze

EXCUSED: 11

Brumbaugh      Hoskin      Morgan      Shelton  
Cockroft      McDaniel, C.      Newell      Thomsen  
Hilliard      McPeak      Richardson

And our recommendation on SQ 765?

We suggest that everyone vote yes on the condition that they be ready to help keep the legislature in control of the DHS and oppose any power grab by Governor Mary Fallin.

Straight party line voting on this one.

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR 52

Version: CCRA

Request Number: 3513

Author: Rep. Dank

Date: 5/23/2012

Impact: Tax Commission:

Local Revenue Impact

FY-13: \$0

FY-14: Decrease of \$50.1 Million

#### Research Analysis

The CCS for SJR52 directs the Secretary of State to refer to the people a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution exempting all intangible personal property from ad valorem taxation.

#### Fiscal Analysis

Tax Commission analysis date May 22, 2012, indicates the resolution amends Section 6A of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to provide that, beginning January 1, 2013, intangible personal property will not be subject to ad valorem taxation or to any other tax in-lieu of ad valorem taxation.

The estimated revenue impact of removing intangibles from central/unit valued companies is a \$50,139,999 loss of ad valorem revenue to local taxing jurisdictions.

**Vote yes on SQ 766**



## Food Stamp Phone Shumate

They call those "free" cell phones that are given away on street corners by vendors "food stamp phones" because if you are on food stamps you qualify for a "free" phone that you and I pay for through our phone bill taxes. That sense of entitlement is mirrored in Representative Jabar Shumate's campaign donation records.

Yeah, this one is a long article but you can scroll through the table of info below quickly while paying attention to the the info highlighted in red type. This guy is paying campaign workers to walk for him; I didn't know that was even legal! No one has ever paid any Tea Party volunteers to walk precincts for candidates! Plus Representative Shumate is buying tires for his car, traveling to San Francisco (I'm going to bite my tongue on that one), donating to organizations that support gays, lesbians, and transsexuals, and good lord, look at his Starbucks bill!

The gay connection was interesting as although there was plenty of rumors and he said/he said info coming out of Tulsa alleging that Shumate was a closeted gay this was the first real documented connection between Shumate and a gay supported organization. Now we aren't bashing on the gays, we tend to leave them alone if they aren't bothering anybody, just pointing out that Shumate supports their issues. Read [this article](#) posted on the Rainbow Coalition website. The relevant info is highlighted in red:

February 08, 2012

### **The Rainbow PUSH Coalition Applauds Prop 8 Ruling**

*Please see below a statement, from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, regarding marriage equality.*

"Many years ago in the late 1970s', I visited South Africa, then deep in the throes of apartheid system. I was asked by the media what I thought of the situation, and I said something very culturally challenging to them, "I believe in human rights for all human beings. We must measure human rights by one yardstick." That principle – our moral center - still applies. Everything flows from this perspective. We all matter. Today let us fix the problem, not fix the blame – let us come together and build a broad coalition.

We stand together today as equal members of the human family; as consistent principled advocates for human rights for all people. We stand together today to uphold the principles of due process, of equal protection under the law, of fighting against discrimination against any and all people based on race, religion, gender or **sexual orientation**.

We applaud today's court ruling that supports Marriage Equality, striking down Proposition 8 as unconstitutional. Peoples' right to self-expression, self-determination be respected and affirmed. It's time to challenge ignorance, a time to break the silence and the chains of hatred, of divisive and discriminatory bigotry. **Marriage is based on love and commitment — not on sexual orientation. Rainbow PUSH supports the right for any person to marry the person of their choosing.**

If Dr. King and our civil rights movement has taught us anything, it's the fundamental principle of that all people deserve Equal protection under the law. **LGBT people deserve equal rights** – including marriage equality – and equal protection under the law. Discrimination against one group of people is discrimination against all of us. The State – and the Courts - should not sanction discrimination.

To those that believe in and fought for civil rights, that marched to end discrimination and win equality, you must not become that which you hated. It's past time to persist in hypocrisy and ignorance, and time to come out of the shadows and darkness to support unequivocally, equality for all people. Those that support civil and human rights cannot, must not, become perpetrators of discrimination against others based upon race, religion, culture, **sexual orientation**.

African Americans know too well the sting of legal, state sanctioned, constitutionally driven "second class" citizenship – from centuries of legal slavery and Jim Crow segregation, to classified as 3/5 of a human being in the U.S. Constitution, to facing anti-miscegenation laws that prevented Blacks from marrying whites.

Marriage is a fundamental right of all individuals. That principle was upheld today — for Blacks and Whites, **for straight and gay**, for ALL Americans. No group of people should be denied their fundamental constitutional liberties, like equal protection under the law, simply because of who they are.

Interestingly enough, reportedly the black community hates it when gays compare what they went through in the civil rights struggle to the gay rights movement. Many blacks believe that the comparison cheapens their struggle, perverts it if I might be so bold to use that word. Representative Shumate is certainly struggling to keep one foot in the black community and in the gay community, risky politics at best. The

Tea Party could care less what Representative Shumate does to churn his butter but we don't like hypocrisy, if he is gay he should come right out and admit it. If he isn't gay he should address the allegations and put them to rest.

And take a look at all the "constituent gifts". This report reads like it is a slush fund to funnel campaign money to pay for Representative Shumate's personal expenses. That needs looking into, they cut off the gifts from lobbyists or at least make them public then allow money from campaign war chests to be spent on travel, Starbucks, Burlington Coat Factory, Wal-Mart, and so on? Spending \$20 for breakfast at Starbucks on a regular basis? That is living high on the hog

| Date         | Brief description of expenditure(s) | Name and address of the person/entity to which expenditure was made.               | Beneficiary Purpose            | Amount | Year-to-date total |
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| Mar 30, 2009 | Shuttle Service                     | Washington Metro<br>600 5th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                   | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 2.85   | 12.85              |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Gasoline                            | ONCUE Express 101<br>1 NW 23rd Street<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73104                | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 8.66   | 12.31              |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Printing                            | AMPCO Parking<br>2800 SW 23rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73119                        | Legislative<br>Business        | 16.00  | 128.00             |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Baggage Check                       | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261 | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 25.00  | 1,675.28           |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Abuelo's<br>17 East Sheridan<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73104                         | Legislative<br>Business        | 87.26  | 163.96             |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Hotel Stay                          | Sheraton Hotel<br>801 N. St. Asaph<br>Street<br>Alexandria,<br>VA 22314            | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 155.88 | 155.88             |
| Mar 29, 2009 | Hotel Stay                          | Embassy Suites<br>4650 W. Airport Fwy<br>Irving, TX 75062                          | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 148.35 | 148.35             |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Airport Shuttle                     | Washington Metro<br>600 5th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                   | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 10.00  | 12.85              |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Baggage Check                       | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261 | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 15.00  | 1,675.28           |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Lounge 201<br>201 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NE<br>Washington,<br>DC 20002            | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 22.80  | 22.80              |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Hyatt Hotel<br>1000 H Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                         | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 30.40  | 30.40              |
| Mar 25, 2009 | Coffee                              | Travel Traders<br>999 9th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                     | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 3.97   | 40.99              |
| Mar 25, 2009 | Volunteer Thank You Gifts           | Travel Traders<br>999 9th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                     | Volunteer Thank<br>You Gifts   | 26.44  | 40.99              |
| Mar 24, 2009 | Cellular Phone                      | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                 | Cellular Phone                 | 174.56 | 3,587.08           |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Cheevers Cafe<br>2409 Hudson Avenue<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73106                  | Legislative<br>Business        | 29.47  | 29.47              |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Office Supplies                     | Cartridge World<br>1605 North Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                  | Office Supplies                | 35.36  | 70.72              |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Constituant Thank You Gift          | Bed Bath & Beyond<br>5352 East Skelly Drive<br>Tulsa, OK 74135                     | Constituant<br>Thank You Gift  | 35.69  | 35.69              |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Thank You Card                      | Target<br>2417 W. Main Street<br>Norman, OK 73069                                  | Thank You Card                 | 2.11   | 2.11               |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Donation                            | Sigma Gamma Rho<br>Sorority<br>Post Office Box 48608<br>Tulsa, OK 74148            | Status of Women<br>Luncheon    | 100.00 | 130.00             |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Advertisement                       | Deborah Brown                                                                      | Legislative                    | 125.00 | 300.00             |

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| 2009            |                                      | Community School<br>2 South Elgin Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74120                                     | Travel                                                 |        |          |
| Mar 17,<br>2009 | Pikepass Rebill                      | Oklahoma Turnpike<br>Authority<br>4401 West Memorial<br>Road #130<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73134 | Pikepass Rebill                                        | 40.00  | 857.24   |
| Mar 16,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | Pearls Oyster Bar<br>928 NW 63rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73116                                  | Legislative<br>Business                                | 18.69  | 55.63    |
| Mar 13,<br>2009 | Parking                              | AMPCO Parking<br>2800 SW 23rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73119                                     | Legislative<br>Business Travel                         | 8.00   | 128.00   |
| Mar 13,<br>2009 | Luggage Check                        | Northwest Airlines<br>1105 Arbor Run Place<br>Brentwood, TN 37027                               | Legislative<br>Travel                                  | 15.00  | 271.89   |
| Mar 12,<br>2009 | Hotel Shuttle                        | Blue Cab<br>1417 Oakland Park<br>Avenue<br>Columbus Ohio,<br>OK 43224                           | Legislative<br>Business Travel                         | 29.19  | 29.19    |
| Mar 12,<br>2009 | Printing                             | Staples Office Supplies<br>2711 South Harvard<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                      | Legislative<br>Advertisement                           | 94.95  | 875.63   |
| Mar 09,<br>2009 | Dinner Meeting                       | Chilis Restaurant<br>1957 S. Muskogee<br>Tahlequah, OK 74464                                    | Legislative<br>Business                                | 50.96  | 50.96    |
| Mar 08,<br>2009 | Office Supplies                      | Wal-Mart<br>1801 Bell Isle Blvd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73118                                   | Office Supplies                                        | 35.22  | 132.25   |
| Mar 06,<br>2009 | Airline Ticket                       | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261              | Ohio Leg. for<br>Nat'l Alliance for<br>Charter Schools | 339.89 | 1,675.28 |
| Mar 03,<br>2009 | Accounting, Clerical,<br>Typesetting | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                               | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting                | 300.00 | 7,200.00 |
| Mar 02,<br>2009 | Thank You Notes                      | Reasor's<br>2429 East 15th Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74104                                            | Thank You Notes                                        | 35.68  | 35.68    |
| Mar 02,<br>2009 | Esquire Club                         | Parkhill Warehouse<br>5111 South Lewis<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                             | Dinner Meeting                                         | 90.37  | 214.26   |
| Mar 02,<br>2009 | Airline Ticket                       | Northwest Airlines<br>1105 Arbor Run Place<br>Brentwood, TN 37027                               | National Urban<br>League<br>Conference                 | 256.89 | 271.89   |
| Feb 27,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | VZD's Restaurant<br>4200 North Western<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73118                            | Legislative<br>Business                                | 29.96  | 63.63    |
| Feb 26,<br>2009 | Constituant Thank You<br>Gift        | Jensco, Inc<br>77-C Woodland Street<br>Manchester,<br>CT 06042                                  | Constutuant<br>Thank You Gift                          | 15.98  | 15.98    |
| Feb 25,<br>2009 | Cellular Phone                       | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                              | Cellular Phone                                         | 174.56 | 3,587.08 |
| Feb 23,<br>2009 | Legislative<br>Advertisement         | OETA OK Broadcasting<br>Post Office Box 14190<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73113                     | Legislative<br>Advertisement                           | 30.00  | 30.00    |
| Feb 23,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | Pearls Oyster Bar<br>928 NW 63rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73116                                  | Legislative<br>Business                                | 36.94  | 55.63    |
| Feb 23,<br>2009 | Pikepass Rebill                      | Oklahoma Turnpike<br>Authority<br>4401 West Memorial<br>Road #130<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73134 | Pikepass Rebill                                        | 46.70  | 857.24   |
| Feb 17,<br>2009 | Constituant Thank You                | Mary Murray's Florist<br>3333 East 31st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74135                               | Constituant<br>Thank You                               | 51.91  | 51.91    |
| Feb 16,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                          | Legislative<br>Business                                | 9.00   | 191.03   |
| Feb 16,<br>2009 | Printing                             | Staples Office Supplies<br>2711 South Harvard<br>Avenue                                         | Legislative<br>Advertisement                           | 63.47  | 875.63   |

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| Feb 10, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Tulsa, OK 74114<br>On The Border<br>Restaurant<br>3500 NW Expressway<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73112 | Legislative<br>Business                 | 81.74  | 109.23    |
| Feb 09, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Crown Plaza Of Tulsa<br>100 East 2nd Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74103                                     | Legislative<br>Business                 | 16.50  | 16.50     |
| Feb 08, 2009 | Auto Rental                             | Hotwire<br>655 Montgomery<br>Street<br>San Francisco,<br>CA 94111                                  | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 201.08 | 394.21    |
| Feb 07, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                             | Legislative<br>Business                 | 38.56  | 191.03    |
| Feb 04, 2009 | Accounting, Clerical,<br>Typesetting    | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                                  | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting | 300.00 | 7,200.00  |
| Feb 03, 2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Residence Inn - Dallas<br>7642 LBJ Freeway<br>Dallas, TX 75251                                     | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 51.75  | 51.75     |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Zephyrs Patio Lounge<br>5628 Sears Street<br>Dallas, TX 75206                                      | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 25.50  | 25.50     |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Car Rental                              | Alamo Car Rental<br>7777 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74115                                  | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.66  | 40.66     |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Lincoln Inn Of OKC<br>5405 North Lincoln<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73105                             | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 46.05  | 138.15    |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | Perry Publishing And<br>Broadcasting<br>7030 South Yale<br>Avenue #302<br>Tulsa, OK 74136          | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | 50.00  | 11,489.70 |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Telephone Service                       | Cox Communications<br>1811 East 51st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74136                                     | 2008 Campaign<br>HQ                     | 389.09 | 1,113.73  |
| Jan 30, 2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Lincoln Inn Of OKC<br>5405 North Lincoln<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73105                             | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 92.10  | 138.15    |
| Jan 28, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Brookside By Day<br>Restaurant<br>3313 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                   | Legislative<br>Business                 | 24.27  | 24.27     |
| Jan 26, 2009 | Service Charge/Airline<br>Ticket Change | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261                 | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.00  | 1,675.28  |
| Jan 26, 2009 | Cellular Phone Service                  | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                                 | Cellular Phone<br>Service               | 174.56 | 3,587.08  |
| Jan 24, 2009 | Auto Rental                             | Hotwire<br>655 Montgomery<br>Street<br>San Francisco,<br>CA 94111                                  | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 193.13 | 394.21    |
| Jan 20, 2009 | Service Charge/Airline<br>Ticket Change | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261                 | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.00  | 1,675.28  |
| Jan 14, 2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Springhill Suites<br>3 SE Interstate Drive<br>Lawton, OK 73501                                     | Legislative Black<br>Caucus Retreat     | 101.02 | 101.02    |
| Jan 12, 2009 | Gasoline                                | E Z Go Mart<br>H. E. Bailey Turnpike<br>Chickasha, OK 73018                                        | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 15.12  | 15.12     |
| Jan 09, 2009 | Antivirus Software                      | DRI Trend Micro<br>Unkown<br>Unknown, OK 00000                                                     | Antivirus<br>Software                   | 35.95  | 35.95     |
| Jan 09, 2009 | Cellular Phone Repair                   | The Signal Cellular<br>Repair<br>625 Willow Springs<br>Lane<br>York, PA 17406                      | Cellular Phone<br>Repair                | 50.00  | 50.00     |
| Jan 09, 2009 | Accounting, Clerical,<br>Typesetting    | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                                  | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting | 300.00 | 7,200.00  |
| Jan 06,      | Post Office Box                         | United States                                                                                      | Post Office Box                         | 42.00  | 442.84    |

| Date         | Brief description of the expenditure(s) | Name and address of the person/entity to which expenditure was made.           | Beneficiary | Explanation of Purpose       | Amount   | Year-to-date total |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 2009         | Renewal                                 | Postmaster<br>626 East Apache Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                        |             | Renewal                      |          |                    |
| Jan 02, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105            |             |                              |          |                    |
| Jun 11, 2012 | Breakfast                               | Starbuck's Coffee House<br>1832 Utica Square<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                | Camapign    | Legislative Business Meeting | 20.00    | 504.19             |
| Jun 11, 2012 | Postage                                 | United States Post Office<br>626 East Apache Street<br>Tulssa, OK 74106        | Camapign    | Postage                      | 32.00    | 317.76             |
| Jun 11, 2012 | Refreshments                            | Walgreens<br>405 East 2nd Street<br>Sand Springs, OK 74063                     | Campaign    | Campaign Headquarters        | 62.30    | 227.08             |
| Jun 11, 2012 | Advertisement                           | Prairie Production<br>1637 South Boston Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74119              | Campaign    | Advertisement                | 351.09   | 696.96             |
| Jun 11, 2012 | Advertisement                           | The Oklahoma Eagle<br>624 East Archer<br>Tulsa, OK 74120                       | Campaign    | Advertisement                | 1,320.00 | 5,970.00           |
| Jun 08, 2012 | Refreshments                            | Walgreens<br>405 East 2nd Street<br>Sand Springs, OK 74063                     | Campaign    | Campaign Headquarters        | 51.68    | 227.08             |
| Jun 08, 2012 | Telephone Polling                       | SHO & Associates<br>2840 Linda Lane<br>Oklahoma City, OK 73115                 | Campaign    | Campaign                     | 4,649.48 | 4,649.48           |
| Jun 07, 2012 | Campaign Walking                        | Kevin Watkins<br>1301 North Denver<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                          | Campaign    | Campaign Walking             | 40.00    | 430.00             |
| Jun 07, 2012 | Meal                                    | Mazzio's Pizza<br>2305 West Edison<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                          | Campaign    | Campaign Walkers             | 40.82    | 155.16             |
| Jun 07, 2012 | Gasoline                                | Quick Trip<br>229 N. Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127               | Campaign    | Legislative Travel           | 60.95    | 2,616.96           |
| Jun 06, 2012 | Meal                                    | McDonald's Restaurant<br>229 North Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127 | Campaign    | Campaign Walker              | 6.04     | 33.69              |
| Jun 06, 2012 | Meal                                    | McDonald's Restaurant<br>229 North Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127 | Campaign    | Campaign Walkers             | 14.26    |                    |

**Subject:** FW: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?  
**Date:** Monday, October 08, 2012 11:48:58 AM

I think we can really debunk this fiscal analysis, depending on what path we take for the SQ.

There is still a delay in processing cases, and this will continue whether or not the Governor is in the process. Right now we are processing cases from June or July, so it is taking 3 to 4 months for cases to reach our office.

Board staff said there are issues with DOC such as: delay in returning parole certificates to us (these have to be signed by the offender); delay in placing offenders in programs (the stipulations must be completed before we receive the file); and delay in home offers being approved.

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#### [Fiscal Analysis](#)

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SJR25 authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to nonviolent offenders. This action will allow nonviolent parolees to be released earlier than they are currently and save the Department of Corrections (DOC) the cost of housing these offenders while awaiting approval from the Governor.

According to the Pardon & Parole Board, approximately 1,200 non-violent offenders are recommended for parole annually. The process typically takes about 90 days after the Board recommendation before the offender is released. SJR25 would shorten that process by approximately 60 days. With average daily prison costs of \$46/day per offender, SJR25 would save approximately \$2,760 per offender, or \$3.3 million annually.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2012 10:43 AM  
**To:** Steve Mullins; Rebecca Frazier  
**Subject:** FW: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?

Interesting – sooner tea party advocating no on the pardon and parole question...

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2012 9:08 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Fw: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?

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**From:** Sooner Tea Party [<mailto:soonerteaparty@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2012 09:06 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
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The Democratic challenger for the Senate District 15 seat is Mrs. Claudia Griffith, a newcomer herself to politics but she is no stranger. Her husband sits on the Norman City Council. That raised some red flags immediately. The Norman City Council is quietly implementing the U.N.'s agenda 21 right under the noses of the public with the help of a corrupt GOP candidate for the state legislature Bobby Cleveland.

Mrs. Griffith's [web site](#) gives her work history as nursing and she claims to be an independent thinker.

However there is a complete lack of specifics in her proposals on her website. She believes that throwing more money at schools will solve our education problem, when it won't. What is needed in education is more local control and less state and federal interference in education. She fails to indicate whether or not she supports Obamacare. She also fails to indicate whether or not she supports the size of government. Sometimes what people don't say is more important than what they do say.

The Oklahoma State AFL-CIO is her largest contributor by far having contributed \$5,000.00 to her campaign. We expect unions to contribute to Democrats, so this is no big deal.

In her filings with the Oklahoma State Ethics Commission three items that stuck out. The first is

- Evolve Ok
- the second is Transform Ok
- the third is Okie Force

The reason these three stuck out is that they all three share the same address. Now this would not be unusual if it was an office building, but it's not; this is a home in one of the outlying suburbs of Oklahoma City. All three entities are environmentally oriented organizations. In other words, they support Norman's Agenda 21 scheme. Why are we not surprised that they support her? I wonder if Bobby Cleveland has taken their money as well?

This is not a candidate that we can support. There is too much Agenda 21 in her platform to do Oklahoma and Oklahoma jobs any good.



## The Rat, the Democrat and the Republican

By Ms PM

This story goes to show that it doesn't matter what party you belong to, the same conclusion is reached...our country is in trouble.

Vacationing in California and seeing my old boss and dear friend of 20+ years, we were able to talk about many of the issues facing the nation. This was a new experience for me as we had never gotten into politics. Armed with more knowledge following the political foolishness over the past few years, our conversations were interesting with surprisingly similar thought processes for the most part.

The only news I was able to catch was from local stations. During the two week stay the main topics were mostly about local California stupidity and I began to ask questions to see if my friend knew any of what was really going on. His most disturbing question was, "why haven't I heard about any of this stuff you're talking about in the news?"

He is a person that lives on 350 acres of one of the most beautiful secluded hill tops about five miles inland from the coast just south of Half Moon Bay. There is no cell coverage and he gets about eleven TV stations with an antenna, with six that are in English. That perturbs him, my word, not his. Politically correct isn't in his vocabulary. Being a registered Democrat and one that voted for Obama in 08, I could tell that some of what I was saying was disturbing, but, not at all surprising to him. He had no idea about all the executive orders bypassing Congress nor the acquisition of guns and ammo being stockpiled by different entities of the government just to name a couple. The information on the NDAA left him speechless.

This man has qualities that most others have discarded. His loyalty to people and friends would warm any heart. He's around 70 years old and a Vietnam Vet. He learned a long time ago that fighting in that war wasn't patriotic when he came back home. Being one of principle, he has become bitter towards our government because of all the lies told to him and others and absolutely does not trust those in charge. He has chosen not to follow what is going on because he gets too mad and doesn't believe there is anything he can do to change any of it. Both Obama and Romney scare the hell out of him. He doesn't believe either will keep their promises and follow what the Founders set up for America. The sadness I saw in his tired face broke my heart. I saw clearly what a tyrannical government does to its people. And now, his

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only choice as he sees it, is to live in an area he loves, eke out a living to pay his rent and enjoy the hilltop with some semblance of peace.

By now you're probably wondering how the rat fits into this. Well...he has an old truck parked that isn't running. I had parked next to it and he said, "I want to show you something." He raised the hood and this huge pack rat was sitting in the well established nest he had built for himself, just looking at us. He had been there a while. Two days later we went into town and there was no washer fluid, odd, it had been filled not long ago.

I checked it the next morning and Mr. Rat had chewed the hose to the wiper fluid and what I saw laying on the top of the motor was pretty amazing. There was one of our "Oklahoma Guardian" newspapers. Somehow he had gotten into the truck and swiped a copy to start his nest with under the hood. I took the paper into the house and had told my friend what had happened.

Curiosity got the better of him and he read the article I had written on "Fear and Unrest, What Will You Do?" But...he continued to read the entire newspaper. From all of our conversations we had had, after reading the newspaper he understood to a greater depth of what I had talked to him about. It had come clear to him that it didn't matter what party you were registered as, if what both party's are doing is wrong, it's wrong.

He understood why we were doing what we do and I understood just how worn out he had become. So...I will continue this fight for America, for him, and all of us. What an exceptional experience....and all because of a lesson from a rat. It doesn't get any better than that!



Rep.Shumate married

I gots me a sugar daddy to go with all these kids!

### **Stuart and the State Chamber Sitting in a Tree,**

### **K-I-S-S-I-N-G.**

### **First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage,**

### **Then Comes Stuart With a Baby Carriage...**

Do kids still use that childhood ditty that our generation used to use on the playground to tease other kids that were smitten? Yuck, girls had cooties after all! Or so we thought at that young age, later on we wanted all the cooties we could get. If kids are still using the chant then it applies quite well to Stuart Jolley the director of Oklahoma's chapter of Americans For Prosperity (AFP). This last week found old Stuart (AKA Little Man Viagra spokesperson) slobbering all over the State Chamber and supporting their judicial evaluation report that is purported to evaluate judges based on their "pro business" positions.

Now we aren't knocking the idea of someone keeping up with these judges and letting the voters know when the law isn't followed and judges disregard Oklahoma conservative values. Appellate court judges stand for retention votes every six years and Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices stand for retention at the next statewide election following their initial appointment. As the sitting judges usually retain their seat by a two to one margin it is entirely appropriate for someone to cast a leery eye on their records, our problem is with the State Chamber being the sole judge, jury, and executioner.

So Stuart Jolly, ever the publicity hound, spooned up with the State Chamber in calling out four Justices for being activist judge: Yvonne Kauger, James Edmondson, Douglas Combs, and Noma Gurich. Stuart said in an interview that he would be publicizing the judicial rankings to "thousands of its members". Right..., I remember back when Stuart was claiming 40,000 member of Oklahoma AFP and we would have to lend him Sooner Tea Party volunteers to staff his table at events. People's email address captured by others forwarding their newsletter hardly constitutes "membership in a group. Hell Stuart, don't stop there, get a phone book and do some robo calls and claim everyone with a working phone number as a member.

Interesting enough, Stuart also claimed in a Capitol Beat story that he was considering whether or not to launch an advertising campaign against the jurists, something that AFP National might be interested in as actually advertising against a candidate violates their 501C 3 status.

The problem with AFP endorsing the State Chamber judicial rankings is that the judges are ranked using a narrow set of interests, the big business interests of the State Chamber with zero use of constitutional or civil rights votes. The only issues covered were employment, medical malpractice, product liability, insurance, other liability issues and workers' compensation, nothing was considered that covered respect for existing law, freedom, liberty, or justice.

The judges do need reined in, the AT&T v. Oklahoma State Board of Equalization case resulted in a ruling that ruled that “intangible” property could be assessed for purposes of ad valorem taxation, leading to a quick fix at the Capitol that allowed businesses to pay a token tax, but one that required more bookkeeping for businesses and was and is a pain in the Stuart Jolley. State Question 766 is to address this issue on the November ballot, but allowing the State Chamber even more control over Oklahoman’s affairs is hardly a step forward for conservatives.

Poor Stuart, he reminds me of a blond joke:

Question: What is the first thing a blond will do in the morning?

Answer: She walks home.....

So once again Stuart Jolley embarrasses Oklahoma values and AFP by supporting the State Chamber instead of the common good. No doubt someone will catch him trudging North on the Broadway Extension one of these mornings, pushing his baby carriage full of illegitimate State Chamber offspring, already showing signs of his latest love child that he agreed to carry for the State Chamber.



## Give This Man Some Help

### Or Would You Rather See a Liberal Democrat Elected Again?

Dave Bell, one of our favorite candidates, is running against former representative Jabar Shumate of North Tulsa. Shumate is a liberal Democrat, allegedly accused of being a closeted gay man, and is someone that needs sent back to the life he is better suited for. Dave put out a request for campaign donations last week so his campaign can purchase more signage and flyers for precinct walks.

Last week the Sooner Tea Party reached out to Brian Bingman, the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the one that has access to Senate PAC money. Bingman’s office did respond and they did talk to Dave Bell on the possibility of considering a PAC donation but the staffer threw up a smokescreen of requirements before the Senate PAC would donate. Basically if the candidate had the money to jump through all their hoops, he wouldn’t need their donation. Not good Brian, Dave Bell is a constitutional conservative, not a process that you can size up and categorize. Last I checked the Senate PAC had over \$40,000 sitting in the bank and Dave Bell is one of the handful of contested Senate races in November.

**Let’s remind Brian Bingman that their PAC money was given to promote Republican candidates for Senate office. You can email Brian at [bingman@oksenate.gov](mailto:bingman@oksenate.gov).**

Let’s also dig into our pockets and donate directly to Dave Bell. I will personally match the first \$250.00 in donations to Dave so that your hard earned money is stretched to do more good. Just reply to this newsletter letting me know how much you donated and I will send a matching amount to Dave Bell. Any amount will help, from \$5.00 to \$5,000.00, and donations under \$50 won’t become public record if you wish, just make sure that you don’t contribute more than \$50 per campaign because then the info becomes public. If your donation is over \$50, include who you work for, your profession, along with your home address.

Dave is a hard core constitutional conservative and he will look out for our interests all across the state if we can get him elected. You can’t push Dave around, he stands for everything that the Republican Party Platform and the Tea Party stands for, and I think you would have to kill him before he would break his word. You can contact Dave at 918-638-9977 to donate or to volunteer. Please mail checks to Dave Bell for State Senate, 1312 North Canton, Tulsa Ok, 74115



## No Where to Hide Indeed

Once again State GOP Chairman Matt Pinnell cast aside decency and common sense with [his weekly rant](#) against other politicians. In his blog "Nowhere to Hide" Matt takes Obama to task for his record so far, high unemployment, skyrocketing debt, and poor foreign policy. He reminds us that Obama said in 2008 that if he didn't turn things around then he would be a one term president. Fair enough Matt...

Pinnell goes on to brag about Romney's Massachusetts record, balancing the budget, cutting taxes, reduced spending, and job growth, all with a Democrat controlled legislature.

Pinnell doesn't mention though the decline of Oklahoma's prosperity during his leadership of the GOP. Our own unemployment is still fairly high, the Governor that he helped elect and continues to support schemed to implement Obama Care on Oklahomans, while the Capitol building crumbles around her desk. Pinnell himself made huge promises in 2010 to win the Oklahoma GOP State Chairman slot yet few of those promises were delivered. Pinnell sat on his hands and watched the two largest budgets in Oklahoma history get passed at the Capital, saw the Governor that he supported join with the State Chamber of Commerce and RINO Republicans to support a bill that promised prosperity by taxing our way into economic freedom in a 2010 billion dollar state tax increase and Pinnell did this despite having a rock solid majority in the House, Senate, and all of the state agencies.

We can only hope that Republicans in Oklahoma make it to the February Republican precinct meetings, ask to be a delegate, and either remove Pinnell from office or force him to do his job of supporting the Republican Party Platform.



## Questioning the State Questions?

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Sooner Tea Party Newsletter published a list of State Questions that would be on the November ballot and made recommendations on how to vote. However we had to take a second look at one of those State Questions after new information popped up that made us question if SQ 765 deserved a yes vote. Sometimes many minds working on a possible corruption case or an attempt to confuse and lead astray conservative voters will benefit finding the truth or will at least drive the cockroaches from the cracks where we can stomp on them. Below in blue type is the bill summary of every one of the State Questions along with the House voting record where it is warranted. Sometimes knowing who voted for and against a bill helps to define exactly what the intent of the legislature was. But skip the blue type if you wish to get to the gist of the matter.

The legislative bill number needs to be linked with the State Question number to avoid confusion:

SQ758 = HJR1002    SQ759 =SJR15    SQ762 = SJR25    SQ764 = HJR1085

SQ765 = HJR1092    SQ766 = SJR52

### BILL SUMMARY

#### 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1002

Version:            Senate Amendments

Request Number:    NA

Author:             Rep. Dank

Date:                4/19/2011

Impact: Change in the Rate of Growth

FY-14: \$6,558,000

**The Tax Commission indicates the rate of potential growth in the revenue to taxing jurisdictions will be restrained. Analysis undertaken by the Commission reveals that forty-two percent (42%) of residential and commercial property parcels may be subject**

to a full five percent (5.0%) valuation increase at some point in future years. A reduction in the maximum annual rate of assessed valuation increase to three percent (3.0%) will restrain the revenue growth rate approximately \$6.56 million in FY-14. The estimate is based on current county databases – the actual effect on revenue growth will be a function of changes in valuation in coming years.

The change in growth resulting from a similar cap in agricultural land is not estimated, as the utilization of use value methodology to value property is not expected to exceed the percentage cap.

Only around \$7,000,000 in savings to the tax payer? Small change, better than a sharp stick in the eye but they could do much better.

Vote yes on SQ 758

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR 15  
Version: Committee Substitute  
Request Number: 1531  
Author: Sen. Rob Johnson  
Date: 4/26/2011  
Impact: \$0

#### Fiscal Analysis

The CS for SJR 15 ask the voters to approve or reject an amendment that the state shall not grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on certain specified conditions. This state question will be on the General Election ballot, so it will cost no additional funds to be voted upon.

Vote Yes on SQ 759

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR25  
Version: CS  
Request Number: N/A  
Author: Representative Faught  
Date: 2/29/2012  
Impact: Estimated Cost Savings – DOC  
\$3.3 Million Annually

#### Research Analysis

The CS for Engrossed SJR 25 sends to a vote of the people a proposed amendment to the State Constitution that would give the Pardon and Parole Board the power to grant parole for nonviolent offenses and would require the Board to report annually to the Legislature certain information about all paroles granted.

Fiscal Analysis

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SJR25 authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to nonviolent offenders. This action will allow nonviolent parolees to be released earlier than they are currently and save the Department of Corrections (DOC) the cost of housing these offenders while awaiting approval from the Governor.

According to the Pardon & Parole Board, approximately 1,200 non-violent offenders are recommended for parole annually. The process typically takes about 90 days after the Board recommendation before the offender is released. SJR25 would shorten that process by approximately 60 days. With average daily prison costs of \$46/day per offender, SJR25 would save approximately \$2,760 per offender, or \$3.3 million annually.

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

SENATE JOINT RES 25 Constitutional amendment; modifying parole

Steele authority. Ballot title. Filing.

THIRD READING PASSED

YEAS: 86 RCS# 1194

NAYS: 8 2/29/2012

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YEAS: 86

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| Brumbaugh  | Holland      | Nelson      | Shannon    |
| Cannaday   | Hoskin       | Newell      | Shelton    |
| Casey      | Inman        | Nollan      | Sherrer    |
| Cockroft   | Jackson      | Ortega      | Shoemaker  |
| Condit     | Johnson      | Osborn      | Shumate    |
| Coody      | Jordan       | Ownbey      | Stiles     |
| Cooksey    | Kern         | Peters      | Thomsen    |
| Cox        | Key          | Peterson    | Tibbs      |
| Dank       | Kirby        | Pittman     | Vaughan    |
| Denney     | Liebmann     | Pruett      | Virgin     |
| Derby      | Lockhart     | Quinn       | Walker     |
| DeWitt     | Martin, Sc.  | Renegar     | Watson     |
| Dorman     | Martin, St.  | Richardson  | Wesselhoft |
| Enns       | McCullough   | Roan        | Williams   |
| Faught     | McDaniel, C. | Roberts, D. | Wright     |
| Fourkiller | McDaniel, J. | Roberts, S. | Mr.Speaker |
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Joyner          Morgan

CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE: 0

**Vote No on SQ 762**

#### BILL SUMMARY

#### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1085

Version: CS

Request Number:

Author: Richardson

Date: 3/8/2012

Impact: Impact only if bonds need to be issued

#### Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HJR 1085 creates a state question to amend the Oklahoma Constitution by creating the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund which is authorized to issue bonds used for a reserve fund for water resource and sewage treatment financial assistance programs for subdivisions of the state. OWRB can issue general obligation bonds up to \$300,000,000 only after other monies and sources are used for repayment. The Legislature is required to provide for administration for the fund, methods for issuing the bonds and sufficient appropriations to pay for the bonds.

#### Fiscal Analysis

CS for HJR 1085 sends to a vote of the people a proposed constitutional amendment creating within the Oklahoma Water Resources Board the Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to secure the payment on bonds issued to provide for the Board's financial assistance programs. The bonds authorized by the amendment would only be issued in the event of a future payment default and after all pledged monies, reserved funds required of borrowers, reserved funds required of OWRB, and any surety bond payments have been used. According to officials at the OWRB, this kind of default has never happened in the history of OWRB's lending and the likelihood of these bonds needing to be issued is minimal. The purpose of the bond authority is to allow towns and rural water districts the foundation of the state's credit as they secure financing for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades as outlined by the Comprehensive Water Plan.

#### Other Considerations

According to the OWRB, existing financing programs are expected to only cover 10% of the future demand for upgrades and improvements, leaving many Oklahoma communities to fend for themselves in securing financing.

#### OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

HOUSE JOINT RES 1085 Constitutional amendment; water resources and

Richardson sewage treatment program; bonds; ballot title;

THIRD READING PASSED

YEAS: 81

RCS# 1407



This measure amends the State Constitution. It provides for the repeal of Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 which relate to the Department of Public Welfare, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare. This measure grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct by law the administration of a department or departments to provide for public welfare for the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 6>. For the purpose of effectively administering and carrying into execution all laws enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 1 of this Article, the Legislature is hereby authorized to create a department or departments charged with the duty and responsibility of faithfully administering and carrying into execution all laws enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 1 of this Article and shall perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law. <

And a monstrous red flag popped up, on the [enrolled \(final version\) of the bill](#) Democrat Wade Rousselot was one of the House co authors, along with Speaker Kris Steele, Jason Nelson, Pat Ownbey and Ron Peterson. That is a rouge's gallery if I ever saw one.

Here is the header of the enrolled version with the author's names in red type:

ENROLLED HOUSE  
JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1092

By: Steele, Rousselot, Nelson, Ownbey and Peterson of the House  
and  
Treat, Brinkley and Johnson (Constance) of the Senate

**So what is so ominous about Wade Rousselot's participation?** We reported last week that Republican Governor Mary Fallin has allowed her image to be used by incumbent House member Democrat Wade Rousselot's campaign even though he is running against Republican David Tackett.

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Tackett's campaign put out the word on Fallin's tactic support of an opposing party candidate against one of her own party's candidates along with a letter from Representative Mike Reynolds and another from Representative Mike Ritze calling for Governor Fallin to set the record straight on allowing the use of her picture. This week other legislators joined in calling Fallin to limit the use of her image in supporting opposing candidates and to publically endorse the Republican candidate for House District 12. Also the Republican Chairman for Wagoner County called for Governor Fallin to explain the use of her picture on Rousselot's campaign material.

The Tackett campaign reported that one GOP official had this to say:

"This is unprecedented. I can't remember if there was a time that a State Representative sent out campaign literature with a picture of the Governor of the opposing party. And the fact that Governor Fallin has yet to endorse the Republican candidate in this race makes it even more troubling."

We need everyone to contact the Governor about this mess and demand a response. Governor Fallin's political director is Denise Northrup, and can be contacted at [denisenorthrup](#). Ask her just who the Governor is supporting in the HD 12 race and why the Governor's picture is on a Democrat's mailer. Tell her that Oklahomans deserve an answer on this issue.

It would appear to be obvious that the Governor may well have struck a deal with the liberal Democrat, support a power grab to seize power over the DHS department in exchange for her endorsement. I ask you how this is different from the Leftwich scandal that generated flimsy Oklahoma County criminal charges against two legislators in 2011? Are the unusually worded SQ 765 information emails circulating an effort to subvert the will of the legislature and potentially the vote of the people to maintain legislative control over the DHS agency? Is this a Quid Pro Quo between Republican Governor Fallin and Democrat Wade Rousselot?

Governor Fallin has a staff member read our newsletter every Sunday night right after it comes out. Andrew Silverstri is the current Deputy Policy Director for Governor Fallin and I must say he is conscientious about doing his task so we know that Governor Fallin also reads

everything we write or at least the most interesting parts. It might be a good idea to email Andrew as well and pass along a request that Governor Fallin either endorse the Republican candidate for House District 12 and put a stop to her support of Democrat Wade Rousselot or switch party her affiliation to Democrat.

Here are those emails again:

[andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov)

[denisenorthrup](#) [REDACTED]

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1092  
Version: CCRA  
Request Number: 10514  
Author: Speaker Steele et al  
Date: 5/22/2012  
Impact: \$0

#### Research Analysis

The CCS for HJR 1092 sends to a vote of the people a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 of the State Constitution that created the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare position. The measure would authorize the Legislature to create and direct by law the administration of the Department of Human Services.

#### Fiscal Analysis

CCR A for HJR 1092 provides for a proposed amendment to the state Constitution and a ballot title related to repealing sections regarding the Department of Public Welfare, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare. In addition, the measure grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct by law the administration of a department(s) to provide for public welfare for Oklahomans.

#### OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

CCR HJR1092 Constitutional amendment; Oklahoma Public Welfare

Steele Commission; authorizing the Legislature to create

#### FOURTH READING PASSED

YEAS: 80 RCS# 1948

NAYS: 7 5/22/2012

EXC: 11 5:30 PM

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YEAS: 80

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Billy Hamilton McNeil Sanders

Blackwell Hardin Moore Schwartz

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| Christian  | Jackson     | Nollan      | Sherrer    |
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| Coody      | Jordan      | Osborn      | Shumate    |
| Cooksey    | Joyner      | Ownbey      | Stiles     |
| Cox        | Kern        | Peters      | Terrill    |
| Dank       | Key         | Peterson    | Trebilcock |
| Denney     | Kirby       | Pittman     | Vaughan    |
| Derby      | Kouplen     | Proctor     | Virgin     |
| DeWitt     | Liebmann    | Pruett      | Walker     |
| Enns       | Lockhart    | Quinn       | Watson     |
| Faught     | Martin, Sc. | Roan        | Wesselhoft |
| Fourkiller | Martin, St. | Roberts, D. | Wright     |
| Glenn      | McCullough  | Roberts, S. | Mr.Speaker |

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| Cockroft  | McDaniel, C. | Newell     | Thomsen |
| Hilliard  | McPeak       | Richardson |         |

And our recommendation on SQ 765?

We suggest that everyone vote yes on the condition that they be ready to help keep the legislature in control of the DHS and oppose any power grab by Governor Mary Fallin.

Straight party line voting on this one.

#### BILL SUMMARY

#### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR 52

Version: CCRA

Request Number: 3513

Author: Rep. Dank

Date: 5/23/2012

Impact: Tax Commission:

Local Revenue Impact

FY-13: \$0

FY-14: Decrease of \$50.1 Million

#### Research Analysis

The CCS for SJR52 directs the Secretary of State to refer to the people a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution exempting all intangible personal property from ad valorem taxation.

#### Fiscal Analysis

Tax Commission analysis date May 22, 2012, indicates the resolution amends Section 6A of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to provide that, beginning January 1, 2013, intangible personal property will not be subject to ad valorem taxation or to any other tax in-lieu of ad valorem taxation.

The estimated revenue impact of removing intangibles from central/unit valued companies is a \$50,139,999 loss of ad valorem revenue to local taxing jurisdictions.

**Vote yes on SQ 766**



## Food Stamp Phone Shumate

They call those "free" cell phones that are given away on street corners by vendors "food stamp phones" because if you are on food stamps you qualify for a "free" phone that you and I pay for through our phone bill taxes. That sense of entitlement is mirrored in Representative Jabar Shumate's campaign donation records.

Yeah, this one is a long article but you can scroll through the table of info below quickly while paying attention to the the info highlighted in red type. This guy is paying campaign workers to walk for him; I didn't know that was even legal! No one has ever paid any Tea Party volunteers to walk precincts for candidates! Plus Representative Shumate is buying tires for his car, traveling to San Francisco (I'm going to bite my tongue on that one), donating to organizations that support gays, lesbians, and transsexuals, and good lord, look at his Starbucks bill!

The gay connection was interesting as although there was plenty of rumors and he said/he said info coming out of Tulsa alleging that Shumate was a closeted gay this was the first real documented connection between Shumate and a gay supported organization. Now we aren't bashing on the gays, we tend to leave them alone if they aren't bothering anybody, just pointing out that Shumate supports their issues. Read [this article](#) posted on the Rainbow Coalition website. The relevant info is highlighted in red:

February 08, 2012

### **[The Rainbow PUSH Coalition Applauds Prop 8 Ruling](#)**

*Please see below a statement, from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, regarding marriage equality.*

"Many years ago in the late 1970s, I visited South Africa, then deep in the throes of apartheid system. I was asked by the media what I thought of the situation, and I said something very culturally challenging to them, "I believe in human rights for all human beings. We must measure human rights by one yardstick." That principle – our moral center - still applies. Everything flows from this perspective. We all matter. Today let us fix the problem, not fix the blame – let us come together and build a broad coalition.

We stand together today as equal members of the human family; as consistent principled advocates for human rights for all people. We stand together today to uphold the principles of due process, of equal protection under the law, of fighting against discrimination against any and all people based on race, religion, gender or **sexual orientation**.

We applaud today's court ruling that supports Marriage Equality, striking down Proposition 8 as unconstitutional. Peoples' right to self-expression, self-determination be respected and affirmed. It's time to challenge ignorance, a time to break the silence and the chains of hatred, of divisive and discriminatory bigotry. **Marriage is based on love and commitment — not on sexual orientation. Rainbow PUSH supports the right for any person to marry the person of their choosing..**

If Dr. King and our civil rights movement has taught us anything, it's the fundamental principle of that all people deserve Equal protection under the law. **LGBT people deserve equal rights** – including marriage equality – and equal protection under the law. Discrimination against one group of people is discrimination against all of us. The State – and the Courts - should not sanction discrimination.

To those that believe in and fought for civil rights, that marched to end discrimination and win equality, you must not become that which you

hated. It's past time to persist in hypocrisy and ignorance, and time to come out of the shadows and darkness to support unequivocally, equality for all people. Those that support civil and human rights cannot, must not, become perpetrators of discrimination against others based upon race, religion, culture, **sexual orientation**.

African Americans know too well the sting of legal, state sanctioned, constitutionally driven "second class" citizenship – from centuries of legal slavery and Jim Crow segregation, to classified as 3/5 of a human being in the U.S. Constitution, to facing anti-miscegenation laws that prevented Blacks from marrying whites.

Marriage is a fundamental right of all individuals. That principle was upheld today — for Blacks and Whites, **for straight and gay**, for ALL Americans. No group of people should be denied their fundamental constitutional liberties, like equal protection under the law, simply because of who they are.

Interestingly enough, reportedly the black community hates it when gays compare what they went through in the civil rights struggle to the gay rights movement. Many blacks believe that the comparison cheapens their struggle, perverts it if I might be so bold to use that word. Representative Shumate is certainly struggling to keep one foot in the black community and in the gay community, risky politics at best. The Tea Party could care less what Representative Shumate does to churn his butter but we don't like hypocrisy, if he is gay he should come right out and admit it. If he isn't gay he should address the allegations and put them to rest.

And take a look at all the "constituent gifts". This report reads like it is a slush fund to funnel campaign money to pay for Representative Shumate's personal expenses. That needs looking into, they cut off the gifts from lobbyists or at least make them public then allow money from campaign war chests to be spent on travel, Starbucks, Burlington Coat Factory, Wal-Mart, and so on? Spending \$20 for breakfast at Starbucks on a regular basis? That is living high on the hog

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| Mar 30, 2009 | Shuttle Service                         | Washington Metro<br>600 5th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                   |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 2.85   | 12.85              |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Gasoline                                | ONCUE Express 101<br>1 NW 23rd Street<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73104                |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 8.66   | 12.31              |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Printing                                | AMPCO Parking<br>2800 SW 23rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73119                        |             | Legislative<br>Business        | 16.00  | 128.00             |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Baggage Check                           | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261 |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 25.00  | 1,675.28           |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                          | Abuelo's<br>17 East Sheridan<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73104                         |             | Legislative<br>Business        | 87.26  | 163.96             |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Sheraton Hotel<br>801 N. St. Asaph<br>Street<br>Alexandria,<br>VA 22314            |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 155.88 | 155.88             |
| Mar 29, 2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Embassy Suites<br>4650 W. Airport Fwy<br>Irving, TX 75062                          |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 148.35 | 148.35             |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Airport Shuttle                         | Washington Metro<br>600 5th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                   |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 10.00  | 12.85              |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Baggage Check                           | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261 |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 15.00  | 1,675.28           |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                          | Lounge 201<br>201 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NE<br>Washington,<br>DC 20002            |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 22.80  | 22.80              |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                          | Hyatt Hotel<br>1000 H Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                         |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 30.40  | 30.40              |
| Mar 25, 2009 | Coffee                                  | Travel Traders<br>999 9th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                     |             | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 3.97   | 40.99              |
| Mar 25, 2009 | Volunteer Thank You Gifts               | Travel Traders<br>999 9th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                     |             | Volunteer Thank<br>You Gifts   | 26.44  | 40.99              |
| Mar 24, 2009 | Cellular Phone                          | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                 |             | Cellular Phone                 | 174.56 | 3,587.08           |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                          | Cheevers Cafe<br>2409 Hudson Avenue<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73106                  |             | Legislative<br>Business        | 29.47  | 29.47              |

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Mar 23, 2009 | Office Supplies                   | Cartridge World<br>1605 North Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                               | Office Supplies                                  | 35.36  | 70.72    |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Constituant Thank You Gift        | Bed Bath & Beyond<br>5352 East Skelly Drive<br>Tulsa, OK 74135                                  | Constituant Thank You Gift                       | 35.69  | 35.69    |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Thank You Card                    | Target<br>2417 W. Main Street<br>Norman, OK 73069                                               | Thank You Card                                   | 2.11   | 2.11     |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Donation                          | Sigma Gamma Rho<br>Sorority<br>Post Office Box 48608<br>Tulsa, OK 74148                         | Status of Women Luncheon                         | 100.00 | 130.00   |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Advertisement                     | Deborah Brown<br>Community School<br>2 South Elgin Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74120                    | Legislative Travel                               | 125.00 | 300.00   |
| Mar 17, 2009 | Pikepass Rebill                   | Oklahoma Turnpike<br>Authority<br>4401 West Memorial<br>Road #130<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73134 | Pikepass Rebill                                  | 40.00  | 857.24   |
| Mar 16, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                     | Pearls Oyster Bar<br>928 NW 63rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73116                                  | Legislative Business                             | 18.69  | 55.63    |
| Mar 13, 2009 | Parking                           | AMPCO Parking<br>2800 SW 23rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73119                                     | Legislative Business Travel                      | 8.00   | 128.00   |
| Mar 13, 2009 | Luggage Check                     | Northwest Airlines<br>1105 Arbor Run Place<br>Brentwood, TN 37027                               | Legislative Travel                               | 15.00  | 271.89   |
| Mar 12, 2009 | Hotel Shuttle                     | Blue Cab<br>1417 Oakland Park<br>Avenue<br>Columbus Ohio,<br>OK 43224                           | Legislative Business Travel                      | 29.19  | 29.19    |
| Mar 12, 2009 | Printing                          | Staples Office Supplies<br>2711 South Harvard<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                      | Legislative Advertisement                        | 94.95  | 875.63   |
| Mar 09, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                    | Chilis Restaurant<br>1957 S. Muskogee<br>Tahlequah, OK 74464                                    | Legislative Business                             | 50.96  | 50.96    |
| Mar 08, 2009 | Office Supplies                   | Wal-Mart<br>1801 Bell Isle Blvd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73118                                   | Office Supplies                                  | 35.22  | 132.25   |
| Mar 06, 2009 | Airline Ticket                    | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261              | Ohio Leg. for Nat'l Alliance for Charter Schools | 339.89 | 1,675.28 |
| Mar 03, 2009 | Accounting, Clerical, Typesetting | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                               | Accounting, Clerical, Typesetting                | 300.00 | 7,200.00 |
| Mar 02, 2009 | Thank You Notes                   | Reasor's<br>2429 East 15th Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74104                                            | Thank You Notes                                  | 35.68  | 35.68    |
| Mar 02, 2009 | Esquire Club                      | Parkhill Warehouse<br>5111 South Lewis<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                             | Dinner Meeting                                   | 90.37  | 214.26   |
| Mar 02, 2009 | Airline Ticket                    | Northwest Airlines<br>1105 Arbor Run Place<br>Brentwood, TN 37027                               | National Urban League Conference                 | 256.89 | 271.89   |
| Feb 27, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                     | VZD's Restaurant<br>4200 North Western<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73118                            | Legislative Business                             | 29.96  | 63.63    |
| Feb 26, 2009 | Constituant Thank You Gift        | Jensco, Inc<br>77-C Woodland Street<br>Manchester,<br>CT 06042                                  | Constituant Thank You Gift                       | 15.98  | 15.98    |
| Feb 25, 2009 | Cellular Phone                    | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                              | Cellular Phone                                   | 174.56 | 3,587.08 |
| Feb 23, 2009 | Legislative Advertisement         | OETA OK Broadcasting<br>Post Office Box 14190<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73113                     | Legislative Advertisement                        | 30.00  | 30.00    |
| Feb 23, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                     | Pearls Oyster Bar<br>928 NW 63rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73116                                  | Legislative Business                             | 36.94  | 55.63    |
| Feb 23, 2009 | Pikepass Rebill                   | Oklahoma Turnpike                                                                               | Pikepass Rebill                                  | 46.70  | 857.24   |

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| 2009            |                                         | Authority<br>4401 West Memorial<br>Road #130<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73134                |                                         |        |           |
| Feb 17,<br>2009 | Constituant Thank You                   | Mary Murray's Florist<br>3333 East 31st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74135                         | Constituant<br>Thank You                | 51.91  | 51.91     |
| Feb 16,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                    | Legislative<br>Business                 | 9.00   | 191.03    |
| Feb 16,<br>2009 | Printing                                | Staples Office Supplies<br>2711 South Harvard<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | 63.47  | 875.63    |
| Feb 10,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | On The Border<br>Restaurant<br>3500 NW Expressway<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73112           | Legislative<br>Business                 | 81.74  | 109.23    |
| Feb 09,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Crown Plaza Of Tulsa<br>100 East 2nd Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74103                            | Legislative<br>Business                 | 16.50  | 16.50     |
| Feb 08,<br>2009 | Auto Rental                             | Hotwire<br>655 Montgomery<br>Street<br>San Francisco,<br>CA 94111                         | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 201.08 | 394.21    |
| Feb 07,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                    | Legislative<br>Business                 | 38.56  | 191.03    |
| Feb 04,<br>2009 | Accounting, Clerical,<br>Typesetting    | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                         | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting | 300.00 | 7,200.00  |
| Feb 03,<br>2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Residence Inn - Dallas<br>7642 LBJ Freeway<br>Dallas, TX 75251                            | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 51.75  | 51.75     |
| Feb 02,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Zephyrs Patio Lounge<br>5628 Sears Street<br>Dallas, TX 75206                             | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 25.50  | 25.50     |
| Feb 02,<br>2009 | Car Rental                              | Alamo Car Rental<br>7777 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74115                         | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.66  | 40.66     |
| Feb 02,<br>2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Lincoln Inn Of OKC<br>5405 North Lincoln<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73105                    | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 46.05  | 138.15    |
| Feb 02,<br>2009 | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | Perry Publishing And<br>Broadcasting<br>7030 South Yale<br>Avenue #302<br>Tulsa, OK 74136 | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | 50.00  | 11,489.70 |
| Feb 02,<br>2009 | Telephone Service                       | Cox Communications<br>1811 East 51st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74136                            | 2008 Campaign<br>HQ                     | 389.09 | 1,113.73  |
| Jan 30,<br>2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Lincoln Inn Of OKC<br>5405 North Lincoln<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73105                    | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 92.10  | 138.15    |
| Jan 28,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                           | Brookside By Day<br>Restaurant<br>3313 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105          | Legislative<br>Business                 | 24.27  | 24.27     |
| Jan 26,<br>2009 | Service Charge/Airline<br>Ticket Change | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261        | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.00  | 1,675.28  |
| Jan 26,<br>2009 | Cellular Phone Service                  | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                        | Cellular Phone<br>Service               | 174.56 | 3,587.08  |
| Jan 24,<br>2009 | Auto Rental                             | Hotwire<br>655 Montgomery<br>Street<br>San Francisco,<br>CA 94111                         | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 193.13 | 394.21    |
| Jan 20,<br>2009 | Service Charge/Airline<br>Ticket Change | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261        | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.00  | 1,675.28  |
| Jan 14,<br>2009 | Hotel Stay                              | Springhill Suites<br>3 SE Interstate Drive<br>Lawton, OK 73501                            | Legislative Black<br>Caucus Retreat     | 101.02 | 101.02    |
| Jan 12,         | Gasoline                                | E Z Go Mart                                                                               | Legislative                             | 15.12  | 15.12     |

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| 2009            |                                                    | H. E. Bailey Turnpike<br>Chickasha, OK 73018                                            |                    | Travel                                  |               |                               |
| Jan 09,<br>2009 | Antivirus Software                                 | DRI Trend Micro<br>Unkown<br>Unknown, OK 00000                                          |                    | Antivirus<br>Software                   | 35.95         | 35.95                         |
| Jan 09,<br>2009 | Cellular Phone Repair                              | The Signal Cellular<br>Repair<br>625 Willow Springs<br>Lane<br>York, PA 17406           |                    | Cellular Phone<br>Repair                | 50.00         | 50.00                         |
| Jan 09,<br>2009 | Accounting, Clerical,<br>Typesetting               | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                       |                    | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting | 300.00        | 7,200.00                      |
| Jan 06,<br>2009 | Post Office Box<br>Renewal                         | United States<br>Postmaster<br>626 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74106             |                    | Post Office Box<br>Renewal              | 42.00         | 442.84                        |
| Jan 02,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                                      | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                  |                    |                                         |               |                               |
| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Brief description of the<br/>expenditure(s)</b> | <b>Name and address of<br/>the person/entity to<br/>which expenditure was<br/>made.</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b> | <b>Explanation of<br/>Purpose</b>       | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Year-to-date<br/>total</b> |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Breakfast                                          | Starbuck's Coffee House<br>1832 Utica Square<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                         | Camapign           | Legislative<br>Business Meeting         | 20.00         | 504.19                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Postage                                            | United States Post<br>Office<br>626 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulssa, OK 74106           | Camapign           | Postage                                 | 32.00         | 317.76                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Refreshments                                       | Walgreens<br>405 East 2nd Street<br>Sand Springs,<br>OK 74063                           | Campaign           | Campaign<br>Headquarters                | 62.30         | 227.08                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Advertisement                                      | Prairie Production<br>1637 South Boston<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74119                    | Campaign           | Advertisement                           | 351.09        | 696.96                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Advertisement                                      | The Oklahoma Eagle<br>624 East Archer<br>Tulsa, OK 74120                                | Campaign           | Advertisement                           | 1,320.00      | 5,970.00                      |
| Jun 08,<br>2012 | Refreshments                                       | Walgreens<br>405 East 2nd Street<br>Sand Springs,<br>OK 74063                           | Campaign           | Campaign<br>Headquarters                | 51.68         | 227.08                        |
| Jun 08,<br>2012 | Telephone Polling                                  | SHO & Associates<br>2840 Linda Lane<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73115                       | Campaign           | Campaign                                | 4,649.48      | 4,649.48                      |
| Jun 07,<br>2012 | Campaign Walking                                   | Kevin Watkins<br>1301 North Denver<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                                   | Campaign           | Campaign<br>Walking                     | 40.00         | 430.00                        |
| Jun 07,<br>2012 | Meal                                               | Mazzio's Pizza<br>2305 West Edison<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                                   | Campaign           | Campaign<br>Walkers                     | 40.82         | 155.16                        |
| Jun 07,<br>2012 | Gasoline                                           | Quick Trip<br>229 N. Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                        | Campaign           | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 60.95         | 2,616.96                      |
| Jun 06,<br>2012 | Meal                                               | McDonald's Restaurant<br>229 North Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127          | Campaign           | Campaign<br>Walker                      | 6.04          | 33.69                         |
| Jun 06,<br>2012 | Meal                                               | McDonald's Restaurant<br>229 North Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127          | Campaign           | Campaign<br>Walkers                     | 14.26         |                               |

**From:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Steve Mullins](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?  
**Date:** Monday, October 08, 2012 11:53:00 AM

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I think we can really debunk this fiscal analysis, depending on what path we take for the SQ.

There is still a delay in processing cases, and this will continue whether or not the Governor is in the process. Right now we are processing cases from June or July, so it is taking 3 to 4 months for cases to reach our office.

PPB Board staff said that right now there are issues with DOC such as: delay in returning parole certificates to us (these have to be signed by the offender); delay in placing offenders in programs (the stipulations must be completed before we receive the file); and delay in home offers being approved. At the beginning of the year, the Board told me it was a staffing issue and that they fired the employee they were having trouble with.

If the Governor decides to oppose the SQ, we can work with the Board and DOC to make sure the majority of cases are processed within a certain time frame from start to finish.

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#### [Fiscal Analysis](#)

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SJR25 authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to nonviolent offenders. This action will allow nonviolent parolees to be released earlier than they are currently and save the Department of Corrections (DOC) the cost of housing these offenders while awaiting approval from the Governor.

According to the Pardon & Parole Board, approximately 1,200 non-violent offenders are recommended for parole annually. The process typically takes about 90 days after the Board recommendation before the offender is released. SJR25 would shorten that process by approximately 60 days. With average daily prison costs of \$46/day per offender, SJR25 would save approximately \$2,760 per offender, or \$3.3 million annually.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2012 10:43 AM  
**To:** Steve Mullins; Rebecca Frazier  
**Subject:** FW: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?

Interesting – sooner tea party advocating no on the pardon and parole question...

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2012 9:08 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Fw: Is Governor Mary Fallin Really Endorsing a Democrat Against a Republican Challenger?

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## SENATE DISTRICT 15 RACE

### PART 2

### THE DEMOCRAT

The Democratic challenger for the Senate District 15 seat is Mrs. Claudia Griffith, a newcomer herself to politics but she is no stranger. Her husband sits on the Norman City Council. That raised some red flags immediately. The Norman City Council is quietly implementing the U. N.'s agenda 21 right under the noses of the public with the help of a corrupt GOP candidate for the state legislature Bobby Cleveland.

Mrs. Griffith's [web site](#) gives her work history as nursing and she claims to be an independent thinker.

However there is a complete lack of specifics in her proposals on her website. She believes that throwing more money at schools will solve our education problem, when it won't. What is needed in education is more local control and less state and federal interference in education. She fails to indicate whether or not she supports Obamacare. She also fails to indicate whether or not she supports the size of government. Sometimes what people don't say is more important than what they do say.

The Oklahoma State AFL-CIO is her largest contributor by far having contributed \$5,000.00 to her campaign. We expect unions to contribute to Democrats, so this is no big deal.

In her filings with the Oklahoma State Ethics Commission three items that stuck out. The first is

- Evolve Ok
- the second is Transform Ok
- the third is Okie Force

The reason these three stuck out is that they all three share the same address. Now this would not be unusual if it was an office building, but it's not; this is a home in one of the outlying suburbs of Oklahoma City. All three entities are environmentally oriented organizations. In other words, they support Norman's Agenda 21 scheme. Why are we not surprised that they support her? I wonder if Bobby Cleveland has taken their money as well?

This is not a candidate that we can support. There is too much Agenda 21 in her platform to do Oklahoma and Oklahoma jobs any good.



## The Rat, the Democrat and the Republican

By Ms PM

This story goes to show that it doesn't matter what party you belong to, the same conclusion is reached...our country is in trouble.

Vacationing in California and seeing my old boss and dear friend of 20+ years, we were able to talk about many of the issues facing the nation. This was a new experience for me as we had never gotten into politics. Armed with more knowledge following the political foolishness over the past few years, our conversations were interesting with surprisingly similar thought processes for the most part.

The only news I was able to catch was from local stations. During the two week stay the main topics were mostly about local California

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stupidity and I began to ask questions to see if my friend knew any of what was really going on. His most disturbing question was, "why haven't I heard about any of this stuff you're talking about in the news?"

He is a person that lives on 350 acres of one of the most beautiful secluded hill tops about five miles inland from the coast just south of Half Moon Bay. There is no cell coverage and he gets about eleven TV stations with an antenna, with six that are in English. That perturbs him, my word, not his. Politically correct isn't in his vocabulary. Being a registered Democrat and one that voted for Obama in 08, I could tell that some of what I was saying was disturbing, but, not at all surprising to him. He had no idea about all the executive orders bypassing Congress nor the acquisition of guns and ammo being stockpiled by different entities of the government just to name a couple. The information on the NDAA left him speechless.

This man has qualities that most others have discarded. His loyalty to people and friends would warm any heart. He's around 70 years old and a Vietnam Vet. He learned a long time ago that fighting in that war wasn't patriotic when he came back home. Being one of principle, he has become bitter towards our government because of all the lies told to him and others and absolutely does not trust those in charge. He has chosen not to follow what is going on because he gets too mad and doesn't believe there is anything he can do to change any of it. Both Obama and Romney scare the hell out of him. He doesn't believe either will keep their promises and follow what the Founders set up for America. The sadness I saw in his tired face broke my heart. I saw clearly what a tyrannical government does to its people. And now, his only choice as he sees it, is to live in an area he loves, eke out a living to pay his rent and enjoy the hilltop with some semblance of peace.

By now you're probably wondering how the rat fits into this. Well...he has an old truck parked that isn't running, I had parked next to it and he said, "I want to show you something." He raised the hood and this huge pack rat was sitting in the well established nest he had built for himself, just looking at us. He had been there a while. Two days later we went into town and there was no washer fluid, odd, it had been filled not long ago.

I checked it the next morning and Mr. Rat had chewed the hose to the wiper fluid and what I saw laying on the top of the motor was pretty amazing. There was one of our "Oklahoma Guardian" newspapers. Somehow he had gotten into the truck and swiped a copy to start his nest with under the hood. I took the paper into the house and had told my friend what had happened.

Curiosity got the better of him and he read the article I had written on "Fear and Unrest, What Will You Do?" But...he continued to read the entire newspaper. From all of our conversations we had had, after reading the newspaper he understood to a greater depth of what I had talked to him about. It had come clear to him that it didn't matter what party you were registered as, if what both party's are doing is wrong, it's wrong.

He understood why we were doing what we do and I understood just how worn out he had become. So...I will continue this fight for America, for him, and all of us. What an exceptional experience....and all because of a lesson from a rat. It doesn't get any better than that!



I gots me a sugar daddy to go with all these kids!

## Stuart and the State Chamber Sitting in a Tree,

**K-I-S-S-I-N-G.**

**First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage,**

**Then Comes Stuart With a Baby Carriage...**

Do kids still use that childhood ditty that our generation used to use on the playground to tease other kids that were smitten? Yuck, girls had cooties after all! Or so we thought at that young age, later on we wanted all the cooties we could get. If kids are still using the chant then it applies quite well to Stuart Jolley the director of Oklahoma's chapter of Americans For Prosperity (AFP). This last week found old Stuart (AKA Little Man Viagra spokesperson) slobbering all over the State Chamber and supporting their judicial evaluation report that is purported to evaluate judges based on their "pro business" positions.

Now we aren't knocking the idea of someone keeping up with these judges and letting the voters know when the law isn't followed and judges disregard Oklahoma conservative values. Appellate court judges stand for retention votes every six years and Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices stand for retention at the next statewide election following their initial appointment. As the sitting judges usually retain their seat by a two to one margin it is entirely appropriate for someone to cast a leery eye on their records, our problem is with the State Chamber being the sole judge, jury, and executioner.

So Stuart Jolly, ever the publicity hound, spooned up with the State Chamber in calling out four Justices for being activist judge: Yvonne Kauger, James Edmondson, Douglas Combs, and Noma Gurich. Stuart said in an interview that he would be publicizing the judicial rankings to "thousands of its members". Right..., I remember back when Stuart was claiming 40,000 member of Oklahoma AFP and we would have to lend him Sooner Tea Party volunteers to staff his table at events. People's email address captured by others forwarding their newsletter

hardly constitutes "membership in a group. Hell Stuart, don't stop there, get a phone book and do some robo calls and claim everyone with a working phone number as a member.

Interesting enough, Stuart also claimed in a Capitol Beat story that he was considering whether or not to launch an advertising campaign against the jurists, something that AFP National might be interested in as actually advertising against a candidate violates their 501C 3 status.

The problem with AFP endorsing the State Chamber judicial rankings is that the judges are ranked using a narrow set of interests, the big business interests of the State Chamber with zero use of constitutional or civil rights votes. The only issues covered were employment, medical malpractice, product liability, insurance, other liability issues and workers' compensation, nothing was considered that covered respect for existing law, freedom, liberty, or justice.

The judges do need reined in, the AT&T v. Oklahoma State Board of Equalization case resulted in a ruling that ruled that "intangible" property could be assessed for purposes of ad valorem taxation, leading to a quick fix at the Capitol that allowed businesses to pay a token tax, but one that required more bookkeeping for businesses and was and is a pain in the Stuart Jolley. State Question 766 is to address this issue on the November ballot, but allowing the State Chamber even more control over Oklahoman's affairs is hardly a step forward for conservatives.

Poor Stuart, he reminds me of a blond joke:

Question: What is the first thing a blond will do in the morning?

Answer: She walks home.....

So once again Stuart Jolley embarrasses Oklahoma values and AFP by supporting the State Chamber instead of the common good. No doubt someone will catch him trudging North on the Broadway Extension one of these mornings, pushing his baby carriage full of illegitimate State Chamber offspring, already showing signs of his latest love child that he agreed to carry for the State Chamber.



## Give This Man Some Help

### Or Would You Rather See a Liberal Democrat Elected Again?

Dave Bell, one of our favorite candidates, is running against former representative Jabar Shumate of North Tulsa. Shumate is a liberal Democrat, allegedly accused of being a closeted gay man, and is someone that needs sent back to the life he is better suited for. Dave put out a request for campaign donations last week so his campaign can purchase more signage and flyers for precinct walks.

Last week the Sooner Tea Party reached out to Brian Bingman, the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the one that has access to Senate PAC money. Bingman's office did respond and they did talk to Dave Bell on the possibility of considering a PAC donation but the staffer threw up a smokescreen of requirements before the Senate PAC would donate. Basically if the candidate had the money to jump through all their hoops, he wouldn't need their donation. Not good Brian, Dave Bell is a constitutional conservative, not a process that you can size up and categorize. Last I checked the Senate PAC had over \$40,000 sitting in the bank and Dave Bell is one of the handful of contested Senate races in November.

**Let's remind Brian Bingman that their PAC money was given to promote Republican candidates for Senate office. You can email Brian at [bingman@oksenate.gov](mailto:bingman@oksenate.gov).**

**Let's also dig into our pockets and donate directly to Dave Bell. I will personally match the first \$250.00 in donations to Dave so that your hard earned money is stretched to do more good. Just reply to this newsletter letting me know how much you donated and I will send a matching amount to Dave Bell. Any amount will help, from \$5.00 to \$5,000.00, and donations under \$50 won't become public record if you wish, just make sure that you don't contribute more than \$50 per campaign because then the info becomes public. If your donation is over \$50, include who you work for, your profession, along with your home address.**

**Dave is a hard core constitutional conservative and he will look out for our interests all across the state if we can get him elected. You can't push Dave around, he stands for everything that the Republican Party Platform and the Tea Party stands for, and I think you would have to kill him before he would break his word. You can contact Dave at 918-638-9977 to donate or to volunteer. Please mail checks to Dave Bell for State Senate, 1312 North Canton, Tulsa Ok, 74115**



## No Where to Hide Indeed

Once again State GOP Chairman Matt Pinnell cast aside decency and common sense with [his weekly rant](#) against other politicians. In his blog "Nowhere to Hide" Matt takes Obama to task for his record so far, high unemployment, skyrocketing debt, and poor foreign policy. He reminds us that Obama said in 2008 that if he didn't turn things around then he would be a one term president. Fair enough Matt...

Pinnell goes on to brag about Romney's Massachusetts record, balancing the budget, cutting taxes, reduced spending, and job growth, all with a Democrat controlled legislature.

Pinnell doesn't mention though the decline of Oklahoma's prosperity during his leadership of the GOP. Our own unemployment is still fairly high, the Governor that he helped elect and continues to support schemed to implement Obama Care on Oklahomans, while the Capitol building crumbles around her desk. Pinnell himself made huge promises in 2010 to win the Oklahoma GOP State Chairman slot yet few of those promises were delivered. Pinnell sat on his hands and watched the two largest budgets in Oklahoma history get passed at the Capital, saw the Governor that he supported join with the State Chamber of Commerce and RINO Republicans to support a bill that promised prosperity by taxing our way into economic freedom in a 2010 billion dollar state tax increase and Pinnell did this despite having a rock solid majority in the House, Senate, and all of the state agencies.

We can only hope that Republicans in Oklahoma make it to the February Republican precinct meetings, ask to be a delegate, and either remove Pinnell from office or force him to do his job of supporting the Republican Party Platform.



## Questioning the State Questions?

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Sooner Tea Party Newsletter published a list of State Questions that would be on the November ballot and made recommendations on how to vote. However we had to take a second look at one of those State Questions after new information popped up that made us question if SQ 765 deserved a yes vote. Sometimes many minds working on a possible corruption case or an attempt to confuse and lead astray conservative voters will benefit finding the truth or will at least drive the cockroaches from the cracks where we can stomp on them. Below in blue type is the bill summary of every one of the State Questions along with the House voting record where it is warranted. Sometimes knowing who voted for and against a bill helps to define exactly what the intent of the legislature was. But skip the blue type if you wish to get to the gist of the matter.

The legislative bill number needs to be linked with the State Question number to avoid confusion:

[SQ758 = HJR1002](#)   [SQ759 =SJR15](#)   [SQ762 = SJR25](#)   [SQ764 = HJR1085](#)

[SQ765 = HJR1092](#)   [SQ766 = SJR52](#)

[BILL SUMMARY](#)

[1st Session of the 53rd Legislature](#)

Bill No.: HJR 1002  
Version: Senate Amendments  
Request Number: NA  
Author: Rep. Dank  
Date: 4/19/2011  
Impact: Change in the Rate of Growth  
FY-14: \$6,558,000

The Tax Commission indicates the rate of potential growth in the revenue to taxing jurisdictions will be restrained. Analysis undertaken by the Commission reveals that forty-two percent (42%) of residential and commercial property parcels may be subject to a full five percent (5.0%) valuation increase at some point in future years. A reduction in the maximum annual rate of assessed valuation increase to three percent (3.0%) will restrain the revenue growth rate approximately \$6.56 million in FY-14. The estimate is based on current county databases – the actual effect on revenue growth will be a function of changes in valuation in coming years.

The change in growth resulting from a similar cap in agricultural land is not estimated, as the utilization of use value methodology to value property is not expected to exceed the percentage cap.

Only around \$7,000,000 in savings to the tax payer? Small change, better than a sharp stick in the eye but they could do much better.

Vote yes on SQ 758

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR 15  
Version: Committee Substitute  
Request Number: 1531  
Author: Sen. Rob Johnson  
Date: 4/26/2011  
Impact: \$0

#### Fiscal Analysis

The CS for SJR 15 ask the voters to approve or reject an amendment that the state shall not grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on certain specified conditions. This state question will be on the General Election ballot, so it will cost no additional funds to be voted upon.

Vote Yes on SQ 759

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR25  
Version: CS  
Request Number: N/A  
Author: Representative Faught  
Date: 2/29/2012  
Impact: Estimated Cost Savings – DOC  
\$3.3 Million Annually

Research Analysis

The CS for Engrossed SJR 25 sends to a vote of the people a proposed amendment to the State Constitution that would give the Pardon and Parole Board the power to grant parole for nonviolent offenses and would require the Board to report annually to the Legislature certain information about all paroles granted.

Fiscal Analysis

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SJR25 authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to nonviolent offenders. This action will allow nonviolent parolees to be released earlier than they are currently and save the Department of Corrections (DOC) the cost of housing these offenders while awaiting approval from the Governor.

According to the Pardon & Parole Board, approximately 1,200 non-violent offenders are recommended for parole annually. The process typically takes about 90 days after the Board recommendation before the offender is released. SJR25 would shorten that process by approximately 60 days. With average daily prison costs of \$46/day per offender, SJR25 would save approximately \$2,760 per offender, or \$3.3 million annually.

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

SENATE JOINT RES 25 Constitutional amendment; modifying parole

Steele authority. Ballot title. Filing.

THIRD READING PASSED

YEAS: 86 RCS# 1194

NAYS: 8 2/29/2012

EXC : 5 2:25 PM

C/P : 0

VAC : 2

YEAS: 86

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| Armes     | Hall     | McPeak     | Sanders  |
| Banz      | Hardin   | Moore      | Schwartz |
| Blackwell | Hickman  | Morrisette | Scott    |
| Brown     | Hilliard | Mulready   | Sears    |
| Brumbaugh | Holland  | Nelson     | Shannon  |
| Cannaday  | Hoskin   | Newell     | Shelton  |
| Casey     | Inman    | Nollan     | Sherrer  |
| Cockroft  | Jackson  | Ortega     | Shoemake |
| Condit    | Johnson  | Osborn     | Shumate  |
| Coody     | Jordan   | Ownbey     | Stiles   |
| Cooksey   | Kern     | Peters     | Thomsen  |
| Cox       | Key      | Peterson   | Tibbs    |
| Dank      | Kirby    | Pittman    | Vaughan  |

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| Denney     | Liebmann     | Pruett      | Virgin     |
| Derby      | Lockhart     | Quinn       | Walker     |
| DeWitt     | Martin, Sc.  | Renegar     | Watson     |
| Dorman     | Martin, St.  | Richardson  | Wesselhoft |
| Enns       | McCullough   | Roan        | Williams   |
| Faught     | McDaniel, C. | Roberts, D. | Wright     |
| Fourkiller | McDaniel, J. | Roberts, S. | Mr.Speaker |
| Glenn      | McDaniel, R. | Rousselot   |            |
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NAYS: 8

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| Bennett   | Hamilton | Proctor  | Ritze   |
| Christian | Murphey  | Reynolds | Terrill |

EXCUSED: 5

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| Billy  | Kouplen | Trebilcock |
| Joyner | Morgan  |            |

CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE: 0

**Vote No on SQ 762**

#### BILL SUMMARY

#### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1085

Version: CS

Request Number:

Author: Richardson

Date: 3/8/2012

Impact: Impact only if bonds need to be issued

#### Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HJR 1085 creates a state question to amend the Oklahoma Constitution by creating the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund which is authorized to issue bonds used for a reserve fund for water resource and sewage treatment financial assistance programs for subdivisions of the state. OWRB can issue general obligation bonds up to \$300,000,000 only after other monies and sources are used for repayment. The Legislature is required to provide for administration for the fund, methods for issuing the bonds and sufficient appropriations to pay for the bonds.

#### Fiscal Analysis

CS for HJR 1085 sends to a vote of the people a proposed constitutional amendment creating within the Oklahoma Water Resources Board the Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to secure the payment on bonds issued to provide for the Board's financial assistance programs. The bonds authorized by the amendment would only be issued in the event of a future payment default and after all pledged monies, reserved funds required of borrowers, reserved funds required of OWRB, and any surety bond payments have been used. According to officials at the OWRB, this kind of default has never happened in the history of OWRB's lending and the likelihood of these bonds needing to be issued is minimal. The purpose of the bond authority is to allow towns and rural water districts the foundation of the state's credit as they secure financing for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades as outlined by the Comprehensive Water Plan.

#### Other Considerations

According to the OWRB, existing financing programs are expected to only cover 10% of the future demand for upgrades and improvements, leaving many Oklahoma communities to fend for themselves in securing financing.

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Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session



looked back at the bill information we found that the bill that was passed didn't even mention the Governor controlling the DHS organization, it said that the legislature would create and administrate the agency.

Below is what Osborn had sent out on SQ 765 and it is very close to other legislator's email recommendations. We aren't picking on Osborn, just pointing out that the misinformation is wide spread and that got us to comparing notes and tying together some loose ends.

[SQ 765 Rep. Steele/Sen. Treat](#)

A yes vote on this State Question would abolish the Commission for Human Services, a constitutionally mandated, 9 member group of unelected volunteers. It is a 1930's governance model that can be traced to the agency's major problems with an unaccountable commission and an insulated director. With the passage of this measure The DHS director will be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. This would place the agency's leadership closer to the people because the Governor is accountable to all the people of the state. DHS would basically now be answering directly to the public, not an unelected, unaccountable commission.

Now here is what the legislation actually said about the bill that would become SQ 765:

This measure amends the State Constitution. It provides for the repeal of Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 which relate to the Department of Public Welfare, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare. This measure grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct by law the administration of a department or departments to provide for public welfare for the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 6>. For the purpose of effectively administering and carrying into execution all laws enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 1 of this Article, the Legislature is hereby authorized to create a department or departments charged with the duty and responsibility of faithfully administering and carrying into execution all laws enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 1 of this Article and shall perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law. <

And a monstrous red flag popped up, on the [enrolled \(final version\) of the bill](#) Democrat Wade Rousselot was one of the House co authors, along with Speaker Kris Steele, Jason Nelson, Pat Ownbey and Ron Peterson. That is a rouge's gallery if I ever saw one.

Here is the header of the enrolled version with the author's names in red type:

ENROLLED HOUSE  
JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1092

By: **Steele, Rousselot, Nelson, Ownbey and Peterson of the House**  
and  
**Treat, Brinkley and Johnson (Constance) of the Senate**

**So what is so ominous about Wade Rousselot's participation?** We reported last week that Republican Governor Mary Fallin has allowed her image to be used by incumbent House member Democrat Wade Rousselot's campaign even though he is running against Republican David Tackett.



Tackett's campaign put out the word on Fallin's tactic support of an opposing party candidate against one of her own party's candidates along with a letter from Representative Mike Reynolds and another from Representative Mike Ritze calling for Governor Fallin to set the record straight on allowing the use of her picture. This week other legislators joined in calling Fallin to limit the use of her image in supporting opposing candidates and to publically endorse the Republican candidate for House District 12. Also the Republican Chairman for Wagoner County called for Governor Fallin to explain the use of her picture on Rousselot's campaign material.

The Tackett campaign reported that one GOP official had this to say:

"This is unprecedented. I can't remember if there was a time that a State Representative sent out campaign literature with a picture of the Governor of the opposing party. And the fact that Governor Fallin has yet to endorse the Republican candidate in this race makes it even more troubling."

We need everyone to contact the Governor about this mess and demand a response. Governor Fallin's political director is Denise Northrup, and can be contacted at [denisenorthrup@ok.gov](mailto:denisenorthrup@ok.gov). Ask her just who the Governor is supporting in the HD 12 race and why the Governor's picture is on a Democrat's mailer. Tell her that Oklahomans deserve an answer on this issue.

It would appear to be obvious that the Governor may well have struck a deal with the liberal Democrat, support a power grab to seize power over the DHS department in exchange for her endorsement. I ask you how this is different from the Leftwich scandal that generated flimsy Oklahoma County criminal charges against two legislators in 2011? Are the unusually worded SQ 765 information emails circulating an effort to subvert the will of the legislature and potentially the vote of the people to maintain legislative control over the DHS agency? Is this a Quid Pro Quo between Republican Governor Fallin and Democrat Wade Rousselot?

Governor Fallin has a staff member read our newsletter every Sunday night right after it comes out. Andrew Silverstri is the current Deputy Policy Director for Governor Fallin and I must say he is conscientious about doing his task so we know that Governor Fallin also reads everything we write or at least the most interesting parts. It might be a good idea to email Andrew as well and pass along a request that Governor Fallin either endorse the Republican candidate for House District 12 and put a stop to her support of Democrat Wade Rousselot or switch party her affiliation to Democrat.

Here are those emails again:

[andrew.silverstri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:andrew.silverstri@gov.ok.gov)

[denisenorthrup@ok.gov](mailto:denisenorthrup@ok.gov)

#### BILL SUMMARY

##### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: HJR 1092

Version: CCRA

Request Number: 10514

Author: Speaker Steele et al

Date: 5/22/2012

Impact: \$0

#### Research Analysis

The CCS for HJR 1092 sends to a vote of the people a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 of the State Constitution that created the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare position. The measure would authorize the Legislature to create and direct by law the administration of the Department of Human Services.

#### Fiscal Analysis

CCR A for HJR 1092 provides for a proposed amendment to the state Constitution and a ballot title related to repealing sections regarding the Department of Public Welfare, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare. In addition, the measure grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct by law the administration of a department(s) to provide for public welfare for Oklahomans.

#### OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-Third Legislature

First Regular Session

CCR HJR1092 Constitutional amendment; Oklahoma Public Welfare

Steele Commission; authorizing the Legislature to create

#### FOURTH READING PASSED

YEAS: 80

RCS# 1948

NAYS: 7

5/22/2012

EXC : 11 5:30 PM

C/P : 0

VAC : 3

YEAS: 80

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| Armes      | Grau        | McDaniel, J. | Rouselot   |
| Banz       | Hall        | McDaniel, R. | Russ       |
| Billy      | Hamilton    | McNiel       | Sanders    |
| Blackwell  | Hardin      | Moore        | Schwartz   |
| Brown      | Hickman     | Mulready     | Scott      |
| Cannaday   | Holland     | Murphey      | Sears      |
| Casey      | Inman       | Nelson       | Shannon    |
| Christian  | Jackson     | Nollan       | Sherrer    |
| Condit     | Johnson     | Ortega       | Shoemake   |
| Coody      | Jordan      | Osborn       | Shumate    |
| Cooksey    | Joyner      | Ownbey       | Stiles     |
| Cox        | Kern        | Peters       | Terrill    |
| Dank       | Key         | Peterson     | Trebilcock |
| Denney     | Kirby       | Pittman      | Vaughan    |
| Derby      | Kouplen     | Proctor      | Virgin     |
| DeWitt     | Liebmann    | Pruett       | Walker     |
| Enns       | Lockhart    | Quinn        | Watson     |
| Faught     | Martin, Sc. | Roan         | Wesselhoft |
| Fourkiller | Martin, St. | Roberts, D.  | Wright     |
| Glenn      | McCullough  | Roberts, S.  | Mr.Speaker |

NAYS: 7

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| Bennett | Morrisette | Reynolds | Williams |
| Dorman  | Renegar    | Ritze    |          |

EXCUSED: 11

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| Brumbaugh | Hoskin       | Morgan     | Shelton |
| Cockroft  | McDaniel, C. | Newell     | Thomsen |
| Hilliard  | McPeak       | Richardson |         |

And our recommendation on SQ 765?

We suggest that everyone vote yes on the condition that they be ready to help keep the legislature in control of the DHS and oppose any power grab by Governor Mary Fallin.

Straight party line voting on this one.

#### BILL SUMMARY

#### 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.: SJR 52

Version: CCRA

Request Number: 3513

Author: Rep. Dank

Date: 5/23/2012

Impact: Tax Commission:

Local Revenue Impact

FY-13: \$0

FY-14: Decrease of \$50.1 Million

### [Research Analysis](#)

The CCS for SJR52 directs the Secretary of State to refer to the people a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution exempting all intangible personal property from ad valorem taxation.

### [Fiscal Analysis](#)

Tax Commission analysis date May 22, 2012, indicates the resolution amends Section 6A of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to provide that, beginning January 1, 2013, intangible personal property will not be subject to ad valorem taxation or to any other tax in-lieu of ad valorem taxation.

The estimated revenue impact of removing intangibles from central/unit valued companies is a \$50,139,999 loss of ad valorem revenue to local taxing jurisdictions.

**Vote yes on SQ 766**



## Food Stamp Phone Shumate

They call those "free" cell phones that are given away on street corners by vendors "food stamp phones" because if you are on food stamps you qualify for a "free" phone that you and I pay for through our phone bill taxes. That sense of entitlement is mirrored in Representative Jabar Shumate's campaign donation records.

Yeah, this one is a long article but you can scroll through the table of info below quickly while paying attention to the the info highlighted in red type. This guy is paying campaign workers to walk for him; I didn't know that was even legal! No one has ever paid any Tea Party volunteers to walk precincts for candidates! Plus Representative Shumate is buying tires for his car, traveling to San Francisco (I'm going to bite my tongue on that one), donating to organizations that support gays, lesbians, and transsexuals, and good lord, look at his Starbucks bill!

The gay connection was interesting as although there was plenty of rumors and he said/he said info coming out of Tulsa alleging that Shumate was a closeted gay this was the first real documented connection between Shumate and a gay supported organization. Now we aren't bashing on the gays, we tend to leave them alone if they aren't bothering anybody, just pointing out that Shumate supports their issues. Read [this article](#) posted on the Rainbow Coalition website. The relevant info is highlighted in red:

February 08, 2012

### [The Rainbow PUSH Coalition Applauds Prop 8 Ruling](#)

*Please see below a statement, from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, regarding marriage equality.*

"Many years ago in the late 1970s, I visited South Africa, then deep in the throes of apartheid system. I was asked by the media what I thought of the situation, and I said something very culturally challenging to them, "I believe in human rights for all human beings. We must measure human rights by one yardstick." That principle – our moral center - still applies. Everything flows from this perspective. We all

matter. Today let us fix the problem, not fix the blame – let us come together and build a broad coalition.

We stand together today as equal members of the human family; as consistent principled advocates for human rights for all people. We stand together today to uphold the principles of due process, of equal protection under the law, of fighting against discrimination against any and all people based on race, religion, gender or **sexual orientation**.

We applaud today's court ruling that supports Marriage Equality, striking down Proposition 8 as unconstitutional. Peoples' right to self-expression, self-determination be respected and affirmed. It's time to challenge ignorance, a time to break the silence and the chains of hatred, of divisive and discriminatory bigotry. **Marriage is based on love and commitment — not on sexual orientation. Rainbow PUSH supports the right for any person to marry the person of their choosing.**

If Dr. King and our civil rights movement has taught us anything, it's the fundamental principle of that all people deserve Equal protection under the law. **LGBT people deserve equal rights** – including marriage equality – and equal protection under the law. Discrimination against one group of people is discrimination against all of us. The State – and the Courts - should not sanction discrimination.

To those that believe in and fought for civil rights, that marched to end discrimination and win equality, you must not become that which you hated. It's past time to persist in hypocrisy and ignorance, and time to come out of the shadows and darkness to support unequivocally, equality for all people. Those that support civil and human rights cannot, must not, become perpetrators of discrimination against others based upon race, religion, culture, **sexual orientation**.

African Americans know too well the sting of legal, state sanctioned, constitutionally driven “second class” citizenship – from centuries of legal slavery and Jim Crow segregation, to classified as 3/5 of a human being in the U.S. Constitution, to facing anti-miscegenation laws that prevented Blacks from marrying whites.

Marriage is a fundamental right of all individuals. That principle was upheld today — for Blacks and Whites, **for straight and gay**, for ALL Americans. No group of people should be denied their fundamental constitutional liberties, like equal protection under the law, simply because of who they are.

Interestingly enough, reportedly the black community hates it when gays compare what they went through in the civil rights struggle to the gay rights movement. Many blacks believe that the comparison cheapens their struggle, perverts it if I might be so bold to use that word. Representative Shumate is certainly struggling to keep one foot in the black community and in the gay community, risky politics at best. The Tea Party could care less what Representative Shumate does to churn his butter but we don't like hypocrisy, if he is gay he should come right out and admit it. If he isn't gay he should address the allegations and put them to rest.

And take a look at all the “constituent gifts”. This report reads like it is a slush fund to funnel campaign money to pay for Representative Shumate's personal expenses. That needs looking into, they cut off the gifts from lobbyists or at least make them public then allow money from campaign war chests to be spent on travel, Starbucks, Burlington Coat Factory, Wal-Mart, and so on? Spending \$20 for breakfast at Starbucks on a regular basis? That is living high on the hog

| Date         | Brief description of expenditure(s) | Name and address of the person/entity to which expenditure was made.               | Explanation of Purpose         | Amount | Year-to-date total |
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| Mar 30, 2009 | Shuttle Service                     | Washington Metro<br>600 5th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                   | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 2.85   | 12.85              |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Gasoline                            | ONCUE Express 101<br>1 NW 23rd Street<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73104                | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 8.66   | 12.31              |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Printing                            | AMPCO Parking<br>2800 SW 23rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73119                        | Legislative<br>Business        | 16.00  | 128.00             |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Baggage Check                       | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261 | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 25.00  | 1,675.28           |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Abuelo's<br>17 East Sheridan<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73104                         | Legislative<br>Business        | 87.26  | 163.96             |
| Mar 30, 2009 | Hotel Stay                          | Sheraton Hotel<br>801 N. St. Asaph<br>Street<br>Alexandria,<br>VA 22314            | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 155.88 | 155.88             |
| Mar 29, 2009 | Hotel Stay                          | Embassy Suites<br>4650 W. Airport Fwy<br>Irving, TX 75062                          | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 148.35 | 148.35             |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Airport Shuttle                     | Washington Metro<br>600 5th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                   | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 10.00  | 12.85              |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Baggage Check                       | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261 | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 15.00  | 1,675.28           |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Lounge 201<br>201 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NE<br>Washington,<br>DC 20002            | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 22.80  | 22.80              |
| Mar 26, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                      | Hyatt Hotel<br>1000 H Street NW<br>Washington,                                     | Legislative<br>Business Travel | 30.40  | 30.40              |

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| Mar 25, 2009 | Coffee                            | DC 20001<br>Travel Traders<br>999 9th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                      | Legislative<br>Business Travel                         | 3.97   | 40.99    |
| Mar 25, 2009 | Volunteer Thank You Gifts         | Travel Traders<br>999 9th Street NW<br>Washington,<br>DC 20001                                  | Volunteer Thank<br>You Gifts                           | 26.44  | 40.99    |
| Mar 24, 2009 | Cellular Phone                    | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                              | Cellular Phone                                         | 174.56 | 3,587.08 |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                    | Cheevers Cafe<br>2409 Hudson Avenue<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73106                               | Legislative<br>Business                                | 29.47  | 29.47    |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Office Supplies                   | Cartridge World<br>1605 North Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                               | Office Supplies                                        | 35.36  | 70.72    |
| Mar 23, 2009 | Constituant Thank You Gift        | Bed Bath & Beyond<br>5352 East Skelly Drive<br>Tulsa, OK 74135                                  | Constituant<br>Thank You Gift                          | 35.69  | 35.69    |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Thank You Card                    | Target<br>2417 W. Main Street<br>Norman, OK 73069                                               | Thank You Card                                         | 2.11   | 2.11     |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Donation                          | Sigma Gamma Rho<br>Sorority<br>Post Office Box 48608<br>Tulsa, OK 74148                         | Status of Women<br>Luncheon                            | 100.00 | 130.00   |
| Mar 20, 2009 | Advertisement                     | Deborah Brown<br>Community School<br>2 South Elgin Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74120                    | Legislative<br>Travel                                  | 125.00 | 300.00   |
| Mar 17, 2009 | Pikepass Rebill                   | Oklahoma Turnpike<br>Authority<br>4401 West Memorial<br>Road #130<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73134 | Pikepass Rebill                                        | 40.00  | 857.24   |
| Mar 16, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                     | Pearls Oyster Bar<br>928 NW 63rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73116                                  | Legislative<br>Business                                | 18.69  | 55.63    |
| Mar 13, 2009 | Parking                           | AMPCO Parking<br>2800 SW 23rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73119                                     | Legislative<br>Business Travel                         | 8.00   | 128.00   |
| Mar 13, 2009 | Luggage Check                     | Northwest Airlines<br>1105 Arbor Run Place<br>Brentwood, TN 37027                               | Legislative<br>Travel                                  | 15.00  | 271.89   |
| Mar 12, 2009 | Hotel Shuttle                     | Blue Cab<br>1417 Oakland Park<br>Avenue<br>Columbus Ohio,<br>OK 43224                           | Legislative<br>Business Travel                         | 29.19  | 29.19    |
| Mar 12, 2009 | Printing                          | Staples Office Supplies<br>2711 South Harvard<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                      | Legislative<br>Advertisement                           | 94.95  | 875.63   |
| Mar 09, 2009 | Dinner Meeting                    | Chilis Restaurant<br>1957 S. Muskogee<br>Tahlequah, OK 74464                                    | Legislative<br>Business                                | 50.96  | 50.96    |
| Mar 08, 2009 | Office Supplies                   | Wal-Mart<br>1801 Bell Isle Blvd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73118                                   | Office Supplies                                        | 35.22  | 132.25   |
| Mar 06, 2009 | Airline Ticket                    | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261              | Ohio Leg. for<br>Nat'l Alliance for<br>Charter Schools | 339.89 | 1,675.28 |
| Mar 03, 2009 | Accounting, Clerical, Typesetting | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                               | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting                | 300.00 | 7,200.00 |
| Mar 02, 2009 | Thank You Notes                   | Reasor's<br>2429 East 15th Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74104                                            | Thank You Notes                                        | 35.68  | 35.68    |
| Mar 02, 2009 | Esquire Club                      | Parkhill Warehouse<br>5111 South Lewis<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                             | Dinner Meeting                                         | 90.37  | 214.26   |
| Mar 02, 2009 | Airline Ticket                    | Northwest Airlines<br>1105 Arbor Run Place<br>Brentwood, TN 37027                               | National Urban<br>League<br>Conference                 | 256.89 | 271.89   |
| Feb 27, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                     | VZD's Restaurant<br>4200 North Western<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73118                            | Legislative<br>Business                                | 29.96  | 63.63    |

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| Feb 26, 2009 | Constituant Thank You Gift           | Jensco, Inc<br>77-C Woodland Street<br>Manchester,<br>CT 06042                                  | Constutuant<br>Thank You Gift           | 15.98  | 15.98     |
| Feb 25, 2009 | Cellular Phone                       | United States Cellular<br>6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                              | Cellular Phone                          | 174.56 | 3,587.08  |
| Feb 23, 2009 | Legislative Advertisement            | OETA OK Broadcasting<br>Post Office Box 14190<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73113                     | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | 30.00  | 30.00     |
| Feb 23, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | Pearls Oyster Bar<br>928 NW 63rd<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73116                                  | Legislative<br>Business                 | 36.94  | 55.63     |
| Feb 23, 2009 | Pikepass Rebill                      | Oklahoma Turnpike<br>Authority<br>4401 West Memorial<br>Road #130<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73134 | Pikepass Rebill                         | 46.70  | 857.24    |
| Feb 17, 2009 | Constituant Thank You                | Mary Murray's Florist<br>3333 East 31st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74135                               | Constituant<br>Thank You                | 51.91  | 51.91     |
| Feb 16, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                          | Legislative<br>Business                 | 9.00   | 191.03    |
| Feb 16, 2009 | Printing                             | Staples Office Supplies<br>2711 South Harvard<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                      | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | 63.47  | 875.63    |
| Feb 10, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | On The Border<br>Restaurant<br>3500 NW Expressway<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73112                 | Legislative<br>Business                 | 81.74  | 109.23    |
| Feb 09, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | Crown Plaza Of Tulsa<br>100 East 2nd Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74103                                  | Legislative<br>Business                 | 16.50  | 16.50     |
| Feb 08, 2009 | Auto Rental                          | Hotwire<br>655 Montgomery<br>Street<br>San Francisco,<br>CA 94111                               | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 201.08 | 394.21    |
| Feb 07, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                          | Legislative<br>Business                 | 38.56  | 191.03    |
| Feb 04, 2009 | Accounting, Clerical, Typesetting    | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                               | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting | 300.00 | 7,200.00  |
| Feb 03, 2009 | Hotel Stay                           | Residence Inn - Dallas<br>7642 LBJ Freeway<br>Dallas, TX 75251                                  | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 51.75  | 51.75     |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | Zephyrs Patio Lounge<br>5628 Sears Street<br>Dallas, TX 75206                                   | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 25.50  | 25.50     |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Car Rental                           | Alamo Car Rental<br>7777 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74115                               | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.66  | 40.66     |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Hotel Stay                           | Lincoln Inn Of OKC<br>5405 North Lincoln<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73105                          | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 46.05  | 138.15    |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Legislative Advertisement            | Perry Publishing And<br>Broadcasting<br>7030 South Yale<br>Avenue #302<br>Tulsa, OK 74136       | Legislative<br>Advertisement            | 50.00  | 11,489.70 |
| Feb 02, 2009 | Telephone Service                    | Cox Communications<br>1811 East 51st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74136                                  | 2008 Campaign<br>HQ                     | 389.09 | 1,113.73  |
| Jan 30, 2009 | Hotel Stay                           | Lincoln Inn Of OKC<br>5405 North Lincoln<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73105                          | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 92.10  | 138.15    |
| Jan 28, 2009 | Lunch Meeting                        | Brookside By Day<br>Restaurant<br>3313 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                | Legislative<br>Business                 | 24.27  | 24.27     |
| Jan 26, 2009 | Service Charge/Airline Ticket Change | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261              | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.00  | 1,675.28  |
| Jan 26,      | Cellular Phone Service               | United States Cellular                                                                          | Cellular Phone                          | 174.56 | 3,587.08  |

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| 2009            |                                                    | 6701 East 41st Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74145                                                | Service                                 |                                   |               |                               |
| Jan 24,<br>2009 | Auto Rental                                        | Hotwire<br>655 Montgomery<br>Street<br>San Francisco,<br>CA 94111                       | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 193.13                            | 394.21        |                               |
| Jan 20,<br>2009 | Service Charge/Airline<br>Ticket Change            | American Airlines<br>Post Office Box<br>619612 MD 2400<br>DFW Airport,<br>TX 75261      | Legislative<br>Business Travel          | 40.00                             | 1,675.28      |                               |
| Jan 14,<br>2009 | Hotel Stay                                         | Springhill Suites<br>3 SE Interstate Drive<br>Lawton, OK 73501                          | Legislative Black<br>Caucus Retreat     | 101.02                            | 101.02        |                               |
| Jan 12,<br>2009 | Gasoline                                           | E Z Go Mart<br>H. E. Bailey Turnpike<br>Chickasha, OK 73018                             | Legislative<br>Travel                   | 15.12                             | 15.12         |                               |
| Jan 09,<br>2009 | Antivirus Software                                 | DRI Trend Micro<br>Unknown<br>Unknown, OK 00000                                         | Antivirus<br>Software                   | 35.95                             | 35.95         |                               |
| Jan 09,<br>2009 | Cellular Phone Repair                              | The Signal Cellular<br>Repair<br>625 Willow Springs<br>Lane<br>York, PA 17406           | Cellular Phone<br>Repair                | 50.00                             | 50.00         |                               |
| Jan 09,<br>2009 | Accounting, Clerical,<br>Typesetting               | Kathryne Horner<br>1238 West Reading<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                       | Accounting,<br>Clerical,<br>Typesetting | 300.00                            | 7,200.00      |                               |
| Jan 06,<br>2009 | Post Office Box<br>Renewal                         | United States<br>Postmaster<br>626 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74106             | Post Office Box<br>Renewal              | 42.00                             | 442.84        |                               |
| Jan 02,<br>2009 | Lunch Meeting                                      | The Brook Restaurant<br>3401 South Peoria<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74105                  |                                         |                                   |               |                               |
| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Brief description of the<br/>expenditure(s)</b> | <b>Name and address of<br/>the person/entity to<br/>which expenditure was<br/>made.</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>                      | <b>Explanation of<br/>Purpose</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Year-to-date<br/>total</b> |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Breakfast                                          | Starbuck's Coffee House<br>1832 Utica Square<br>Tulsa, OK 74114                         | Camapign                                | Legislative<br>Business Meeting   | 20.00         | 504.19                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Postage                                            | United States Post<br>Office<br>626 East Apache<br>Street<br>Tulssa, OK 74106           | Camapign                                | Postage                           | 32.00         | 317.76                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Refreshments                                       | Walgreens<br>405 East 2nd Street<br>Sand Springs,<br>OK 74063                           | Campaign                                | Campaign<br>Headquarters          | 62.30         | 227.08                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Advertisement                                      | Prairie Production<br>1637 South Boston<br>Avenue<br>Tulsa, OK 74119                    | Campaign                                | Advertisement                     | 351.09        | 696.96                        |
| Jun 11,<br>2012 | Advertisement                                      | The Oklahoma Eagle<br>624 East Archer<br>Tulsa, OK 74120                                | Campaign                                | Advertisement                     | 1,320.00      | 5,970.00                      |
| Jun 08,<br>2012 | Refreshments                                       | Walgreens<br>405 East 2nd Street<br>Sand Springs,<br>OK 74063                           | Campaign                                | Campaign<br>Headquarters          | 51.68         | 227.08                        |
| Jun 08,<br>2012 | Telephone Polling                                  | SHO & Associates<br>2840 Linda Lane<br>Oklahoma City,<br>OK 73115                       | Campaign                                | Campaign                          | 4,649.48      | 4,649.48                      |
| Jun 07,<br>2012 | Campaign Walking                                   | Kevin Watkins<br>1301 North Denver<br>Tulsa, OK 74106                                   | Campaign                                | Campaign<br>Walking               | 40.00         | 430.00                        |
| Jun 07,<br>2012 | Meal                                               | Mazzio's Pizza<br>2305 West Edison<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                                   | Campaign                                | Campaign<br>Walkers               | 40.82         | 155.16                        |
| Jun 07,<br>2012 | Gasoline                                           | Quick Trip<br>229 N. Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127                        | Campaign                                | Legislative<br>Travel             | 60.95         | 2,616.96                      |
| Jun 06,<br>2012 | Meal                                               | McDonald's Restaurant<br>229 North Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127          | Campaign                                | Campaign<br>Walker                | 6.04          | 33.69                         |
| Jun 06,<br>2012 | Meal                                               | McDonald's Restaurant<br>229 North Gilcrease<br>Museum Road<br>Tulsa, OK 74127          | Campaign                                | Campaign<br>Walkers               | 14.26         |                               |

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Legislative Rriorities  
**Date:** Monday, March 21, 2011 1:53:00 PM

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 2:49 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Legislative Rriorities

Don't send this to McNutt... Also, this does not include every bill! But it shows a lot of what has been accomplished.

#### **Tort Reform: Passed in House and Senate**

- SB 863, Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Duncan), jury instructions shall include an instruction notifying the jury that no part of an award for damages for personal injury or wrongful death is subject to federal or state income tax. (passed march 1)
- SB 866, Sen. Anthony Sykes, provides for periodic payment of future damages. (passed march 1)
- HB 1995, by Rep. Dan Sullivan (R-Tulsa), requires certain hospitals operated by a public trust to maintain a certain amount of health care malpractice liability coverage. The total liability of such hospitals for damages for malpractice is extended to the amount of the hospital's malpractice liability coverage. The bill passed by a vote of: 95-2. (passed march 7)
- HB 2024, by Rep. Dan Sullivan (R-Tulsa), authorizes a court to order that future damages incurred after the date of judgment that exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) be paid in whole or in part in periodic payments rather than by a lump-sum payment. The vote was: 62 to 36. (passed march 14)
- HB 2128, by Rep. Dan Sullivan (R-Tulsa), lowers the recovery limitation for noneconomic damages in a civil action for bodily injury to Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00). The current limitation is Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). Amendment vote was: 58 to 36. Vote: 57 to 40. (passed march 14)

#### **Workers' Comp Reform: Passed in House and Senate**

- SB 878, Sen. Patrick Anderson (R-Enid) and Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore), *the* workers' comp bill. Interestingly it was not debated. Sen. Anderson told me afterward he stayed up late last night preparing and was a bit disappointed he didn't get to debate the bill. Title is off. It passed 44 to 0. (March 10)
- SB 761, Sen. Jolley (R-Edmond), establishes a physician board which will set guidelines for best practices for workers' comp cases. Passed 45 to 0. (passed march 8)
- HB 2038, by Rep. Dan Sullivan (R-Tulsa), authorizes the Workers' Compensation Court Administrator to compile annual reports relating to characteristics of cases including amount of surgeries, length of temporary total disability, permanent partial disability, and other medical treatments and therapies. The vote was: 62 to 21. (march 17)

### **Closing Fund: Passed in House**

- HB 1953, by Rep. Skye McNiel (R-Bristow), is the closing fund bill. The vote was 79 to 17. The emergency failed: 52 to 39. (passed march 14)

### **Reexamination of tax credits: Passed in House and Senate**

- HB 1008, by Rep. Skye McNiel (R-Bristow), is the aerospace tax credit. The bill shortens the moratorium on the income tax credit for the reimbursement of tuition and compensation of aerospace engineers. (passed march 9)
- SB 3, by Sen. Mazzei (R-Tulsa), aerospace tax credit was passed 45 to 2. Bill was amended by Sen. Tom Adelson (D-Tulsa), the amendment abolishes the state income tax, both corporate and personal. In a classic case of sticking ones foot in ones mouth, Adelson voted against his own amendment before voting for the entire bill. (passed march 2)
- HB 1285, by Rep. David Dank (R- Oklahoma City), Creates the Task Force for the Study of Tax Credits and Economic Incentives. The act defines the membership, scope of the study, and provides for a final report of findings and recommendations. The task force is to begin meeting no later than September 30, 2011 and is to produce a final written report of findings and recommendations no later than December 31, 2011.

### **Lower Income Tax: Automatically went into affect**

### **IT Consolidation: Passed in House**

- HB 1304, by Rep. David Derby (R-Owasso), transfers the information technology assets of all appropriated state agencies and all employees of appropriated state agencies with job titles and duties that fall within the information technology occupational group to the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance (OSF) effective July 1, 2011. The amendment also requires all state agencies, beginning July 1, 2011, to use certain information technology services and the Integrated Central Financial System operated by OSF. The vote was: 52 to 45. The emergency failed: 50 to 39. (passed march 14)
- HB 1601, by Rep. Aaron Stiles (R-Norman), creates the Oklahoma State Government Business Licensing One-Stop Program and directs the state's Chief Information Officer (CIO) to adopt procedures for state agencies to enter into a shared services arrangement with the Office of State Finance for the provision of real-time, web-based licensing and permitting services. The measure requires the CIO to demonstrate a cost savings of at least 15% to state agencies as a result of the program and requires agencies to lower licensure fees correspondingly. The vote was: 90 to 7. (passed march 17)

### **One Stop Shop: Passed House and Senate**

- SB 772, Sen. Jolley, one-stop shop for businesses at the Dept of Commerce. Consolidates most if not all of the state's business licenses to the Dept of Commerce. Passed 42 to 9. (passed march 14)

### **Paperless Billing: Passed House and Senate**

- HB 1086, by Rep. Jason Murphey (R-Guthrie), Provides that all payments disbursed from the State Treasury be made only through an electronic payment mechanism and requires that the name of any vendor that receives an exemption from the State Treasurer be published in a report on the Treasurer's website. The vote was: 93 to 4. (passed march 9)
- SB 541, Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore), allows for electronic signatures for some state

business and mandates the OSF publish an annual financial services cost performance assessment which will document each appropriated state agency's cost for providing financial services; including, procurement, payroll, accounts receivable and payable. Passed 42 to 0. (passed march 14)

#### **Pension Reform:**

- HB 2132, by Speaker Steele, No unfunded COLA's
- HB1002, by McDaniel, Improves efficiencies in OTRS

#### **Government Modernization / Agency Consolidation: Passed in House and Senate**

- HB 2140, by Speaker Steele, is the state agency shared services bill. The bill consolidates several agencies into the Office of State. The bill directs the Director of OSF to consolidate all of the agencies' administrative functions by December 31, 2011, and to demonstrate a 15% overall cost reduction as a result and further requires the Director to make recommendations on the streamlining, reduction or elimination of the governance structures and statutorily-established positions of each agency. The bill passed by a vote of: 65 to 28. The vote on the emergency failed by a vote of 53 to 28. There was a motion to reconsider in the future. (passed march 3)
- HB 1541, by Rep. Jason Murphey (R-Guthrie), creates a Human Rights Division within the Attorney General's office and transfers responsibilities of the Human Rights Commission to that division; Creates a Mining Department within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and transfers responsibilities of the Oklahoma Mining Commission to DEQ; Merges the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Sciences and Technology into the Department of Commerce; and Merges the Scenic Rivers Commission into the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The vote was: 74 to 18. The emergency failed: 64 to 32. (passed march 14)
- SB 763, Sen. Jolley, consolidates the Office of Civil Rights Enforcement into the AG's office. Passed 37 to 9. (passed march 14)

#### **Health Insurance Exchange: Passed in House**

- HB 2130, by Speaker Steele, is the health insurance exchange bill. The vote was: 51 to 34. Title on. (passed march 17)

#### **Raise awareness for health problems – implemented by 5320 campaign in health department**

#### **Reform Board of Education: Passed in House and Senate**

- HB 2139, by Speaker Kris Steele, allows the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish positions within the department and have control and direct the State Department of Education. The substitute strikes language that makes the State Board of Education the governing board of the State Department of Education and specifies that the board will have supervision of the public school system of Oklahoma. The emergency clause on the bill failed to receive 68 votes so the House will vote again either tomorrow or Monday. Vote for the bill: 64 to 25. Vote on the emergency: 60 to 28. (passed march 2)
- SB 435 by Sen. Bingman—Education reform, modifies the membership of the State Board of Education to have only four members. Vote 32-15. (passed week of 2/25/2011)

#### **Elimination of Social Promotion: Passed in House and Senate**

- HB 1550, by Rep. Sally Kern (R-Oklahoma City), requires that if a third-grade student is not reading at grade level, the student will be asked to participate in a summer reading academy or other program designed to assist the student in attaining grade-level reading skills. If the student does not participate, the student will be retained in third grade and a new program of reading instruction will be developed for the student. If the student does participate in the summer program but doesn't successfully complete competencies, the student will be retained in third grade and provided alternative reading instruction. In addition, students who score unsatisfactory on the reading portion of the third grade criterion-referenced test, will be retained in the third grade and provided alternative reading instruction. The vote was: 67 to 26. The emergency failed by a vote of: 61 to 27. (passed march 15)
- SB 346, Sen. Jolley, eliminates social promotion for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who can't read at grade level. Passed 36 to 8. (passed march 14)

#### **Get More Money in Classroom: Passed in House and Senate**

- SB 536, by Sen. Gary Stanislawski (R-Tulsa), creates a task force to examine areas where efficiencies can be found in school administration, i.e. a task force on school district administration consolidation. It passed 39 to 3. I talked to Stanislawski about this measure a few weeks ago and he said he didn't know what the final version would look like as this has been studied before, but he does think the language will change significantly perhaps even away from a task force to something more substantive; like a plan to actually consolidate some administrative districts. (passed march 9)
- HB 1746, by Rep. Jason Nelson (R-Oklahoma City), requires that starting with the 2014-2015 school year school districts spend at least 65 percent of the total yearly expenditures on direct instructional activities. The vote was: 51 to 45. (Passed march 15)

#### **Eliminate Trial de Novo: Passed in House and Senate**

- HB 1380, by Rep. Corey Holland (R-Marlow), removes different hearing processes for probationary teachers and career teachers recommended for dismissal and provides that all teachers have the right to a hearing before a local board of education. Removes the process of a pretermination hearing for career teachers. Repeals the right to trial de novo. (passed march 1)
- HB 1380, by Rep. Corey Holland (R-Marlow), eliminates trial de novo. The bill passed 69 to 31. The emergency failed 67 to 33. (passed March 8)
- SB 1, by Sen. Ford (R-Bartlesville), eliminates trial de novo. Passed 30 to 17. (passed march 9)
- SB 534, by Sen. Ford, broadens the circumstances under which a tenured teachers can be terminated. Passed 30 to 15. (passed march 9)

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Bcc:** [Governor Fallin Press](#); [Murphy, Sean](#); [Wayne Greene](#); [Zeke Campfield](#); [Michael McNutt](#); [barbara.hoberock@tulsaworld.com](mailto:barbara.hoberock@tulsaworld.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from Secretary Sebelius to the Governors regarding next steps on Exchanges  
**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2012 5:07:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dear Governor letter re Exchange Blueprints 11.9.12.pdf.pdf](#)

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See attached – blueprint deadline for insurance exchanges has now been extended to Dec 14.

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**Subject:** Letter from Secretary Sebelius to the Governors regarding next steps on Exchanges

To: Washington Reps and State Federal Contacts

Re: HHS letter extending blueprint deadline for state-based exchanges

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the deadlines for states seeking to operate either a State-based or Partnership Exchange under the Affordable Care Act have been extended. According to the new guidance, which is attached, states electing to operate a State-based Exchange must still send a Declaration Letter by November 16<sup>th</sup>, but the Blueprint is not due until December 14, 2012. States electing to operate a State Partnership Exchange can submit their Declaration Letter and Blueprint on a rolling basis up to February 15, 2013.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Murphy, Sean](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from Sen. Coburn to Gov. Fallin re: concerns with potential expansion of Oklahoma's Medicaid program  
**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2012 12:09:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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[Coburn letter to Gov Fallin abt Concerns With Expanding Medicaid 10 23 12.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Bernhardt, Becky (Coburn) [mailto:Becky\_Bernhardt@coburn.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2012 3:51 PM  
**To:** Bernhardt, Becky (Coburn)  
**Subject:** Letter from Sen. Coburn to Gov. Fallin re: concerns with potential expansion of Oklahoma's Medicaid program  
**Importance:** High

Folks –

I wanted to make sure you were the first to see the attached letter which Senator Coburn sent to Governor Fallin today highlighting several reasons not to expand Oklahoma's Medicaid program. As a result of the Supreme Court ruling the massive expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare unconstitutional in June of this year, states have the option to expand their Medicaid program under the law, but are now not required to do so.

Specifically, Senator Coburn explains the following concerns with any decision to expand Oklahoma's Medicaid program:

- Some of the **cost of expanding Medicaid in Oklahoma will be borne by Oklahoma taxpayers;**
- Options for **expanding Medicaid under the health care law assume the federal matching rate is continued at current levels, even though the federal government has a poor track record of upholding promises to American citizens;**
- Expanding Medicaid under the health care law **could effectively reduce private health insurance options for Oklahomans;**
- Expanding Medicaid **further perpetuates federal bureaucrats' control of Oklahoma's Medicaid program;**
- A general concern with Medicaid expansions under the health care law is the issue of **Medicaid patients' reduced access to health care because of the program's low reimbursement rates for health providers;**
- **Essential medical care is not equally available to patients on the program**

Thank you,  
Becky

**Becky Bernhardt**

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Keili McEwen](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for HB 2130 from Governor Mary Fallin and Insurance Commissioner John Doak  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 2:27:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [HB 2130 Letter of Support.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:05 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for HB 2130 from Governor Mary Fallin and Insurance Commissioner John Doak  
**Importance:** High



**To: Oklahoma State Representatives**

**From: Governor Mary Fallin and Insurance Commissioner John Doak**

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Dear Representative,

We would like to make you aware of the extraordinary opportunity Oklahoma has to be a national leader in designing and implementing a conservative, free-market based health insurance exchange.

As you know, the idea of an Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange is not a new one. In 2009, the legislature passed a bill that authorized the creation of a health insurance exchange portal where consumers could compare and research various private health insurance plans in one online location.

As mentioned in the State of the State address, our goal is to create an insurance exchange where small businesses and individuals can pool their money to expand their purchasing power, increase competition and ultimately reduce costs. Our vision is to protect consumers and guarantee the role of licensed agents and brokers. Therefore, we are asking for your support for HB 2130, which establishes a governance structure for an Oklahoma Exchange.

We believe the creation of this Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange represents a great opportunity for our state to develop a national model for providing citizens with quality private health insurance. I also believe it represents an important opportunity for conservative policymakers to offer a positive agenda for Oklahoma families.

The Commissioner and I strongly oppose ObamaCare and will continue to work to have it overturned. We are proud to stand with General Scott Pruitt and his efforts to have this law ruled unconstitutional. This is now our opportunity to stand up for our 10<sup>th</sup> amendment rights and create an Oklahoma based free-market exchange.

An Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange would be an online marketplace where costs are reduced, where insurance products could be bought and sold to meet individual needs and where all insurers could compete to promote real choices for consumers. This is the exchange that my administration, the Insurance Commissioner, the Speaker, the Pro Tem, and others are dedicated to creating. We look forward to working with all stakeholders on the legislation to ensure everyone is represented appropriately. We hope you are as excited by this opportunity as we are.

**From:** [Dana Wolpert](#)  
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FYI, from Dr. Hook.

Dana Wolpert  
Director of Scheduling  
Governor Mary Fallin  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212  
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**From:** Dr. Carl Hook, MD [mailto:████████████████████]  
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Dana,

This is a very interesting telephone call from a neurosurgeon in Chicago discussing the 'ethics/treatment' panels to be formed to dictate care that will be resulting from PPACA (Obama Care). Please listen to the call. I thought Governor Fallin would be interested in hearing this and I am sending to you hoping you will be able to forward it to her. Thank you very much; I certainly appreciated your assistance in the scheduling process for the Governor to speak at our recent EXPLORE: OK Healthcare Summit presented by PLICO August 9, 10. She helped make it an overwhelming success for 375 registrants and 60+ exhibitors attending this first time Summit.

Sincerely,

Carl Hook, M.D.  
President and CEO  
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**As Sarah Palin and others asserted, it appears under Obamacare there will indeed be "Death Panels".**

**While our shared abhorrence of such a practice is almost unanimous, the idea of making certain cost/benefit decisions regarding healthcare should not necessarily be completely ruled out. Of course even if we agree there are times when "withholding" care would save both money and pain and misery, we'd still have to think hard about who sits on these panels.**

I've personally known dozens of people who were 100% certain to die of cancer in the near term, but they were still given very expensive chemotherapies and other interventions that, not only would not save them, but would make them horribly ill and debilitated for the short time they had left to live. Some argue that even when it's certain that a person is going to die from his illness, we should not remove all hope from him. But of course this only postpones the day when the patient must end his denial and come to acceptance of his demise. So I've always had bad feelings about cases where patients were placed on debilitating chemotherapy and given other treatments that only made them too ill to enjoy what few weeks or months they had left. This change in thinking/ethics (I think it's unethical to do this to people)...but this change with cancer patients alone would save billions of dollars. And of course the same is true with other terminal illnesses as well. Too frequently continuing painful, debilitating medical care just prolongs suffering while doctors, hospitals and especially pharmaceutical and high tech medical equipment companies make profits.

Also there's the data showing that frequently 80% of the cumulative costs for an individual's healthcare occur during the last 90 days of life. Does that make sense?

Here's a call from a neurosurgeon who had just attended a symposium on how Obamacare will work, a preview of what's coming. It's really scary to think that a panel, probably consisting of doctors with administrative mindsets and corporate bean counters, will be deciding whether a patient receives the surgery that would normally be provided or just given palliative care so he'll be comfortable while he's waiting to die.

But I suppose this will drive the costs of Medicare down, since all that can afford to go the private insurance route will leave Medicare.

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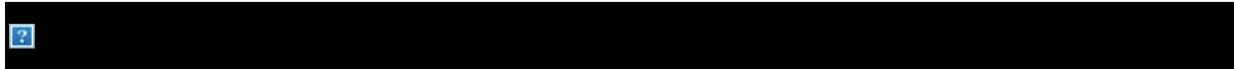
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FYI. Questions GMF will get tomorrow after her speech at health underwriters.

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**To:** Aaron Cooper  
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Aaron,

I apologize for getting this to you late, but here are 3 questions we have that we would like the Governor to address at the end of her speech. These topics have come up in different several meetings with agents and brokers.

1. In light of concerns regarding ramifications of accepting federal grant money, was it feasible to find state revenue to develop a state-based exchange?
2. What is status of the filing for the MLR waiver for Oklahoma?
3. In Governor Fallin's prospective, as a former Congresswoman, which of the following scenarios do you perceive most likely? Repeal and Replace, Pieces of the law replaced, or defunding to delay enforcement of the law?

We were also told today that Channel 2 (NBC), KOED and PBS will all be in attendance tomorrow for the meeting. Please feel free to call me on my cell (918) 630-5652 if you have any questions. Thank you.

**Jennifer Helms, RHU®**

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But rank and file Republicans mostly just want to represent their constituents and go home. Still they are on the battleground so they need to stand behind those that are trying to clean up state government or be considered as against the public good. They face a tough political year with the filing season moved into the legislative session, preventing the collection of campaign contributions by incumbents until after the session ends. They are also facing a growing number of citizen legislator candidates that are rising in response to the dirt that has been revealed over the last two years.

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And basically, if the State Chamber is for it, it is a very bad idea to back the issue.

We are watching. There are far more of us than there was last year. We have a newspaper



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## House Bill 2229 and the Wellness Council

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When our state official's get together and begin racking their brains on how to trim the expenditures let's give them a few pointers. HB 2229 is to consider if the Wellness Council should be continued or if it should be eliminated as a state agency. This "Wellness Council" has got to be one of the most useless organizations in state government.

I don't know who came up with it in the first place, and I myself wouldn't admit it, but at this point that is irrelevant. There is absolutely no need for the state to waste time or money appointing someone to call meetings or to tell a group of adults how to take care of themselves. This isn't the employer's responsibility, nor should the state be that deep into the employee's business. If the benefits offered through an employer have choices such as health care or fitness then that should be up to each individual to make a choice.

If they don't have enough information to make a choice I suppose they will ask or make an informative phone call. This can be achieved by providing the employees with information booklets and phone numbers.

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## Amendment for the Oversight Committee on State Employee Charitable Contributions

As Introduced by Representative George Faught  
By Ms. P. M.

We brushed on HB 2228 last week. This bill is to determine whether or not the Oversight Committee on State Employee Charitable Contributions is to continue as a government agency. The oversight committee picks the list of approved charities for payroll deductions from state employees. The usual suspects get approved, the United Way, assorted Muslim groups associated with unindicted co-conspirators with links to terror groups..., the usual politically correct charities that can afford to lobby the Oversight Council and pay the huge administrative costs that go along with a well connected and well paid organizations.

### [State Employee Charitable Contributions Act:](#)

This amendment relates to Sunset Law that is defined as a measure within a statute, regulation or other law that provides that the law shall cease to have effect after a specific date, unless further legislative action is taken to extend the law. This bill would extend the date until July 1, 2016. You can read the entire [proposed bill here](#).

With Oklahoma taxpayers already stretched by paying for this nonsensical department creating oversight committee, one would think this is a prime target for shrinking the size of state government. If state employees can't figure out where they want to give their money on their own it makes it easy to understand why they work for the government. I can only wonder how they manage to function in everyday life outside the protective bubble where they work.

When I hear "Sunset" I picture myself sitting on the beach in Key West visiting "Margaretville" having a grand ole' time. It is ironic how government can turn a vacation into a bureaucratic nightmare. Let's let this one expire!

## Hall of Fame or Hall of Shame?

HB 2232, THE MUSIC HALL OF SHAME  
AUTHORED BY GEORGE FAUGHT  
By R.H.

This bill re-authorizes the Muskogee Music Hall of Fame Board, extending the program until July 1, 2016. The Board members are appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. Selection of members is determined by learning who shows "a sincere desire to recognize Oklahoma's contribution to music". Okay...

The bill goes on to say the function should be to honor those, living or dead, who, by achievement or service, have made outstanding and lasting contributions to music in Oklahoma or elsewhere.

This all sounds great but there is more to it than warm and fuzzy feelings? Muskogee crime statistics report an overall downward trend but violent crime is increasing with property crime decreasing. Overall [the report](#) shows Muskogee has crime rates higher than all of Oklahoma or the national average.

One might think the priority would be to create an atmosphere where people are safe before throwing money at a Tourist Attraction. It is time to pull the plug and we dare Representative Fart to live up to the Republican Party Platform and dissolve this useless pork project.

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## **Proposed Ethics Rules or Stand Up Comedy? PROPOSED HOUSE CODE OF CONDUCT IS A JOKE By R.H.**

Granted under Articles V Sections 30 and 42 of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Oklahoma House of Representatives has the authority to discipline their own, but their proposed rules and punishments leave a lot to be desired. They are more set up to protect House leadership's agenda than to enforce ethical behavior.

The new rules ask House members to refrain from disorderly behavior including anything that might diminish "public confidence" in the House of Representatives. Speaker Steele has accomplished that all by himself by turning on the very conservative House members that helped elect him, accompanied by the refusal of committee chairs to hear bills presented by conservative Republicans and Democrats alike. If anyone has eroded the peoples' confidence in the House of Representatives it is the Speaker himself through his atrocious leadership blunders.

Article 5, Sections 18 and 23 of the Oklahoma Constitution prohibits Representatives from engaging in self-dealing. What do you call the Speakers involvement in a committee to promote soft on crime bills that are in line with his social justice agenda? It would seem to me that the Speaker would have to recuse himself from all matters dealing with any bills dealing with the prison system. This might also be covered under Article 5 Section 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Article 5 Section 30 of the Oklahoma Constitution requires a two thirds majority vote for the majority expulsion of a member. Just imagine, a convicted felon serving in the House of Representative because they could not muster a 2/3 votes. A Constitutional amendment should be brought forth that would allow for the removal from the house of a convicted felon on a simple majority vote. We are not served by felons in the House.

I'll grant you there needs to be a Code of Conduct in the House of Representatives, but the people who propose these rules need to use something they all seem to be lacking. That something is called common sense. A little common sense would tell them that these rules are meant to shut them up and prevent them from exposing the corruption and self dealing at the Capitol. They should remember, it's the people's House of Representatives, the business they are conducting shouldn't be embarrassing and the people have a right to know if it is.

This proposal would appoint eight members split between the two parties. Where is there room for the Independent? Are Independent s not allowed a seat in the jury box if the people elect an Independent?. These new Ethics Committee members are to recommend changes to House Code of Conduct which as proposed are already a joke. The rules do attempt to establish a procedure to receive and investigate complaints for violation of House Rules and to recommend disciplinary action for those violations. Now here's the kicker; this committee is suppose to provide ethics training to members of the House of Representatives on proper conduct.

The problems begin with Rule 2. A:

"The Ethics Committee shall consist of eight (8) members of the house appointed by the Speaker"

Why the Speaker? Why not allow each party caucus to pick fair and well respected members?  
And what if the Speaker has an ethics complaint against him as it appears is the case this with the Kris Steele/Workers Comp scandal? The people on the Ethics Committee would immediately be in a conflict of interest on any matter involving the Speaker. Would they recuse themselves?  
If so, who would investigate these serious allegations against the Speaker?

Rule 2B is a long drawn out procedure to disqualify a person from an investigation.

Rule 2C is a disqualifier of a person on the committee if he or she is being investigated. But the accused member must go through the long drawn out procedure outlined in rule 2b to be disqualified. Why not a simple recusal motion here? What are they afraid of?

Rule 2F is to be reviewed for options. Here's an option for you. Instead of replacements being picked by the Speaker, why not have the individual caucus involved select the replacement in a vote. This would surely be a better way than getting the Speakers lap dogs placed on the board.

Rule 3 Para B requires that the committee members take the following oath:

“ I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not disclose, to any persons or entity outside the House Ethics Committee, any information received in the course of my service with the committee, except as authorized by the committee in accordance with its rules.”

But what if the investigation they're doing uncovers something that is illegal? Don't members have the obligation to report illegal activity to authorities? Are the committee members not allowed to justify their votes on this committee?

Para D States that the final report shall remain confidential until such time as the committee decides to vote and release part or all of the report. Speaker Steele and his toadies seem to forget that is the **Peoples House** and you are conducting the **Peoples Business**. The report is the property of the people and should be released immediately upon the decision being made. The People have a right to know and anyone accused of unethical behavior has the right to have their name cleared.

Rule 6 Para A allows for the committee to adopt internal procedures as necessary. What is this? A secretive committee and now secretive rules? Shades of the Gestapo here.

Para 6E states that unless determined by a majority vote, only the Chair and vice Chair of the committee can make public statements. Whatever happened to the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. Are they afraid the truth will get out?

Rule 7 states in part:

“The House ethics Committee shall determine whether any of the facts contained within a complaint are capable of independent verification through public record or through preliminary investigatory process and shall cause such facts that are capable of independent informal verification to be so verified.”

Now you've really got to be joking here. I'm no attorney, but I'm smart enough to know that some facts you're not going to get without a subpoena. This informal investigation is meant to whitewash any investigation in the hope that it will go away. Talk about trying to protect their members. Here's a good example.

Para 3 gives the committee the right, by majority vote, to refer the complaint to the appropriate authorities. This is an attempt to cover up what House leadership did to their fellow colleagues last year. In that regard it is disgraceful because they can simply troll for criminal acts committed by legislators, legislators that aren't following Speaker Steele's agenda. If a legislator has broken the law and evidence comes forward, let that evidence be given directly to the appropriate District Attorney or the Attorney General.

Rule 8 Para E4 gives the power to the Chair to determine whether or not a witness or documents to be subpoenaed are likely to provide competent, relevant and material evidence and if so, shall issue subpoenas as requested by the respondent. The question here is this; without seeing the documents or hearing from the witnesses, how can the chair make a decision on whether or not they provide any competent, relevant or material evidence in the case before them? This rule is more about refusing to allow conservative legislators to provide evidence that will clear their

names.

Rule 9 Para F states in part:

“An official paper or record is not within the privilege established in the paragraph.” What are they afraid of.? Do they plan to twist the words to say something they didn’t? Para H gives the discretion of making a record of the proceedings to the chair. This shouldn’t be left to one person’s discretion. An audio record and a written transcript should be mandatory. You can’t have a body such as this deciding the political future of our elected officials doing so without an official record. This in itself brings discredit and shame upon the House of Representatives. Representatives should demand that those hearings be open to the public.

Para L, 1 claims that there will be strict adherence to the rules of evidence as outlined in Oklahoma law. They even allow the respondent to have an attorney present and for witnesses, however that attorney can raise no objections and cannot address the ethics committee. All they can do is advise their witness. An Attorney violating these rules can be found in contempt. I wouldn’t blame the attorney, looking at these proposed rules, I’d be contemptuous too.

I 3 goes on to say:

“That the Chair, in his or her sole discretion, shall rule upon all objections and upon the admissibility of evidence arising in the course of deposing witnesses or presenting testimony or documents to the House Ethics Committee.”

So in paragraph we say no objections can be raised, and in another we say the chair has the power to rule on them. What the \_\_\_\_\_ is going on here? Since when did we elevate a committee chair to the position of what amounts to a Criminal Courts Judge without going through the proper procedure? After all isn’t that what this panel is?

Rule 10 Para B allows the committee to step outside the scope of the complaint. Why? Granted there should be some exceptions. Those exceptions would be criminal in nature and should be referred to law enforcement. The way I see it you have a complaint you investigate it, you make your findings and you move on. Anything else, except criminal activity, is beyond the scope of your investigation.

Rule 11 The Final Report, the most idiotic rule of all. Para A:

“A Final Report shall remain confidential except as otherwise provided in this rule.”

Why? If the report clears a Representative, don’t you think we should know? If you discipline a Representative, don’t you think we should know? Remember, this was the **Peoples** business you were conducting. The people have a right to know.

Para B is absurd. You are really going to make House members take the same oath as Ethics Committee members just to view the final report. What are you hiding? Who are you protecting? How biased are these proceedings?

Para C, by a majority vote may release all or part of the final report. Hey remember the part about the **Peoples** business. We deserve to know.

Rule 12 deals with disciplinary action. This one is a little difficult to deal with as it is set out in Oklahoma’s Constitution. I agree in most of the actions to be taken, but Para 5 presents a problem for me. For now we have to let it stand.

Understand these are just draft rules. There is time to change them. We can put the pressure on them to do so. Lets make this happen. You can see the proposed draft legislation here

[Code of Conduct](#) [House Ethics Rules](#)

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## Failure of Tax Credits

By Ms. P.M.

With the announcement of American Airlines filing for bankruptcy one could assume the colossal tax credits they received did not do Oklahoma any favors. In 2003 Tulsa voters approved a [one-cent sales tax](#) that provided American Airlines more than \$22 million in incentive to stay in the city and expand their maintenance center.

Representative Dank has been busy authoring three new tax credit bills. HB 2979 isn't a bad bill, it removes the transferability of tax credits, something that was a bad idea when it started and needs shut down.

Dank doesn't stop there; HB 2977 is another amendment bill which relates to the "Task Force for the Study of State Tax Credits." It consists of 10 members:

- Chair of the Appropriations and Budget Committee (House)
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- Chair of the Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee of the Appropriations and budget Committee (House)
- Chair of the Senate Finance Committee
- Director of the Office of State Finance
- State Treasurer
- Secretary of State
- Minority Leader (House)
- Minority Leader (Senate)
- State Auditor and Inspector

Dank isn't done, HB2978 covers identification of certain persons, prohibiting measures allowing transfer of tax credits and audits. The bill states that any tax credit "shall provide for the creation of new jobs or the retention of existing jobs within the State of Oklahoma."

Ya think?

The suspicions part of this is that the majority of these positions are filled with House leadership cronies. They wouldn't be cutting these tax credits unless this somehow benefited their State Chamber masters. This issue bears close watching however the following story sheds some light on why they are trimming tax credits, so they can re sell the favors to their new campaign donors in the aerospace industry.

In the bill on the task force it states the findings must be submitted to the Governor. I wonder... with American Airlines in bankruptcy and over 2,000 jobs being lost, is she now wondering why she thought these tax credits were the grand poo-poo in her panties? Or was it just a tingling sphincter moment? She HAS been around a while. It certainly seems as if our Lady Gag-Gag is downplaying the job loss, "lose some jobs" and these employees have "unique and valuable skill sets." I can only think they probably don't feel so valuable right now. You can read her [press release here](#):

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## **Retroactive Tax Credits? Are They Insane?**

Read this pile of steaming corporate cronyism:

### AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to income tax; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.301, which relates to the aerospace sector income tax credit; modifying definition; authorizing amended return for specified circumstance and providing deadlines for filing; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.301, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.301. As used in Sections 1 through 4 2357.301 through 2357.304 of this act title:

1. "Aerospace sector" means a private or public organization engaged in the manufacture of aerospace or defense hardware or software, aerospace maintenance, aerospace repair and overhaul, supply of parts to the aerospace industry, provision of services and support relating to the aerospace industry, research and development of aerospace technology and systems, and the education and training of aerospace personnel;
2. "Compensation" means payments in the form of contract labor for which the payor is required to provide a Form 1099 to the person paid, wages subject to withholding tax paid to a part-time employee or full-time employee, or salary or other remuneration. Compensation shall not include employer-provided retirement, medical or health-care benefits, reimbursement for travel, meals, lodging or any other expense;
3. "Institution" means an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or any other public or private college or university that is accredited by a national accrediting body;
4. "Qualified employer" means a sole proprietor, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company,

corporation, other legally recognized business entity, or public entity whose principal business activity involves the aerospace sector;

5. "Qualified employee" means any person employed by or contracting with a qualified employer on or after January 1, who has been awarded an undergraduate or graduate degree from a qualified program by an institution, and who was not employed in the aerospace sector in this state immediately preceding employment or contracting with a qualified employer. For purposes of this paragraph, prior employment in the aerospace sector shall not include employment or contracting with a qualified employer as an intern on a nonpermanent basis;

6. "Qualified program" means a program that has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and that awards an undergraduate or graduate degree; and

7. "Tuition" means the average annual amount paid by a qualified employee for enrollment and instruction in a qualified program. Tuition shall not include the cost of books, fees or room and board.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2357.305 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For the tax years 2009 through 2011, any qualified employee that was employed or contracted as an intern on a nonpermanent basis in the aerospace sector or any qualified employer who employed or contracted with a qualified employee as an intern may file an amended Oklahoma income tax return in order to claim the income tax credit provided for in Section 2357.302, 2357.303 or 2357.304 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Tax year 2009 amended returns may be filed on or before October 15, 2014, and be considered timely filed for purposes of claiming an income tax refund. All other tax years are subject to the statute of limitations for refund claims set forth in Section 2373 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

David Tackett of Oklahomans for Liberty wrote a good expose of this issue. Below is a shortened version of his article, [here is the full article](#).

Apparently, it's not good enough for Boeing to count these intern-to-full time job hires toward the tax credit starting this year. **They want the tax break to be retroactive all of the way back to 2009!**

So, let's put this in perspective. and the State Chamber opposed giving military veterans an immediate tax credit on their retirement benefits last year, instead making our veterans wait until 2016 to get their tax break. (Sorry, I forgot Sen. Mazzei missed several votes during last year's session including these votes.)

But now, Sen. Mazzei wants us to give Boeing a tax credit for the past 3 years.

I guess that makes sense... If you fought to put your life on the line to protect our freedoms, you have to wait 4 years for your tax break. But if you give a lot of money to Sen. Mazzei and the State Chamber then you can have your tax break passed retroactively.

**Corporate welfare is bad enough, but when you make it retroactive, you are exposing the fact that you no longer represent your voters' interest, but those who can give your campaign the most money.**



### **Reserve Cop Gets to Visit Girlfriend Behind Bars**

In a startling claim, Sheriff John Whetsel said there is not a problem with security at the Oklahoma County jail after a 60 year old former Langston Reserve Police Officer illegally used his Police credentials to obtain private visits with his 33 year old incarcerated fiancé at the Oklahoma County Jail. Someone found herself a sugar daddy.

This is unbelievable. How can Sheriff Whetsel's people miss the fact that the man checked

himself in wearing a police uniform and claiming to be from the Logan County Sheriff's Office. Once maybe, twice never. It goes back to the old saying fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me. This guy got away with it six times before he was caught. This is unbelievable.

The man now faces six felony counts of unauthorized entry into a prison institution. His name is Dawud Ali. But that's not all. The man was let go from the Langston Police Department in January. This raises the question. Why haven't the guards who allowed this to happen been disciplined.

Sheriff Whetsel's response to this breach of security has been minimal. His tightening of security has been to require that Oklahoma County Jailers have been told to ask more questions. Surely they can come up with a better way to verify that the investigator that is there is in fact authorized by the Police Force that sent them to be there. What's wrong with a phone call to the agency that they sign in as being from? What's wrong with requesting that an agency notify the Sheriff's Department in advance of who they are sending, two simple solutions to enhance security.

Another red flag should have been raised during these visits. With no charges on file from Logan County or the Langston Police Department, one wonders what ruse was used to get these visits. A claim of an ongoing investigation is the most likely culprit. This is a simple claim to make, but one that in the future should be verified with the alleged investigating agency.

Sheriff Whetsel, you're there to Protect and to Serve. You claim to do a pretty good job of it. It would appear that your defenses at the Oklahoma County Jail are easy to breach. How many more horror stories must we hear of the Oklahoma County Jail before something is done? How many more security breaches are we to endure?

How soon will it be before the criminal element figures it out, and escapes start to happen, or have they and we just haven't heard about them?



## HB 2536

### "OKLAHOMA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING ACT"

Authored by Representative McCullough

The idea is a mandatory recycling of beverage cans to attract tourists by having less litter on the ground. In our previous newsletter we did a story on "Tracking Trash In Tulsa". This new bill is eerily similar only on a smaller version at least for now. You can [read the Bill here](#).

There are no "smart carts" in front of your house with RFDI chips but the long list of expenses include new regulations and departments just to name a couple. Let's not forget the fees and penalties for violations. Did you know that the definition of "Consumer" as defined would be "a person paying the deposit on a deposit beverage container"?

One would think the government is the "consumer" after all they will be consuming more taxpayer money. Will the price of soda go up AND a deposit added to the increased price? The retailers have to cover the added expense of government micro managing with more bureaucracy.

After reading many articles on the pros and cons of recycling one issue stood out. Unless the system is efficient it will operate at a loss. I can only conclude if the government is involved we are in trouble. It will cost taxpayers money to fill coffers at the state level. How much does the government do without wasting our money?



## **Arm Twisting or Reception?**

Looks like the State Chamber is already trolling for tramps at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Lincoln with a reception Wednesday night. No doubt legislators can rub elbows with the captains of industry here in Oklahoma and get reminded of who paid their campaign donations.

From: The State Chamber of Oklahoma [mailto:[reply@okstatechamber.com](mailto:reply@okstatechamber.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 2:22 PM

Subject: Join Us For Our Legislative Reception

Join Us For The State Chamber of Oklahoma's Annual Legislative Reception on February 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center.

To RSVP, please contact Karen Cagle directly at 405-235-3669 or [kcagle@okstatechamber.com](mailto:kcagle@okstatechamber.com).

The State Chamber has released its 2012 Business Agenda for the year. Please click here to see the full agenda, including a list of Key Legislative Issues. State Chamber members and all elected officials will be mailed a hard copy of the publication in the coming weeks and additional copies will be available at the reception.

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**Señor Ortega, mi casa es su casa?  
mi casa no su casa!**

**More Amnesty Bills from Representative Ortega  
By R.H.**

Just like last year, Rep. Ortega has authored his share of amnesty bills. This time he has hedged his bets by writing three. The first is HB 2792. This bill creates the Oklahoma Immigration Act of 2012. It's the same amnesty program that ripped George Faught a new one last session. Got too many illegal aliens, just make them legal and flout Federal Law. Who cares how many *Natural Born Americans and Native Oklahomans* are out of work. HB 2793 is the same kind of bill.

Then there is HB 2798. This is essentially the same bill, with a few word changes. It's a back up bill in case HB 2792 or HB 2793 fail to pass. Granted Charlie has a lot of illegal aliens in his district. Maybe he should care more for the legal residents of his district.

What is it that politicians don't understand about amnesty. We tried that when the Democrats promised to secure the border, and President Regan granted amnesty. Well the border was never secured. Instead we get a President who wants to put kiosk up at some border crossing and trust that it will be used. Plus an Attorney General who allows thousands of guns to be walked across the border unchecked, and then uses it as an excuse to tighten gun sales. The death of 2 border patrol agents with those guns didn't bring so much as an apology from the Attorney General to their families.

This state has a law in effect now that requires City, County and State law enforcement to report illegal aliens to the I. C. E. Most do not. Oklahoma City and Tulsa are known sanctuary cities. What is more appropriate is a bill to cut off state funding to law enforcement and county welfare agencies until the counties come into compliance with current state law.

In addition state law makers should take a look at what happens to unemployment numbers when tough immigration laws are in acted. Alabama is a good example. Alabama has seen their unemployment rate decrease by 1.2% since en-acting their law last year. Granted it is being challenged by the great community organizer in chief, President Obama, and the most corrupt Attorney General in history, but it is still working.

Rep. Ortega, you should reconsider your bills, and withdraw them from consideration. These bills are bad for Oklahoma and bad for Oklahomans

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### **Republican Precinct Meetings Feb 6th**

Cleveland County is among a slew of counties holding precinct meetings on Monday night. Delegates will be elected to send to the March County Conventions and the April District Conventions where the delegates will be narrowed down for the State Convention in May.

You need to be a registered Republican to vote and become a delegate but anyone can attend. If you have recently re registered, take a copy of your registration form with you.

Cleveland County's meeting will be at Joy's Palace at 300 E Main, Southeast corner of Crawford and Main in Norman.

Here is a link to the Oklahoma GOP website event page where you can check to see when your County is having their precinct meetings.

<http://www.okgop.com/events/>

Oklahoma County precinct meetings are on Mon, February 6, 6:15pm – 8:15pm  
at the Harding Charter School (auditorium), 3333 N. Shartel Ave., OKC

Woods, Kay, Oklahoma, Bryan, Logan, Noble and Stevens counties all meet on Monday. On Tuesday the Comanche County precinct meetings are held and on Thursday the Pottawatomie County meetings are held.

Here are all the House members in two [fifty member blocks of email addresses](#). Use Bcc in your email address header and email fifty of them with one email yet they won't know who else got the email.

Here are the State [Senate email addresses](#) in one block:

Who is my state representative and my state Senator? [Click here to find out](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 29, 2011

### \*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\*

#### *Governor Fallin to discuss Health Insurance Exchange, Education Reform in TV Interviews*

Governor Mary Fallin tomorrow will discuss the Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange and education reforms during two live television interviews.

6:12 a.m. Wednesday, March 30 – Gov. Fallin will appear live on KFOR Channel 4 in OKC

6:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 30 – Gov. Fallin will appear live on KWTW Channel 9 in OKC

7 to 7:10 a.m. Wednesday, March 30 – Gov. Fallin will appear live on KOTV Channel 6 in Tulsa

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More information on Feeding Oklahoma Food Drive below:

### **\*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\***

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The goal of the food drive, which concluded on Nov. 15, was to raise enough food and funding to provide 1.2 million meals to help feed hungry families in Oklahoma this holiday season. According to the USDA, Oklahoma ranks as the fifth-hungriest state in the nation, with more than 675,000 Oklahomans struggling with hunger every day. The Oklahoma food banks provide enough food to feed more than 150,000 people each week with demand increasing during the holiday season.

**WHAT:** Governor Fallin will announce the results of the statewide Feeding Oklahoma Food and Fund Drive, which concluded on Nov. 15.

**WHO:** Governor Fallin; Rodney Bivens, executive director of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma; Eileen Bradshaw, executive

director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

WHEN: 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19

WHERE: Blue Room, Oklahoma State Capitol

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**WHO:** Governor Fallin; Rodney Bivens, executive director of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma; Eileen Bradshaw, executive

director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

WHEN: 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19

WHERE: Blue Room, Oklahoma State Capitol

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**Subject:** FW: Media Alert: Today, 11 AM: announcement on insurance exchange/Medicaid to be made following press conference  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 12:11:00 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Did you get this at 10:33 AM this morning?

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**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 10:33 AM  
**To:** Governor Fallin Press  
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Today at 11 AM in the Blue Room at the Oklahoma Capitol, Governor Fallin will announce the results of the statewide Feeding Oklahoma Food and Fund Drive, which concluded on Nov. 15.

**Immediately following the press conference, the governor will make an announcement to the press regarding the health insurance exchange and Medicaid expansion provisions contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**

More information on Feeding Oklahoma Food Drive below:

### **\*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\***

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Fyi. - just replied that gov doesn't plan to call a special session

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 03:35 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST: special session?

Aaron,

I was wondering what, if anything, has been decided about the possibility of calling a special session of the Legislature to deal with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Does it look like there will be a special session to address the state-run health insurance exchange?

Is the administration willing to risk betting on the election results to avoid having to do that/

If a special session is called, what is the anticipated costs of doing that?

If a special session is not called, what are the potential costs of not addressing the issue?

What are the benefits of not calling a special session to address the need for a state-run health insurance exchange?

I am writing on deadline, so a prompt response would be appreciated.

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Just FYI

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**From:** Cindy Roberts [mailto:Cindy.Roberts@okhca.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 1:21 PM  
**To:** Steve Mullins  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez  
**Subject:** RE: Medicaid Expansion

Steve –

Below is what a state plan must cover - - the expansion population was not removed from the language. The rumor is that states would have to make an affirmative move to “not” cover this population.

Cindy

Sec. 1902. [42 U.S.C. 1396a] (a) A State plan for medical assistance must—

(10) provide—

(A) for making medical assistance available, including at least the care and services listed in paragraphs (1) through (5), (17), (21) and (28)<sup>[54]</sup> of section [1905\(a\)](#), to—

(i) all individuals—

(I) who are receiving aid or assistance under any plan of the State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A or part E of title IV (including individuals eligible under this title by reason of section [402\(a\)\(37\)](#), [406\(h\)](#), or [473\(b\)](#), or considered by the State to be receiving such aid as authorized under section 482(e)(6)),

(II)(aa) with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are being paid under title XVI (or were being paid as of the date of the enactment of section 211(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193<sup>[55]</sup>) and would continue to be paid but for the enactment of that section), (bb) who are qualified severely impaired individuals (as defined in section [1905\(q\)](#)), or (cc) who are under 21 years of age and with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits would be paid under title XVI if subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section [1611\(c\)\(7\)](#) were applied without regard to the phrase “the first day of the first month of the following”,

(III) who are qualified pregnant women or children as defined in section [1905\(n\)](#),

(IV) who are described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (1)(1) and whose family income does not exceed the minimum income level the State is required to establish under subsection (1)(2)(A) for such a family;

(V) who are qualified family members as defined in section [1905\(m\)\(1\)](#),

(VI) who are described in [subparagraph \(C\) of subsection \(1\)\(1\)](#) and whose family income does not exceed the income level the State is required to establish under [subsection \(1\)\(2\)\(B\)](#) for such a family,<sup>[56]</sup>

(VII) who are described in [subparagraph \(D\) of subsection \(1\)\(1\)](#) and whose family income does not exceed the income level the State is required to establish under [subsection \(1\)\(2\)\(C\)](#) for such a family; or<sup>[57]</sup>

<sup>[58]</sup>

(VIII) beginning January 1, 2014, who are under 65 years of age, not pregnant, not entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under part A of title XVIII, or enrolled for benefits under part B of title XVIII, and are not described in a previous subclause of this clause, and whose income (as determined under subsection (e)(14)) does not exceed 133 percent of the poverty line (as defined in section [2110\(c\)\(5\)](#)) applicable to a family of the size involved, subject to subsection (k);<sup>[59]</sup>

(IX)<sup>[60]</sup> who—

(aa) are under 26 years of age;

(bb) are not described in or enrolled under any of subclauses (I) through (VII) of this clause or are described in any of such subclauses but have income that exceeds the level of income applicable under the State plan for eligibility to enroll for medical assistance under such subclause;

(cc) were in foster care under the responsibility of the State on the date of attaining 18 years of age or such higher age as the State has elected under section [475\(8\)\(B\)\(iii\)](#); and

(dd) were enrolled in the State plan under this title or under a waiver of the plan while in such foster care;

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**To:** Cindy Roberts

**Subject:** Medicaid

Cindy,

I saw your email to Katie that had a cryptic sentence at the end - "And, then on another note, we learned today that this will be an **“opt-out”** eligibility group rather than an “opt-in”. This changes things a bit now; in order to “opt-out” we would probably need legislation.”

Can you give me a little information about this? Maybe point me to the section you are referencing?

**Steven K. Mullins**

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**To:** HHS Committee  
**Cc:** Drobac, Krista; Schiff, Maria  
**Subject:** Meeting on health insurance exchanges

**Reminder:** The NGA Center for Best Practices is hosting a meeting on exchanges September 8-9 in Arlington, Virginia. Below please find the original invitation that was sent to all offices as well as a draft agenda. If you are interested in attending, please register as soon as possible via the link highlighted below. If you have any questions regarding meeting registration or the agenda, please contact Maria Schiff at [mschiff@nga.org](mailto:mschiff@nga.org) or (202)624-5395.

Please also mark your calendars for an HHS Committee meeting next Wednesday, August 24 at 3:00 pm EST in the governors room to discuss the latest proposed rules on health insurance exchanges. Call-in information: [REDACTED]; passcode [REDACTED]

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The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices is pleased to invite each governor to send a state team to a workshop entitled: *“Health Insurance Exchange Implementation: Timelines, State Options and Federal Regulations.”* This workshop is designed to offer state teams the opportunity to discuss issues related to the various paths forward envisioned by the statute and recently-issued HHS proposed regulations regarding Exchanges.

The workshop will cover the timelines and state obligations under the different Exchange models. A substantial portion of the workshop will be reserved for state-only discussions. Topics will include Medicaid integration, Exchange operations, risk mitigation and financial issues. Each topic will be introduced by a subject matter expert, followed by small group discussions among similarly situated states.

Additional details can be found in the attached agenda. At the end of the meeting, states will have the opportunity to speak to and hear from representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This meeting will be held in Arlington, Virginia. On-site registration begins at 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The meeting will conclude at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 9, 2011. The NGA Center will reimburse up to two people from each state for travel and lodging expenses. The state may send up to two additional people at state expense (there is no meeting registration fee). HHS has indicated that Exchange

Planning Grant funding can be used toward travel for state-funded participants.

The NGA Center will reimburse you for your airfare, hotel, and some other travel related costs. Please note, NGA has strict travel guidelines requiring pre-approved waivers for any exceptions. Please review the guidelines when you register, and if you are traveling under circumstances outside of the norm (to and from different location, different travel dates, etc), please contact Leslie Donaldson, [ldonaldson@nga.org](mailto:ldonaldson@nga.org), for prior approval.

Click [here](#) to register or like to <http://www.cvent.com/d/9cq7z3>. Please register prior to the registration cut-off date of August 15, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Near final actuarial assessment draft. Gap analysis will be coming later in the month.

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Phase I & Phase II Team Members:

Attached is Draft No. 3 – the most recent draft- of the Milliman Actuarial Report. This is a CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT. Please do not share this document outside of your internal review team. Unless changes are made, it will be the finalized draft of the project deliverable. Please complete your detailed review and return your comments and/or suggested edits by close of business next Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

You may also wish to use the Scope of Work for the project as shown below to help guide your review:

**SCOPE OF WORK/OFFEROR'S DUTIES**

*Assess potential impacts of substantive options on the insurance market.* The vendor should be prepared to advise the State on the qualitative and quantitative impact of various options around these major policy decisions. At a minimum, this should include:

- **Statewide survey of existing insurance carriers about aspects of their product lines and plans;**
- **Existing state and federal regulations;**
- **Best methods to identify/certify qualified health plans for the exchange**
- **Consideration of the reinsurance/risk adjustment methods provided for in PPACA sections 1341-1343**
  
- **Review and summarization of effective cost control strategies**

- **Actuarial modeling related to evaluation of premium structure, rate setting, risk adjustment, and benefit plan and cost-sharing design.**
  
- **Actuarial modeling evaluating the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) and other requirements in the non-group/small group markets and potential impact on the Oklahoma insurance market.**
  
- **The expected impact of mandatory reforms and the Exchange on insurance market prices and market stability;**
  
- **The expected impact of an incremental phase-in of the market reforms, such as rating bands in the individual market, on premiums for plans sold in the Exchange;**
  
- **The expected impact on premiums in the Exchange of merging the risk pools of the individual and small group market; and**
  
- **The expected impact of different legal or regulatory expectations for health plans sold in the Exchange as opposed to outside the Exchange.**

Thank you,  
Nicole

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Kathleen,

FYI – here's a column we sent out today that will be of interest to you.

Thanks,

Aaron

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FYI from Rep. Bennett: Great job Governor! My constituents and I support your decision 100%! Thank you!

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## **PENCE SAYS INDIANA SHOULD NOT ESTABLISH STATE-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE**

Gov.-Elect Also Reiterates Opposition to Partnership Exchange; Will Notify Federal Authorities, "Absent New Information," by February 2013 Deadline

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November 15, 2012

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**Carmel, IN** - Gov.-elect Mike Pence today reiterated his recommendation that Indiana should not develop a state-based health insurance exchange as part of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

In a letter to Gov. Mitch Daniels, Pence noted that he has reviewed his position in light of the recent election and his recommendation remains the same.

"I do not believe the State of Indiana should establish a state-based health insurance exchange because doing so will cost taxpayers millions of dollars and it is not clear that Hoosiers would benefit from incurring the cost of implementing this new federal healthcare bureaucracy," Pence said in his letter.

He added, "Without knowing more details on the cost and nature of state-based exchanges, it is possible that our state could be placed in the untenable position of serving as the administrator of a new federal healthcare bureaucracy over which we have little control."

Pence pointed to the uncertainty regarding cost and regulation of state-based

exchanges, as well as the certainty of higher taxes and higher premiums for Hoosiers in his recommendation.

Pence also noted he remains opposed to a partnership exchange with the federal government and, "absent new information," will make that known to the proper federal authorities by the deadline of February 16, 2013.

"Hoosiers may be assured that we will continue to evaluate the best course of action for the people of our state and will make every effort to continue to develop locally-based, innovative solutions to make insurance more affordable and increase access to care for all Hoosiers," said Pence.

States must tell the federal government whether or not they intend to establish a state-based exchange by Friday.

Gov.-elect Pence's letter can be read in full [here](#).

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NAIC Rules  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 4:29:00 PM

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Do you want me to send this to Doak or someone in his office or do one of you want to?

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**From:** Mary Fallin [mailto:maryfallin[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 1:43 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Fwd: NAIC Rules

Send to John Doak and respond too..

Mary Fallin

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "David Powell" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 20, 2012, 1:17:20 PM CST  
**To:** "Mary Fallin" [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** NAIC Rules

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Only three states have endorsed the change to the Stoploss Model Act; Minnesota, Hew hampshire and Vermont. The proposed change will make it harder for Oklahoma employers to provide affordable coverage by pushing them toward a national exchange. Please tell the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner to vote NO and not change the Stoploss Model Act.

I have been in the health insurance business since graduating from OSU in 1978 and I have worked with partially self-funded employers plans nearly that entire time. If there are any questions, please call my cell any time. 417-438-7655.

David A. Powell  
President  
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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NAIC Rules  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 9:44:00 AM

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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: National Journal Interview Request - Vegas  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 3:29:51 PM

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Will you check with gov and see if she wants to do this?

Is your thought to do as many of these as she wants at RGA/NGA?

I'm curious whether they'd want to talk anything other than PPACA

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**From:** Jon Thompson [mailto:[jthompson@RGA.ORG](mailto:jthompson@RGA.ORG)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 07:50 PM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: National Journal Interview Request - Vegas

Great, thank you

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**From:** Aaron Cooper [mailto:[Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 5:46 PM  
**To:** Jon Thompson; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: National Journal Interview Request - Vegas

We will check the schedule and get back to you ASAP.

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**From:** Jon Thompson [mailto:[jthompson@RGA.ORG](mailto:jthompson@RGA.ORG)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 07:21 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** National Journal Interview Request - Vegas

Reid Wilson with National Journal is requesting a 10 minute sit down interview with the governor sometime on Wednesday afternoon/evening or on Thursday during Annual Conference here in Vegas. General topics would include where the GOP goes from here, RGA annual conference, and Governors leadership in the states

Any chance we could make happen? I would be glad to help arrange a time and meeting location.

Thanks,

Jon

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New Cato Institute video: States Should Flatly Reject ObamaCare Exchanges  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 05, 2012 2:00:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Michael Cannon [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:59 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** New Cato Institute video: States Should Flatly Reject ObamaCare Exchanges

I want to make sure you watch this terrific new [video](#) the Cato Institute released last week. (Our multimedia guys are something else.)

It explains why states should refuse to create Exchanges—no matter how the Supreme Court rules on ObamaCare later this month. Blocking Exchanges is THE most important thing states can do to stop ObamaCare.

Every conservative group, including the Heritage Foundation and the American Legislative Exchange Council, agrees that states should (1) refuse to create an ObamaCare Exchange and (2) send all related grants back to Washington—as states like Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Wisconsin have already done.

Please share this video with your favorite state officials, on your blogs, and Facebooks, and Twitters...etc.

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Check out these health policy books from the Cato Institute: [Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It](#) (2007), [Crisis of Abundance](#) (2006), [Medicare Meets Mephistopheles](#) (2006).

Access my papers on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN):  
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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Newsmax TV Interview with Gov. Fallin  
**Date:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:53:00 PM

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The timeframe is this week or early next week. Sounds like a good opportunity. Should we try to book it?

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**From:** Kathleen Walter [mailto:kathleenw@newsmax.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 10:47 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Newsmax TV Interview with Gov. Fallin

Hi Aaron:

Thanks so much for your time on the phone.

As per our discussion, I am interested in an interview with Gov. Fallin on the topics of the fiscal cliff and Obamacare exchange non-implementation and any other topics/issues she'd like to discuss.

We could do via phone or on camera—whatever is most convenient on your end. The interview would be recorded and featured on the Newsmax website. (I can send you some background on our readership/viewership if interested.. but I think you have.)

Thanks for all!!

Kind regards,  
Kathleen

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**From:** [Aron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Monica Houston](#); [Tammie Wright](#)  
**Cc:** [Governor Fallin Press](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Newsmax TV Interview with Gov. Fallin  
**Date:** Monday, December 03, 2012 2:04:00 PM

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Scheduling,

Can you shoot me some potential times later this week or early next week when we could squeeze this interview in? It would be conducted via phone and will last approximately 30 minutes (15 min prep/15 min call time).

Thanks.

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insurance plans in one online location. We now plan to build on the already authorized exchange in an effort to expand access to quality, private health insurance for our citizens.

Governor Fallin is strongly opposed to the federally mandated Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or ObamaCare, and will continue to work to have it overturned. However, if this effort proves to be unsuccessful, the state must be prepared to implement the provisions outlined in ObamaCare. Therefore, accepting the grant funding in advance of the 2013 deadline for implementation will allow Oklahomans to develop a national model for providing citizens with quality health insurance utilizing free-market principles without interference from the federal government.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your ideas and concerns. As we all work together to address the many challenges facing our state, we hope you will continue to share your thoughts and views with us.

Sincerely,

Keili McEwen  
Director of Public Affairs  
Office of Governor Mary Fallin

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**From:** Melody Passmore [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 12:12 PM  
**To:** Governor Info  
**Subject:** Obama Health Care funds

Governor Fallin,

I respectfully ask you to keep your word and decline any money for the state of Oklahoma coming from federally funded "obamacare". I had concerns that you were "in the middle" and not really fiscally responsible. Please don't prove me correct. You got my vote this last election but I guarantee you that I will make phone calls, knock on doors, and spend money to make sure you are NOT re-elected. People are watching, politics is not as usual and if you and the likes of Jim Inhofe think so, you will think again come election day! You are supposed to be the voice of the people. NO OBAMACARE for OKLAHOMA!!!!

I am a 55 yr old that has not actively participated in elections other than school bds until this past year. I won't stop till I drop now and my adult children are now doing the same! Times are changing!

Respectfully,  
Melody Passmore  
████████████████████  
Claremore, OK 74019

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Obamacare Anniversary Action Items  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:43:00 PM

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [mailto:██████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:58 AM  
**To:** Seth Levey; john.katz@alaska.gov; russ.kelly@alaska.gov; lgromis██████████; macarter32██████████; RSerote@az.gov; Adam.nordstrom██████████; Rob.Jakubik██████████; bfulenwider@georgia.gov; ehames@georgia.gov; brandymarty03██████████; dhiowa██████████; jabol10██████████; jboeyink34██████████; travisrichmond██████████; wkloiber██████████; David.Hensley@gov.idaho.gov; jkreizenbeck@gov.idaho.gov; Tammy.Perkins@gov.idaho.gov; Andrew Silvestri; Katie Altshuler; JamieShuster@gov.sc.gov; tedpitts@gov.sc.gov; hedgcockm@gov.state.la.us; bob.schwaneberg@gov.state.nj.us; Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us; Wayne.Hasenbalg@gov.state.nj.us; michael.ciamarra@governor.alabama.gov; Candice Whitfield; eric.finkbeiner@governor.virginia.gov; Jeannemarie.Davis@governor.virginia.gov; kristi.craig@governor.virginia.gov; Michael.DiSabato@governor.virginia.gov; sirena.ramirez@guam.gov; debbie██████████; griffin██████████; wstruble██████████; wags@la.gov; Renee.Fargason@laspbs.state.fl.us; kristacarman██████████; Will.Kinzel@mail.house.gov; mary.mayhew@maine.gov; brandi\_white@mcconnell.senate.gov; Lanier\_Swann@mcconnell.senate.gov; blackwellr2@michigan.gov; chadderdona@michigan.gov; mcbrideb@michigan.gov; muchmored@michigan.gov; tomichz@michigan.gov; Lauren.Hill@nebraska.gov; brian██████████; ryan██████████; nguillemarc██████████; sarah.echols@prfaa.com; Mike Schrimpf; ts██████████; Bkanzeg██████████; aparis@state.pa.us; jbranstett@state.pa.us; jmcallahan@state.pa.us; ktartaglia@state.pa.us; rebmyers@state.pa.us; Jim.Soyer@state.sd.us; MKennicott██████████; Mark.Cate@tn.gov; Will.Cromer@tn.gov; Bnutt██████████; RSPENDLOVE@utah.gov; EMainig██████████; bill.kloiber@wisconsin.gov; Carol.Statkus@wyo.gov; katyoder\_99██████████; pjpgator██████████  
**Cc:** Marie T. Sanderson  
**Subject:** Obamacare Anniversary Action Items

As you may know Wednesday March 23, 2011 marks the one year anniversary of the passage of Obamacare. States, more than any other entity stand to lose the most from this costly and constitutionally overreaching legislation.

This morning representatives from several Governors' offices joined in on a conference call to provide the RGPPC with ideas and commentary on potential action items for Wednesday. The following is a summary of the conversation.

All in attendance wholeheartedly agreed that it is of utmost importance that each Governor does something. Republican Governors currently hold center stage and there is no better time than the anniversary of Obamacare to effectively communicate the overwhelming negative impact it has and will continue to have on our states. The following are some specific action items that some Governors are planning for Wednesday:

### 1) States to message individually:

Press Conferences

- With congressional delegation
- With respected health care officials

- With impacted businesses
- With Lt. Governors and other elected officials

Opinion Editorial

- Getting published locally and nationally- RGA can help if needed
- Editorials written in conjunction with congressional delegation
- Encouraging health care professionals to submit op-eds

Please feel free to email me or Marie with any other suggestions or comments regarding action items for Wednesday.

## **2) Coordinated RGPPC Effort**

The RGPPC in conjunction with the RGA would like to put out a press release of our own on Wednesday. We envision the document to have a quote from every Republican Governor about the effects that Obamacare has had on each individual state. You can lift or prepare such quotes from the actions you are already considering for next week. Please email to Mike Schrimpf (3/22) by Tuesday of next week. Mike's email is [mschrimpf@rga.org](mailto:mschrimpf@rga.org).

### **Lindsay Russell**

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**From:** [Scott Mason](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Obamacare Still Vulnerable  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 11:34:19 AM

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Thought this was interesting. Saw it online this morning- wanted to pass it on.  
Scott Mason  
Office of the Governor  
State of Oklahoma

via AT&T BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----  
From: W. Scott Mason [<mailto:> ██████████]  
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 11:32 AM  
To: Scott Mason  
Subject: Fw: Obamacare Still Vulnerable

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-----Original Message-----  
From: "W. Scott Mason" <██████████>  
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2012 17:31:54  
To: Mary Fallin <maryfallin@██████████>  
Reply-To: smasoniv@██████████  
Subject: Obamacare Still Vulnerable

Obamacare Is Still Vulnerable

by Michael F. Cannon

This article appeared in National Review (Online) on November 9, 2012.

PRINT PAGE

President Obama has won reelection, and his administration has asked state officials to decide by Friday, November 16, whether their state will create one of Obamacare's health-insurance "exchanges." States also have to decide whether to implement the law's massive expansion of Medicaid. The correct answer to both questions remains a resounding no.

State-created exchanges mean higher taxes, fewer jobs, and less protection of religious freedom. States are better off defaulting to a federal exchange. The Medicaid expansion is likewise too costly and risky a proposition. Republican Governors Association chairman Bob McDonnell (R., Va.) agrees, and has announced that Virginia will implement neither provision.

There are many arguments against creating exchanges.

First, states are under no obligation to create one.

Second, operating an Obamacare exchange would be illegal in 14 states. Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia have enacted either statutes or constitutional amendments (or both) forbidding state employees to participate in an essential exchange function: implementing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates.

Third, each exchange would cost its state an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million per year, necessitating tax increases.

Fourth, the November 16 deadline is no more real than the "deadlines" for implementing REAL ID, which have been pushed back repeatedly since 2008.

Fifth, states can always create an exchange later if they choose.

Sixth, a state-created exchange is not a state-controlled exchange. All exchanges will be controlled by Washington.

Seventh, Congress authorized no funds for federal "fallback" exchanges. So Washington may not be able to impose Exchanges on states at all.

Eighth, the Obama administration has yet to provide crucial information that states need before they can make an informed decision.

Ninth, creating an exchange sets state officials up to take the blame when Obamacare increases insurance premiums and denies care to the sick. State officials won't want their names on this disastrous mess.

Tenth, creating an exchange would be assisting in the creation of a "public option" that would drive domestic health-insurance carriers out of business through unfair competition.

Eleventh, Obamacare remains unpopular. The latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that only 38 percent of the public supports it.

Twelfth, defaulting to a federal exchange exempts a state's employers from the employer mandate — a tax of \$2,000 per worker per year (the tax applies to companies with more than 59 employees, but for such companies that tax applies after the 30th employee, not the 59th). If all states did so, that would exempt 18 million Americans from the individual mandate's tax of \$2,085 per family of four. Avoiding those taxes improves a state's prospects for job creation, and protects the conscience rights of employers and individuals whom the Obama administration is forcing to purchase contraceptives coverage.

Finally, rejecting an exchange reduces the federal deficit. Obamacare offers its deficit-financed subsidies to private health insurers only through state-created exchanges. If all states declined, federal deficits would fall by roughly \$700 billion over ten years.

For similar reasons, states should decline to implement Obamacare's Medicaid expansion. The Supreme Court gave states that option. All states should exercise it.

Medicaid is rife with waste and fraud. It increases the cost of private health care and insurance, crowds out private health insurance and long-term-care insurance, and discourages enrollees from climbing the economic ladder. There is scant reliable evidence that Medicaid improves health outcomes, and no evidence that it is a cost-effective way of doing so.

My colleague Jagadeesh Gokhale estimates that expanding Medicaid will cost individual states up to \$53 billion over the first ten years. That's before an emboldened President Obama follows through on his threats to shift more Medicaid costs to states.

Neither the states nor the federal government have the money to expand Medicaid. If all states politely decline, federal deficits will shrink by another \$900 billion.

Now is not the time to go wobbly. Obamacare is still harmful and still unpopular. The presidential election was hardly a referendum, as it pitted the first person to enact Obamacare against the second person to enact it. Since the election, many state officials are reaffirming their opposition to both implementing exchanges and expanding Medicaid.

If enough states do so, Congress will have no choice but to reopen Obamacare. With a GOP-controlled House, opponents will be in a much stronger position than they were when this harmful law was enacted.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T



**From:** [Christie Herrera](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Cc:** [mcannon](#); [barnold](#); [ckort](#).  
**Subject:** FW: OK Governor looking for info on health insurance exchanges  
**Date:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 1:30:05 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Hi, Andrew -- Great talking to you on the phone today. As I mentioned, I'm not quite sure which analogy would fit your request, as I'm not convinced that a state exchange will be any different than a federal one. As such, I've copied our friends at the Cato Institute to see if they can provide some research -- Michael Cannon is Cato's director of health policy studies, and Brandon Arnold and Caitlyn Korb handle Cato's government affairs.

Michael, Brandon, and Caitlyn: Andrew is Gov. Fallin's policy director. Oklahoma has done some great work recently in sending back the "Early Innovator" grant money for an exchange. But, the state is still considering setting up its own exchange, and is looking for research on what happens when the feds take over state government programs (not just in health care). Any insight you could provide Andrew ([andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov); [REDACTED]) would be super helpful.

Any questions, please let me know -- [REDACTED] or [christie](#) [REDACTED].

Thanks,  
Christie

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**From:** Stephanie Linn  
**Sent:** Tue 5/3/2011 3:58 PM  
**To:** Christie Herrera  
**Subject:** OK Governor looking for info on health insurance exchanges

Christie-

Here is the follow up from my VM.

Oklahoma is considering creating its own insurance exchange program. The Governor's office is looking for examples of what happens when the fed gov't takes over states programs. Any additional information on the subject would be great.

Here is the contact information for the staffer from Mary Fallin's office:

[Andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov)

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Thank you,  
Stephanie

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: OK Representation  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 11:40:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [Perfect Storm .docx](#)

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From: "Ed Goeas" <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 3:07 PM  
To: <denisenorthrup@[REDACTED]>  
Subject: FW: OK Representation

> Crap, I thought I had sent this out last week, but found it in my drafts.  
> Was going to add some commentary, but figured I had better get it to you!.  
> On the road to NH tomorrow. Can we talk about this Wednesday? Thanks, Ed

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> Ed Goeas  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Deborah Hohlt [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
> Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 1:43 PM  
> To: Ed Goeas  
> Subject: OK Representation

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> Thanks again Ed.

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> It has certainly been an honor to represent Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels  
> but also a learning experience well beyond my expectations. The "Hall of  
> States" group is a lobbying powerhouse all to themselves and I've gained  
> an important understanding of the issues specific to state governments,  
> the individuals who represent them here in Washington and policymakers on  
> the Hill and in the Administration. Building coalitions within state  
> governments in addition to representing issues with a narrow focus on one  
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Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2012 15:07:37  
To: denisenorthrup [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: OK Representation

Crap, I thought I had sent this out last week, but found it in my drafts. Was going to add some commentary, but figured I had better get it to you!. On the road to NH tomorrow. Can we talk about this Wednesday? Thanks, Ed

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Subject: OK Representation

Thanks again Ed.

It has certainly been an honor to represent Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels but also a learning experience well beyond my expectations. The "Hall of States" group is a lobbying powerhouse all to themselves and I've gained an important understanding of the issues specific to state governments, the individuals who represent them here in Washington and policymakers on the Hill and in the Administration. Building coalitions within state governments in addition to representing issues with a narrow focus on one state are the cornerstones of my eight years of service. I believe I am a leader within the NGA network and have mentored many new state directors who have come on board during the Daniels Administration.

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**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma AG-elect Will file lawsuit against federal health care law  
**Date:** Friday, January 07, 2011 10:50:17 AM

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Probably want to swap this out for what we have on Obamacare. I can post this press release on our Web site.

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Oklahoma Attorney General-elect Will File Lawsuit Against  
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Governor-elect shows support for lawsuit

OKLAHOMA CITY – (Jan. 7) Attorney General-elect Scott Pruitt today announced the state of Oklahoma will file an independent lawsuit against the federal government to challenge the unconstitutionality of the Obama administration's federal health care law in the coming weeks.

Speaking about the need to file independently, Pruitt said, "There is great clarity for me on the necessary and urgent need to exercise my responsibility to defend Oklahoma's Constitution against a federal government and president that have gone too far in their overreach of power and authority."

Governor-elect Mary Fallin, who had a representative from her office in attendance to the press announcement, provided the following statement, "President Obama's health care plan is bad for our economy, bad for our health and bad for our states, which must shoulder the burden of hundreds of millions of dollars in unfunded mandates. It's also an unconstitutional Washington power-grab that seeks to force our citizens to buy certain products. The people of Oklahoma voted overwhelmingly to oppose that power-grab and to reject policies that replace individual choice with the choices of Washington bureaucrats. I am happy to join our new attorney general in announcing that Oklahoma is challenging the federal health care law in court, standing up to Washington and defending our Constitution and the rights of our citizens."

Pruitt continued that because Oklahomans passed State Question 756, the Oklahoma Health Care Freedom Amendment, which amended the state Constitution to say that Oklahomans cannot be forced to purchase insurance, those two laws cannot coexist. Preemption does not apply when a federal law is deemed unconstitutional.

As such, he commented on his obligation to defend the Oklahoma law, "The most logical way to defend our state Constitution is in an Oklahoma federal court not in another state," said Pruitt.

Pruitt expressed his sole desire in filing the lawsuit was to successfully defeat the requirement of the federal health care act that will force Oklahomans to purchase a product or face fines and penalties by the federal government. In legal terms, this is known as the individual mandate, which Pruitt believes to be unconstitutional.

The Attorney General-elect also explained that Oklahoma has the advantage of learning from the arguments the federal government put forth in the legal proceedings with Virginia and Florida, which will allow Oklahoma to introduce new and strengthened arguments to counter those.

Additionally, by filing in Oklahoma, the state will add another circuit of the federal court system considering arguments on the constitutionality of the act. This enhances the reasons for the Supreme Court to expedite a hearing of the issue.

Pruitt stated the lawsuit will be handled by staff internal to the Attorney General's office, and no outside counsel will be retained.

Pruitt closed by saying, "I deeply respect the efforts of General Bondi, and the other Attorneys General involved in the Florida litigation, as well as the efforts of General Cuccinelli in Virginia. I am confident with our collective efforts we will prevail."

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma County District Attorney Investigation Update  
**Date:** Monday, January 09, 2012 9:08:00 AM

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Last May we reported on the appearance of Representative Glen Mulready at the Frontier Country Republican Women's club in South Oklahoma City. Mulready was speaking about Obama Care shortly after the GOP convention and he ran into a buzz saw of opposition.

The Sooner Tea Party taped the meeting in case Mulready got cocky and sure enough he inserted his foot in his mouth when he admitted that he would vote against the wishes of his constituents if he believed that it was best for them. A Tulsa activist made a very short video of the exchange and posted it on YouTube last week, drawing an immediate reaction from Representative Mulready's supporters.

At only one minute and 14 seconds [the video](#) is brief and powerful and focuses on yours truly asking Glen Mulready if he was going to honor the vote on State Question 756 and the Oklahoma State GOP Convention vote rejecting Obama Care/Fallin Care Health Insurance Exchanges. Mulready replies that he is going to vote for what he thinks is best for the people, prompting Sooner Tea Party member Karen Pray to comment "And not what the people want?"

Almost immediately after the release of the video, Representative Mulready's supporters started attacking the veracity of the audio, claiming that it was "edited" and "out of context". Here is the [entire audio file](#) taken at that meeting. In attendance were Jake Dake, four or five state representatives, and around twenty or so Republicans.

Here is another [well done video](#) on Representative Glen Mulready's voting record. This video focuses on HB 2130, the infamous Obama Care/Fallin Care Health Insurance Exchange bill. Almost five minutes long but the video is from House of Representative Video System so it is absolutely beyond doubt to its veracity.

In the video, Representative Mulready flat out lies about the health insurance exchange by stating that the system doesn't limit what insurance companies can participate. The truth is that all the state insurance exchanges must conform to Obama Care. Here is what we [reported a few weeks ago](#) complete with the link to the entire Obama Care statutes and the relevant section quoted:



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“We learned that there is absolutely no difference between state exchanges and Obama Care federal exchanges. Here is the [relevant section](#) of Obama Care that allows for the state run exchanges, emphasis is mine:

*Each State electing to establish an Exchange must adopt the Federal standards contained in this law and in this proposed rule, or have in effect a State law or regulation that implements these Federal standards. Section 1311(k) further specifies that Exchanges may not establish rules that conflict with or prevent the application of regulations promulgated by the Secretary.”*

Representative Dr. Mike Ritze sets the record straight by waving a copy of the HB 2130 and stating that the bill limits competition for health insurance companies, which is exactly what Representative Mulready is attempting to pass into law. His former employer is Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mulready was a lobbyist for them and focused on national issues for them, no doubt being part of the original push to pass Obama Care at the Federal level.

Representative Mulready then proclaims that “No one opposes Obama Care more than I”, repeating the same bald faced lie that he used during his election campaign. Next the video exposes the fact that Mulready is actually from Massachusetts, the home state of Mitt Romney’s implemented forced health insurance plan, the precursor to Obama Care! Which makes one wonder if Mulready is a carpet bagger that was moved in for one purpose, to force Obama Care on Oklahomans?

Next up is Representative Charles Key speaking to the Orwellian campaign promises to oppose Obama Care morphing into singing the praises of the program being implemented. Mulready responds using the analogy of a runner stiff arming a tackler during a football game, attempting to claim that the HB 2130 actually saves Oklahoma from Obama Care! The ability to stand there and continue to lie in front of hundreds of his peers, staff, lobbyists, and visitors is simply breathtaking!

Democrat Representative Ben Sherrer is the next speaker and calls Mulready’s statements “hypocritical double talk” and asks how accepting 53 million dollars from the Federal government to implement the key component of Obama Care could be construed as keeping the Federal government at bay?

Representative Mike Reynolds is up next and minces no words when he says that HB 2130 is “a clever message to deceive the voters and to disguise what you stand for”.

I’ll leave it to the readers to decide the truth on HB 2130 but my humble opinion is that this is the most flagrant example of Orwellian double talk; the absolutely most amazing example of outright, bald faced lying in a political debate that I have ever witnessed.

So why do a picture of Mulready dressed as a supicide bomber? Because Representative Mulready makes it painfully obvious that he was sent to the legislature do a job and he will accomplish the job at whatever price to his reputation that the task requires. This is an excellent example of why the progressives and liberals succeed in trampling our liberties and stealing our tax dollars, they will simply do what it takes to accomplish their goals. Remember this fact when we use ridicule and go after their weak spots, these aren’t your neighbors that are quietly going about their life and deserve to be left in peace, these are sociopaths willing to enslave you and future generations by passing laws that strip away your constitutional rights.

So what can you do to help defeat the Glen Mulready’s of this world? [Contact Darren Gantz](#) and help him send Mulready back to his lobbyist job at Blue Cross/Blue Shield.



## Santorum’s Gun Control Votes

Rick Santorum pulled off a surprise victory last week in Iowa causing many political observers to begin paying attention. Along with the first place ranking also brings increased scrutiny on his voting record. The [National Association for Gun Rights](#), NAGR, put out some pretty ugly information on Santorum. First was his refusal to answer gun rights surveys or answer questions on the Second Amendment.

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According to NAGR, he voted for the Lautenberg Gun Ban that stripped gun owners of their gun rights for life if they had faced charges for spanking their children or grabbed their spouse's wrists. I'm not saying that a man that abuses women should be protected, indeed a man that abuses a woman isn't a real man and there is simply no excuse for hitting a woman but everyone has known couples where the wife is as violent as or more violent than the husband but the law almost always will take the side of the woman. That might be the proper way to err if there is any question, but is losing your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights a reasonable punishment for a mild domestic violence case? If so, where do we draw the line?

NAGR also reports that Santorum voted for a 1999 bill that increased penalties on drug traffickers with guns which in itself is a good thing but the bill also required federal background checks at gun shows. In 2005 he joined Dianne Feinstein and Frank Lautenberg to mandate handgun locks.

Even worse was Santorum coming to the aid of anti Second Amendment Arlen Specter in 2004 when Specter was facing pro gun Republican Pat Toomey, allowing Specter to continue in office and to continue to push for gun control. Anti gun Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey received campaign support from Santorum.

It was good to see an outsider win the Iowa caucus but we shouldn't blindly follow them without looking at their voting record.



## Update on Fusion Center/Gun Groups Controversy

Last week we caused quite a stir when we reported rumors of two local gun rights groups being mentioned at the Oklahoma Fusion Center where law enforcement officers were told of two "new" organizations that had been placed on the Oklahoma Fusion Center Terror Watch List. The story came from a firsthand report from one of the attendees of an OK2A meeting (Oklahoma Second Amendment Association), where an Oklahoma law enforcement officer told a small group of attendees about the report that was given directly to him from a subordinate.

We spoke directly to the OK2A member and were offered contact information for the law enforcement officer that knew the facts. We declined, there are some stories where in order to protect our sources, we don't want to know who they are, just are they trustworthy and that the information credible. Just about every story we publish includes the blue links that take you to source documents or government websites with corroborating documents but sometimes we prefer not to know too much.

After the story came out, a flurry of activity occurred, listed in no particular order. First, legislators expressed concern about the Fusion Center bringing up either group to other police officers without proof and since many of the legislators attend the High Noon Club and know of the OK2A group, they understood that the possibility of concern was slim. Second, reports say that Miles Hall, the owner of H & H Gun Range immediately contacted the Oklahoma Fusion Center. Thirdly, the original law enforcement source came forward and gave us more details including correcting part of what our source had given us. Lastly, the OSBI was contacted by conservative legislators and questioned at length on the allegations.

The Fusion Center admitted that there was a meeting at Oklahoma City Police Department facilities where a variety of groups were present and gave presentations. OSBI, the Fusion Center, the FBI, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and state and local police departments attended. Under questioning by legislators, OSBI adamantly denied that they had placed either gun group on a watch list. By this time, late in the week, we had received further information that claimed that the comments came from an FBI source, so the legislators asked the OSBI to ask the FBI.

The OSBI checked with the OSBI and reported back that neither they nor the FBI had anything to do with the information and claimed the OSBI didn't know of the existence of either group and the FBI admitted knowing of only one of the groups. The legislators said that the OSBI spokesperson was obviously ill at ease and nervous over the allegations bringing legislators to their door with questions but that they were "forthright" in their answers. One of the parts of the joint OSBI/FBI response rang true, that while they didn't make the comments, there were numerous other agencies presenting information and participating so they couldn't vouch for the other groups. They also suggested that it was possible that something might have been mentioned during a break or after the meeting between individuals that were chatting.

Here what we were told was the OSBI statement:

"Neither the FBI nor the OSBI are making representations on anything said in other presentations, during breaks, or during individual conversations after the event officially ended. "

Fair enough, we will take their word on the matter.

Shortly after we received the report from legislators the original source had an email sent to us where he explained the difference between what he said and our source repeated. Basically there was a meeting at the Oklahoma Fusion Center at OSBI headquarters in a classroom setting where they were told that there were "militia types meeting monthly at H&H". The presenter was said to have said it in an offhand manner as if he didn't quite know that to think of the information. No organization names were mentioned, nor was the word terrorist used. The statement was further categorized as from an individual but not an official part of the presentation. Another statement left the door open for the presenter making the statement but that it was not part of the official presentation.

The original law enforcement officer then spoke to the supervisor who in turn spoke to our original source at an OK2A meeting and elaborated a bit but in a perfectly understandable manner. This person mentioned that both the OK2A group and the High Noon Club met regularly at the H & H Gun Club and it didn't seem that groups meeting with legislators qualified as "militias". Our source apparently added the word terror list and identified the groups as being specifically named. Here is the exact wording that we received:

"Information came through their fusion center identifying OK2a and high noon as "militia groups" and has them pegged as "terrorist"."

We also received a report that little written material was being handed out after MIAC report so that there wouldn't likely be any documented list, that in their experience everything was given verbally. We cannot speak as to the veracity of this statement but it makes sense.

Obviously the Oklahoma Fusion Center was caught in the middle of a controversy but what do we make of all of this? The original source asked us to retract the story but there are several things about this story that made an update a necessity but not an outright retraction.

First, the information did come from a Fusion Center meeting of law enforcement officers.

Second, the report either offended or concerned three separate law enforcement officers, enough so that the information was reported to where someone could get members of the legislature to look into the issue.

Third, the information turned out to be mostly true, gun rights groups meeting at H & H Gun Range were thought to be of concern according to some report in the Fusion Center system regardless of the origination of the information.

Fourth, this didn't happen in a vacuum, the Fusion Center system had previously been involved in [placing the Oklahoma Bombing Commission in an extremist category](#). If it quacks, it is a duck most of the time.

Fifth, the Oklahoma Information Fusion Center [specifically states](#) that they gather and retain information based upon mere suspicion. If that is a good enough standard for a professional law enforcement organization then it is good enough for a grassroots group.

*"The OIFC may retain information that is based on mere suspicion, such as tips and leads."*

After thinking about the controversy for several days here are the conclusions that we believe fit the facts. None of the three law enforcement officers did anything wrong other than perhaps the repeating of the “militia meeting at H & H Gun Range” statement at the Oklahoma Fusion Center meeting. The two officers were concerned and did the right thing in blowing the whistle. If the Oklahoma Information Fusion Center got caught up in a scandal, it was because they are basically spying on people and their entire system is so corrupt that they accept mere suspicion as good enough to place in a person’s dossier. I’m told that the guys down there are decent and have Oklahoma values so I would ask them two questions if I had the chance

1. How does it feel to have mere suspicions develop into an informal investigation? How do you think a taxpayer would feel if the same standard of information was used to pry into their life?
2. Have you tracked down the person who made the “militias meeting at H & H Gun Range” and verified exactly where the information came from? Your own rules require the investigation of erroneous information back to the source it came from. Have you done this yet?

Here is a [good interview](#) with an expert on the subject of domestic spying on citizens and the pitfalls.

I believe that the most obvious result of the Oklahoma Information Fusion Center will be the chilling effect on activists.

I attended the High Noon Club on Friday and on my way out of the meeting I was approached by an off duty OKC police officer. He was concerned about the story, mentioning that he had invited a supervisor to the High Noon Club a few weeks ago and had to go back to the guy and inform him of this “militia” report that was circulating among law enforcement officers. His concern was his security clearance and his career. A report that he was a member of a militia group would cost him his job. I updated him on the info we had at that time, which was that both the FBI and the OSBI were denying their part in the controversy. The officer also believed that things like this must be outed immediately and corrected. He agreed with our assessment that the two officers did the right thing in coming forward.

But, I have a favorite quote from Marcus Aurelius the stoic Roman Emperor who lived in the second century A.D. where he speaks of seeing the true nature of things and using them in the best manner, basically make lemonade out of lemons. With that in mind we need to use this controversy to effect change.

We should start by calling on Governor Mary Fallin to rescind her executive order that funded the Oklahoma Information Fusion Center through the OSBI and properly allow the legislature to appropriate the funds to continue participating in the Fusion Center system if the law enforcement profession believes it to be of any value, if the legislators agree, and if we can properly prioritize our spending to allow for the Fusion Center. I wonder how it is even possible for the Governor to bypass the legislature on spending money on this boondoggle. The Brad Henry/Wayne Pettigrew spy camera system died because the legislature wouldn’t let it through, how is this different?

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Second, if the legislature wanted to defund the Fusion Center project, it could be completed in less than a month. Or at least the process could be well on the way in a month. Therefore on March the 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, the Sooner Tea Party will begin using the same criteria for information sources for our articles as the Oklahoma Information Fusion Centers use for deciding to gather and retain information on Oklahomans. If we receive a report or rumor on any legislator, governor, or staff member then it will be treated as suitable subject for public airing of the issue, regardless of the lack of documentation or the need for multiple sources. Like the Fusion Center rules state, we will identify the issue’s source as rumor if we don’t have multiple sources or documentation but we will publish the story. And lastly, on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm will start our own SAR program, Suspicious Activity Report, where any sort of suspicious activity or behavior by a legislator, the governor, or staff member will be sufficient reason for airing a potential issue or concern.

Of course this enables us to use past reports were we couldn’t develop multiple source confirmation. There are some doozies out there on Mary Fallin that are just going to be a blast to expose! I can see why Governor Fallin decided to fund the fusion centers, this spying on people and the potential mayhem you can create is amazing!

Controversies like this come in handy for smoking out the group leaders that are timid or not completely on board. The leader of OK2A became quite upset over the Sooner Tea Party airing the report of the militia comments. Multiple sources reported back, as did some of OK2A’s members, all of which wondered why in the heck the leader was complaining! Most said this is a gift to show that the groups are under attack and that only happens if you are doing something productive. But the most telling thing was the physical reaction of the leaders of the two groups, the owner of the H & H Gun Range took this very seriously and obviously rattled the folks at OSBI with his questioning. That is what we need, men that are courageous

enough to fight back and stand their ground! The other group, OK2A actually sent me a text message on Friday, two actually, asking "So do you realize how wrong that email was. (from the original OK2A source) Are you going to issue a correction? (sic)



## **Alliance for Vigilance Seminar Set for Jan 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

Michael Hoehn, the Washington D.C. leader that is coming to Edmond next Thursday and Friday offered a preview of his two day seminar on "Understanding the Threat to America" that deals with the Muslim Brotherhood threat to our country. Here is a [good video](#) of one of the speakers, General Jerry Boykin. Here is a preview of the kind of information that will be covered.

In 2004, Ishmael El Barasse and his wife were arrested and the FBI raided their home located in Falls Church, Virginia. In the basement, FBI Counter Terrorism Agents found a secret sub-basement that contained the archives of the Muslim Brotherhood in America. The [seized documents](#) were classified until federal prosecutors introduced them into evidence in the case of [United States v. The Holy Land Foundation](#), the largest terrorist-financing trial in the history of the U.S. When the documents were offered into evidence, the defense attorney stipulated as to their admission, which is to say that the defendants admitted that the documents were true and accurate and what they purported to be. In November of 2008, a jury returned unanimous guilty verdicts on 108 separate counts.

The stated goal of the Muslim Brotherhood is to overthrow the government and replace the Constitution with Shariah Law. One of the documents admitted into evidence contained the following quote: "The (Muslim Brotherhood) must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their (our)hands ..." CAIR, along with numerous other individuals and MB front organizations, was included in the case as an unindicted co-conspirator.

Now, CAIR has invited Oklahoma legislators to their conference in March to indoctrinate them and get them to do CAIR's dirty work "by their hands." It will be interesting to see how many RINOs attend. Stay tuned here for a list of attendees. Shariah Law, coming soon to a neighborhood near you, courtesy of CAIR.

Here is [the flyer](#) for the "Understanding the Threat to America" seminar on January 12-13.



## McCarville Report Blunders Again

### **Blunder: to make a mistake through stupidity, ignorance, or carelessness**

Ah, our boy Mike McCarville has been busy again. Not that he is a young man by any means but some are beginning to believe that Mike is entering dodder, or as more commonly known, the senile state. Poor Mike, like my grandfather told me once, getting old isn't for sissies.

We've tried to just ignore Mike after we exposed his connections to the State Chamber of Commerce advertising budget and his connection to Neva Hill, Speaker Kris Steele's campaign consultant.

In a previous issue we [responded to the McCarville Report's](#) erroneous statements and laid out the facts for all to see. A follow up article named "[The Motivations of Mike McCarville](#)" laid out the proof of State Chamber of Commerce advertising dollars spent at the McCarville Report website, his close connection to CMA Strategies, and his decades long connection to former partner Neva Hill who is the personal campaign consultant for Speaker Kris Steele

After the two newsletters outed McCarville, there was complete silence from Mike for a few weeks. Thinking that his care taker had increased his meds or took away his internet access, we laid off Mike after that hoping that he had learned his lesson. Nope... it wasn't long till Mike popped [this doozy](#) out of his... hat... and posted it on his blog.

The organizer of the event, Lukus Collins, set the record straight on McCarville's face book wall by posting this comment:

Campaign for Liberty is a 501C3 organization and due to its close association with Ron Paul at the beginning of the organization, C4L leaders are prohibited from working closely with the Ron Paul campaign. We did loan the Ron Paul group our podium and other supplies from the Tea Party but the 501C3 requirement and a pre existing commitment to speak in McCloud that afternoon kept me from attending.

Now we initially ignored the slur that McCarville manufactured out of whole cloth but after he attacked again after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> we decided it was time to respond and set the record straight. But it does offer an opportunity for some fun with Mike, and being that we like to use ridicule to get our point across, here are some tongue in cheek suggestions for Mike's next blog posting:

**(Warning! Do not open the link below if you are at an office computer!** It goes to a gay site where we found Representative Jason Nelson signed up as a member!)

#### **Mike McCarville Turned Down for Membership in NAMBLA**

Sources inside the North American Man/Boy Love Association report that allege Oklahoma blogger Mike McCarville has been rejected for membership in the NAMBLA organization. A NAMBLA spokes person refused comment but inside sources provided a transcript of the board meeting where McCarville was allegedly rejected. The board member's names were redacted to protect their privacy.

XXX, Board Member 1: "Okay, next up on the agenda is the application of one Mike McCarville for membership as a premium NAMBLA member."

XXXX, Board Member 2: "Oh, Mike is one of us? Well, he writes an excellent political blog and is influential in Oklahoma, but we do require a boy sponsor along with the man applicant. Does he have a boy sponsor?"

Staff member: "Yes, we have listed Kris Steele as the boy sponsor."

XXX, Board Member 3: "Objection! Kris Steele is no longer a boy! And even if he was once a boy, how many men is the little tart going to be allowed to sponsor?"

Board Member 2: "Now wait a minute Guy, not only does Kris have the perfect last name for a boy sponsor, he is influential in Oklahoma and might help us get Oklahoma's antiquated consent laws that are criminalizing adult sexual involvement with minors. He helped the transvestites and the Muslims so who is to say he won't help out? His soft on crime bill last year will let our people out of jail after only 90 days so we should consider being nice to Kris."

Board Member 1: "Now Earl, Guy, calm down! Let's see if we can find a compromise on this! Guy, you know that our real purpose is to corrupt innocents and the most vulnerable, right? You'd agree with that?"

Board Member3: "Well Glen, I'm not sure anyone would call that little hussy "innocent"!"

Board Member 2: "Guy, you have to admit that Kris has those innocent eyes, right? And he does meet the vulnerable part with that whole leg thing, right? Don't you think that this is really about that billion dollar bond issue that Kris convinced you to lead on?"

Board Member3: "That is the problem, Glen; the little twink led me on!"

Board Member 1: “Now, Guy! Compose yourself and dry those eyes. It isn’t manly to cry. Do we need to bust you back to boy status again this month? Daddy spank, Guy! Daddy spank!”

The transcript ends there according to our source, claiming that “the boyish Jason Nelson” arrived for his “meeting” with the board. Allegedly Representative Nelson had been rejected in his bid for membership due to his membership at a gay website (see comment #9 at [this link](#)). The revelation outraged several board members, one of which stated: “We are not gay! We are pedophiles! This is as bad as the State Chamber leaders trying to join!” Allegedly Representative Nelson caused quite a stir with his Michael Jackson costume, worn in a bid to increase his chances on his re application.

If that one wasn’t funny, try out this one for your next blog posting Mike:

### **Mike McCarville Loses Pulitzer Prize Race**

Oklahoma blogger Mike McCarville of the McCarville Report was allegedly kicked out of the running for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize after committee staff reported on McCarville’s new web site design. Staff researchers called the new website design “amateurish” and one made the comment “it looks like a pederasty designed cat house”. Another asked “What happened to the Gold Standard of Political Blogs saying in the header?”

Okay, I’ll be serious for a while... Sorry guys, all in good fun. For us anyway...

Mike McCarville’s next attack came in the form of [a story](#) on the top headlines of 2010. Amazingly, within five seconds of the start of the story according to one activist that commented on the article, was an attack on the Sooner Tea Party involvement in the 2010 Oklahoma City Council race:

Pollster Pat McFerron: “Might not be the biggest – but one that is overlooked...I would cast a vote for the repudiation of the Al Gerhart Tea Party extremists in the OKC City Council races. The unholy alliance of firefighters and Tea Party extremists not only were soundly defeated by Meg Salyer, but their one anti-MAPS III voice was unseated by a first time candidate, David Greenwell.”

Ouch! Or maybe not if you are aware of the facts in that race and McFerron’s place of employment!

Pat McFerron is the “M” in CMA Strategies. CMA, the RINO consulting firm responsible for the Oklahoma MAPS III campaign, the same firm that grew out of the old CHS consulting firm which RINO Congressman Tom Cole founded. After Cole was elected to Congress, CHS turned into CMA. And who presented the latest “polling” results at the Shawnee Republican caucus meeting? CMA Strategies of course, because they are the State Chamber of Commerce’s political consulting firm.

McFerron is the CMA partner that actually holds the State Chamber of Commerce contract for public relations and lobbying. Am I alone in thinking that a journalist should disclose the associations of a quoted source? Poor Reid Mullins was given just two sentences in McCarville’s rush to start earning his State Chamber pay!

But at the bottom of the article was the longest quote of all, from an “Anonymous Capitol Insider”. The quote was three to four times longer than the next two longest posts so it was an important quote for Mike McCarville’s article. And who was this “Anonymous Capitol Insider”? None other than the current political consultant for Speaker Kris Steele and the decades long friend and former partner of Mike McCarville, Neva Hill. How do we know this? Because Neva Hill gave the same word for word info at a yearend wrap up for political insiders at a restaurant on North Lincoln Blvd. Among those attending were Fount Holland, Pat McFerron, and Ben Odom. Don’t bother guys, you’ll never guess who our source was that attended your meeting.

Okay, Mike McCarville outright hid the connection between Neva Hill, McFerron, and himself but what about the facts of what McFerron was paid to say?

First off he left off the police union in his description of the “unholy alliance” between firefighters and the Tea Party. Second he neglected to mention that a sleepy, \$10,000 campaign budget city council race was turned into a multimillion dollar battle after the Sooner Tea Party endorsed three candidates. Also unmentioned was the Oklahoman attack on Windsor Hills Baptist Church, the church of two of the candidates. The Oklahoman pulled out all the stops and actually claimed in a sub headline that Windsor Hills Church was training children to use automatic weapons! If you bothered to read the story, you found out on page five or six that a Department of Wildlife Game Warden conducted a firearms safety class for kids that included the Game Warden demonstrating a M-16. Also unmentioned was the first time use in Oklahoma City history of TV ads for the city council race, a massive turnout many times the norm, and a robo call by former Governor Brad Henry in support of the RINO candidates!

And does this sound incredible, that a statewide newspaper would print an outright lie on their front page? Here is the first few sentences of [the article](#) from their own website:

### Activities of council candidates' church draw criticism

By Michael Baker and John Estus  
Published: February 27, 2011

Two Oklahoma City Council candidates attend a church observers have criticized for flying the Confederate flag, making political commentary from the pulpit and training children to use automatic weapons at a church camp. Windsor Hills Baptist Church's activities have been described as radical by critics who fear it could influence city council decisions if its members are elected Tuesday.

Uh, did you read that fine print on who was one of the authors? John Estus, as in the current PR flack for Speaker Kris Steele? Get used to the idea that a good portion of the people that join politics, journalism, and even grass roots organizations will sell out at some point. They call this the "exit strategy".

But wait a minute. Stupid me, I had assumed that John Estus went from working for the Oklahoman to working for the House of Representatives as Speaker Steele's Press Secretary. That was announced on our favorite doddering blogger, Mike McCarville on [April 29th of 2011<sup>th</sup> of 2011](#). But if you look at some of the stories that Estus was writing, they supported Speaker Steele's agenda even when Estus was still employed by the Oklahoman.

Let's look at more connections. John Estus has a close personal friend, Paul Monies, also a former reporter for the Oklahoman. Monies left in September 2011 and went to work in Washington D.C. His wife, Jennifer Monies, also a former Oklahoman reporter, is a senior [vice president of Communications at the State Chamber of Commerce](#), basically their P.R flack. John Estus and Paul Monies were assigned by Oklahoman editors to do a few of the hit pieces on conservative Republicans.

### Oklahoma Senate scraps part of corrections policy bill

BY JOHN ESTUS [jestus@opubco.com](mailto:jestus@opubco.com)  
Published: April 21, 2011

The Senate on Wednesday sent House Speaker Kris Steele 's corrections policy measure back to the House after scrapping one of its key components. House Bill 2131 passed 44-3 after senators removed its proposal to change the state's default criminal sentencing structure from consecutive to concurrent terms. Sen. Patrick Anderson, R-Enid , the bill's Senate author, said he reluctantly removed the concurrent s...

There are many [more examples](#) of where Estus wrote stories on Steele's prison reform plan and other House leadership issues. As a reporter that worked the Capitol beat this is unavoidable but how do we know when Estus's loyalties switched from the reader of his employer's newspaper to Speaker Steele? Did he slant stories to land a well paying state job? Is it ethical for a professional to switch sides without calling into question where his loyalties lie?

Repudiation of the Sooner Tea Party?

How about the RINOs buying the election outright and perhaps some members of the media along with it? The police and firefighter unions are allies in some of our goals, valuable allies. They know that having the resources to pay their members requires the city to prioritize spending on true governmental responsibilities and we agree with them on that. Political experts did notice that while two sides spent millions in the battle, the Sooner Tea Party spent around \$100 along with a few hundred volunteer hours.

Now, we all know that the citizens didn't win in that election, but if there was a winner it was the Sooner Tea Party by forcing a confrontation that cost them very little and drained the war chests of the RINOs. One of our heroes and role models is George Washington who won very few battles but eventually drained the resources of the British Army and won the final battle. So I would have just one thing to say to Pat McFerron, a phrase that I must borrow from one of my favorite Sooner Tea Party supporters:

“Idiot!”

Mike McCarville struck yet again today with his post on the Sunday Oklahoman edition on Speaker Steele's last legislative session. Mike got his licks in, but it was a different kind of lick that he gives the posteriors of the State Chamber paymasters, writing that:

“...the self-appointed leader of the Sooner Tea Party claims there will be an effort to remove Steele as speaker. To do so would require Democrats joining with dissident Republicans, and few observers see that happening.”

First off Mike, “self appointed”? The story “[The Motivations of Mike McCarville](#)” explains just how I came to lead the Sooner Tea Party. And if I was going to infer that someone was a not a legitimate leader, I would hesitate to do so given that the state’s largest newspaper basically credited the Sooner Tea Party as being behind the effort to oust Speaker Steele. We will cover the Oklahoman article in a bit.

So enough of Mike’s ethical and journalistic failings, let’s see how Mike is reacting to our responses. We would agree that what someone says versus what they actually do speaks volumes to their true opinion, right?

First off is the sudden change in McCarville’s website after we made the comment about his blog being the gold standard of blogs cause that is what it takes to buy his services. McCarville has shifted off the gold standard of journalistic ethics for the purpose of inflating certain stories and devaluing others. How long before it takes a wheelbarrow full of McCarville blogs postings to buy a loaf of bread?

Almost immediately after our comment on the gold standard, as fast as Representative Ron Peters slurping up a spilled drink, McCarville’s blog heading changed:



Suddenly the “The Gold Standard of Political Blogs” heading was gone and replaced with “Named Oklahomas Top Political Blog by Stateside Associates”

Stateside Associates? A large national lobbyist firm with a [large list](#) of business clients.

Is anyone thinking that this lobbyist firm is going to be objective or will they throw scraps to the dogs that lick their hand?

Finally, the top news story article where McCarville hid the identity of Neva Hill despite her comments being the largest contribution to the article shows that McCarville understands that he has been busted. I feel some sympathy for the old fart, he is sick and maybe dying according to articles from his online blathering and there is no doubt that some extra money is needed. That said, selling out is a piss poor way to end a respectable career in journalism; were I he I would prefer to go out clean without trashing my legacy and ruining my good name. But we advocate freedom so I suppose Mike will chose his own path.



## **NAGR**

I always start off talking about NAGR, the National Association for Gun Rights, as one of those groups that constantly asks for money with their email system and gets some heat for their fund raising requests but they are the hard core political fighters that are willing to take the gloves off and fight like we do in the

Sooner Tea Party. Not only does that but their fundraising system works on a national scale and they do some good work, it just rubs some people the wrong way. I do support them 100%.

We do not have a state chapter of NAGR because of the lack of a suitable leader willing to spend the time needed to organize the state but there are thousands of NAGR members in Oklahoma. If you know anyone that is pro Second Amendment and has leadership skills and the time, please get them in touch with us. No need to be the perfect candidate, even an interim leader would help. If you can talk to people about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment they will do fine. If someone more suited shows up, the interim leader can help out.

We need a decent gun rights group in Oklahoma. One that will actually fight instead of trying to make friends at the Capitol in some vain hope that they can educate our constitutional rights back. We need to start vetting candidates and get them endorsed by NAGR for the 2012 elections.



## Pressure Building on Ousting Speaker Steele

Last week Oklahoman reporter Michael McNutt called and we talked a bit. Some of the info wound up in an article on Speaker Kris Steele's last legislative session. Here is the relevant part for our purposes:

Al Gerhart, chairman of the Sooner Tea Party, has sent emails to legislators indicating that some House Republicans would team with Democrats to oust Steele as speaker.

"The (designated) speaker's race really was the breaking point," Gerhart said. "Rank-and-file Republicans are looking at this."

Asked if he thought his tenure as speaker would end prematurely, Steele said, "I don't anticipate that it will."

The 31 House Democrats likely would have to join Republicans to oust Steele. House Minority Leader Scott Inman, D-[Del City](#), said he was unaware of any effort among his members to remove Steele.

"I would hope that we could avoid that kind of acrimony," Inman said. "We care about good government and we want leadership that will move the state forward, not lead us down a path we don't believe will be best for the state. So as long as Speaker Steele chooses the path that we believe is best for the state of Oklahoma, we'll be there to support him."

"As an individual and as a leader, we believe in him and hope that he'll do what's right for the state."

Now pay attention to exactly what Scott Inman said. He says he "hopes" the acrimony can be avoided, but they won't be led down a path they don't like. Then "as long as" Steele chooses the right path they will support him. Inman ends by "hoping" Steele will do the right thing. Inman is positioning his party, basically telling Speaker Steele that he is bent over a barrel by his own caucus and if he wants to save his position, it is squeal like a pig in deliverance time!

Now understand what Speaker Steele's abysmal leadership skills have caused, he has split the Republican Party in the House and basically has to give control to the Democrats to keep his position. Why has this come about? Not because of conservative Republicans or the Sooner Tea party, but because Speaker Kris Steele and the rest of House leadership will not follow the Oklahoma Republican Party Platform.

Michael McNutt did a good job on getting my quotes right in [the story](#) but he might have attributed the "*I don't anticipate that it will.*" Comment to Kris Steele rather than to me because I had made a similar

comment that stated that Steele was more likely to be emasculated by changing the House rules, a position I've made clear in several newsletter articles. Of course the story painted Speaker Steele as a saint, this is the Oklahoman editors in charge no doubt.

## **Representative Bennett Fundraiser Set for Jan 12th**



I'll be there, might be late because I am also attending the Edmond event but it is important to support Representative John Bennett. This guy stood up like a lion and fought all year. An outstanding freshman legislator that refused to back down or betray his constituents and he fought for all of Oklahoma. No

matter where you live in the state you should contribute to his campaign for 2012.

I'll be leaving for Sallisaw Thursday afternoon around 3:00 pm, call me if you want to send a donation to him. Remember the rules, over \$50 requires John to furnish your name, address, occupation, and who you work for. Checks are best, no corporate checks please, they aren't allowed. Or contact John's office and get his mailing address and mail him your donation.



## **David Prater Investigation, What Is Going On?**

Christmas came late for Oklahoma County citizens on January 3<sup>rd</sup> when we received our first bit of new intelligence on the David Prater investigation. The investigation started in mid October with a set of documents provided to the Sooner Tea Party that included an affidavit claiming that Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater had violated Oklahoma campaign finance and reporting laws during his 2006 election.

Accompanying the affidavit were documents suggesting that numerous David Prater campaign donors, a former director of the CLEET organization, and a former Governor's grandson had all escaped justice due to Prater's refusal to file charges or his attempts to drag the legal process out past the statute of limitations.

We first reported on the story on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, published a follow up story on October 27<sup>th</sup> and sent out dozens of information packets to the media around the state containing redacted copies of the affidavit, the supporting documentation, and a short description of our investigation. We began receiving calls from reporters asking about the OSBI investigation that was initiated by Attorney General Scott Pruitt three days after we broke the story. The media had been aware of the story for about a year but they claim they didn't have sufficient proof to publish the story. The business owner that was a witness wasn't talking to the media and the Attorney General's office didn't have enough facts to move forward, so the story was a risky one being that the media depended on the good graces of the D.A. for information.

Read the October 27<sup>th</sup> [Special Edition newsletter](#) for more details on the massive trail of corruption and influence peddling.

We figured something serious was afoot because had the state wanted to whitewash the issue, they would have cleared Prater quickly and reported it in a matter of days if not weeks. It has been over two months since the investigation began, more than enough time to present the matter to a multi county Grand Jury, and let the Grand Jury do its work. .

The silence was broken though when we received information from a public defender on January 3<sup>rd</sup> then on January 4<sup>th</sup> a separate confirmation from a highly placed Oklahoma County Courthouse official. It seems that during the investigation into Prater's campaign donations that the Sooner Tea Party sparked also brought up that there were possible irregularities with tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations that might have been converted for personal use. Given the lack of information, no one knows what is really going on but the OSBI, Prater, and Pruitt.

A total of five separate sources provided the Sooner Tea Party information on the OSBI investigation, ranging from a story about a sealed indictment and a court date set for January 30<sup>th</sup> to a report that the OSBI wasn't done with their investigation. Four of the reports stated that a multi county grand jury had been given the information but we are not alleging that at this time. We aren't alleging anything about the investigation other than the rumor mill is working overtime.

Bad government and corruption can only flourish in secrecy. It takes a disengaged citizenry and a corrupt or intimidated media for the corruption to be self sustaining. The Sooner Tea Party is certain that if we ever expect to hold Washington D.C. accountable then we must first cleanup our state and local governments. Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater appears to have possibly put himself above the law, prosecuted conservative legislators using questionable charges, and pandered to the NAACP by charging a man who was protecting his place of employment. Jerome Ersland certainly was not blameless in his actions but he was held to an extremely high standard for a man placed in a situation where many of us might not have had the presence of mind to act correctly. Including Ersland, there were a total of four murder convictions from that pharmacy shooting. I ask you how it is possible for four people to be responsible for murder especially if one of them was being robbed.

If there is justice and David Prater is indicted and convicted for crimes, his cell ought to be right next door to Jerome Ersland, or better yet, Prater should share a cell with Emanuel Mitchell. Mitchell was one of the men convicted of sending the two teenage robbers into Jerome Ersland's work place.

Now over two months ago Attorney General Scott Pruitt promised to act if there was a hint of wrongdoing and promised to investigate quickly and release the report. District Attorney David Prater also made promises to release any investigative report and comment on it himself. It is time for one of the three parties to come forward and let the public know that justice is being served. There are serious allegations of campaign finance fraud as well as serious signs of a pay to play scheme or justice for sale in Oklahoma County. Justice demands that the citizens be kept up to date and informed if the OSBI has finished their investigation or if the matter has indeed been turned over to a Multi County Grand Jury.

The bigger story here though is the growing power of the Sooner Tea Party. Our organization has become known for being incorruptible, fearless, and persistent in our efforts to clean up politics. We have a dedicated team of researchers and allies, have developed outstanding sources deep within state and local government offices, and have attracted a growing number of financial supporters and grassroots activists. A tipping point is near that when reached will unleash renewed cooperation between the Oklahoma grassroots organizations and when that day arrives, it will be the beginning of the end of special interest dominated politics in Oklahoma.

And a final note on the County situation. Reports have been circulating since late spring on a possible Oklahoma County elected official being involved with a pay for play scheme with County contractors. There is also a separate charge involving embezzlement from a nonprofit foundation created for the benefit of an injured officer. We are watching things closely and investigating where possible and will update you if the information gets solidly confirmed.



## **Oh My God, the Tea Party is Building a Newspaper!**

Not intending to be blasphemous but that is going to be the reaction from the politicians when they hear that the Tea Party is organizing a series of local newspapers around the state. As we hold our elected officials accountable, as we hold our grassroots organizations accountable, so should we hold the media accountable for their refusal or inability to publish the stories of corruption and outright special interest control of our state and local governments. If there is not a responsible newspaper in the area, we will start one.

The newspaper will have humble beginnings and will be rolled out in the five largest counties starting with Tulsa County at the end of January. This will not be the usual local newspaper; it will be more of a water cannon that can be used to hose down the worst of the RINOs, exposing their voting record, allowing the public to finish the job in the primaries and general election. The newspapers will be organized by county, saturating the majority of homes in the House districts

that have RINO legislators.

The content will be directed toward the vast majority of citizens that are not aware of the massive corruption in state and local government, with information suited to those important baby steps toward becoming a constitutional conservative voter. The job of further educating those new conservatives will be up to the local grassroots organizations in the area and we intend to partner with those organizations that are willing to fight for our state and the future of our children.

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## **PUSHING FALLIN'S AGENDA DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING?**

**By R.H.**

Editors note: This story was originally seven pages long and about as well written as one could ask but the length demanded trimming down. However, if you want a really in depth look at the consequences of this bill please read the [entire unabridged story here](#). House Bill 3061 is one of the most confusing pieces of legislation I have ever seen. The history of this bill is enough to leave one's head spinning. This is the bill that Speaker Steele is pushing for the Governor on Tax reform. It was originally referred to the Rules Committee on February 7, 2012. It was withdrawn from the Rules Committee, for reasons unknown, on February 20, 2012, and given to the Appropriations and Budget Committee. The Appropriations and Budget Committee amended it and passed it out of committee on February 28, 2012 recommending a do pass. On March 1, 2012, the Bill picked up a Co-Author, Senator Jolley, as a principal author in the Senate. That same day the bill was "Emergency Remove" from consideration. I was unable to find out why it was removed.

Not listed in the history of the bill is on the very next day, March 2, 2012, a floor version of the bill was introduced on the floor. No explanation as to where this "floor version" came from or who wrote it. It was amended from the version approved by the Appropriations and Budget Committee. It's a full page longer. You can [read the bill here](#) .

This bill is similar in nature to HB 3038, which has also advanced to the house floor. There are major differences though. This bill is slanted towards the upper class and has no set dates whereas HB 3038 is un-biased as to class and has set dates. We will go through them in detail in this article. You can read [HB 3038 here](#):

As stated earlier, this bill was "Emergency Remove" on March 1, 2012. Without a vote of the committee, the floor version of the bill was submitted on March 2, 2012. How can Speaker Steele get away with this violation of rules?

Section 1. "A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:" This is very suspicious. How can you create new law and not have it codified in the statutes of the States laws? It can't be done. Should this law be passed with this wording, it would have no standing.

Section 4.B. In part "and ending not later than December 31, 2012, a tax is hereby imposed".

1. Single individuals and married individuals filing separately:

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Section 4.D. Corporations In part " beginning after December 31, 1989, a tax is hereby imposed --- in amount equal to six percent (6%) thereof." This is a disgrace. This code hasn't changed in twenty-three years.

Section 4.E. Certain Foreign Corporations. In part " In lieu of the tax imposed in subsection C-- there shall be imposed on foreign corporations, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, a tax of six percent (6%) instead of thirty (30%)". Now if foreign corporations can get a tax break, why can't American owned companies get a tax break?

Section 4.G. Tax rate tables. In part "For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, in lieu of the tax imposed by Section 2 of this Act there is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the taxable income of every individual, whose taxable income for such taxable year does not exceed the ceiling amount ---- tables which shall be determined by the tax commission." In other words, it's a crap shoot.

Section 6 AMENDATORY O.S. 2011, Section 2357.22, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.22.A. In part "beginning after January 1, 2013, and ending not later than December 31, 2014, there shall be allowed a onetime credit against the income tax"

1. for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property placed in service after December 31, 201
4. In part "Property which is directly related to the compression and delivery of natural gas from a private home"

In other words, they have eliminated all tax credits but one for electric cars. They are encouraging the use of natural gas conversion. That's understandable. ONG will install a fueling station in your home at no cost, provided you already have gas service. Natural gas is one thing we have an abundant supply of.

Section 7 AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011 Section 2358 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2358 A.1. In part " There shall be added interest income on obligations of any state or political subdivision thereto which is not otherwise exempted pursuant to other laws". They certainly want to cover all bases. Tax whatever they can.

If you are like a lot of the rural farm workers, young teen agers, college students and people just setting out on their own this bill is a disaster. This bill will truly give the Democratic Party an issue to run on in the fall. It benefits the wealthy and middleclass first, while placing the burden on the poor and those just setting out on the road of life. By cutting taxes on those who are single and making over thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) and those who are married and making over seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) you place the tax burden on the poor. That burden is lengthened by not placing any sure dates on implementing these tax cuts, but by arbitrarily placing a five percent (5%) growth minimum on state revenue before a cut can be given. This will ensure the upper classes will see some if not all cuts, while the lower wage earners will be lucky to see any.

One thing is glaringly missing from this package going before the House. That is a Fiscal Report. Where is the fiscal report that should have been completed after all these changes made by the Speaker where submitted to the floor. After all they were submitted without a vote.

Speaker Steele this is another blatant attempt by you to gain favor with the Governor by pushing her pet project. Senator Jolley, you're just trying to gain favor with the State Chamber of Commerce. After all you need some campaign money. Governor Fallin, how dare you propose such an audacious, despicable plan. You were elected to represent the people of Oklahoma. Not just the middle class and the rich. Look after the people who really need it for a change. Let the Speaker and Senator Jolley know that unless there are major changes to this bill, you will veto it. By major changes I mean the first to receive the tax cuts are those making less than thirty five thousand (\$35,000.00) dollars a year. They are the ones that need it.

Those of you in both chambers of the legislature should demand accountability of Speaker Steele and Senator Jolley. Demand a new Fiscal Impact Statement be prepared by the Tax Commission. Demand the little guy get the tax breaks first. Demand these changes, or vote no on this bill. We will be watching.

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## GOP Convention Battles Continue

Cheryl Williams, the State Committee Woman for Oklahoma County made [a great post on her face book page](#) that covered the battle at the Oklahoma County Convention on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Having an insider be so bold as to set the record straight is amazing, and it speaks volumes for Cheryl's courage and integrity. The comments posted in response to her article were illuminating as well and the information stung some of the RINOs that have worked so hard to keep the Republican Party from integrating newcomers or following the wonderful 2011 State GOP Party Platform.

Here is [another link to read the article](#) if the facebook page isn't up.

That wasn't the end of the fallout over the Oklahoma County Convention battle as several counties circled the wagons and excluded Ron Paul supporters in fear of having their corruption exposed.

First up to bat was Steven Taylor, the County Chair of Bryan County. Stephen took the equally bold approach of telling Ron Paul supporters that they simply wouldn't be allowed to be a delegate to the District or State conventions based upon the fight at the Oklahoma County Convention. Taylor specifically mentioned the name of the Ron Paul State Director, stating that the Ron Paul organization was just too "pushy".

Once word got back to the campaign, State Chairman Matt Pinnell was given the information along with the phone number of one of those Republicans that were excluded based upon their support of Ron Paul.

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Rule 3 a of the 2011 State GOP Rules calls the right to participate is sacred and inviolate. The rule explicitly states that the abridgement or willful disregard of this right is sufficient grounds for the removal of any officer or committee member. The rule is quite specific and explicit on this matter and the rule is front and center, not buried in the back of the rules. Obviously those who formulated the rules understood that without this protection the Republican party would become corrupt and wither. One could say that those that wrote the rule understood human nature better than most.



So it was with much surprise that after the Ron Paul Campaign called for the dismissal of Steven Taylor that nothing was done right away. Indeed all that occurred was one of the women that complained got a nasty and intimidating phone call from Steven Taylor:

*Al thank you for standing up for my sister and I, we are both so new and still learning so it's nice that we have you, not letting them pull the wool over our eyes!*

*Stephen Taylor called my sister this afternoon and chewed on her butt pretty good, as though it was our fault. Said he would be calling me next! I am a little scared am not gonna lie, I am not for confrontation but I guess I better hurry up and get over that! It's just so sad that we have to fight them too; we just wanted to have our voice heard, to be involved. Well anyway thank you again Al. Your one courageous man! I guess I will wait now for Stephen to call and chew on my butt! ; )*

State Chair Matt Pinnell did offer to seat both ladies as delegates on the Bryan County, an offer that was initially refused due to the intimidating tactics of Bryan County Chair Stephen Taylor. After some reflection and assurances that the Ron Paul Campaign would stand behind them, the two ladies accepted State Chair Matt Pinnell's offer.

To: "[matt@okgop.com](mailto:matt@okgop.com)" [matt@okgop.com](mailto:matt@okgop.com)  
Subject: Delegates for Bryan county

Matt I just spoke with my sister and she was FURIOUS at me for saying no to delegates so YES please have Stephen Taylor add us delegates. I was kinda on the spot this morning wasn't sure what she wanted me to do but. We are both confirmed we want to be delegates and maybe Spencer since Stephen Taylor left him out in the cold too.

Thank you so much  
Bryan county  
Cxxxx Axxxx

But allowing two people to reclaim their right to participate doesn't erase the early stain of excluding Republicans based on their support for a particular candidate nor does it erase the basic fact that Bryan County Chair Steven Taylor refused to include other Ron Paul supporters after they contacted him at the precinct meetings to be included as a delegate. All that Bryan County can offer as an excuse is that their Chair selected 19 delegates and called for a vote to accept the slate of delegates. But once again the State GOP Rules are violated. Rule 16 h declares that all delegates are to be elected at the precinct level and specified as either "Open" delegations or "Delegate/Alternates". Here is another Bryan County Republican that didn't get to be a delegate thanks to Chairman Stephen Taylor:

Hi Cxxxx,  
I haven't heard anything from him. The evening of the party meeting he took down names and said something about they normally had to call people to be delegates for the county. Sounded ignorant then but I really didn't want to point that out to him since he didn't seem to understand the process himself to make sense. Anyway, as I remember I gave him my name and number and haven't heard anything.  
~spencer

And another email expressing the dismay of being disrespected:

Al,

I will call Matt this morning, and i will email a few other people from first meeting that wanted to be delegates, but I'm certain to no avail. They kinda say one thing and do another. So I'm sure even if they put us on delegate list at this point we would not have enough people to vote us as a delegate, but guess that doesn't mean we should be EXCLUDED! [There were five at first\\*](#) meeting including my sister and I that were asking about delegate process. And obviously got no answers from Stephen . I did call my sister this morning so she could send you a letter of what was said between her and Stephen Taylor yesterday Both her and I are leaving town tomorrow so I may not have contact with you until Monday in case you call or send email and I don't respond. Thank you so much!

\*State Chairman Matt Pinnell did respond to these emails and noted in surprise that according to the email complaint that there were now five Republicans excluded from the process in Bryan County rather than the two that I first brought to his attention. Only three have been in contact so far.

Furthermore, Rule 5 b specifically states that the precinct committee (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer) is the supreme Republican authority for the precinct and no one other than the precinct committee may remove a qualified delegate from the county convention. Bryan County bypassed all of this by selecting individuals to represent their county rather than holding precinct meetings to elect the delegates.

Bryan County GOP Chair Stephen Taylor claims that they called for anyone to ask to be a delegate before voting on the list of 19 that he had picked and no one spoke up. Few would speak up after being told that they wouldn't be allowed to participate nor would they speak up after asking several times to be a delegate and not making the list of 19. I would say that they had been humiliated enough by Chairman Taylor to have the nerve to stand up in front of a crowd and beg for their rights.

Bryan County has been on our radar before after a straw poll rules were changed after the poll had been closed and allegations were made by other attendees of various irregularities during one of their meetings.

Below is an email and some notes taken by one of the Bryan County ladies:

Dear Al,

Cxxxx asked me to put together a letter referencing the interaction of the phone conversations and the two meetings I attended at the Bryan County GOP meetings. Please see my statements and previous notes below and let me know if you have further questions or if I can be of additional assistance. I appreciate your looking into the matter.

First Meeting:

I attended the Bryan Count GOP meeting on Feb 6th at the Nazarene Church located in Durant, OK. In attendance was the chairman Stephen Taylor, myself and at least 25 other attendees with the meeting lasting about 90 minutes and included a speaker from the Oklahoma Watch dog organization. In addition to the Oklahoma Watch Dog speaker the other discussions covered included state and local business issues related to Oklahoma.

At the end of the meeting I spoke with Mr. Taylor the GOP Chairman asking about information on how to become a Ron Paul delegate. In response, Mr. Taylor told me that he would have to check into that and that there were 6 delegates done taken and that there was 19 total delegates for our county. I am new to the process of becoming a GOP delegate and was unaware that the delegate packets were to be issued at this meeting.

It has been 6 days since the meeting and I have not heard back from the GOP chairman in regards to the information or packet in becoming a GOP delegate. I am inquiring on what steps I should take in regards to the meeting held on Feb 6th and any other further action I can take to become a GOP delegate?

Phone Interaction:

I asked Stephen Taylor on our first meeting that I attended (Feb 6th) on how to become a GOP delegate and he stated he would have to get back to me. I never heard back from Stephen on the issue and while researching and trying to understand the process I began trying to research the GOP rules and found that I should be coordinating with my precinct chair.

I called the Bryan County election clerk who referred me back to Stephen Taylor. Stephen Taylor never followed up with me on the questions concerning the GOP delegate information so on March 1st or 2nd I phoned Stephen to see if the Bryan County GOP party had a precinct chairman for my precinct and I gave him the number of my precinct and he asked if that was Bryan Co, I said yes he said he would have to get back to me and Stephen never got back with me on information on the GOP delegate or information concerning the precinct chairman.

Second Meeting:

On March 5th me and my sister Cxxxx Axxxxx attended the GOP county convention meeting, we walked in and Stephen asked if i was Cxxxxxx Gxxxxx and I said yes, he then handed both Cxxxxl and I a red colored paper with delegate wrote on it. We were not told instructed of the process or exactly what we were to do. The group proceeded on with the meeting and then the meeting went right on to nominating delegates in which they starting calling off names of 19 people in which they did not identify themselves and I did not know if they were actually in attendance at this meeting.

Stephen Taylor nominated them and Hollie Gerrod seconded that motion and the people held up the red colored paper and nomination was over. Then Richard Engle spoke and then there was another speaker, and the meeting was over in about 90 minutes total. [Then Stephen Taylor came over and talked to us about voting for the delegates and that he did it that way because he was afraid of the Ron Paul people showing up.](#)

Phone Interaction:

March 6th Stephen Taylor called me to see if I had a problem with the way he conducted the meeting and that he had been called by the state republican committee man. I told him that I had not complained and that my sister Carol Ashley had called a county coordinator that she had met at a rally and that it had went from there.

Stephen continued to explain to me what had happened at the meeting and the reason he did what he did concerning delegates. I had to explain to him that I have been trying for a month to get information from him on delegate information and precinct chairman and that he had not responded to my request and ignored my reaching out for help. I

expressed to him that I was interested in trying to stay informed about Local and State and Federal levels of our government so that I could help in engaging my neighbors on what is going on and helping the GOP in their efforts.

Then he proceeded to tell me that he didn't know me and that I would have to nominate myself for a delegate and that the other people they nominated had been involved in their meetings for about 2 years and I told him that I have been attending for about a year now and based on my limited knowledgeable that he had not followed the rules and nor did he help me when I was trying to be informed, involved and be of help to the GOP party.

Thanks  
CXXXX GXXXX

Bryan County wasn't the only county GOP organization that retaliated against the Ron Paul campaign for standing up for Republican's rights on Saturday. Cleveland County continued their amazing ability to stymie transparency and the rule of law.



#### Bobby Cleveland and Lisa Shrieves

Several weeks ago after some grassroots Ron Paul supporters were planning to go after Cleveland County Chair Bobby Cleveland, the state campaign stepped in to negotiate to avoid any acrimony between the two groups. At contention was the list of delegates that were moved forward from the February precinct meetings to the county convention on March 10<sup>th</sup>. As the stories of corruption and dirty tricks were still resonating from 2008, along with the problems in 2011 when County Chairman Bobby Cleveland decided to require an "application" before divulging the location and time of the precinct meetings, the local Ron Paul community was in no mood to trust the Cleveland County GOP.

Al called Bobby and in return for a copy of the delegate list at least ten days in advance of the county convention, as called for in State GOP rules, the grassroots Ron Paul supporters would back off attacking Bobby politically. All was well till the day arrived when the list was to be provided and the Vice Chair Lisa Shrieves emailed refusing to send the promised list.

Some claim that Al's return email was harsh but knowing that an agreement had been breached, the checkered past of the Cleveland County GOP organization, and the likelihood that Ron Paul supporters were once again set to be hosed down the email was both restrained and good tactics. Of course the proof of the pudding would be revealed once the delegate list was scrutinized for problems and refusing to provide an electronic copy was a big old red flag that Cleveland County didn't want that list scrutinized without first causing some delay and a lot of trouble.

But Cleveland County Ron Paul supporters went down to the County GOP Headquarters and took pictures of the list that was taped to the inside of the window and started entering the data into a spreadsheet. What came out after a few days was [a list of 42 problems](#) ranging from Ron Paul supporters that had attended the precinct meetings being thrown out as delegates, to having people that didn't attend the precinct meeting added as delegates. Some delegates were demoted to alternates, and both open and closed precincts had more people added as delegates, in violation of State GOP Party rules.

Local Ron Paul supporters started sending lists in to the County GOP organization pointing out problems and many of the Ron Paul supporters that had been expelled went down Friday night to try to clear up their case. Despite all of that, there was another three hour long credential meeting that delayed the county convention on Saturday morning and not all problems were addressed at the convention.

Local grassroots leaders did manage to do a fairly good job of getting the rules changed to allow those left behind Ron Paul delegates added at a later date but what is the likelihood of Cleveland County GOP adding people once the convention was closed? At the convention you could vote to force them to do the right thing, you could embarrass them in public but once the convention is over the same old corrupt party officials are still in charge and any fight has to occur at the district and state conventions.

More indicative of the complete corruption and disrespect for the State Party rules was Cleveland County Chair Bobby Cleveland kicking out Al, the Ron Paul State Director, and another delegate. Bobby brought a couple of sheriff deputies over to Al before the meeting was started, stating that "a few people didn't want Al present at the convention". When asked to name the people, Bobby declined to answer. When asked to show what rule allowed someone to be thrown out of a county convention Bobby again refused to answer.



And the delegate that was thrown out? What was the “crime”? Cleveland County Chair Bobby Cleveland stated that the delegate had “argued” with him. Apparently standing up for a State Director of a National Campaign that was getting kicked out for no reason isn’t allowed, or is it that you have to agree with Bobby on all things to be allowed to participate?

Now this happened after both men had paid their \$10 admission fee and received their badges. As for allowing others to decide who gets to stay and who gets kicked out, I can tell you that 40% of the attendees would have loved to kick out the 60% of the Ron Paul supporters. At what point did we start allowing people to decide who gets to participate?

After being ejected by two sheriff deputies and while waiting for a sheriff supervisor to arrive so that the ejection was documented, Bobby Cleveland came outside and “allowed” the delegate to go back inside. After being told that violating rule 3 a was sufficient cause to remove him from office, Bobby Cleveland retorted that “You would be doing me a favor!” and stomped back inside. Bobby must have had second thoughts because after the supervisor had arrived, Bobby came back out and said that AI could re enter as long as he didn’t cause “trouble”. When asked if AI had caused trouble to get kicked out the first time, Bobby snorted a rude answer and stalked back inside. And yeah, that wasn’t a typo; they illegally threw AI out twice!

Cleveland County had done a masterful job of confusing the Ron Paul supporters at both the precinct meetings and at the county convention. One of their more masterful tricks was to not put the number of votes allocated on the precinct packets. If you didn’t know how many votes were in a precinct, you couldn’t decide whether or not to leave the precinct open or closed (delegate/alternate). What would happen was two people would be present at the precinct meeting, both were elected as delegates and then they “closed” their precinct so that the corrupt Cleveland County GOP wouldn’t add more delegates to water down their votes. So then the corrupt GOP officials would remove one delegate, leaving “their” person as the only delegate. The proper method is to send both delegates with half a vote each.

Is this possible to kick off an elected delegate? No, not without breaking the GOP rules but if it were possible a decent and honest person would be calling both delegates and asking what they prefer be done.

Even more egregious was the fact that Cleveland County had gone to the trouble and expense of renting two halls for the convention! They put what they thought were the “safe” delegates in one room and put other delegates in the room across the hall. Their excuse was that “the fire marshal wouldn’t allow more than 208 people in the main hall so they set up an “overflow” room. B.S.! Everyone remembers the town halls in 2009 with packed, standing room only crowds squeezed into rooms. Even worse was the Cleveland County GOP stationed “guards” at each door and kept the doors shut! Why? Because they had dozens and dozens of empty chairs in the room!

The “overflow” room (reminds me of someone describing a basement flooded with sewage) had a big screen TV so that the second class delegates would be “allowed” to watch the proceedings in the main room. Which leads us to why Al was kicked out the second time.

A lady Ron Paul supporter had asked Al for help resolving her case because after nearly three hours this woman still didn’t know if she was a delegate or not. After asking that someone come out of the “guarded” room to address the lady’s concerns, a Cleveland County official named Melinda Daughtery who is also the State Committee woman for Cleveland County arrived. Melinda gave the same old non answers and said that the lady Ron Paul supporter would have to sit in the “overflow” room until her case was resolved. Al asked if the overflow room was wired with a microphone so that the delegates sitting in the room could participate or object to motions using Roberts Rules of Order and Melinda snapped “No!” Al then asked why they were being treated as second class citizens without the ability to participate. Melinda stormed off in anger.



Melinda Daughtery second from left

So it was no surprise when a few minutes later a building manager showed up with another deputy in tow to tell Al he had been accused of “harassing” a woman and was going to have to leave. Al asked the building manager what would happen if someone accused the building manager of molesting a three year old in the bathroom, would he be asked to leave as well? The point, drenched in sarcasm, was that an accusation was just that, and it wasn’t enough that someone claimed something without some sort of proof. When asked to identify the accuser the building manager hesitated, then said he wouldn’t identify the accuser.

So once again the State Director of a national campaign was thrown out of the convention, this time ordered to leave the property immediately or be arrested. Al asked for the supervisor to show up again to document the ejection but the deputy said that if the deputy showed up that Al would be arrested for trespass. The deputy did understand what was going on though, even made the comment that “ I am caught in the middle. This is just politics and I am being used as a tool to commit a crime.” With that, the deputy agreed to take a minute to call in the incident to the dispatch room so that it would be entered on the dispatch log.

Eventually we are told that all the delegates and alternates were allowed to sit in the main room. Must have been a miracle that there suddenly was plenty of room, and the meeting went on. Ron Paul supporters reportedly did a credible if somewhat torturous job of getting some of the problem cases solved. The problem was that those grassroots leaders were

more concerned about avoiding any scandal for the Cleveland County GOP than representing Ron Paul supporters. In Oklahoma City we didn't leave a soul behind, in Cleveland County that can't be said.

So it is little wonder that Cleveland County GOP officials went to so much trouble and strife to avoid giving over a list of delegates and chose to break State GOP rules by throwing out anyone that was a threat to this getting exposed. They also went to a lot of trouble to get AI thrown out so that the leadership wasn't there to protect all of the Ron Paul delegates. It turned out that there were enough to win the day, around 60% Ron Paul supporters according to several estimates and indeed Bobby Cleveland found himself losing several key votes.

The issue though is that one shouldn't have to go through hours and hours of political mischief to protect one's political rights, the State GOP ought to be proactive in these cases and read the riot act to these corrupt county organizations. I can tell you one thing, if the GOP wants to split the vote in November, they could do no better than disrespecting Ron Paul supporters with all this corruption. If the GOP wants to be the cause of a third party being born, they could do no better than to behave as they have the past few years.

This entire mess has been laid at the feet of State GOP Chair Matt Pinnell. In his defense, when we talked late last week I told him that I didn't expect trouble at the Cleveland County GOP Convention because Bobby Cleveland had been acting nice. But after a week the Bryan County ladies still haven't received a call from Bryan County GOP stating that they were delegates and no doubt both are too intimidated to call Bryan County Chair Stephen Taylor. But there is more than enough proof in the emails that the ladies sent and from the phone call where Matt talked to one of them.

The Cleveland County fiasco is newly laid in his lap so Matt needs some time to investigate but the proof is there, Bobby Cleveland and Melinda Daughtery are both guilty of breaking rule 3a, refusing to allow a Republican to attend a Republican function. One of the witnesses sent this reply after being sent a picture of State Committee woman Melinda Daughtery:

*"That is 150% her. She was sitting up front during the delegate meeting. She was conversing with the shorter officer after you were thrown out right beside the overflow room. They were whispering. I walked past them to try and catch some of the conversation and they immediately stopped talking."*

We did receive a call from State Chairman Matt Pinnell late Sunday night before this story was published. Matt assures us that these are serious issues, that the Bryan County delegate list will be corrected before it is sent to the State GOP for use in the District and State Conventions. Matt also assured us that the issue of Bryan County Chair Stephen Taylor, Cleveland County Chair Bobby Cleveland, and Cleveland County State Committee Woman Melinda Daughtery will be addressed either before the conventions using an executive session, at the Credentials Committees before the conventions begin, or that we will be able to address the issues from the floor of the convention using Roberts Rules of Order. We also discussed the possibility of drafting new State GOP rules to prevent these corruptions from occurring in the first place and the possibility of presenting these rules at the State Convention.

All we want is to clean up the party, Matt. Make the Oklahoma GOP an organization of rules and law, not one that one uses brute tactics and lies to accomplish political goals. We can choose to hire plenty of goons and deputies to keep people in line at the conventions or we can choose to respect the rules and respect the people and not need to turn the conventions into a police state format. But what we are calling on Matt to do immediately is to return a sliver of integrity to the State GOP by removing Stephen Taylor, Bobby Cleveland, and Melinda Daughtery for willful disregard of a fellow Republican's rights.

But make no bones about this, if we need to challenge an entire county or even entire counties delegate list to punish bad behavior we will be ready to do just that from the floor of the convention. By cleaning up the State GOP, by forcing GOP officials to follow the rule of law, we begin the process of forcing politicians to follow the GOP party platform and to keep their campaign promises.



## Budget Shortfalls and our Big Spending Government Can We Afford Their Big Government Ways? By R.H.

Recent reports from the Oklahoma Tax Commission have indicated continued growth in the amount of tax collected from all sources. This is a good thing for Oklahoma. It indicates a rebound in our economy from the devastation of a deep recession and an increase in employment despite all the obstacles placed in front of it by the bureaucracy in Washington, D.C. But before you start to stand up and cheer, a closer examination of the numbers is required.

To begin with, Oklahoma has a Balanced Budget Amendment. This means that the Legislator cannot spend more than the state takes in each year. Any shortfalls must be made up by cuts, or borrowing. With liberals in power in the House and Senate, and I include RINO Republicans in this group, they chose to borrow to close the gap. This left the state in debt, which added a budget item to the next budget year. We also have a "Rainy Day Fund" for emergencies. Now a budget shortfall is an emergency wouldn't you agree?

State Treasurers saw this recession coming a full year before the general public did. Beginning in 2007, revenues to state coffers from all sources began to decline. No one sounded an alarm. I guess they didn't think we had a right to know this information. This information can be found in a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities report here: [States Continue to Feel Recession's Impact — Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#). The representatives providing information for this report from Oklahoma are State Tax Commission and the OK. Policy Institute. All of the information they provided were estimates.

Now they don't show any actual figures until FY09. In that year they indicated a shortfall of \$114 million dollars projected and closed when the budget was adopted. It does not indicate how it was closed. If I remember correctly, they were called back into special session to address a budget shortfall in the Corrections Department later that spring.

The FY10 budget indicated an initial gap that was closed by the time the budget was adopted of \$777 million dollars. That was a huge number, and quite an accomplishment by the legislature. Unfortunately it appears to have been all accounting tricks. An additional \$864 million was a projected shortfall a mere six months later. How was this made up? Where did the money come from? Did they drink from the cool-aid? No explanation was given. I do not recall a special session being called to address this shortfall either.

The FY11 budget comes along not looking much better. It starts out with a \$725 million dollar projected shortfall that was closed by the time the budget was adopted. As I recall, this was accomplished with a combination of budget cuts and "fee increases". Except some of the fee increases were challenged in court, and thrown out as illegally passed. So was the budget shortfall really closed?

My guess is yes and with a slight surplus. It was about this same time that Oklahoma's economy started to improve. Our un-employment rate started to decline. Our tax revenues started to increase. That along with a raid of the Rainy Day Fund made up for the rest of the short fall. They also failed to return the fees they already collected that had been ruled unconstitutional by the Oklahoma State Supreme Court. So yes they did eventually balance the budget.

For FY12, they closed a \$500 million dollar gap in the budget. Again budget cuts and fee increases were how they accomplished this. With Oklahoma's economy looking better, the shortfall was less. They even found money to place into the "Rainy Day Fund". It's funny how this fund works. It's always there, but when we need it, it never seems to have money in it.

Now FY13 is a complete mystery. No figures have been released yet. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. From the bills I've seen under consideration, the big spending RINO Republicans and liberals are having a spending spree that even President Obama would be proud of. Speaker Steele and his cronies are pushing a "Social Justice" agenda that includes several soft on crime bills, cutting spending to the Department of Corrections and letting repeat habitual sex offenders out of jail with ankle monitoring devices instead of jail time. The Senate is doing their best to implement Obama/Fallin care despite the fact that Oklahoma voters overwhelmingly rejected both and they're doing it without recording and publishing for the record committee votes.

The Great State of Oklahoma is in a financial mess. For too long we have let the liberal Democrats and liberal Republicans run this state. Now they are taking their cue from the D.C. Politicians and trying to borrow our way to oblivion. **WE THE PEOPLE** must now be heard. It's time the political class in this state be reminded that they work for us, not the Corporations and not the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce. Demand no more borrowing to close shortfalls. Use the "Rainy Day Fund". That's what it's there for. No more legislative pay raises until our financial house is in order. For those that don't want to live within the means of the state, resign. For those that refuse to live within the means of the state, we know how to vote you out.

# It isn't Thanksgiving Yet, Why mess With a Turkey?

HR1044

Last year Representative Doug Cox presented the same type of bill to honor the nation of Turkey in a resolution. One of the conservative Republican Representatives asked former Israeli ambassador Yoram for his take on the resolution:

Shalom xxxxxxxx,

This is not an Israeli issue. It is an American issue.

The proposed resolution is oblivious of Turkey's policy toward the US and its most vital interests.

Since 2002, when the Islamic party became the ruling party, Turkey has switched over from a US-driven policy to an Islam-driven policy.

For example, Turkey has become an ally of Iran and Syria, getting much closer to Putin (who attempts to resurrect the USSR hegemony in his region and beyond). Ankara has been supportive of Hezbollah and Hamas – two major terrorist organizations in Lebanon and in Gaza respectively – and has embraced the IHH, a notorious Turkish terrorist organization, which supports Islamic terrorism in Europe and beyond.

The current regime in Turkey attempts to restore Turkey's grand era as a ruler of the Muslim World, at the expense of the USA, while advancing the fortunes of Russia, China, North Korea, Iran and Syria.

Hang in there and hang tough,

Yoram

Rep. Bennett objected to this & they changed it to a Citation instead of an HR. Rep. Reynolds added the amendment that if anyone receives any free trips from Turkey they should not introduce this legislation. Here is that amendment:

## FLOOR AMENDMENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

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I move to amend HR1044

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By striking the language on page 2 lines 10-14:

"WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Oklahoma Legislature to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the State of Oklahoma, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with this ally.aa"

And inserting

"WHEREAS, it is the policy of members in the leadership of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to recognize the value of passing resolutions of this nature in order to continue to receive free, unreported, extravagant trips to exotic locations paid for by unknown sources." by Reynolds...

RESOLUTION 1044 By: Cox

## AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the many contributions made by citizens of the Republic of Turkey; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, in its alliances with the United States, the Republic of Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to world peace and liberty, as well as its tolerance of others in the secular and religious venues; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey is the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the State of Oklahoma, and is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and the Republic of Turkey have enjoyed a strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the State of Oklahoma to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Oklahoma to further cultivate the good relationship between Oklahoma and the Republic of Turkey and other Turkic Nations; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Oklahoma Legislature to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the State of Oklahoma, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with this ally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Turkey.

THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians.



## Oklahoma Insurance Act of 2012 - SB1629 –

We were all set to run this story this week on the Obama care/Fallin Care Health Insurance Exchanges but several things happened to cause us to question if the bill had been killed in the House and in the Senate.

First off during the GOP presidential watch party at the Marriott last Tuesday night, Senator Bingman approached Al, introduced himself and shook hands. It was one of those handshakes that older men still do, sizing each other up in the process. The conversation quickly turned to the Obama Care/Fallin Care bill that had passed the Senate the week before and how the public didn't want Obama Care implemented in any form or fashion. Bingman made an odd comment about the Senate not passing Obama Care and not wanting Obama Care, then said thank you for the email, and walked off. The email that Bingman was referring to was sent a few weeks ago when the Senate bill was still in committee, pointing out that the Sooner Tea Party had generally left the Senate alone and concentrated on the House of Representatives, also pointing out that the Senate had been much more responsive to the will of the people, thus allowing the Sooner Tea Party to leave them alone to do their work.

However, the conversation with Bingman was a bit puzzling at the time but when a phone call came in late Wednesday night giving the credit to the Sooner Tea Party and two others for killing Obama Care this year, things started to make sense.

The story starts with one dedicated activist, Ronda Vuillemont-Smith of the Tulsa 912 Group who was working the Capitol on Wednesday pushing as discharge petition on HR 1004 when she saw a white board, basically one of those erasable marker boards, with a note that Glen Mulready's favorite issue, the Obama Care/Fallin Care bill was being dropped. Ronda knew that Mulready was the author of last year's Obama Care/Fallin Care bill, the leader of the public hearings on the program this summer and fall, and was the leading supporter of Obama Care/Fallin Care in the House of Representatives. Seeing the bill being killed tweaked her interest.

That led to a phone call between Ronda and Mulready where Mulready allegedly said :

“it was that crazy Dave Bell and that crazy Al Gerhart” and Darren Gantz that killed the Obamacare bill”.

The story first came in from Northwest Tulsa, then was verified with Ronda Vuillemont-Smith via a phone call. Ronda knows as do we all that the credit is much more widely spread, it took attacks from all sides and all angles to kill Obama Care/Fallin Care in Oklahoma, but it was nice to hear from the bill author's own mouth that our brand of activism is effective. We don't hold rallies, we don't go down to the Capitol and talk to the legislators very often but we do a lot of talking with the politician's own constituents.

On reflection though, perhaps it isn't quite yet time to hang up the gloves on Obama Care/Fallin Care this year. This might be an elaborate trick to divert our attention. It would be a good idea to make some more calls to thank the Senators and Representatives for finally killing off the bill and to remind them that you don't want it brought up in any form or fashion. Here is their [press release](#) on the killing of the bill:

And here is the story that we were going to run, then decided not to run, but decided to run it just incase. And yes, that is as confusing as it sounds.

SB1629 has all the markings of introducing Obamacare to Oklahoma. *Federal tax dollars* will be used as stated, “Title XIX of the Social Security Act” as well as other sources “otherwise specified or authorized by law”. One reason for all these sources is to create a “premium assistance program”. In short, socialism. Our State Republican Senators who are promoting this legislation are essentially saying that *the way to stop federal socialism is with state socialism* and then tag it with buzz words such as “conservative” and “free market”. This bill has already passed a committee vote and appears backed by the governor. This means it is on a fast track for a Senate vote.

**Action** - Send a single BCC email to EVERY Republican State Senator at once and ask them to oppose SB1629 when it comes up for a vote on the Senate floor.

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## Preventing Enforcement of Federal Health Care Acts

– HB1276 – authored by Rep. Ritze

By staff writer

This helps to stop Obamacare ...

This key text in HB1276 is self-explanatory. “The Legislature of the State of Oklahoma declares that the federal laws known as the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” (Public Law 111-148) and the “Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010” (Public Law 111-152), signed by President Barack Obama on March 23 and 30, 2010, are not authorized by the Constitution of the United States and violate its true meaning and intent as given by the founders and ratifiers, and are hereby declared to be invalid in the State of Oklahoma, shall not be recognized by this state, are specifically rejected by this state, and shall be considered null and void and of no effect in this state.” This bill passed out of committee.

**Action** – Call Rep. DeWitt ((405) 557-7332 [dalede Witt@okhouse.gov](mailto:dalede Witt@okhouse.gov)) and ask him to bring HB1276 to the House floor for a vote.

## Defense in place of worship – HB2988 – Rep. Ritze

By Staff writer

Today, if someone forcibly enters your home they are “presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence.” As a result, you can defend yourself accordingly. HB2988 would extend this to “place of worship”. It has passed out of committee and is ready for a House Floor vote. Find this bill [here](#).

**Action** – Call Rep. DeWitt ((405) 557-7332 [dalede Witt@okhouse.gov](mailto:dalede Witt@okhouse.gov)) and ask him to bring HB2988 to the House floor for a vote.



## Oklahoma Riot Control and Prevention Act

– SB1760 – Sen. Sykes

This key text in SB1760 is self-explanatory. “Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow any official of a municipal or state entity to prohibit or suspend the sale, ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, registration, transfer and storage of firearms, ammunition and ammunition accessories during a declared state of emergency, that are otherwise legal under state law.” This bill just passed out of committee.

**Action** – Call Sen. Schulz ((405) 521-5612 [schulz@oksenate.gov](mailto:schulz@oksenate.gov)) and ask him to put SB1760 on the Senate agenda for a vote



## **PUSHING FALLIN'S AGENDA DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING?**

**By R.H.**

Editors note: This story was originally seven pages long and about as well written as one could ask but the length demanded trimming down. However, if you want a really in depth look at the consequences of this bill please read the [entire unabridged story here](#).

House Bill 3061 is one of the most confusing pieces of legislation I have ever seen. The history of this bill is enough to leave one's head spinning. This is the bill that Speaker Steele is pushing for the Governor on Tax reform. It was originally referred to the Rules Committee on February 7, 2012. It was withdrawn from the Rules Committee, for reasons unknown, on February 20, 2012, and given to the Appropriations and Budget Committee. The Appropriations and Budget Committee amended it and passed it out of committee on February 28, 2012 recommending a do pass. On March 1, 2012, the Bill picked up a Co-Author, Senator Jolley, as a principal author in the Senate. That same day the bill was "Emergency Remove" from consideration. I was unable to find out why it was removed.

Not listed in the history of the bill is on the very next day, March 2, 2012, a floor version of the bill was introduced on the floor. No explanation as to where this "floor version" came from or who wrote it. It was amended from the version approved by the Appropriations and Budget Committee. It's a full page longer. You can [read the bill here](#).

This bill is similar in nature to HB 3038, which has also advanced to the house floor. There are major differences though. This bill is slanted towards the upper class and has no set dates whereas HB 3038 is un-biased as to class and has set dates. We will go through them in detail in this article. You can read [HB 3038 here](#):

As stated earlier, this bill was "Emergency Remove" on March 1, 2012. Without a vote of the committee, the floor version of the bill was submitted on March 2, 2012. How can Speaker Steele get away with this violation of rules?

Section 1. "A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:" This is very suspicious. How can you create new law and not have it codified in the statutes of the States laws? It can't be done. Should this law be passed with this wording, it would have no standing.

Section 4.B. In part "and ending not later than December 31, 2012, a tax is hereby imposed".

1. Single individuals and married individuals filing separately:  
(g) 5.25% tax on the remainder for the 2009 and subsequent tax years ending not later than December 31, 2012. These same rates apply for married couples filing jointly, only you must double the dollar figure. This is a significant tax cut. As it goes back to the tax year of 2009, you should also be able to file an amended return and receive an additional return from the state.

Section 4.C. In part "Nonresident Aliens. There shall be a tax imposed on nonresident aliens --- a tax of eight percent (8%) instead of thirty percent (30%)".

Section 4.D. Corporations In part "beginning after December 31, 1989, a tax is hereby imposed --- in amount equal to six percent (6%) thereof." This is a disgrace. This code hasn't changed in twenty-three years.

Section 4.E. Certain Foreign Corporations. In part "In lieu of the tax imposed in subsection C-- there shall be imposed on foreign corporations, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, a tax of six percent (6%) instead of thirty (30%)". Now if foreign corporations can get a tax break, why can't American owned companies get a tax break?

Section 4.G. Tax rate tables. In part "For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, in lieu of the tax imposed by Section 2 of this Act there is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the taxable income of every individual, whose taxable income for such taxable year does not exceed the ceiling amount ----- tables which shall be determined by the tax commission." In other words, it's a crap shoot.

Section 6 AMENDATORY O.S. 2011, Section 2357.22, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.22.A. In part "beginning after January 1, 2013, and ending not later than December 31, 2014, there shall be allowed a onetime credit against the income tax"

1. for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property placed in service after December 31, 201
4. In part "Property which is directly related to the compression and delivery of natural gas from a private home"

In other words, they have eliminated all tax credits but one for electric cars. They are encouraging the use of natural gas conversion. That's understandable. ONG will install a fueling station in your home at no cost, provided you already have gas service. Natural gas is one thing we have an abundant supply of.

Section 7 AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011 Section 2358 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2358 A.1. In part " There shall be added interest income on obligations of any state or political subdivision thereto which is not otherwise exempted pursuant to other laws". They certainly want to cover all bases. Tax whatever they can.

If you are like a lot of the rural farm workers, young teen agers, college students and people just setting out on their own this bill is a disaster. This bill will truly give the Democratic Party an issue to run on in the fall. It benefits the wealthy and middleclass first, while placing the burden on the poor and those just setting out on the road of life. By cutting taxes on those who are single and making over thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) and those who are married and making over seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) you place the tax burden on the poor. That burden is lengthened by not placing any sure dates on implementing these tax cuts, but by arbitrarily placing a five percent (5%) growth minimum on state revenue before a cut can be given. This will ensure the upper classes will see some if not all cuts, while the lower wage earners will be lucky to see any.

One thing is glaringly missing from this package going before the House. That is a Fiscal Report. Where is the fiscal report that should have been completed after all these changes made by the Speaker where submitted to the floor. After all they were submitted without a vote.

Speaker Steele this is another blatant attempt by you to gain favor with the Governor by pushing her pet project. Senator Jolley, you're just trying to gain favor with the State Chamber of Commerce. After all you need some campaign money. Governor Fallin, how dare you propose such an audacious, despicable plan. You were elected to represent the people of Oklahoma. Not just the middle class and the rich. Look after the people who really need it for a change. Let the Speaker and Senator Jolley know that unless there are major changes to this bill, you will veto it. By major changes I mean the first to receive the tax cuts are those making less than thirty five thousand (\$35,000.00) dollars a year. They are the ones that need it.

Those of you in both chambers of the legislature should demand accountability of Speaker Steele and Senator Jolley. Demand a new Fiscal Impact Statement be prepared by the Tax Commission. Demand the little guy get the tax breaks first. Demand these changes, or vote no on this bill. We will be watching.



## DHS 101 Modifying drug-endangered children provisions

House Bill 2251, by Peterson  
By Ms. D.B.

This bill presented by Rep. Peterson allows the DHS to investigate as well as assess if there is drug abuse suspected before placing the child in a home. After reading the long list of violations the court found the state guilty of this is not much of a reform step. Not at this point anyway. I don't think that the state could possibly move any slower at reforming a dept. unless they had no legs and were blind.

There is absolutely nothing as urgent or as important as this. Not because there is an ongoing court interest, but because there are children that are still suffering each day that the legislators and Governor drag their feet. Why they choose to give this the back seat is unexplainable. First it makes no sense that the Governor has not backed this with a magnitude of funding and ongoing support. There can't be a more urgent or deserving cause. The money is there for whatever else that the Governor wants to indulge in.

The state was put under the watchful eye of the court to insure that the "clean it up" was taking place with the insertion of co-neutrals (babysitters).The state did attempt to have the case thrown out of court before complete defeat. They lost due to the mounds of nasty evidence. Nothing says "no integrity" like trying to dodge responsibility when you have been busted red handed.

So now months down the road this shallow bill is thrown out here as a token of attempting to be "doing something". This bill and its contents should be listed in the DHS 101 manual. It should be on the no thinker/given list of terms. When a state employee is responsible for placing a child it shouldn't matter whether there is a possible drug issue or not, an investigation as well as an assessment should be done every time. To place a child sight unseen is sloppy, lazy, and

unprofessional. They might as well forget any type of regulation at that point and just spin the wheel of fortune. At this point in the game why insert something this lame and sterile?

Experience proves that their judgment leaned toward failure. Every case and child is going to be unique and skills like looking outside the box are in order. You can't simply hand them a piece of paper with instructions. The children placed in the care of DHS are not there because they have a healthy home. Nor are they there trying to check into the Days Inn Motel. To handle the need properly requires that some thought, skill, and common sense be put into play. The children are there to obtain safety. To handle any given case without checking it out thoroughly is unacceptable.

In reading a report by an expert witness for the court he stated this exact concern. "That being that the employees lacked the ability to assess or judge and therefore the children were often placed in harmful situations". If the state insists on keeping the same employees then they can't expect those same people to have an ability that wasn't there before. I have felt from the beginning that the main problem was that the staff was not qualified for the positions and lacked the proper skills to make such decisions. Now what I am seeing with these one or two lame bills is the possibility that the problem may not be just a personnel problem. The initial sin may indeed be from much higher ranks that are just as lacking, just as unskilled, and wearing the deer in the headlight face with the rest of the DHS staff. Dragging their feet not just because they aren't concerned, but also because they are clueless to the proper fix themselves. They are also at the DHS 101 level in search for reform. It is a very sad situation for the kids and a very sad state indeed.

Marcia Robinson Lowry, direction of the Rights for Children was involved with the court Process concerning this case. Here are several comments that she had to say along with some headlines about our State .These headlines and comments can be viewed on the Children's Rights website Watchdog:

"The system has long operated without standards or accountability, resulting in serious harm to Oklahoma's children," said Marcia Robinson Lowry, executive director for Children's Rights. The state's 10,000+ kids in foster care suffer abuse and neglect in their foster homes at one of the highest rates in the nation. I don't see how the situation didn't get out long ago. I don't understand" Marcia Robinson Lowry, director of Children's Rights, Children's Rights.org.

[Judge Rejects All of Oklahoma's Attempts to Limit Protections for Foster Children](#)  
[Two Expert Reviews Find OK Child Welfare Plagued by Mismanagement, Dysfunctional Computer System](#)  
[New Report Reveals Shocking Number of Oklahoma Kids Abused in Foster Care, Forced to Change Homes Repeatedly](#)  
[Kids in Foster Care Suffer as Oklahoma Child Welfare Agency Fails to Track Workers' Caseloads](#)  
[Child Welfare Experts Blast Oklahoma Department of Human Services in New Reports on Kids' Safety in Foster Care](#)

John Goad A.M. expert witness /Childs Rights.Org:

"DHS's pathetically deficient practices ensure that every abused or neglected child who comes into its custody faces an inordinately high risk of suffering further maltreatment on its watch."

"When attempting to describe the children's harm and suffering, the words that come to mind are incomprehensible, unimaginable, outrageous, and immoral. Children in OKDHS's care are more likely to be abused and neglected than are children in the care of almost any other state," the author writes. "It is probable that all children who are placed in the custody of the agency are in danger of being placed with abusive, neglectful, and dangerous caregivers who OKDHS has failed to identify because of its deficient response to child abuse and neglect referrals."

[Report: Treatment of Oklahoma foster kids 'immoral'](#) (AP/Tulsa World)



## Kudos to Key HR 1004

The Sooner Tea Party fought for this bill all last year using robo calls and precinct work but we ended the session with around 50 or so of the 68 signatures needed. The discharge petition is back again this year and drawing more supporters thanks to the election year and the beating we gave a few of the House members last year. George Faught was one of those legislators that refused to sign HR 1004 last year but during the Watch Party at the Marriott on Tuesday night Faught agreed to talk to Representative Charles Key about the discharge petition. Rumor has it that Faught actually signed the discharge petition on Wednesday but we have yet to confirm that.

[HR 1004](#) would put a stop to chairmen continuing their dictatorial control over whether a bill gets a fair hearing. As it is now, chairmen can kill any legislation they choose. This resolution relates to the rules of the House of Representatives.

The reason for the fowl odor at the round house has been because those in power have killed our government the Founders set up and now the stench is quite obvious. The process has always been one of ideas and Charles Key has taken a huge step to protect our free society. The end result would be to hold our representatives accountable. What a glorious concept!



## More Picking Winners by the Government Will They Ever Learn? By R.H.

Where did we get all of these RINO's from? Here we have a bill, HB 2978, written by Representatives Dank and Pittman in the House and Senator Mazzei directing what at the state level amounts to earmarks for pet projects in the form of tax credits. Haven't they figured it out that there is a better way to do business than to award tax credits? What do we have to do? Stand beside them and beat it into their heads? You can read the bill [here](#):

They have declared this an emergency. What emergency? Has the world's axis shifted turning us upside down? Have we been inundated with massive floods? Have tornadoes destroyed Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and every town in the State? I see no emergency here. The only emergency here is how fast they can line their benefactor's pocketbooks.

Section 1. In part "NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2357.501 of title 68".

Section 1.B. In part "Any measure providing for a **tax credit** shall contain provisions pursuant to which any member of the public can determine the identity of any person or entity that benefits from the tax credit". They put this in there as if they are doing us a favor. What are they doing giving these things out to begin with? This is the people's money they are giving away. Why do they think they are any better at it then the federal government? Hasn't the recent debacle at American Airlines taught them anything?

Section 1.C. "Any tax credit shall provide for the creation of new jobs or the retention of existing jobs within the State of Oklahoma." They've got this only half right. If they insist on picking winners and losers, then they should insist on new job creation only. That would not mean they couldn't give a tax credit to an existing company in the state. What it would mean is that existing company would have to expand its operation and add employees in order to qualify.

Section 1.D. In part "With respect to each fiscal year of the state, any tax credit shall be limited based on the total amount of credits that may be claimed by one entity". This is good. A company is given 100 tax credits for employees but hires 120; it can still only claim 100. It limits the liability to the state.

Section 1.E. "Any tax credit passed by the legislature shall contain a date certain for the termination of the provisions authorizing the credit." This is also a good thing, but it doesn't go far enough. This clause was added to placate the fiscal conservatives in the legislature. What needs to be added to this clause is wording to the effect stipulating that the entity will not be eligible for any additional tax credits for five years or so.

Section 1.F. In part "No economic activity that qualifies for a tax credit may occur without the project cost receiving prior approval by a state governmental entity". Okay this is questionable. I don't have a lot a faith in "governmental entities" to do a proper evaluation of cost of a project. It is with deep sadness that I must say this states agencies are full of corrupt, political hacks that will do whatever it takes to get a project going no matter what the cost.

Section 1.G. "Transactions for which a tax credit has been authorized and which results in a reduction or potential reduction of state revenue shall be audited by the State Auditor and Inspector." Having oversight is a good thing. I see the hand of fiscal conservatives in this clause. I hope they plan on hiring more auditors.

Section 1.H. In part "No measure containing a tax credit shall receive final passage by either chamber of the legislature unless a detailed fiscal impact analyzing the effect of the tax credit on the state revenue and upon the economy of the state is prepared". I'm in wholehearted agreement with this. A fiscal impact statement should be accomplished on everything effecting state revenue done by the legislature, unlike some of the tax bills we see sponsored by Speaker Steele.

Section 1.I. "No measure containing a tax credit shall be considered during the last five (5) days of a regular or extraordinary session of the legislature." This too is a good thing. We wouldn't these things coming up when all these legislators have on their minds is going home. I will add though, the length of the legislative session needs to be longer. The business of running the government is more time consuming and the legislators need more time to accomplish the job right.

Section 2. "This act shall become effective July 1, 2012." Why? Are you in a hurry to line the pockets of your benefactors?

Section 3. The emergency clause. "It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval." I dare any single legislator, from the Governor on down, to give me a valid reason as to how a tax credit effect the 'preservation of the public peace, health and safety'. It cannot be done. This section of the bill should be stricken, and if the bill is passed, this bill should be allowed to become law on November 1, 2012. This **IS NOT** an emergency.

Although this bill is well intentioned, it lacks sufficient grounds for passage. It once again fails to recognize that there is a better way to attract business to the great State of Oklahoma, by lowering corporate taxes to begin with. Let me explain it to you. Lower corporate taxes mean more corporations are attracted to Oklahoma. More corporations attracted to Oklahoma means more jobs in Oklahoma. More jobs in Oklahoma mean more sales tax revenue in Oklahoma. Can it be any simpler?

This bill authorizes the continued use of tax credits. This is something this state needs to get away from. There are more loopholes in here than there are in the I.R.S. Tax code. Vote No on this bill. We are watching.



## **Noodle Nelson; Rep. Jason Nelson**

By Ms. D.B.

I have to wonder just what the incentive might have been that persuaded noodle Rep. Nelson to associate himself with such a full blown, wide open, fiasco of a dept. Like DHS. This wishy-washy, Capital wall-weed, is a man who has been lying low, spinelessly, doing his time, refusing to speak out on any topic, and only standing for something during restroom breaks.

This is a Rep. that came to the capital on the shirt tail of the Chamber of Commerce, and with the unveiling of resent findings it appears that his loyalty still remains with them. What does this say about Rep. Nelson? It says that he is not for the citizens of Oklahoma, but for his own personal gain. Why would Rep. Steele give such a person the job of "leadership" to a department that is in serious need of strong direction when he could care less and has nothing to offer?

Where might he be leading them to? Off a cliff? His appointment as leader certainly isn't due to his outstanding leadership and success with the areas he has headed so far. The only obvious answer would be, once again, for personal reasons. His political courage rating given was a big fat zero because of his refusal to speak on any given topic.

He was given this new "leader" position by his partner in crime Rep. Steele who was also listed on the same "Shameless" list. Rep. Nelson had already been given the task of "studying" the DHS problem. He has been studying it for over 2 years now. So, how much longer did he plan to "Study" the situation before he busted a move and did something productive? When asked this question Rep. Nelson's answer was about as deep as his study. His answer being, huh?

It is an understatement to say that he isn't the man for the job. Most likely this is a back scratching situation. Rep. Steele, who has also been "studying" the DHS dilemma for years, assigns his commerce comrade as bogus leader knowing he will only be a stool pigeon by doing nothing. It would, however, give him cover up control as needed.

Rep. Steele also handpicked the other 4 people that are to be working on the DHS reform. Needless to say, nothing has been accomplished. You can see the drudgery in Rep. Nelson's face these days. He appears to be miserable. You should have just said "no" Rep. Nelson. He now sits with the mother lode dropped in his lap. Whether his intentions are for the love of money or for favors owed no one is sure. Regardless, the outcome will probably be the same. The DHS project will suffer and he'll get burned unless Rep. Steele throws him under the bus first. Oh what a tangled web.

Send Jason an email and offer a spine transplant. While you are talking to him or his legislative assistant, ask him to sign the HR 1004 Discharge Petition.



## **Representative Lisa J. Billy**

### **Her Legislative Career**

**R.H.**

Representative Billy first got into politics, apparently, when she was elected to the Chickasaw Nation Legislature in 1996. She served there; I'm sure, proudly until 2001. This undoubtedly whetted her appetite for politics. She was elected to represent the 42<sup>nd</sup> District in Oklahoma in 2004. Since being elected, she has been appointed an Assistant Majority Floor Leader and she sits as the Chair of the A&B Public Safety Committee. She also sits on the Agriculture, Wildlife & Environmental Committee, Appropriations & Budget Committee, General Government Committee, Long-term Care & Senior Services Committee and the Redistricting Southern Oklahoma Subcommittee. In other words, she is one powerful lady.

Checking her legislative accomplishments has been rather difficult. I was only able to go back through the last two legislative sessions, and from what I saw, it appears the Representative Billy was an average to slightly above average politician. In the 2011 legislative year, she sponsored four bills and a House Resolution. Of those bills, four died in committee, one died on the floor and three passed into law. The House Resolution also passed.

On taking a closer look at the bills she had passed into law, one was an almost sure fire thing. It dealt with the levels of radiation a person can be exposed to. New data had determined that the levels of radiation exposure needed to be changed and Representative Billy saw to it. Plain and simple. One was a soft on crime bill. That one got through because it fit with the Speakers' social justice agenda, and the last was a funding bill for Attorneys Generals.

She had one bill that died on the House floor without coming up for a vote. It was a bill for a bridge near Maysville. She also had four additional bills that died in committee.

Legislative year 2012 has been very good to her. She has presented only five bills and one resolution this year. The resolution passed. All five of her bills passed and are awaiting action in the Senate. I guess nice things happen when you become part of the leadership.

Let's take a look at her campaign finances. They read more like those of a Democrat than those of a Republican, but you would expect that from a RINO. This last election cycle looked like this:

Chickasaw Nation \$5,000.00  
Choctaw Nation \$5,000.00  
Osage Nation \$ 500.00  
Ok. Assoc. Of Realtors \$2,500.00  
Ok. Assoc. Of Electric Cooperatives \$1,000.00  
Ok. Indep. Pet. Assoc. \$1,000.00  
Ok. Quarter Horse Racing Association \$ 300.00

Associated General Contractors of Oklahoma \$ 200.00  
Citizen 1 \$1,000.00  
Citizen 2 \$ 155.00  
Citizen 3 \$ 100.00  
Citizen 4 \$ 100.00  
Citizen 5 \$ 100.00

It should be noted that the names of the individual citizens are not revealed for this article. They can be found on Project Vote Smart.

#### Unions

Oklahoma Education Assoc. \$1,000.00  
Ok. Public Employees Assoc. \$1,000.00  
Ok. Society of Anesthesiologists \$1,000.00  
Ok. Assoc. of Nurse Anesthetists \$1,000.00  
Ok. Ed. Assoc. Fund for Children & Public Ed. \$1,000.00  
Ok. Assoc. of Optometric Physicians \$ 600.00  
Oklahoma City Firefighters \$ 250.00  
OKC Retired Firefighters Assoc. \$ 200.00  
Unified Chiropractic Assoc. \$ 200.00  
Ok. Assoc. of Career & Technology Education \$ 150.00  
OneOk. Inc. \$ 500.00  
Union Pacific Railroad \$ 500.00  
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) \$ 500.00  
Chesapeake Energy \$ 250.00  
HCRW Candidate Fund Account \$ 100.00

That's quite a lot for one campaign cycle in such a rural district. Since she first started raising funds, in 2002, for her elections she has raised \$99,313.00. A majority of these funds have come from government agencies, and education. Labor organizations are running third. It makes one wonder where her loyalties lie. Do they lie with the people she was elected to represent, or to the government and education organizations that seem to fund her?

Her sudden elevation to a leadership position raises questions. The state is currently embroiled in a battle with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations over water rights. The two Native American tribes own them by treaty with the U. S. Government. The State wants them. Did the Speaker hope to gain a bargaining position by appointing her to a leadership position? I hope that Representative Billy is true to her commercials, and isn't shallow enough to be used that way.

Knowing all this is it any wonder that Representative Billy is beholden to Speaker Steele? Is that why she hasn't signed the discharge petition known as HR 1004? Representative Billy, is power so important to you that you would silence the voices of your fellow Representatives by allowing the dictatorial rules of Speaker Steele to stand? Sign the discharge petition or we will work against you in your next election.



## **CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood: The "Five Phases" Plan – Part III**

CAIR is at it again.

You may recall that in the last several articles we've been looking at some of the evidence from the [U.S. vs. The Holy Land Foundation](#) trial, the largest terrorism financing trial in America's history. These shocking documents were seized by FBI Counter Terrorism Agents when they raided the Elbarasse home and seized the "**Archives of the Muslim Brotherhood in America**" hidden in a secret sub-basement. Let's review a few of the main points we've discussed in previous articles:

1. CAIR is an unindicted co-conspirator in the largest terrorism-financing trial in U.S. history.
2. CAIR is a front group for Hamas, an organization designated as a “terrorist organization” by the U.S. government.
3. CAIR is part of the Muslim Brotherhood (more coming soon on the Muslim Brotherhood).
4. The goal of the Muslim Brotherhood here in America was described as follows: “The (Muslim Brotherhood) must understand that their work in America is a kind of **grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and “sabotaging” its miserable house by their (our)hands ...**” (The Explanatory Memorandum, p. 7)
5. Congress passed a law preventing the FBI from doing business with CAIR.
6. The Muslim Brotherhood (i.e. CAIR) has a 5-Phase plan known as “Phases of the World Underground Movement Plan,” to overthrow the U.S. government and replace the Constitution with Shariah Law.

Two weeks ago we looked at the first three phases of the MB’s “Five Phase Plan.” From the feedback we’ve received, people apparently think that this some pretty shocking material, especially the video clip of DHS Secretary Napolitano testifying before Congress about the MB’s infiltration of DHS. This week we want to look at the last two phases.

Before I get started on the next point, however, I need to make a disclaimer. Since the last article, almost as if on cue, CAIR has written a letter to illustrate the next phase in the “5-Phase Plan.” Honest to goodness, folks, before I wrote this article I really had no idea that CAIR was going to write this letter and be so cooperative as to highlight the message of this week’s article.

Let’s get started. Following are the exact quotes from the “**Phases of the World Underground Movement Plan,**” along with my commentary.

**Phase Four:** Open public confrontation with the Government through **exercising the political pressure approach.** It is aggressively implementing the above-mentioned approach. **Training on the use of weapons domestically and overseas in anticipation of zero-hour. It has noticeable activities in this regard.**

Commentary: There are two points upon which I want to focus:

#### A. The “Political Pressure Approach”

In previous articles, we’ve repeatedly referred to the “Understanding the Threat to America” seminar, held recently in Edmond, during which we received the documents which we’ve been studying in our series of articles. Oklahoma’s office of Continuing Law Enforcement Education Training (“CLEET”) certified this program for annual credit hours and a number of law enforcement officers from around the state attended. Once CAIR learned, however, that CLEET had certified the course for credit (ESPECIALLY by the presenters from the Strategic Engagement Group, Inc.), CAIR launched a withering campaign against the Director of CLEET to get the credit hour approval for the seminar rescinded and someone joked, at one point, they thought CLEET was going to have to “erect a guard tower” outside CLEET headquarters to repel CAIR’s attack. As CLEET’s Curriculum Director and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation’s Legal Counsel found when they attended the seminar, however, the presenters focused primarily on the evidence from the HLF trial as well as the *Muslim Brotherhood’s own documents*. To their credit, CLEET officials withstood the barrage from CAIR and allowed the seminar to go forward as planned. **THIS, MY FRIENDS, IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE “POLITICAL PRESSURE APPROACH” IN PHASE FOUR OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD’S “FIVE-PHASE” PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT AND REPLACE THE CONSTITUTION WITH SHARIAH LAW!**

But CAIR wasn’t finished. When they failed to get CLEET to back down, CAIR turned its guns on local police departments. In a letter to the Dell City Police department dated February 27, 2012, CAIR sought to intimidate Chief Taylor by making an “Open Records Act Request” which contained the following language,

“We are concerned with DCPD’s exercise of oversight to ensure that the trainings it funds, hosts, sanctions or participates in contain **credible information by credible experts about Islam, American Muslims and counterterrorism**. It is our objective that this request will provide the documents needed to **comprehensively assess** DCPD’s performance in this area...” (See link to CAIR letter.)

The request then goes on to ask for information from, among others, the two presenters of the seminar. Let me remind you that the seminar to which CAIR so vehemently objected was presented by a former FBI Counter Terrorism Agent who was designated as a “Subject Matter Expert” in the area by the FBI, an Army Major who formerly briefed the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon and the former Commanding General of Delta Force who was also a former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence. In addition, the presenters offered a letter signed by, among others, **former CIA Director James Woolsey** which said this about the seminar the presenters offered: **“While all four of us [signers] were in senior positions in the U.S. Intelligence Community and should have been aware of this information-~~we were not~~. We first heard this critical information from the two primary presenters.**” Tell me, do you really think CAIR is concerned about “credible information by credible experts”? Once again, this is a timely example of the **POLITICAL PRESSURE APPROACH.**

#### B. Weapons Training

Are you aware of the fact that there are currently over 30 terrorist training camps, complete with weapons training, currently operating here in America? As documented in the film “Homegrwon Jihad,” these are Muslim Brotherhood groups sponsored by a group out of Pakistan and our federal government is aware of these training camps but has not yet shut them down. Furthermore, I’ve been told that there is a report to be issued soon with evidence that there some mosques in America that have stockpiles of high-powered weapons stored there.

There is another piece of evidence from the HLF trial I’ve recently come across, however, that brings the issue of weapons training closer to home to the citizens of Oklahoma. In 1981 the FBI secretly recorded a conversation that took place in Missouri between a Muslim Brother named Zeid al-Naman and some other Muslim Brothers. In it, the following exchange takes place:

Q: "You mentioned to us that there is weapons training at the (Muslim Brotherhood's) training camps but I did not see that at all in the mid-southern region camps. So, would you explain to us the reasons?"

al-Naman: "(I)n Oklahoma they started to be strict about letting Muslims use the camps. They would ask them, for instance, to submit their names and they would ask you to bring an ID or something to prove your name... These harassments exist then in the state of Oklahoma, for instance. And these are among the reasons which made our brothers in the (region) to have their camps here in Missouri...." (See attached "History of the Muslim Brotherhood" transcript, p. 16)

Tell me, in view of CAIR's "political pressure approach," do you think that law enforcement officials here in Oklahoma today would dare to ask a Muslim for his ID "just" because he's engaged in weapons training? Why don't you ask Chief Taylor of the Dell City Police Department what he thinks the answer might be. I suspect that "these harassments" no longer exist in Oklahoma.

**Phase Five:** Seizing power to establish their Islamic Nation under which all parties and Islamic groups are united.

As stated in the seminar, the goal of the Muslim Brotherhood is twofold: 1) Establish worldwide Muslim rule (a "Caliphate") and 2) impose Shariah Law. While not all Muslims ascribe to the goals of the Muslim Brotherhood, we should not deceive ourselves. Phase Five is clear and needs no further explanation.

Remember, friends, CAIR has been identified as a Muslim Brotherhood front organization. Keep that fact in mind the next time you see a CAIR spokesman in the media. Forget the question of why ANY government would do business with a Muslim Brotherhood organization, why do we even allow an organization that advocates "**Seizing power to establish their Islamic Nation**" by use of force to operate here in America?

Remember also, CAIR has invited your state legislators to their Annual Conference on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Rumor is that there is going to be a little surprise for CAIR but if you don't think your elected officials should be doing business with CAIR, why don't you let them know how you feel? Stay tuned here to find out which legislators attend. Shariah Law, coming soon to a neighborhood near you, compliments of CAIR.



## The Emasculation of Speaker Kris Steele

As a young boy I had a knack for breaking and training horses so people would bring me young horses, even older horses to break and gentle. Occasionally they would be young stud horses, males that had reached maturity and were becoming too difficult to handle around mares. So I'd take them down to one of the older horsemen's place outside of town, back them up to a forked tree, wrap their tail around the trunk while someone else used a twitch on the horse's nose. The old man would step in, castrate the horse, and the horse wouldn't make a wimper or move an inch. Twitches are nothing more than a short stick or club with a small loop of nylon rope that is twisted around a horse's nose, twisted tight, and you can do about anything you want to do to a horse and he won't even "twitch" or move a muscle.

The emasculation of Speaker Kris Steele was predicted late last year but few thought that the event would attract as little notice as it has. Indeed we were caught unaware ourselves until a legislator pointed out that a lot of Democrat bills were passing through the House of Representatives, far more than normal with a Republican dominated House and Senate.

Looking into the story, we found that Floor Leader Dale DeWitt had received standing orders to not piss off anyone! Watching some of the videos of the House action showed several conservative legislators amending bills just because they could and no one would object. Speaker Steele is so afraid of any sort of showdown with conservatives or Democrats that the session has been described as a "lovefest".

One legislator warned that too many are not watching too closely and that bad bills are likely to be slipped through at the last moments. Legislators are literally not paying attention knowing that most of the bills will be killed in the Senate, the only ones that seem to be unaware of this are the Democrats.

So what many expected to arrive in a flurry of action turned out to be done with nary a whimper from House leadership. What we thought would be a very, very, contentious session has turned out to be as tame as a gelding. This won't last though, something is afoot.

Two things are possible:

1. JW Hickman's clique might have become disenchanted with Speaker Steele and might be discussing throwing in with the Democrats in overthrowing Speaker Steele. If so, then they will move before too late in the session in order to have time to pass bills to pay their political debts.
2. The JW Hickman clique has cut a deal with the Democrats and is planning another run at the Speaker designate slot for 2013. The Democrats are savy enough to get their payment up front, thus the large amount of Democratic bills being rammed through the House.

Regardless of the reason, the House is unusually calm this session, so much so that legislators are relaxing their guard. Expect something to break before sessions end, something that would either knock out three to four Conservative legislators to tip the balance into the JW Hickman clique's favor or watch for a sudden shift once the Democrats wise up to the fact that no matter how many of their bills get passed, passing through the House and making it through the Senate are two different things.

Yippee Kia Yeah Speaker Steele. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Here are all the House members in two [fifty member blocks of email addresses](#). Use Bcc in your email address header and email fifty of them with one email yet they won't know who else got the email.

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- **What is a health insurance exchange?**

Health insurance exchanges are online portals where consumers can get information about various health insurance plans, compare prices and ultimately purchase health insurance. The Oklahoma-based exchange that Governor Mary Fallin supports will be a patient-centered, pro-market exchange consistent with her conservative values. The purpose of the exchange will be to empower consumers with information and to use free market principles to contain health insurance costs.

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- **What happens if Oklahoma does not establish its own exchange?**

If a state does not establish its own health insurance exchange, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, also known as "ObamaCare") mandates that President Obama's HHS Secretary is required to establish a federally run exchange in that state. As the Heritage Foundation writes, "...the sooner a state declares 'non-compliance' with the PPACA, the sooner HHS will build an exchange in that state to act as a federal insurance regulator." In other words, a state that does not build its own insurance exchange is resigning itself to the presence of a federally designed, federally run exchange.

The best way to ward off a federal takeover of that kind is to pursue what the Heritage Foundation calls "defensive" reform efforts to block federal interference. One of those defensive efforts is the creation of a market-based exchange that Governor Fallin and other conservative lawmakers are seeking to create.

- **President Obama says he supports exchanges and one element of ObamaCare is the creation of a federal exchange. How can exchanges be a conservative idea?**

The Heritage Foundation writes:

*Consumer-Centered Exchanges vs. ObamaCare Exchanges*

*"The first point to understand is that the entire design for health insurance exchanges in the PPACA is a perversion of the core concept of what is an otherwise sound approach to improving health insurance markets. ... It is important to recognize that it is ObamaCare's perversion of the exchanges, not the original concept itself, that is the problem. ... Consequently, the PPACA's misappropriation of the term 'health insurance exchange' should not deter state*

*lawmakers from pursuing their own defined-contribution, market-based reforms that employ state exchanges to perform purely administrative functions.”*

- **How much will it cost to build a health insurance exchange in Oklahoma? How will we pay for it?**

Cost estimates vary based on the composition and governance of the exchange. Currently, the plans for an Oklahoma exchange are in their infancy. HB 2130, which the governor is asking lawmakers to support, creates a governing board for the Oklahoma exchange which will, over the course of the next months and years, answer that question. The governor’s office and the state department of health are also holding regular “stakeholder meetings” to allow consumers, industry professionals and concerned citizens to weigh in on what they would like to see in an exchange.

Currently, it will be a challenge for the state of Oklahoma to afford the cost of implementing and maintaining a health insurance exchange on its own. The state is facing a \$500 million budget shortfall and cuts to the department of health are expected to be at least 3% in the next fiscal year.

Fortunately, Oklahoma has received a \$54 million Early Innovator Grant from the federal government. That does not mean, however, it will cost \$54 million to establish and run an exchange. Governor Fallin plans on returning any money the state does not use.

- **Does accepting federal money mean that Oklahoma is agreeing to implement ObamaCare?**

No. The Early Innovator Grant was awarded to Oklahoma to be used to build a state-based exchange. The Oklahoma legislature had already passed a bill authorizing the creation of such an exchange; the grant simply provides the money needed to fund it. **Governor Fallin will not support any legislation that forces ObamaCare on the state of Oklahoma.**

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If a state does not establish its own health insurance exchange, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, also known as "ObamaCare") mandates that President Obama's HHS Secretary is required to establish a federally run exchange in that state. As the Heritage Foundation writes, "...the sooner a state declares 'non-compliance' with the PPACA, the sooner HHS will build an exchange in that state to act as a federal insurance regulator." In other words, a state that does not build its own insurance exchange is resigning itself to the presence of a federally designed, federally run exchange.

The best way to ward off a federal takeover of that kind is to pursue what the Heritage Foundation calls "defensive" reform efforts to block federal interference. One of those defensive efforts is the creation of a market-based exchange that Governor Fallin and other conservative lawmakers are seeking to create.

- **President Obama says he supports exchanges and one element of ObamaCare is the creation of a federal exchange. How can exchanges be a conservative idea?**

The Heritage Foundation writes:

*Consumer-Centered Exchanges vs. ObamaCare Exchanges*

*"The first point to understand is that the entire design for health insurance exchanges in the PPACA is a perversion of the core concept of what is an otherwise sound approach to improving health insurance markets. ... It is important to recognize that it is ObamaCare's perversion of the exchanges, not the original concept itself, that is the problem. ... Consequently, the PPACA's misappropriation of the term 'health insurance exchange' should not deter state lawmakers from pursuing their own defined-contribution, market-based reforms that employ state*

*exchanges to perform purely administrative functions.”*

- **How much will it cost to build a health insurance exchange in Oklahoma? How will we pay for it?**

Cost estimates vary based on the composition and governance of the exchange. Currently, the plans for an Oklahoma exchange are in their infancy. HB 2130, which the governor is asking lawmakers to support, creates a governing board for the Oklahoma exchange which will, over the course of the next months and years, answer that question. The governor’s office and the state department of health are also holding regular “stakeholder meetings” to allow consumers, industry professionals and concerned citizens to weigh in on what they would like to see in an exchange.

Currently, it will be a challenge for the state of Oklahoma to afford the cost of implementing and maintaining a health insurance exchange on its own. The state is facing a \$500 million budget shortfall and cuts to the department of health are expected to be at least 3% in the next fiscal year.

Fortunately, Oklahoma has received a \$54 million Early Innovator Grant from the federal government. That does not mean, however, it will cost \$54 million to establish and run an exchange. Governor Fallin plans on returning any money the state does not use.

- **Does accepting federal money mean that Oklahoma is agreeing to implement ObamaCare?**

No. The Early Innovator Grant was awarded to Oklahoma to be used to build a state-based exchange. The Oklahoma legislature had already passed a bill authorizing the creation of such an exchange; the grant simply provides the money needed to fund it. **Governor Fallin will not support any legislation that forces ObamaCare on the state of Oklahoma.**

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**To:** "[Glenn Coffee \(glenn.coffee@sos.ok.gov\)](mailto:Glenn.Coffee@sos.ok.gov)"; [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange: Advisory Work Groups  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2011 12:46:06 PM  
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[Shepherd Mall Floor Plan\\_map.pdf](#)  
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See below and see follow up from McCullough that I will forward you next...I do think they are getting ahead of us a bit. I do not think we want to stop the train, but we need to be involved every step of the way on this...

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**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange: Advisory Work Groups

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***Thank you!***

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**From:** Mark McCullough [mailto:Mark.McCullough@okhouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2011 12:08 PM  
**To:** Glen Mulready; Lewis H. Moore  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler; Jonathan Buxton  
**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange: Advisory Work Groups

Glen, Lewis,  
Ya'll two definitely need to be on one of these sub-groups. I probably should too. We all hate Obamacare, but the train has left the station and our job now is to INFLUENCE the process and INFORM elected officials until Congress can shut this thing down. In the process, we may be able to set up a framework for a "Utah" market based exchange (which is evidently working quite well) to slide in place of the Federal monstrosity. Look...the AGENCIES are out in front on this....just like the guys at that Heritage conference told us would happen. We HAVE to stay informed and relevant to the process OR WE WILL GET ROLLED - its in my notes! I attached them again - just for giggles.  
Mark

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**To:** Derek Lieser  
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**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES with Revisions  
**Date:** Friday, October 28, 2011 2:27:36 PM  
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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 11:31 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Cox-Kain, Julie  
Subject: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES with Revisions

Katie,

Per our conversation this afternoon, attached is a revision of the NPRM comments document showing additional tracked changes I made this evening. You can either just click on "Accept All Changes" or you and Julie can send me any additional changes you would like made and I can incorporate them into the document and send you back a final copy.

Thank you,

Nicole

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From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Thu 10/27/2011 5:49 PM  
To: Prieto Johns, Nicole S.; Cox-Kain, Julie  
Subject: Re: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES 102711.docx

Perfect! Thanks!

From: Prieto Johns, Nicole S. [<mailto:NicolePJ@health.ok.gov>]  
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To: Katie Altshuler; Cox-Kain, Julie <Juliek@health.ok.gov>  
Subject: RE: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES 102711.docx

Oh, yes. They sent me the sections on risk. My understanding was that they were taken, nearly verbatim from the NAIC comment letter.

Nicole

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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:58 PM  
To: Prieto Johns, Nicole S.; Cox-Kain, Julie  
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Has the Insurance department seen all of the insurance/reinsurance related sections? They look fine to me, but they are over my head. Just want to make sure that they will not have any positions that contradict what we are saying.

If you think they will be fine with them that is probably enough...

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You are most welcome.

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To: Cox-Kain, Julie; Katie Altshuler  
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Sorry -for the delay - just saw the email. Also removed "DRAFT" watermark.

Nicole

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From: Cox-Kain, Julie  
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:19 PM  
To: 'katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov'; Prieto Johns, Nicole S.  
Subject: Re: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES 102711.docx

Ok. Nicole can you do quickly?

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 04:16 PM  
To: Cox-Kain, Julie; Prieto Johns, Nicole S.  
Subject: RE: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES 102711.docx

I have not read the whole thing yet, but please go ahead and remove the highlighted section re/ navigators.

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To: Katie Altshuler; Prieto Johns, Nicole S.  
Subject: FW: OKLAHOMA NPRM Comments on EXCHANGES 102711.docx

Nicole, Excellent job. I have also sent this to Katie but I highlighted one area I wondered if it was even necessary to say. Do we need to propose an option on that section?

Julie Cox-Kain, M.P.A

Chief Operating Officer

Oklahoma State Department of Health

From: Prieto Johns, Nicole S.  
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Julie - This is sent only to you. It includes only the 4 NRPMs issued by HHS.

Nicole

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma Talking Points  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:53:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [RGPPC Oklahoma Talking Points 03-21 2012.docx](#)

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [mailto:██████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4:46 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Oklahoma Talking Points

Attached is some additional information regarding the cost that Obamacare has had on your state. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

**Lindsay Russell**

**Public Policy Advisor**

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Oklahoman  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 4:44:23 PM

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Fyi

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 04:43 PM  
**To:** 'ZCampfield@opubco.com' <ZCampfield@opubco.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoman

zeke - I'm in an NGA exec committee session and i wont be able to leave for another hour. If ur looking for stuff on exchanges than you can use the statement below ... I dont have anything to add to it. If thats not the topic then shoot me an email - i really cant call for a while

"Governor Fallin has decided to postpone an announcement on the future of health insurance exchanges in Oklahoma. She will take advantage of the extension by continuing to study the issue and evaluate the state's options." - AW

We do not have a timeline for when the announcement will take place but we do expect one sooner rather than later.

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**From:** Zeke Campfield [mailto:ZCampfield@opubco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 03:58 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Oklahoman

Alex-

I'm trying to reach you at the governor's office, but it says the office is closed. Can you please call me back, or send me a better number to reach you?

Thanks, Zeke - 475-3694

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Aaron Cooper](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Oklahoman  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 4:48:11 PM

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Check this one out

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
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**From:** Zeke Campfield [mailto:ZCampfield@opubco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 04:45 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Oklahoman

Alex:

Has the governor or her policy people been developing the exchange secretly behind the scenes, as some have alleged?

Zeke

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**To:** Zeke Campfield  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoman

zeke - I'm in an NGA exec committee session and i wont be able to leave for another hour. If ur looking for stuff on exchanges than you can use the statement below ... I dont have anything to add to it. If thats not the topic then shoot me an email - i really cant call for a while

"Governor Fallin has decided to postpone an announcement on the future of health insurance exchanges in Oklahoma. She will take advantage of the extension by continuing to study the issue and evaluate the state's options." - AW

We do not have a timeline for when the announcement will take place but we do expect one sooner rather than later.

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**From:** Zeke Campfield [mailto:ZCampfield@opubco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 03:58 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Oklahoman

Alex-

I'm trying to reach you at the governor's office, but it says the office is closed. Can you please call me back, or send me a better number to reach you?

Thanks, Zeke - 475-3694

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**Zeke Campfield**

*Reporter*

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OK-SAFE - Fallin Confirms Attendance at U.S.-China Governors Forum; MOU Found; Smart Grid: San Diego & Russian Federation Partnership  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2011 6:17:16 PM

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Date: Sat, 9 Jul 2011 13:03:59 -0700

From: terrypierce41 [REDACTED]

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6/26/11 - Follow the Money - The Tulsa County proposed budget was rife with errors, yet 7 out of 8 county officials voted to adopt it. Why? Don Wyatt reveals what he's learned about the Tulsa County Budget and Excise Boards and asks, "How come the budget doesn't include ALL the money that the county entities have?" What about the unaccounted for money?

6/12/11 - Guest Patrick Wood, editor of The August Review and August Forecast, discusses the history of Technocracy (with a capital T); the SmartGrid, and the pending global SmartGrid.

6/5/11 - Guest Vicky Davis discusses her latest article "Quislings to Collaborate with Communist Chinese" about the upcoming National Governors Association meeting where U.S. Governors will be partnering one-on-one with Chinese party officials

4/3/11 - Guest Michael F. Cannon-<<http://et.ratepoint.com/ed9f9f6d3460b60a3d1aac7ae922db32/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>, Director of Health Policy Studies at the Cato-<<http://et.ratepoint.com/7d0c0fea01e72c0c3701a519fc3c2ddc/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> Institute, discusses why "Obamacare Can't Be Fixed, and Now is the Time to Dismantle It"; federal grants for state-based health insurance exchanges; and why states should not institute insurance exchanges.

Truth-<<http://et.ratepoint.com/70195afcb526aaa0e965e1f8375ccf56/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> in Focus Radio-<<http://et.ratepoint.com/70195afcb526aaa0e965e1f8375ccf56/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>.

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National Governors Association Meeting to Pair U.S. Governors and Chinese Party Leaders

OK-SAFE, Inc., 7/8/11 - A few updates on Sleeping with the  
Enemy.<<http://et.ratepoint.com/275e8ee73ebac3280abecc3e6dfb0a57/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>

1) A Media Advisory issued July 8th by the Governor's office has confirmed that Governor Mary Fallin will be attending the NGA Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah July 13-17, 2011.

[<http://eimages.ratepoint.com/27f9ce2e64210e4445abb411f856142d/2011-07/7cf856e46bbb6d1d1479bf3c6258dbe6.jpg>]

Up to now, calls and emails to OK Governor Mary Fallin questioning her participation at the upcoming NGA U.S.-China Governors Forum  
<<http://et.ratepoint.com/275e8ee73ebac3280abecc3e6dfb0a57/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> in Salt Lake City, Utah have gone  
unanswered.

Additional emails and calls are needed now that her attendance has been confirmed – just exactly what are her intentions at this conference?

Phone: 405-521-2342, 800-865-5853

Email: info@gov.ok.gov

2) Calls and emails are needed to Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, who answered "Yes" to the question "Is your office planning to actively seek  
foreign direct investment in the state of Oklahoma?"

Phone: 405-521-2161

Email: info@gov.ok.gov, attention Lt. Gov. Lamb.

3) Missing MOU document Found<<http://et.ratepoint.com/b18d6fbf0989a50e0df31136e5c2838e/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>: The  
MOU Creating the U.S.-China Governors Forum was noticeably absent from the U.S. State Department's website a full 6 months after its  
announcement. After repeated inquiries, this document is now available on the U.S. State Department's website. Details on the OK-SAFE

blog<<http://et.ratepoint.com/603915e478bdc093916dd7be26a58469/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>.

Getting it Right - "Ohio Gov. John Kasich has decided to drop out of the National Governors Association. With state finances tighter than tight, he wants to save the dues of \$176,000 a year.... The Kasich administration will leave the bipartisan group at the end of this month. He will not attend its annual conference in July in Salt Lake City." Rest here<<http://et.ratepoint.com/525fb835f73cae1c141dcc158acd659d/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>.

Too bad OK Governor Fallin didn't make the same decision.

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Interview with Prof. William Kauffman on America in the Balance<<http://et.ratepoint.com/bcf58255f1484e3d8adc46e564448896/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>

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U.S. - China - Selling US Out

OK-SAFE, Inc. 7/8/11 - The following itemizes some, only some, of the activities the federal and state governments, and universities, are actively engaged in that demonstrate the deepening involvement with the Communist Chinese (and with Russia), particularly through a mechanism called "foreign direct investment."

Foreign direct investment is defined as "investment in the United States by foreign citizens; often involves majority stock ownership of an enterprise;" and "joint ventures between foreign and U.S. companies." Read more.

<<http://et.ratepoint.com/c3b75e958aed295f8bdab464378082b8/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>

January 2011 – U.S. State Department Signs MOU<<http://et.ratepoint.com/2da06f011e8ef811f453cfcdb72a5252/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> Creating U.S.-China Governors Forum and commits the U.S. to increased sub-national cooperation. NGA partners with Chinese group to develop agenda here and in China.

February 26, 2011 – National Governors Association Winter Meeting 2011<<http://et.ratepoint.com/d41151a120b22a8268193691e678788d/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>, held in Washington D.C. featured Party Secretary Zhou Chiang of the Hunan Province. NGA Chair, Governor Christine Gregoire<<http://et.ratepoint.com/cedbd7a0fe3339075734c6e9c7fa8279/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> (WA), formalized the earlier MOU stating, "Secretary Zhou will join Governor Heineman and myself, along with Madam Lee in signing an accord that will establish a U.S./China Governors Forum."

May 11, 2011 - China, U.S. co-op in promoting transformation of economic development pattern has significance for future<<http://et.ratepoint.com/360833645bff6980c3dc92dd164aaa9e/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>: WASHINGTON, May 10 (Xinhua) – "The cooperation between China and the United States in promoting transformation of economic development pattern has significance for the future, China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) said here Tuesday. China has made it clear that we will take adjustment of economic structure as the direction for accelerating the transformation of economic development pattern," Zhang Xiaoliang, the Vice Minister of NDRC said in a press conference during the third-round China-U.S. Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED), which kicked off on Monday."

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May 2011 - "Building U.S. China Environmental Commitment<<http://et.ratepoint.com/643634158f419d5b1c70c96ced2ab95d/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>," May 2011 Conference at the University of Michigan.

May 24, 2011 –Smart Grid: San Diego Gas and Electric signs MOU with Russian Federation<<http://et.ratepoint.com/5251a5ef5fd1eaf2945d7974175688b5/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>. Did anyone see this notice in May? The Mayor of San Diego and the San Diego Gas & Electric Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Belgorod<<http://et.ratepoint.com/7508726d38c7148814d02f17e7f32f4c/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> in the Russian Federation as part of a Smart Grid Partnership Program. MOU here<<http://et.ratepoint.com/987f93d2cea99215914deb9fb4e43e59/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>.

June 13-17, 2011 – Next Stop America!<<http://et.ratepoint.com/ef4eed4d0f38543684f0d9b3a3ed9e3f/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> Conference held in Beijing and Shanghai. Described as "a comprehensive guide to the operational, legal, branding, professional, financing and investment services needed to launch and expand your company in America, through a world-class faculty" this training included one training session entitled 'Leveraging Incentives and Governmental Relations'.

June 16-18, 2011 – Opening plenary comments<<http://et.ratepoint.com/c69d72735cbcd19c2c5c77416444fffd/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, held in St. Petersburg, Russia included statements by Hu Jintao, President of the Peoples Republic of China, advocating for more global economic governance, a more "balanced" trading regime, and opposition "to all forms of protectionism."

July 14-17, 2011 – U.S.-China Trade, Culture & Education Conference 2011<<http://et.ratepoint.com/7ca5eee53b802dfd1cdad2c6674c8baf/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah at The Little America Hotel. "US-China 2011 will focus on academic and business development and exchanges in areas such as renewable energy technologies, green technologies, next generation information technologies, bio-science and life science technologies, advanced materials, high-end manufacturing technologies, and mining technologies." One session includes one-on-one meetings between China and U.S. business/government officials.

July 15-17, 2011 – National Governors Association (NGA) U.S. – China Governors Forum<<http://et.ratepoint.com/87fb3af0dd493d79cb85a30b4c921a16/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>, also in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be held across the street from the conference cited above at the 5-star Grand America Hotel. It is set to include one-on-one pairing of U.S. Governors with Chinese provincial party secretaries and Governors. The pairings, called "peer-to-peer exchanges," aim to "strengthen bilateral cooperation."<<http://et.ratepoint.com/4767d405f9b6c9daa665aa66e1e58157/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> Topics are to include items of "mutual interest," i. e. "job creation, education, health and economic cooperation."

July 29, 2011 – 2011 EB-5 Investment Summit: Dealmakers Summit<<http://et.ratepoint.com/40b0ae3bbb2bab6bb7ad91a68476f2b2/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> – What is an EB-5 Visa<<http://et.ratepoint.com/e53ee74adef5e3ea8c3a1f69b0baf5b68/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>? Buying citizenship. "The federal EB-5 Regional Center Pilot Program<<http://et.ratepoint.com/61cf4cc7abd5dadbf91972d755c8f39/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> has been created to allow foreign investors to invest in commercial enterprises in the U.S. in exchange for a chance for them and their families to become legal permanent residents in the U.S. To date, over 140 EB-5 regional centers have been designated by the U.S. government and many more local commercial real estate developers and economic development agencies are actively seeking alternative capital to fund its projects. As a result of this unique federal program, several billion dollars in investment has brought into various projects and tens of thousands of American jobs have been created throughout the country."

September 13-14, 2011 – The State Chamber's 2011 Washington D.C. Fly-In<<http://et.ratepoint.com/fd231563f64ad3fc9fb9114e9b0a5035/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>. Topic? "This year's Washington, D.C. Fly-in will focus on "The New Realities" facing Oklahoma and the nation. From economic and budget realities to health care and global challenges, the realities facing the business community are unlike any in American history. Washington and the world are changing, and this year's fly-in will give us a chance to hear from industry and political leaders about what we can expect in the year ahead and beyond."

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This is only a partial list of activities in which our "leaders" are engaged. They pooh-poo and ridicule alarmed citizens' concerns about where this is ultimately headed: the dramatic decline of the U.S., elevation of "Technology" to a god-like position, and "foreign" interests treated as superior to our own.

Our children are being taught that this change is right, inevitable, and a natural progression of world affairs.

This change has been orchestrated and the end-game is clear - the end of America as we've known it. Are we willing to turn back to the one true God yet?

Acts 17:30-31 "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed...."

The REAL ID "Kill Shot" Fired From Oklahoma<<http://et.ratepoint.com/86141a9f2b95a8f0782ede621ad5eda0/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> (Title from article<<http://et.ratepoint.com/19b7f778af5caba0871620525e2c87e1/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> by Howard Houchen)

For several years OK-SAFE, along with most Oklahomans and the rest of the United States, has objected to the REAL ID national/international ID card and the continued expansion of the collection of personally-identifiable biometric information from the everyday citizens by the government.

We've issued position papers/fact sheets on the REAL ID, (REAL ID, A Global Security Envelope)<<http://et.ratepoint.com/fb99926c0e8a8da202473fa0c0ad048a/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>, and asked the moral question: Is it right for Oklahoma to collect biometrics from its' citizens? (REAL ID – Objections<<http://et.ratepoint.com/4e2ce16221a75874f944d870cb57258e/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>).

Rest of post here.<<http://et.ratepoint.com/86141a9f2b95a8f0782ede621ad5eda0/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>

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Photo Source: L-I Identity Solutions

One Oklahoma woman – wife, mother, Christian – has made the difficult decision to not renew her biometric Oklahoma drivers license in order to bring this issue to court, the only option left to the concerned law-abiding citizens of Oklahoma. That brave woman is Kaye Beach.<<http://et.ratepoint.com/bef0c96c6572a4fa1e2024f8b41a73dd/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> Recently, (June 28, 2011) FOX 25 News in Oklahoma City featured Kaye in one of their Top Stories – video and story here<<http://et.ratepoint.com/7344f5290c48dd208868a52bdc6f2856/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>. OK-SAFE recognizes that the decision to go to court was not made lightly, and was made only after all other legal options were exhausted. As a matter of course, what remains is to bring this issue to court.

OK-SAFE supports Kaye Beach in this effort and asks that anyone who can, to please contribute to the Kaye Beach legal defense fund. Prayers are appreciated as well.

You may contribute to Kaye's effort by sending a check or money order to:

Kaye Beach, P.O. Box 722381, Norman, Oklahoma, 73070 (please write legal defense fund in the memo section of your check or money order). For those that wish to use a credit card (click here to donate<<http://et.ratepoint.com/d23d92f79c6565059c5dd10268927c29/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>) to Kaye's legal defense fund.

This fight is really for all of us – please help financially, if you can.

ROPE Article Appears in American Thinker

Congratulations to ROPE Founder Jenni White - American Thinker

<<http://et.ratepoint.com/ee6659af6afbd86d0f474dda2c42fe73/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> picked up her paper on education and published an article entitled Failure of Education Reform on July 2, 2011.

Based on Jenni's (ROPE's) excellent research document entitled Common Core State Standards and Race to the Top - An Introduction to Marxism 101 <<http://et.ratepoint.com/3c9c51a679b8869c24a3cac4cc85b82a/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>> this article is a must read for those serious about understanding the direction education in Oklahoma and the U.S. has headed.

Understanding the truth about public education is critical not only to making wise decisions about the education of your own children, but to understanding the political doublespeak issuing from state officials. Those officials are not telling you the truth.

Health Exchange Update - Public Meetings

OK-SAFE, 7/8/11 - The substitute language for the failed HB 2130 (HUB board bill, establishing governance of the health insurance exchange) finally appeared in SB 971 <<http://et.ratepoint.com/8b5d4c5505d9c1c5900784693b16752a/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>, introduced on 4/27/11.

Due to all the calls, emails and legislative visits by the Oklahoma grassroots, OK leadership decided not to hear SB 971, choosing instead to form a special joint legislative committee to study the issue this fall.

This joint committee is to begin meeting in early September.

Sen. Gary Stanislawski, R-Tulsa, and Rep. Glen Mulready, R-Tulsa, are the leaders of this special joint legislative committee. This committee is supposed to be conducted with an open mind, giving legislators an opportunity to study how the state should respond to the federal mandate to create a state health insurance exchange.

Based on comments made at a July 5th meeting, it is evident that Rep. Glen Mulready has already made up his mind on how the state should proceed - the state should create a state-based insurance exchange, despite the objections and warnings against such an exchange. Apparently he has already been in discussion with tech companies about its' development.

If one of the leaders of the joint committee has already made up his mind on how the state will proceed, just what is the purpose of the joint committee meetings and public input? To give political coverage?

These public meetings should be attended by anyone with concerns about the controversial health care reform act.

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[<http://eimages.ratepoint.com/27f9ce2e64210e4445abb411f856142d/2011-07/e4d3cd3a4e2d9f4caa50bbb85ec5d4ed.jpg>]

Psalm 118: 8,9 - "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man; It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes."

From Texas Turf <<http://et.ratepoint.com/0f80dfd7675b95b0486db6ea85598a66/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>:

Trans-Texas Corridor Finally Dead? Well, mostly dead.

by Terri Hall, July 7, 2011

The people of Texas scored a big victory with the recent repeal of the Trans Texas Corridor (TTC) from state statute. Governor Rick Perry even signed it. That ought to give us pause. The TTC is Perry's legacy building project, one he still defends despite the massive grassroots uprising against it. So why would he sign it?

Because it's not truly dead. Like the famous line in the film Princess Bride, it's mostly dead. During the 82nd Texas Legislative Session that ended May 30, the final repeal of the Trans Texas Corridor made it to the Governor's desk, but with the passage of several key bills, it essentially revives a Trans Texas Corridor-style sale of Texas infrastructure through controversial public private partnerships (PPPs). Several segments of TTC-69 (most are connections to the Port of Houston) are authorized in SB 1420 and will move forward piece by piece as PPPs.

Rest of article here <<http://et.ratepoint.com/0f80dfd7675b95b0486db6ea85598a66/59d47266a5a7855a8710b7df9cf8aa8a>>.

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**From:** [Alex Gerszewski](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Oped  
**Date:** Friday, July 27, 2012 8:44:00 AM

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**From:** Anneke Green [mailto:[agreen@washingtontimes.com](mailto:agreen@washingtontimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2012 7:52 PM  
**To:** Alex Gerszewski  
**Subject:** Re: Oped

Hi Alex,

Thanks for the note. Reached out to see if you'd be interested in being a part of a series called Resisting Obamacare. So far we've featured [Gov. Rick Scott](#) and [Gov. Rick Perry](#). We'd love to share Gov. Fallin's perspective with our readers on what resisting Obamacare looks like in Oklahoma. Is it refusing to implement? Waiting for the election? You get the point.

They're typically 500-850 words. We'd run it shortly after receiving it. We'd want it to be exclusive to The Washington Times for 24 hours and for any outlets running it after that to give us credit.

Please let me know if we may feature the Governor as part of this series.

Thanks much,

Anneke E. Green

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On Jul 26, 2012, at 10:48 AM, Alex Gerszewski wrote:

Anneke,

I received a voice mail from Jordan Smith in regards to an oped. I would be happy to help in any way I can. Please let me know what you need and we can get the ball rolling.

Thanks,

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**From:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:13:00 PM

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**From:** Cody Inman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:11 PM  
**To:** Audrey Rockwell  
**Subject:** Open Record Response -- PPACA Tally

| Office of the Governor, Public Affairs Office |                                                                        |                                |                             |
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Oklahoma business owners and executives: share your input on how we can further strengthen Oklahoma's business climate by completing the survey at [www.FallinforBusiness.com](http://www.FallinforBusiness.com).

**From:** [Steve Mullins](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Cc:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Records request  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 5:00:51 PM

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Zeke mentioned that he is working on a story on the Governor's practice of invoking privilege in some instances. He asked stuff like "isn't the Governor committed to the spirit of Open Records?" I responded that she has the most open administration in history. All her decisions are public and filed of record (unlike previous gov's), she has more documents available for public view via internet, has greater accountability of assets and greater access to public spending information. He asked, "isn't not responding to our requests (as some did in the past) the same as telling us that we can't have documents?" I said no, that this reflects a greater degree of transparency since we tell you what we do and allow you to both report on our actions or take other appropriate action. We are committed to being transparent in all our actions.

Alex, I assume he will reach out to you on this issue. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

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**From:** Zeke Campfield [<mailto:ZCampfield@opubco.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 4:21 PM  
**To:** Steve Mullins  
**Subject:** Open Records request

Dear Mr. Mullins,

While I respectfully disagree with a number of your interpretations of the state Open Records law, I have revised my public records request to expedite the process by limiting its scope. Please respond to this request in a timely fashion and indicate any records you have not included and the specific reason you feel they are exempt.

I would like copies of all correspondence since June, 2012, regarding the national "Affordable Healthcare Act," "Obamacare" and the "health exchange" between Gov. Fallin and her staff, her cabinet, all state employees, and elected officials. Obviously we realize that correspondence between the governor and her legal counsel are exempt from public scrutiny, however, we feel the remainder of those emails fall well within the purview of the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

Thanks!  
Zeke

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**From:** Steve Mullins [<mailto:Steve.Mullins@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 11:08 AM  
**To:** Zeke Campfield  
**Cc:** Rebecca Frazier; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Open Records discussion

I really appreciate you taking time to come in to discuss this issue. In my view, the Open Records Act recognizes the three traditional sources of privilege. Privileges may originate through Constitutional provisions, statutory grant, or judicial common law principles. In the Open Records Act, for example, 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.2, refers to both specific statutory sections in the Oklahoma Open Records Act and specific state or federal statutes. Similarly, 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.5 (1) provides that the Open Records Act does not apply to records specifically required by law to be kept

confidential including records protected by a broadly defined category called "state evidentiary privilege" which included immunity privileges such as the attorney-client and work product. These evidentiary privileges are both Constitutional and Judicial in origin. Again, in 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.9 the Act codifies a portion of a broad Constitutional privilege called the deliberative process privilege when it states: "Prior to taking action, including making a recommendation or issuing a report, a public official may keep confidential his or her personal notes and personally created materials other than departmental budget requests of a public body prepared as an aid to memory or research leading to the adoption of a public policy or the implementation of a public project." The Act includes many other specific privileges with Constitutional and judicial origin when it recognizes certain investigatory, prosecutorial, proprietary, privacy and similar privileges.

Here is a non-legal summary of the most common privileges we may assert that we believe are consistent with the Open Records Act:

#### Executive Privilege

What is executive privilege? A claim by a high official of the executive branch that he/she need not answer a request for information (including a subpoena issued by a court or request by the legislature) on the ground that such revelations would hamper effective governmental operations, procedures and/or decision-making. In order to do their job, high officials of the executive branch need candid advice and discussion. The United States Supreme Court has recognized the privilege due to "the valid need for protection of communications between high government officials and those who advise and assist them in the performance of their manifold duties."

What is the legal basis for the privilege? The privilege exists within all areas of the executive branch. If information is shared within the executive branch, the information retains its privileged character. Only if the information is disclosed to public or disinterested private party is the privileged waived. For example, when US Vice President Cheney released information to a Special Counsel, a "third part[y] outside the White House," no waiver was held to have occurred. There is no requirement that the relevant communication or document be designated as "confidential" to receive executive privilege protection. Such an agreement-or lack thereof-is not dispositive. The privilege is applied to any communication that has the character of information who's disclosure would hamper effective governmental operations, procedures and/or decision-making.

Communications that directly or indirectly have the effect of impacting recommendations or advice to Senior Executive officials who are empowered to act on behalf of the executive branch are not considered ordinary governmental communications and are potentially protected by the privilege. The privilege is properly invoked where release of the information or communication threatens substantial intrusions on the process by which those closest to Senior Executive give advice. The US Supreme Court held that Senior Executive communications and activities encompass a vastly wider range of sensitive material than would be true of any ordinary individual. While Senior Officials are not above the law, the judiciary and legislature must afford senior executives the greatest possible deference in areas of confidential decision making.

#### Deliberative Process Privilege

The deliberative process privilege protects from disclosure "documents reflecting advisory opinions, recommendations and deliberations comprising part of a process by which governmental decisions and policies are formulated." Three policy purposes consistently have been held to constitute the bases for this privilege: (1) to encourage open, frank discussions on matters of policy

between subordinates and superiors; (2) to protect against premature disclosure of proposed policies before they are finally adopted; and (3) to protect against public confusion that might result from disclosure of reasons and rationales that were not in fact ultimately the grounds for an agency's action. In order to qualify for the privilege, a document must be "predecisional" and "deliberative." A document is predecisional if it was "prepared in order to assist an agency decision maker in arriving at his decision." The agency claiming privilege "must be able to demonstrate that . . . the document for which . . . privilege is claimed related to a specific decision, facing the agency." But, the privilege does not extend to "'purely factual' material" or subjective discussions insofar as they were later adopted or incorporated in a final agency opinion. The mere status of an agency decision within an agency decisionmaking process may be protectible if the release of that information would have the effect of prematurely disclosing "the recommended outcome of the consultative process . . . as well as the source of any decision." This is particularly important to agencies involved in a regulatory process that specifically mandates public involvement in the decision process once the agency's deliberations are complete. Moreover, the predecisional character of a document is not altered by the fact that an agency has subsequently made a final decision or even has decided to not make a final decision. Nor is it altered by the passage of time in general. A document is deliberative if it is "actually . . . related to the process by which policies are formulated." Factors used to determine whether a document is deliberative include "whether the document '(i) formed an essential link in a specified consultative process, (ii) reflects the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency, and (iii) if released, would inaccurately reflect or prematurely disclose the views of the agency."

#### Law Enforcement Investigatory Privilege

The law enforcement investigatory privilege is a judge-fashioned evidentiary privilege the purpose of which is to protect law enforcement efforts from possible harm arising from public disclosure of investigatory files. The scope of the privilege extends to ongoing criminal and civil law enforcement investigations. Information of concern may include logs, preliminary reports, or even notes that could potentially compromise ongoing operations, lead to discovery of particular investigative techniques, or jeopardize the safety or effectiveness of confidential informants. This privilege prohibits the release of governmental information – whether through documentary evidence or oral testimony – that would harm an agency's investigative or enforcement efforts.

#### ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

The attorney-client privilege protects confidential communications between an attorney and his or her client made for the purpose of furnishing or obtaining professional legal advice and assistance. The privilege applies in both directions: to communications from the client to the attorney, and to communications from the attorney to the client. It applies with equal force to conversations and correspondence among a client's attorneys, whether or not the client is present during the conversation or receives a copy of the correspondence. It broadly applies including conversations between in-house and outside counsel and confidential communications between two lawyers representing the same client.

#### WORK PRODUCT DOCTRINE

The work product doctrine is broader than the attorney-client privilege; it protects materials prepared by the attorney, whether or not disclosed to the client, and it protects material prepared by agents for the attorney. However, unlike the attorney-client privilege, work product requires

contemplation of litigation. Work product privilege protects from disclosure: 1) material prepared or mental impressions developed in anticipation of litigation or trial by or for a party or a party's representatives; and 2) communications made in anticipation of litigation or for trial between a party and a party's representatives. The "anticipation of litigation" test is satisfied "whenever the circumstances surrounding the investigation would have indicated to a reasonable person that there was a substantial chance of litigation" and "if the party invoking the privilege believes in good faith that there is a substantial chance that litigation will ensue." Litigation need only be contemplated at the time the work is performed for the doctrine to apply, and the term "litigation" is defined broadly to encompass the defense of administrative and other federal investigations.

#### COMMON INTEREST PRIVILEGE

The "common interest" privilege enables counsel for clients with a common interest to exchange attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product in order to adequately receive legal advice and prepare for litigation without waiving either privilege. The scope of the privilege also applies to communications by a client to his own lawyer that are subsequently shared them with co- defendants for purposes of a common defense. The privilege encompasses notes and memoranda of statements made at meetings among counsel and their clients with a common interest, as well as the statements themselves. Whether simple legal advice is sought, an action is ongoing or contemplated, whether the jointly interested persons are defendants or plaintiffs, and whether the litigation or potential litigation is civil or criminal, the rationale for the joint defense rule remains unchanged: persons who share a common interest in legal advice or litigation should be able to communicate with their respective attorneys and with each other to more effectively prosecute or defend their claims. It is necessary for clients to pool information in order to obtain effective representation. So, to encourage information-pooling, the common interest rule treats all involved attorneys and clients as a single attorney-client unit, at least insofar as a common interest is pursued.

I hope this helps with your decision making on your Open Record requests.

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 3:13 PM

**To:** Steve Mullins

**Subject:** Open Records discussion

Mr. Mullins-

In our meeting Nov. 14, you denied a substantive portion of a Nov. 8 open records request submitted to the Oklahoma governor's office by *The Oklahoman*. State law requires the government to

favor public access to records over exemption. Please cite which part of the law exempts you from allowing public access to those records.



**Zeke Campfield**  
*Reporter*

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**Cc:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Records Request  
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**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 5:03 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Denise Northrup; Steve Mullins; Craig Perry; Travis Brauer  
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**Cc:** [Audrey Rockwell](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Records Request  
**Date:** Monday, November 26, 2012 1:59:04 PM

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Hello All,

We have received a new open records request regarding the healthcare exchange. Please send documents/emails to Audrey. Also, please do not forget the open records request below from Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you could send any documents/emails related to this request to Audrey, we would appreciate it!

Hi Alex. This is Clifton Adcock at the Oklahoma Gazette. You will find three Open Records requests attached. The first is for e-mails, memos, or other documents related to both Gov. Fallin's rejection of the \$54 million in federal "early innovator" funding regarding health care exchanges. The second is regarding Gov. Fallin's decision on the state not setting up a health care exchange and the Governor's decision not to expand medicare. The third request is seeking memos, e-mails or other written communication regarding the decision to deny earlier open records requests for the previous two items. If possible, let me know about how long you anticipate it will take to fill these requests. Thank you.

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**From:** Rebecca Frazier  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 5:03 PM  
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I really appreciate you taking time to come in to discuss this issue. In my view, the Open Records Act recognizes the three traditional sources of privilege. Privileges may originate through Constitutional provisions, statutory grant, or judicial common law principles. In the Open Records Act, for example, 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.2, refers to both specific statutory sections in the Oklahoma Open Records Act and specific state or federal statutes. Similarly, 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.5 (1) provides that the Open Records Act does not apply to records specifically required by law to be kept confidential including records protected by a broadly defined category called "state evidentiary

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Here is a non-legal summary of the most common privileges we may assert that we believe are consistent with the Open Records Act:

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What is the legal basis for the privilege? The privilege exists within all areas of the executive branch. If information is shared within the executive branch, the information retains its privileged character. Only if the information is disclosed to public or disinterested private party is the privilege waived. For example, when US Vice President Cheney released information to a Special Counsel, a "third part[y] outside the White House," no waiver was held to have occurred. There is no requirement that the relevant communication or document be designated as "confidential" to receive executive privilege protection. Such an agreement-or lack thereof-is not dispositive. The privilege is applied to any communication that has the character of information whose disclosure would hamper effective governmental operations, procedures and/or decision-making.

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**Subject:** FW: Open Records request  
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He has limited the request for information. This requests should be substituted for the one sent earlier.

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**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 11:08 AM  
**To:** Zeke Campfield  
**Cc:** Rebecca Frazier; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Open Records discussion

I really appreciate you taking time to come in to discuss this issue. In my view, the Open Records Act recognizes the three traditional sources of privilege. Privileges may originate through Constitutional provisions, statutory grant, or judicial common law principles. In the Open Records Act, for example, 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.2, refers to both specific statutory sections in the Oklahoma Open Records Act and specific state or federal statutes. Similarly, 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.5 (1) provides that the Open Records Act does not apply to records specifically required by law to be kept confidential including records protected by a broadly defined category called "state evidentiary privilege" which included immunity privileges such as the attorney-client and work product. These evidentiary privileges are both Constitutional and Judicial in origin. Again, in 51 Okl.St. Ann. § 24A.9 the Act codifies a portion of a broad Constitutional privilege called the deliberative process privilege when it states: "Prior to taking action, including making a recommendation or issuing a report, a public official may keep confidential his or her personal notes and personally created materials other than departmental budget requests of a public body prepared as an aid to memory or research leading to the adoption of a public policy or the implementation of a public project." The Act includes many other specific privileges with Constitutional and judicial origin when it recognizes

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Here is a non-legal summary of the most common privileges we may assert that we believe are consistent with the Open Records Act:

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What is executive privilege? A claim by a high official of the executive branch that he/she need not answer a request for information (including a subpoena issued by a court or request by the legislature) on the ground that such revelations would hamper effective governmental operations, procedures and/or decision-making. In order to do their job, high officials of the executive branch need candid advice and discussion. The United States Supreme Court has recognized the privilege due to "the valid need for protection of communications between high government officials and those who advise and assist them in the performance of their manifold duties."

What is the legal basis for the privilege? The privilege exists within all areas of the executive branch. If information is shared within the executive branch, the information retains its privileged character. Only if the information is disclosed to public or disinterested private party is the privileged waived. For example, when US Vice President Cheney released information to a Special Counsel, a "third part[y] outside the White House," no waiver was held to have occurred. There is no requirement that the relevant communication or document be designated as "confidential" to receive executive privilege protection. Such an agreement-or lack thereof-is not dispositive. The privilege is applied to any communication that has the character of information who's disclosure would hamper effective governmental operations, procedures and/or decision-making.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2012 1:51 PM  
**To:** Audrey Rockwell; Steve Mullins; Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Fw: Open Records request

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**Subject:** FW: Open Records Request  
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**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2012 3:22 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Open Records Request

Nov. 8, 2012

Alex Weintz, spokeswoman  
Oklahoma Governor's Office

Dear Alex:

Under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Title 51, Sections 24A.1-24A.22, I am requesting that any and all records related to the planning and development of a health insurance exchange, as mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, be made available to me for inspection. These records should include, but not be limited to, the following:

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5. Planning documents that mention the words "health care exchange"
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I acknowledge that not all government-held information is open to the public. However, the Oklahoma Supreme Court in 2003 said the party claiming non-disclosure carries the burden to prove that an exemption applies.[1] If you claim such an exemption to my request under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, please cite in writing the specific statutory exemption.

I note that Oklahomans "are vested with the inherent right to know and be fully informed about their government" and that the purpose of the Oklahoma Open Records Act is "to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power." [2] Given the intent of the Open Records Act, the Oklahoma Supreme Court said in 1986, government officials must consider in ruling on records requests that "disclosure is to be favored over a finding of exemption." [3]

Please note that I am asking to inspect these records. I reserve, however, the right to request copies when the records are examined.

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The Oklahoma Open Records Act requires that public bodies provide “prompt, reasonable access to its records,”[5] which Attorney General Drew Edmondson in 1999 defined as meaning “only the time required to locate and compile the public records.”[6] Please respond to this request by no later than Nov. 12, 2012.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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[2] Okla. Stat. tit. 51, § 24A.2 (OSCN 2001) (“As the Oklahoma Constitution recognizes and guarantees, all political power is inherent in the people. Thus, it is the public policy of the State of Oklahoma that the people are vested with the inherent right to know and be fully informed about their government.”).

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It went fine. This idea must have developed after our breakfast. I agree with your characterization of it.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 16, 2012, at 3:08 PM, "Denise Northrup" <Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

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> So how did the discussion go this am, this letter seems to me to be political and purely self serving and does nothing to change the situation we're in...why did they send?  
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> Our office just received this letter sent to you from Attorney General Pruitt regarding implementation of a state health insurance exchange and its impact on the Attorney General's lawsuit.  
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> <Letter from AG Pruitt re Health Care lawsuit.pdf>

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Anti-health care exchanges- media  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 7:22:27 PM

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<[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)>  
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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/NullifyObamacareOK>

Also Eddie Huff on KFAQ this morning told listeners that if they want to stop the federal exchange in OK, to call the Governor's office.

I have 2 events tomorrow morning/noon, so I'll check messages tonight at the office and let you know what/how many I have esp re: health care exchanges.

FYI.

Wendy Gregory  
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Governor Mary Fallin  
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The reality is that there will be more people like this, including e paper. And if in fact we are safe in re-elect, what are we worried about?(except the legislature screaming, but if they have a better idea...)

Just something she's going to have to weigh. And soon!

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**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Christensen Wade](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FYI  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 6:59:39 PM

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Interesting .  
I am so glad I am not there....

Mary Fallin

On Jun 28, 2012, at 3:52 PM, Katie Altshuler <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

> The US House of Representatives has scheduled a vote on full repeal of Obamacare for July 11th.

**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FYI: Daily Oklahomn Editorial: Claims by Obamacare backers about lack of GOP alternative are unfounded  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 31, 2012 4:16:43 PM

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That's a good one  
Thanks

Mary Fallin

On Jul 31, 2012, at 2:38 PM, Katie Altshuler <[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

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### **Claims by Obamacare backers about lack of GOP alternative are unfounded**

The Oklahoman Editorial | Published: July 31, 2012 <image002.gif>[16](#)

SUPPORTERS of President Barack Obama's health care law claim conservatives offer no alternative other than a return to an untenable status quo.

In reality, Republicans have produced bold reform proposals that would allow officials to both repeal *and replace* Obamacare.

Oklahoma's own U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Muskogee, introduced the Patients' Choice Act in 2009 (along with U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and others.)

Coburn's plan would grant individuals the same tax advantages employers get for purchasing health insurance. That would greatly benefit Oklahoma's countless self-employed farmers, ranchers and other entrepreneurs, as well as uninsured workers.

Coburn's bill also gives every American a \$2,290 tax credit (or \$5,710 per family) to buy health insurance. The tax credit would cover the employee's share of a policy while the employer continues to cover the rest, as occurs currently. Any remaining tax credit money could be used for a health savings account covering routine medical expenses.

The legislation reforms Medicaid by giving low-income families an additional \$5,000 on top of their tax credit. That would provide a family \$10,710 to buy insurance coverage *outside* of Medicaid. Coburn notes that 40 percent of doctors and hospitals nationally refuse to accept Medicaid patients due to low payments. His plan would therefore improve low-income families' access to health care.

On the other hand, Obamacare doesn't address Medicaid's problems; it merely supersedes the program.

Coburn's bill calls for state insurance exchanges giving citizens access to a wide range of insurance products with guaranteed coverage regardless of age or pre-existing conditions. Unlike Obamacare, Coburn's plan isn't financed by cutting Medicare funding, and it doesn't require new spending or new taxes. One independent estimate predicted Coburn's bill could save \$70 billion and provide coverage to a majority of uninsured Americans.

Ryan, budget guru of the U.S. House, has called for transforming Medicare to a premium-support payment for currently younger workers and increasing competitive bidding in the system. He also wants to convert the federal share of Medicaid spending into a block grant for states, indexed for inflation and population growth, allowing state-level reforms.

Liberals who decry repeal efforts act as though Obamacare has resolved health care problems. It hasn't. Surveys indicate many experienced doctors are considering retirement due to the law and fewer people may enter the medical profession.

Steve Jacob, adjunct faculty with the University of North Texas Health Science Center, estimates the United States will need to produce an additional 24,000 doctors annually for 20 years to meet demand under Obamacare. He notes one in four Oklahoma physicians is 60 or older, and Oklahoma has only 69 primary-care physicians for every 100,000 residents.

Health care costs are predicted to skyrocket under Obamacare. Jacob estimates the average family premium in Oklahoma will be \$22,128 by 2020 under Obamacare, compared with \$13,006 in 2010. Oklahoma employees' share will nearly double while deductibles will surge to \$5,200 from \$1,977. The average Oklahoma employee share of the premium and deductible combined would comprise about 12.5 percent of median household income.

Obamacare is clearly unsustainable. It lacks buy-in from patients and doctors; its financial impact on government finance and private incomes will be devastating.

Obamacare won't improve our health care woes. Coburn and Ryan show there are sustainable alternatives to improve patient coverage without breaking the bank.

Read more: <http://newsok.com/claims-by-obamacare-backers-about-lack-of-gop-alternative-are-unfounded/article/3696764#ixzz22E7fDVEa>

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**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Glenn Coffee](#); [Preston Doerflinger](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [alex weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Healthcare Call Follow-Up  
**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2012 7:45:01 PM

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Yep, got it, sent to you as well so you'd be sure to see it...

On Nov 9, 2012, at 7:18 PM, "Mary Fallin" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Cc: Phil Cox <pcox@RGA.ORG<<mailto:pcox@RGA.ORG>>>, Marie Sanderson  
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- > <RGPPC\_Medicaid\_Report[1].pdf>
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From: [Mary Fallin](#)  
To: [denisenorthrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Make One Call To Stop Obamacare!  
Date: Friday, November 16, 2012 11:31:34 AM

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FYI  
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Mary Fallin

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**Please act and then forward to your friends in  
Oklahoma and around the country!!**

**We can still stop Obamacare! Just make one phone call today!!**

**Summary:**

The *Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare) can be largely nullified by strong states taking a stand. If Oklahoma refuses to establish a "state health care exchange", then even if the Federal government forcibly establishes their own within our state, **they do not have the power to impose fines for non-participation. Without the ability to impose fines for non-participation, a substantial part of this terrible bill will be neutered.** Our Oklahoma Attorney General has filed suit against the Federal Government already on this very issue.

**If many states stand strong and refuse to establish their own state health care exchanges and the U.S. House of Representatives refuses to fund other parts of Obamacare, then we can still defeat this federal encroachment that will destroy American healthcare and further bankrupt our nation.**

**Call Governor Fallin** and let her know that you oppose the establishment of ANY Health Care Exchange; 405-521-2342 Office, 405-521-3353 Fax, or e-mail at [www.ok.gov/governor](http://www.ok.gov/governor).

**The Details on Obamacare:**

- The ultimate goal is socialized medicine (a single payer system controlled by the federal government). Imagine one giant VA Hospital to care for all of America.
- The government controls the fees paid to doctors and hospitals, therefore doctors will be leaving the profession in droves as their practices cannot afford to survive on these drastically reduced fees.
- The increased number of citizens on the "Medicare/Obamacare" roles will overwhelm the health care system as simultaneously doctors leave the practice of medicine because of price controls and added bureaucratic costs causing long lines and the rationing of medical services.
- Competition will be crushed as initially the Federal government will provide subsidies to individuals who participate in the "exchange". This will cause prices of certain insurance products to be artificially lower than others because of the temporary government subsidy. Once the competition (non-subsidized health care plans) goes out of business for a lack of business, then the single payer government system will be all that is left.
- The government will attempt to penalize (tax) businesses if their employees choose to participate in the heavily government subsidized exchanges (Won't this help create jobs). However, the Affordable Care Act doesn't provide the means of collecting this penalty UNLESS A STATE ESTABLISHES AN EXCHANGE!
- Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt is suing the government over this issue.
- Socialized medicine NEVER works!!
- Your body is your most personal "private property". Once the central government assumes the care of your body, then they also assume control over your body and you become an asset of the "state" rather than the state serving you as a citizen. "Hello, Comrade!"
- This is a BIG attack on liberty. It's time to act.

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**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:38:10 AM

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**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Schedule UPDATE for Aspen  
**Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2012 12:02:04 PM

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Fyi

Mary Fallin

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**From:** Dana Wolpert <[Dana.Wolpert@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Dana.Wolpert@gov.ok.gov)>  
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**Subject: FW: Schedule UPDATE for Aspen**

FYI, Romney will be at RGA next week. Details below.

Dana Wolpert  
Director of Scheduling  
Governor Mary Fallin  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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**From:** Monica Block [<mailto:mblock@RGA.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012 5:14 PM  
**To:** Dana Wolpert  
**Subject:** Schedule UPDATE for Aspen

Dana,

We are excited that Governor Romney will now be joining us in Aspen next week. Due to his attendance, there are going to be a few changes to the RGA schedule that I wanted to make you aware of as well as an additional ask that we'd like your Governor to attend. I've pasted below our schedule, and highlighted where we would now like your Governor to join Governor Romney. His attendance is not public, but we wanted the Governors to know. Can you please review this and let me know if your Governor will participate in these new events?

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,  
Monica

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM                    The Aspen Institute: A Conversation with  
Republican Governors - PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO  
THE PRESS**

*The 2012 Aspen Institute McCloskey Speaker Series  
welcomes Republican governors in conversation with  
Aspen Institute President and CEO Walter Isaacson.*

*Location:            The Aspen Institute – Greenwald  
Pavilion*

*1000 North Third Street  
Aspen, CO 81611*

*Speakers:            Governor Bob McDonnell, Virginia,  
RGA Chairman*

*Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin  
Governor Nikki Haley, South Carolina  
Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana  
Governor Chris Christie, New Jersey,*

*RGA Vice Chairman*

*Walter Isaacson, President and CEO,  
The Aspen Institute,  
Washington, DC*

**7:30 PM**

**Welcome Reception & Dinner**

*Location:            The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Fountain  
Courtyard*

*Speakers:            Governor Susana Martinez, New  
Mexico*

*Governor Rick Perry, Texas  
Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**Breakfast and 2012 Political Update**

*RGA Executive Director Phil Cox will provide a  
political update on the 2012 election cycle and  
attendees will hear from candidates for governor from  
Montana and Washington.*

*Location:            The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Astor II*

*Speakers:            Phil Cox, RGA Executive Director  
The Honorable Rick Hill, 2012*

*Candidate for Governor,*

*Montana*

*Attorney General Rob McKenna, 2012*

*Candidate for*

*Governor, Washington*

**9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

**Panel Discussion I: Obamacare After the SCOTUS  
Decision: What's Next?**

*On June 28, the Supreme Court ruled on the Patient  
Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)  
upholding the individual mandate as a tax, but*

*limiting the power of the federal government to coerce state Medicaid expansions. Regarding the Medicaid expansion, the court ruled that the government could not compel states to expand Medicaid by threatening to withhold federal money to existing Medicaid programs. This presents an opportunity for governors to opt out of the expansion without losing their existing share of federal Medicaid funding. Within hours of the decision, Republican governors in several states said they were likely to oppose expanding the program. In addition to the Medicaid piece, governors must also decide whether to establish a state-administered health insurance exchange. This panel examines the decisions confronting governors, along with the remaining political, regulatory and legal uncertainties surrounding the law and its impact on businesses.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Astor II  
Speakers: Governor Gary Herbert, Utah  
Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana  
Michael Neidorff, Chairman and CEO,  
Centene  
Corporation, St. Louis, MO  
Dr. George Rapier, Chairman and*

*CEO, WellMed Medical*

*Management, Inc., San  
Antonio, TX*

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Panel Discussion II: State Solutions: Economic Growth in the Obama Era**

*Republican governors are providing a clear contrast to the failed economic policies of the Obama administration. Under President Obama, the nation has endured 41 consecutive months with the unemployment rate over 8 percent and the most recent quarter was the worst quarter of job creation in 2 years. Despite the national headwinds, GOP-led states are experiencing economic success. States with Republican governors are adding jobs at a faster pace than their Democratic counterparts and states that elected new Republican governors in 2010 have seen their unemployment rates drop nearly 50 percent more than states with new Democratic governors. In July, CNBC released its annual list of best states for business, and Republican governors led the way. CNBC found that 12 of the 15 top states for business have GOP governors. Instead of emulating the policies of Republican governors which encourage entrepreneurship and job creators, the Obama administration continues to impede upon the states with overregulation and the threat of higher taxes. This panel explores how governors can work with business leaders to ensure the private sector adds jobs*

*despite the federal government's overreach.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Astor II*  
*Speakers: Governor Bob McDonnell, Virginia,*  
*RGA Chairman*

*Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma*  
*Governor Rick Perry, Texas*

*Alan Gocha, Managing Partner, ETC*  
*Capital, LLC*

*Ross Perot, Jr., Chairman, Hillwood*  
*Development Company,*

*Dallas, TX*

**12:15 PM – 1:15 PM**  
**Battlegrounds**

**Luncheon: Governors' Races and the 2012**

*With 11 states holding governors' races this November, the RGA is in position to expand its majority and make a major impact on the 2012 elections. Many of the states where RGA will engage are also critical Presidential and Senate battleground states. As shown in the Wisconsin recall election, the RGA and ideologically-aligned groups are able to work together, and their efforts benefit candidates up and down the ballot. This panel will explore the 2012 political landscape and the interplay between gubernatorial and federal races.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Fountain*  
*Courtyard*

*Speakers: Phil Cox, RGA Executive Director*  
*Ed Gillespie, Founder, Ed Gillespie*  
*Strategies; Senior Advisor,*  
*Romney for President;*  
*Chairman, RSLC; Former*  
*Chairman, RNC; Former*  
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*Virginia, Alexandria, VA*  
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*to President George W. Bush;*  
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*Journal Columnist,*  
*Washington, DC*

**1:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

***Optional Activities***

*Location: Off-site; Departing from The St. Regis*  
*Aspen Resort*

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**      **Romney for President Roundtable with**  
**Governor Mitt Romney and RGA Governors - PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS**

**EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PRESS**

*Location: TBD (30 minutes away from the St. Regis)*

*Please hold this on your Governor's schedule for now. We hope to have more details shortly! Due to the timing, we do not believe that any of the Governors will be able to participate in the optional activities*

**5:30 PM – 6:15 PM Romney for President Fundraiser**

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Room TBD*

*Please have your Governor plan to stop by this fundraiser prior to going to their assigned Parlor at 5:45 PM.*

**5:45 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Governors Parlors**

*Please join our Republican governors for a newly created reception opportunity to mix and mingle in a more intimate setting before we depart for Pine Creek Cookhouse. Each of the two parlors will host three to four governors, and attendees are welcome and encouraged to visit both parlors.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Aspen, Highlands and Buttermilk*

**7:00 PM**

**Reception & Dinner**

*Location: Pine Creek Cookhouse  
11399 Castle Creek Road  
Aspen, CO 81611*

*Speakers: Governor Mitt Romney  
Governor Bob McDonnell, Virginia,  
RGA Chairman  
Governor Chris Christie, New Jersey,  
RGA Vice Chairman  
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**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: WSJ Top Left Hand Corner Editorial Today  
**Date:** Saturday, August 04, 2012 9:28:43 AM

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Good warning

Mary Fallin

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Larry Parman" [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** August 4, 2012 7:15:21 AM CDT  
**To:** <[maryfallin@wsj.com](mailto:maryfallin@wsj.com) [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** **WSJ Top Left Hand Corner Editorial Today**

Thought you might want to see this. I had a lively exchange this past week with our fixed income institutional portfolio manager at CSO re our municipal holdings.

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The slow-motion collapse of the government status quo across the Western world is obvious, but the reality is the opposite of what Twain said about Wagner's music—it's worse than it sounds. That's the message of a recent report from Richard Ravitch and Paul Volcker that deserves far more attention than it has received.

Since 2010 the former New York Lieutenant Governor and Federal Reserve Chairman have been scrutinizing the balance sheets of six of the largest states—California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Texas and Virginia. Their conclusions make clear that Washington is not the only part of the government headed for the fiscal cliff.

Some of the problems the State Budget Crisis Task Force identifies are familiar: growing health-care spending and unfunded pension liabilities, for example. Others are not. Taking in "the totality of the problems," Messrs. Ravitch and Volcker write, "the storm warnings are very serious" and the "existing trajectory of state spending, taxation and administrative practices cannot be sustained."

- Medicaid. This state-federal program that increasingly pays for middle-class health care is the major albatross. Spending has grown faster than the economy every year since the 1960s, 7.2% annually over the last decade. It is now the largest part of state budgets—24% on average—and "the imbalance (or structural budget gap) can no longer be absorbed without significant cuts to other essential state programs like education or unpopular tax increases or both."

The panel also found that these costs are driven by states choosing to increase enrollment and create new benefits, rather than by rising underlying medical costs. One of four New Yorkers is on Medicaid, and 70% of the coverage is not required by federal law.

Some 29% of California's population is in Medicaid, though it only accounts for 11.8% of the Golden State budget, well below the national average of 15.8%. But that share is so low only because California spends so much on other things too. New York spends more on Medicaid than Florida, Texas and Pennsylvania

—combined.

Medicaid costs over the decade are due to jump 8.1% annually, as required by the Affordable Care Act's expansion. Without ObamaCare, the yearly rise would still be 6.6%.

- Pensions. The burgeoning retirement benefits that states owe their public employees are well-known. But the Ravitch-Volcker task force emphasizes that, unlike federal entitlements, state pension obligations are almost always constitutionally protected. In other words, they are non-modifiable contracts, not merely political promises.

California has 62 state and local pension systems, Texas 75, Illinois 457. The 1990s and 2000s saw a reckless benefit build-out—California even increased pensions for people who had already retired. The states are supposed to prefund these liabilities so they are able to pay out once vested, but by and large they don't. States then assume an 8% return on their investments, which means they can stint on their taxpayer contributions and make their pensions look healthier than they really are.

The bad news is that today they already look like they belong on a gurney at Antietam, despite such gaming. Using more conservative assumptions, the task force calculates that the unfunded liabilities in the six states comes to \$386.2 billion, or about a quarter of every dollar they will eventually be required to spend.

The task force also does the service of noticing retiree health insurance benefits, which states (unlike corporations) are not required to disclose. At a minimum, the panel figures the six states owe \$539 billion, with no plan to defuse this time bomb.

Combining pensions and other special public employee privileges, Illinois's total unfunded liability works out to \$15,800 per citizen—the only all-in data the task force could acquire. The true number may be far higher in the other five states.

- Budget gimmicks. The other novel Ravitch-Volcker observation is that no one knows for sure how deep these problems run, because the states are running bookkeeping cons that disguise the fiscal realities. The task force uncovered "chronic dependence" on gambits like assets sales, "temporary" raids on rainy-day funds, and shifting current spending to future years "as an ongoing budget strategy."

New York created an Albany-guaranteed "local government assistance corporation" to hide spending that would have run through the general fund.

Illinois is borrowing short term for cash flow to make unpaid bills.

California, Illinois, New Jersey and New York are even securitizing their future tax revenue—that is, not merely borrowing with bonds that must be serviced but selling their projected tax collections to investors. So to "balance" their budgets today, they're making it far harder to correct them in the future and locking in higher tax rates. Even Greece doesn't do that.

The message of the Ravitch-Volcker report is that some large portion of the states are replicating the dysfunctions of Washington—adding to entitlements that crowd out priorities like schools and bridges, and then concealing the real danger when they're not ignoring it. State and local governments now spend \$2.5 trillion, and rising. Without 49 more Scott Walkers, the fiscal mayhem has only begun.

*A version of this article appeared August 4, 2012, on page A14 in the U.S. edition of The Wall Street Journal, with the headline: Coming to a State Near*

*You.*

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**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Cc:** [denisenorthrup](#) [REDACTED] [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 4:30:53 PM

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Let me check with Denise and Katie

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**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
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**Cc:** "[maryfallin@](#)[REDACTED]"; [Alex Weintz](#); [Scott Mason](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 2:53:12 PM

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Ok. I'll pass. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 02:48 PM  
To: Aaron Cooper  
Cc: maryfallin@[REDACTED] Alex Weintz; Scott Mason; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt

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**Subject:** Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 4:40:21 PM

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You're right gov and we all agree.

I've passed on the interview for now. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mary Fallin [<mailto:maryfallin@██████████>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 03:48 PM  
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**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Obamacare Still Vulnerable  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 1:41:42 PM

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Great points to use

Mary Fallin

Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** November 16, 2012, 9:31:54 AM PST  
**To:** "Mary Fallin" [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** **Obamacare Still Vulnerable**  
**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

Obamacare Is Still Vulnerable

by Michael F. Cannon

This article appeared in National Review (Online) on November 9, 2012.

PRINT PAGE

President Obama has won reelection, and his administration has asked state officials to decide by Friday, November 16, whether their state will create one of Obamacare's health-insurance "exchanges." States also have to decide whether to implement the law's massive expansion of Medicaid. The correct answer to both questions remains a resounding no.

State-created exchanges mean higher taxes, fewer jobs, and less protection of religious freedom. States are better off defaulting to a federal exchange. The Medicaid expansion is likewise too costly and risky a proposition. Republican Governors Association chairman Bob McDonnell (R., Va.) agrees, and has announced that Virginia will implement neither provision.

There are many arguments against creating exchanges.

First, states are under no obligation to create one.

Second, operating an Obamacare exchange would be illegal in 14 states. Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia have enacted either statutes or constitutional amendments (or both) forbidding state employees to participate in an essential exchange function: implementing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates.

Third, each exchange would cost its state an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million per year, necessitating tax increases.

Fourth, the November 16 deadline is no more real than the "deadlines" for implementing REAL ID, which have been pushed back repeatedly since 2008.

Fifth, states can always create an exchange later if they choose.

Sixth, a state-created exchange is not a state-controlled exchange. All exchanges will be controlled by Washington.

Seventh, Congress authorized no funds for federal "fallback" exchanges. So Washington may not be able to impose Exchanges on states at all.

Eighth, the Obama administration has yet to provide crucial information that states need before they can make an informed decision.

Ninth, creating an exchange sets state officials up to take the blame when Obamacare increases insurance premiums and denies care to the sick. State officials won't want their names on this disastrous mess.

Tenth, creating an exchange would be assisting in the creation of a "public option" that would drive domestic health-insurance carriers out of business through unfair competition.

Eleventh, Obamacare remains unpopular. The latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that only 38 percent of the public supports it.

Twelfth, defaulting to a federal exchange exempts a state's employers from the employer mandate — a tax of \$2,000 per worker per year (the tax applies to companies with more than 59 employees, but for such companies that tax applies after the 30th employee, not the 59th). If all states did so, that would exempt 18 million Americans from the individual mandate's tax of \$2,085 per family of four. Avoiding those taxes improves a state's prospects for job creation, and protects the conscience rights of employers and individuals whom the Obama administration is forcing to purchase contraceptives coverage.

Finally, rejecting an exchange reduces the federal deficit. Obamacare offers its deficit-financed subsidies to private health insurers only through state-created exchanges. If all states declined, federal deficits would fall by roughly \$700 billion over ten years.

For similar reasons, states should decline to implement Obamacare's Medicaid expansion. The Supreme Court gave states that option. All states should exercise it.

Medicaid is rife with waste and fraud. It increases the cost of private health care and insurance, crowds out private health insurance and long-term-care insurance, and discourages enrollees from climbing the

economic ladder. There is scant reliable evidence that Medicaid improves health outcomes, and no evidence that it is a cost-effective way of doing so.

My colleague Jagadeesh Gokhale estimates that expanding Medicaid will cost individual states up to \$53 billion over the first ten years. That's before an emboldened President Obama follows through on his threats to shift more Medicaid costs to states.

Neither the states nor the federal government have the money to expand Medicaid. If all states politely decline, federal deficits will shrink by another \$900 billion.

Now is not the time to go wobbly. Obamacare is still harmful and still unpopular. The presidential election was hardly a referendum, as it pitted the first person to enact Obamacare against the second person to enact it. Since the election, many state officials are reaffirming their opposition to both implementing exchanges and expanding Medicaid.

If enough states do so, Congress will have no choice but to reopen Obamacare. With a GOP-controlled House, opponents will be in a much stronger position than they were when this harmful law was enacted.  
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: NAIC Rules  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 1:43:18 PM

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Send to John Doak and respond too..

Mary Fallin

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "David Powell" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** November 20, 2012, 1:17:20 PM CST  
**To:** "Mary Fallin" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** NAIC Rules

Dear mary,

To whoever screens Mary's email, I am an old friend of hers from OSU. She will confirm and she and the Insurance Commissioner need to read this.

I want to let Mary know that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners needs to abandon their idea to push aggregate stoploss limits higher. This is only an attempt to strengthen Obamacare by unfairly putting more risk on "smaller" self funded employers. (50-500 employees) These employers are currently doing the right thing, providing comprehensive health benefits to their employees and their families, mostly at the employer's expense.

Only three states have endorsed the change to the Stoploss Model Act; Minnesota, Hew hampshire and Vermont. The proposed change will make it harder for Oklahoma employers to provide affordable coverage by pushing them toward a national exchange. Please tell the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner to vote NO and not change the Stoploss Model Act.

I have been in the health insurance business since graduating from OSU in 1978 and I have worked with partially self-funded employers plans nearly that entire time. If there are any questions, please call my cell any time. [REDACTED]

David A. Powell  
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**From:** [MG\(R\) Lee Baxter](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Baxter MG Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Talk with Gov ref healthcare funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 4:38:50 AM

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Glenn, please let me know if you would like to discuss...feel the current position is a very slippery slope and some huge Fallin supporters are teetering over this issue. I am not in that number, but the dialog over this is very strong and has raised the hackles of large OCPA donors to a level I have not see in the last 8 years as a Board member there. Want to help if I can....Lee

MG(R) Lee Baxter

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "MG(R) Lee Baxter" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 6, 2011 5:15:40 AM EDT  
**To:** Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)>  
**Cc:** Baxter MG Lee <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Talk with Gov ref healthcare funding

Denise, thanks for calling:

1. Gov will be in Lawton on the 15th at 10 for Army Reserve Center opening. Appears she then has a break til the lunch I am hosting at 12. Can I arrange to talk to her after the ceremony and before the luncheon ? Could even do it sitting in the car.
2. Did some checking last night after we spoke. According to Michael Carnuccio, both Bob Sullivan and Dan Zalodeck have placed calls in the last couple of weeks to Mary but Katie is the one returning the calls...not a great practice I don't think
3. Just so you know, on two or three occasions, last one yesterday, I have left voicemail for Katie and she does not return my calls. That is frustrating
4. Despite all intentions and all efforts , the Governor is facing being labeled as "bringing Obamacare to Oklahoma" if we stay with the federal money. She will be perceived, even tho it is NOT TRUE of abandoning the anti Obamacare position.
5. I have NEVER seen pushback like OCPA is getting from it's members and large donors like they are getting on this issue and they are insistent in their positions. House and Senate repubs are pushing daily for the OCPA position.....

Despite the financial pressures, I believe the Governor must withdraw from the \$54m and do so soon in favor of other ways to fund the exchange initiative, which I fully and completely support .

I think you are right and I would like to talk to Mary on it. If I can do so before the 15th, please let me know .

Governor Fallin and Denise Northrup do not have stronger supporters than me. But the potential damage her and house and senate members is both severe and long lasting I think.

OCPA fully supports that the governor is trying to do....fully...but can't support using federal money to do it. We (you and I) should be working hard to ensure OCPA And gov work hand in hand.

Look forward to hearing from you. Lee  
MG(R) Lee Baxter

**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Brown urges Governor to halt implementation of Obamacare  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 5:20:57 PM

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Dumb

Mary Fallin

On Jul 10, 2012, at 3:40 PM, Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Fyi

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**From:** Matt Glanville [mailto:[glanville@lsb.state.ok.us](mailto:glanville@lsb.state.ok.us)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 09:35 AM  
**To:** Matt Glanville <[glanville@lsb.state.ok.us](mailto:glanville@lsb.state.ok.us)>  
**Subject:** Brown urges Governor to halt implementation of Obamacare

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Oklahoma State Senate  
Senator Bill Brown  
Senate District 36  
Chair, Retirement and Insurance

**July 10, 2012**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Senator Bill Brown  
State Capitol: (405) 521-5602  
Email: [brownb@oksenate.gov](mailto:brownb@oksenate.gov)

***Brown urges Governor to halt implementation  
of Obamacare***

**OKLAHOMA CITY-** Sen. Bill Brown, Chair of the Senate Committee on Retirement and Insurance, on Monday called upon Gov. Fallin to stand with other governors who have announced their refusal to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) following the Supreme Court's recent ruling.

Calling the decision a blow to individual liberty and free markets, Brown said the state must refuse the expansion of Medicaid and federally-run market exchanges. Brown referenced Medicare as an example of the government's

tendency to underestimate the cost of its far-reaching programs.

“It is a moral imperative that state leaders do everything in their power to halt the implementation of a program that strikes at the heart of our founding principles,” said Brown, R-Broken Arrow. “Medicare began in 1965 with a cost of \$3 billion a year – that doubled every four years until 1980. In 2010, its cost was \$523 billion, and now the Congressional Budget Office estimates that by 2020 the cost will be \$932 billion.”

“The government has projected the cost of Obamacare will start at \$1 trillion each year, which is obviously not a realistic assessment, and it will only get more expensive.”

At its inception, Brown added, the House Ways and Means Committee estimated Medicare would cost \$12 billion yearly by 1990. Medicare expenditures totaled \$107 billion in 1990.

Brown noted that prior to the Court’s ruling, the so-called penalty was to be justified under the Commerce Clause. Sixty votes would have been needed to repeal the law in the U.S. Senate, a virtual impossibility. Now that the Court has ruled the penalty a tax, Brown added, the law could be overturned with just 51 votes.

“Repeal of this law is a real possibility, and it needs to be the rallying cry for those who value our constitutional freedoms,” Brown said. “Oklahoma must join those states which have refused to implement any part of the Act, including Medicaid provisions and the Exchange program while repeal efforts are alive. I call on Gov. Fallin to stand with governors in other states and join the vital effort to resist and repeal this extraordinary federal power grab.”

**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA  
**Date:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 7:11:14 PM

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Yep

Mary Fallin

On Jul 12, 2012, at 11:20 AM, Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Oh, how kind.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'maryfallin [REDACTED]'  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Fw: Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA

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**From:** Trent, Josh (Coburn) [[mailto:Josh\\_Trent@coburn.senate.gov](mailto:Josh_Trent@coburn.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 08:15 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Morris, Jerry (Coburn) <[Jerry\\_Morris@coburn.senate.gov](mailto:Jerry_Morris@coburn.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Governor Fallin Press](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Greta interview tonight  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 5:38:39 PM

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The following is an important point for tonight's interview and moving forward that I was not 100 percent clear on until now:

Additional Medicaid expenses to the state of Oklahoma with a full Medicaid expansion as outlined under ObamaCare will be \$475 million between now and 2020.

However, additional Medicaid costs to the state will STILL be \$254 million even WITHOUT the Medicaid expansion. This is because people who are currently eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled are going to be pushed towards enrollment by the individual mandate aka tax under ObamaCare.

This is important for two reasons.

From a messaging standpoint, it means that we are NOT saving the state \$475million by not expanding Medicaid. We are saving the state about \$200 million dollars; we will still be on the hook for about \$275 million.

From a practical standpoint, it means we are going to have to find more money to fund Medicaid under ObamaCare.

This may be repeating the obvious to everyone else, but it was not readily apparent to me.

Governor, I have met with katie and talked to the health care authority about this. I am happy to discuss it with you further on the way to Greta tonight, or you can call me at 405-535-7317

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**From:** Mary Fallin [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 5:20 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: Greta interview tonight

Ok

Mary Fallin

On Nov 20, 2012, at 4:26 PM, Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Governor, Michelle has been given your requested talking points and background info. I'll be at your house by 8:40 PM tonight and will ride with you to the studio, if that's ok.

Alex Weintz  
Communications Director  
Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
phone: (405) 522-8819  
cell: (405) 535-7317  
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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: REPLY: Response to OCPA's Comments Regarding the National Governors Association  
**Date:** Thursday, November 01, 2012 12:45:18 PM

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**From:** Mary Fallin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2012 06:25 PM  
**To:** 'lew@[REDACTED]'  
**Subject:** Re: REPLY: Response to OCPA's Comments Regarding the National Governors Association

Ps,,,

now that I have been working so hard as Governor-- Oklahoma is  
2 nd in the nation as a percentage of job growth, number one in manufacturing percentage of  
growth, number 8 in nation in migration of new residents, started office with \$2.02 in our rainy day  
savings account and now have over a half a Billion in savings and \$4000 growth in one year in per  
capita income for a family of 4.. Plus I cut taxes and balanced a budget that had a \$500 million dollar  
short fall my first year.

That's my record!

And very proud to serve.

Thanks for your support!

Mary

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**From:** Lew Meibergen [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2012 04:28 PM  
**To:** Mary Fallin  
**Subject:** RE: REPLY: Response to OCPA's Comments Regarding the National Governors Association

Dear Mary,

It was good to receive your email of October 30. I respect your thoughts and concerns regarding the National Governors' Association and wish you the best. I just hate to see you spending time away from the Governor's Office when things are so tight.

I was also glad to learn Oklahoma is not number one in per capita spending of the fifty states.

Thank you for your reply. If I can help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lew

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**From:** Mary Fallin [mailto:Mary.Christensen@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2012 12:07 PM  
**To:** Lew Meibergen  
**Subject:** REPLY: Response to OCPA's Comments Regarding the National Governors Association

Dear Lew,

Thanks for your email last week. I appreciate your time and concerns but wanted to follow up with you regarding the claim you made in your email, as it simply does not match up with the facts of Oklahoma's current economic posture. According to data aggregated from the Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau, Oklahoma ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> in per capita spending during FY 11, 40<sup>th</sup> in FY 12, and is projected to be ranked 38<sup>th</sup> in FY 13. While I agree there is room for improvement in these rankings, Oklahoma is far from the number one state in per capita spending in the United States. If you have data to contradict this information, I would greatly appreciate you sharing it, so that I may send it to my staff for further analysis and understanding.

I am proud that, since taking office, I have made government modernization and reduction of wasteful spending a cornerstone of my administration. This is clear by the numerous successful initiatives we have passed and signed into law over the last two years. My IT Modernization and Consolidation efforts have already saved the state approximately \$130 million and are expected to save millions more. My energy efficiency initiative, which is in the process of being implemented as we speak, is projected to save the state \$500 million. These are just a couple of examples of what I am doing to reduce spending and waste in state government and my appointment to leadership in the National Governors Association will only help me elevate these issues to the national level so that other states may continue to follow Oklahoma's example and I may also learn from other states' best practices.

Thank you again for your email and continued support.

Sincerely,

Mary

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**From:** Lew Meibergen [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2012 10:58 AM  
**To:** Mary Fallin  
**Subject:** RE: Response to OCPA's Comments Regarding the National Governors Association

Dear Mary:

I am in receipt of your e-mail of October 23. It was certainly good to hear

from you; I didn't know if you knew my address as I hadn't heard from you on any items I had previously sent correspondence.

I really hate to see you serve as an officer of the NGA. I would rather see you stay at home and work with the state to cut this spending as you promised when elected. I must take my hat off to you – Oklahoma is number one in per capita spending in the USA.

I must pass up your request at this time. Perhaps I can help on other issues. We must cut this spending!

I was very proud we had a Republican Governor and Republican House and Senate but greatly disappointed after learning we led the nation in per capita spending.

Sincerely,

Lew Meibergen

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**From:** Mary Fallin [<mailto:Mary.Christensen@gov.ok.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012 4:27 PM

**To:** Lew Meibergen

**Subject:** Response to OCPA's Comments Regarding the National Governors Association

Hi Lew,

As a board member and a long-time, trusted friend and supporter of mine, I wanted you to be aware of OCPA's latest hit piece (attached) on the National Governors Association (NGA) and other state membership organizations. As you may know, I serve as the current vice-chair and chair-elect of the NGA. Unfortunately, OCPA staff seems intent on continuing to demagogue the NGA and my leadership within the organization as a "big-government lobbying organization" without presenting the real facts that it serves as an effective advocacy group on behalf of our nation's governors and state primacy. This is the first time in history a governor from Oklahoma has been elected to lead this organization and I am proud to join such an impressive list of leaders such as Mike Huckabee, Tim Pawlenty and John Ashcroft. This is an opportunity to bring national exposure to the best practices Oklahoma has to provide and it is embarrassing when an organization like OCPA continues to denigrate such an opportunity for the state.

While I fully support OCPA's notion that jealously safeguarding taxpayer dollars and ensuring that government spending is done effectively and wisely should be one of our number one priorities, I also recognize that organizations such as the NGA provide essential resources and services to states and their top leaders that would not otherwise be available to them. In Oklahoma alone, the NGA has provided significant staff and research support and expertise on a number of initiatives important to the state of Oklahoma and my Administration.

For example and most recently, the NGA provided my office, and the offices of other governors, essential support on my 22 multi-state natural gas vehicle development and procurement initiative by facilitating seminars, multi-state coordination, and staff research that was essential in making this unprecedented initiative the success it has been. I am confident when I say that their support was a key element of our success and that this initiative alone will save the state of Oklahoma hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars that far exceed Oklahoma's membership dues to the NGA.

In addition, the NGA has been instrumental in Oklahoma's fight against the Affordable Care Act by providing me with comprehensive and detailed research as it pertains to the impacts of the legislation. This is particularly important given the fact that the state agencies with jurisdiction over PPACA related issues operate independently from the governor's office.

NGA has proven to be an extremely valuable resource with regard to education reform policy as well. Just last month a representative from the NGA came to speak to the annual conference of the Oklahoma State School Board Association, her comments focused on encouraging schools to be more efficient with the tax dollars they receive, the importance of choice and she even addressed the positive effects of consolidation. Furthermore, the NGA has also made government modernization and redesign a top priority of their education and advocacy agenda and will be hosting a national summit in December which will allow state teams to learn about best practices and share their efforts to reform and streamline state government – an effort my office fully supports and will be taking advantage of.

The NGA has also provided my staff with extensive training sessions, from policy seminars to appointment and constituent services workshops and networking opportunities that have allowed my staff to learn from our nation's leading experts, which has in turn helped me make well and fully informed decisions as they relate to Oklahoma's wellbeing. The NGA employs actual experts in the policy areas they cover and more organizations would benefit from further interaction with them.

Finally, the NGA has and continues to provide an effective voice for Oklahoma at the federal level, and has consistently advocated on our behalf on a wide variety of issues such as preserving my authority and responsibilities as the Commander-in-Chief of Oklahoma's National Guard, the devastating impact of sequestration, improving quality of education and providing states with the essential flexibility it needs to meet its people's needs and goals.

This is just a brief note on some of the many services the NGA provides to Oklahoma and its 40 plus member states. I would think that OCPA would be proud of and promote Oklahoma's leadership in such an important and influential organization and would expect the OCPA to provide your readers with a more honest and robust perspective and dialog surrounding the NGAs true value.

Sincerely,

Mary

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**From:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: 2012 Federal Regulatory Summary  
**Date:** Monday, September 10, 2012 1:27:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [08.12 Regulations Summary.pdf](#)

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Stuart Jolly** <[SJolly@afphq.org](mailto:SJolly@afphq.org)>  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 16, 2012 at 4:05 PM  
**Subject:** FW: 2012 Federal Regulatory Summary  
**To:** David Williamson <[DWilliamson@afphq.org](mailto:DWilliamson@afphq.org)>, Scott Murdock <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>, Emily Wilkins <[EWilkins@afphq.org](mailto:EWilkins@afphq.org)>  
**Cc:** "[pampollardgop](#)" <[\[REDACTED\]](#)> Craig Perry  
[\[REDACTED\]](#)

Guys...Companies would pay good money for information like what's attached here. Keep it and read it. It's good stuff! See the list below and the pdf attached.

Per the instructions below - don't share the attachment in a public venue but you can certainly discuss it anywhere.

KEEP.

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**From:** James Valvo  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2012 10:22 AM  
**To:** James Valvo  
**Subject:** 2012 Federal Regulatory Summary

All,

Please find attached our most recent summary of the federal regulations that pose the biggest threat to economic freedom. The Policy Department has more information on each of these rules and we are happy to give you more in-depth information if it will assist you in your efforts.

Please bear in mind that these summaries are meant to be informal briefing documents for you to educate yourself on the developments within the federal regulatory state. If you need materials to distribute to media, activists or donors we are happy to provide you with something that is more appropriate for a public venue.

Special thanks to Giovanna Longobardo and Drew Dillingham for their role bringing this summary together.

Regulations highlighted in this summary include:

- Utility MACT Rule
- Boiler MACT Rule
- Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards
- Cross State Air Pollution Rule
- Carbon Pollution Standards for New Power Plants
- Farm Dust Rule
- Coal Ash Rule
- Emission Standards for Hydraulic Fracturing
- Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands
- Energy Conservation Standards for Appliances
- Clean Water Act “Wetlands” Guidance
- Health Insurance Exchange
- Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits
- Guidance on Medicaid
- New Rulemaking Required for Union Election Rules
- NLRB Posting Rule
- NLRB Ambush Election Rule
- Child Farm Labor Ban
- DOL Persuader Rule
- Micro-Unions

- New Restrictions on Derivatives and Derivative Trading
- Large Bank Resolution Plan (“Living Will”) Requirement
- Risk Retention and “Qualified Residential Mortgage” Requirements
- Volcker Rule Limits on Bank Trading and Investment Activities
- Limitless Rules under the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- FCC Regulations

Best,

James Valvo

Director of Policy

Americans for Prosperity

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Cc:** [Governor Fallin Press](#)  
**Subject:** media inquiry re ObamaCare money in Oklahoma  
**Date:** Friday, September 21, 2012 9:43:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [OSDH AffCareAct Grants 20120904.xlsx](#)

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As a reminder, yesterday Zeke Canfield with the Oklahoman asked in relatively combative terms if we were ok with Oklahoma state government taking money from funds allocated as part of ACA. I told him he needed to find specific instances and that I wasn't going to respond to this press release (<http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/02/prevention/ok.html>), which is too vague to even tell which agency or entity the funds are going to.

Both Zeke and I then contacted the state department of health to ask what funds they might have taken.

The short answer is \$20M of ACA money (see attached spread sheet). Some of the programs sound very federal, such as: "Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health." Their staff has confirmed they do not need the gov's approval to get this money, so it is out of our jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, Zeke is definitely going to write a story with the question being: If Oklahomans and governor fallin are so against ACA, how come we are spending so much Obamacare money?

I'm calling Leslea at Health now to discuss. Suggestions welcome.

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**From:** Bennet-Webb, Leslea [<mailto:Leslea@health.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2012 5:16 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: Money from ACA

Alex:

Apologies for the delay in response. This was a complicated question that required "peeling back the onion" a bit to try to answer.

- 1- As you know, not all federal public health dollars awarded to the State of Oklahoma are awarded to the OK State Department of Health. These federal funds also go to tribal nations, the autonomous city-county health departments in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, or other entities that provide training and public health education, and that's certainly been true for the Prevention Fund monies.
- 2- It is also important to note that the OSDH is primarily federally funded – we have been for decades – currently more than 56 percent of our budget is made up of federal funding. Thus it is critical that we do actively review federal grant opportunities to implement evidence-based programs that align with our priorities in

reducing the spread of infectious disease, improving children's health, preventing cardiovascular disease deaths and other chronic conditions, reducing tobacco use and obesity, enhancing all hazard preparedness, and protecting state residents through regulatory programs and safety inspections. It is quite possible that all core public health priorities may be funded in the future from Prevention Fund monies.

- 3- Also noteworthy is that the Prevention Fund monies have been used in some instances to offset reduced historical grant funding for existing public health programs, or to continue efforts that began under a different revenue stream, thus it can be difficult to segregate Prevention Fund revenue from other federal public health funds, and it is extremely difficult to match up with the description of the framework of ACA funds distribution in the state that you forwarded in your email.
- 4- Finally, staff have confirmed that grant guidance for these funds does not require the OSDH to seek governor's approval.

I've attached an Excel file indicating current ACA funding to OSDH. I'll call you shortly to follow up. -- Leslea

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2012 11:47 AM

**To:** Bennet-Webb, Leslea; Aaron Cooper

**Subject:** Money from ACA

Leslea, do you know if Health Dept got money from the ACA from these or any other programs?

Thanks

## How the Fund Improves Wellness and Prevention for Oklahomans

Since the Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services has awarded more than \$13.2 million in Prevention Fund grants to Oklahoma and organizations in Oklahoma in efforts related to:

*Community Prevention (\$2,732,000):* Funding supports prevention activities proven to reduce health care costs and improve healthy behaviors.

- **Community and State Prevention (\$2,664,000).** These funds support Community Transformation Grants, which empower communities to use evidence-based interventions to prevent heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and other conditions by reducing tobacco use, preventing obesity, and reducing health disparities. These dollars also help support a chronic disease prevention grant program and strengthen evidence-based employer wellness programs.
- **Tobacco Use Prevention (\$68,000).** This funding supports anti-tobacco education campaigns, telephone-based tobacco cessation services, and outreach programs that are

proven to reduce tobacco use and those focused on vulnerable populations, consistent with the HHS Tobacco Control Strategic Action Plan.

*Clinical Prevention (\$3,621,000)*: Funding supports programs to improve Americans' access to important preventive services and the full range of care necessary to meet diverse healthcare needs.

- **Access to Critical Wellness and Preventive Health Services (\$1,063,000)**. This funding increases awareness of new preventive benefits made available by the Affordable Care Act through community partnerships. It also expands immunization services by providing additional resources and flexibility to States.
- **Behavioral Health Screening and Integration with Primary Health (\$2,436,000)**. These dollars help communities integrate primary care services into publicly funded community mental health and other community-based behavioral health settings. They also expand suicide prevention activities and screenings for substance use disorders.
- **HIV/AIDS Prevention (\$122,000)**. These efforts focus on HIV prevention in high risk populations and communities by increasing HIV testing opportunities, linking HIV-infected people with needed services, and filling critical gaps in data and understanding of the HIV epidemic to better target prevention, care, and treatment.

*Public Health Infrastructure and Training (\$6,218,000)*: These efforts help State and local health departments meet 21st century challenges.

- **Public Health Workforce (\$2,517,000)**. These programs support training of public health providers to improve preventive medicine, health promotion, disease prevention, and epidemiology. The funding also improves access to and quality of health services in medically underserved communities and provides front line care while training the next generation of public health leaders.
- **Detection and Response Capacity (\$598,000)**. State and local governments will receive new resources to prevent, detect, and respond to disease outbreaks, including those caused by influenza and foodborne pathogens. It also funds programs that prevent healthcare-associated infections.
- **Public Health Infrastructure (\$3,103,000)**. These efforts help State, local, and tribal organizations improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public health by strengthening the systems for gathering, analyzing, and communicating health data and ensuring they produce accurate and timely information for action. (103,000). These efforts help State, local, and tribal organizations improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public health by strengthening the systems for gathering, analyzing, and communicating health data and ensuring they produce

accurate and timely information for action.

*Research and Data Collection (\$714,000)*: Funds support the scientific study of prevention to better understand how to translate research into practice.

- **Prevention Research (\$714,000)**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Task Force on Community Preventive Services conducts systematic reviews of public health interventions to prevent disability, disease, and death, and disseminates the results to the public, clinicians, health officials, and community leaders.

## Building on Other Administration Initiatives that Promote Prevention

The Obama Administration takes a broad approach to addressing the health and well-being of our communities. Other initiatives that promote prevention in States and communities include the following:

- The **Affordable Care Act**, which expands [access to preventive care](#) by removing cost sharing for [recommended clinical preventive services](#).
- The **President's Childhood Obesity Task Force** and the **First Lady's [Let's Move!](#)** initiative aimed at combating childhood obesity.
- The [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#), which provides \ billion for community-based initiatives, tobacco cessation activities, chronic disease reduction programs, and efforts to reduce health care-acquired infections.
- The [Million Hearts](#) initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes in the next five years.
- The Affordable Care Act's [National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council](#), with representation from 17 Federal agencies, and that has developed a [National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy](#).

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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FOX 25 healthcare reform question  
**Date:** Monday, July 16, 2012 4:18:11 PM

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It seems it is safest to still with the same statement already issued

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 03:55 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper; Andrew Silvestri; Glenn Coffee  
**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

Yep, guess we just send that...but I would try to make sure with her...its going to start a shitstorm... and basically make her decision for us...without even having met with the speaker and the ppt yet, which I'm not comfortable with. we don't get to write our own dialogue on this, which would be unfortunate.

Can we beg off and say the gov is in the air and wait until tomorrow?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 3:53 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

Governor Fallin was disappointed and frustrated with the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the bulk of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). She believes the law is unaffordable and unworkable, and that many aspects of the bill — including the individual mandate — grant Congress power that was not intended by the authors of the Constitution. She voted against the bill as a congresswoman and supported the lawsuit filed by Oklahoma's attorney general as governor. She continues her adamant opposition to the law, and will actively campaign for conservative candidates, including the Republican presidential nominee, who pledge to overturn and replace the ACA.

However, in light of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold most of the ACA, Governor Fallin believes it is her responsibility to thoroughly and thoughtfully review the state of Oklahoma's options regarding the future of both Medicaid and the creation of a health insurance exchange. Her priority is not to make a decision soon; it is to make the right decision. The governor will continue to review how the state of Oklahoma can best meet the health care needs of its citizens. Our office will proactively relay these decisions to Governor Fallin's constituents and to the media as they are made.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 3:51 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler

**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

Right – what was our last written statement to any reporter?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 3:51 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

I haven't gotten any response from the gov on this. According to USA Today our position on ObamaCare is we are going to wait until November before we do anything on some combination of an exchange and Medicaid expansion. Fox25 saw it and wants confirmation. I'm just going to send them our original statement and say that the gov's position has not changed.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 9:44 AM  
**To:** 'Mary Fallin'  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler; Aaron Cooper; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

This article from USA today (<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-07-12/states-health-care-status/56181438/1>) reports the following ... it's written clumsily and its not clear whether you are waiting until after the election to pursue an exchange or Medicaid expansion or both:

**Oklahoma(18%).** Gov. [Mary Fallin](#), a Republican, plans to wait until after the November election to decide how to proceed, according to local news accounts. The Legislature has declined to establish health care exchanges. Fallin hasn't decided whether to expand Medicaid coverage to more uninsured adults, mostly at federal expense.

Please let me know how to proceed. If I confirm that you are going to wait until after the election for either Medicaid/exchange action, that is a change in our position and the media here will immediately begin reporting that. if that's not our position I need to call USA today and tell them that so they can change their article. We are being asked by local press so ignoring is not an option.

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**From:** Mary Fallin [\[mailto: \]](mailto:)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 9:19 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Re: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

Pull off AP stories and see what it says I said..  
I think I was probably referring to exchanges and the elections to try to repeal and replace....  
On the Medicaid  
I generally said we were very concerned with the financial hit our budget and are analyzing the info  
, waiting for HHS to answer questions ..

Is this what you remember Katie??

Mary Fallin

On Jul 16, 2012, at 8:38 AM, Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Governor, did u say this at nga?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Joseph A. Griffin" <[jagriffin@sbgnet.com](mailto:jagriffin@sbgnet.com)>

**Date:** July 16, 2012 4:16:29 AM CDT

**To:** Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)>

**Subject:** FOX 25 healthcare reform question

AP is reporting the Governor intends to wait for the election until implementing any reforms. can you confirm this?

Joe Griffin  
Fox 25 news  
(405)520-1642

**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** FW: RGPPC Leadership notes-- Govs Only Saturday  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10:49:10 AM

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10:03 AM  
**To:** Deborah Hohlt; Janel Anderson; Robert Spendlove; Anne CASSITY; brian [REDACTED]; ryan [REDACTED]; Igromis [REDACTED]; kip.knudson@alaska.gov; shawnpreese [REDACTED]; adam.nordstrom [REDACTED]; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Andrew Silvestri; Doug; Finkbeiner, Chris; McBride, Bill (GOV); Beth.Tipps@tn.gov; TS [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Lindsay Russell; Seth Levey; Dustin Huffman  
**Subject:** RGPPC Leadership notes-- Govs Only Saturday

**Guys- in the Governors' only meeting on Saturday at NGA, the governors will have only one hour to discuss their moving parts. I realize some of your governors are not attending the meeting. Their conversation will largely be dominated by healthcare. I doubt they'll get into individual committee reports, in fact, it won't be detailed in their agenda to do so. Nevertheless, we will provide a short summary of efforts in their binders, which will be at their seats when they arrive. Because you are in leadership, I wanted to make you aware of what it says. Let me know if you have any heartburn.**

**Thanks,  
Marie**

This memo serves as an update regarding policy activities for 2012.

**Healthcare (Jindal/Herbert/Sandoval):**

- Letter written to the President regarding "unanswered questions" submitted with press effort on Tuesday.
- PPACA costs to states is being updated.
- Governors "Replace" report still being crafted. Document is currently on hold to defer to Governor Romney's plans. The RGPPC could submit the "Replace" report to the platform committee for consideration.
- Successful policy symposium was held this summer in Scottsdale.

**Energy (Mead/Corbett/Parnell):**

- The Energy Report is being approved by states and stakeholders (RGPPC member companies and energy associations). RGPPC is coordinating with Governor Romney for potential release in late July. The RGPPC could submit this report to the platform

committee for consideration.

- Successful policy symposium was held this summer in Charlotte.

**Education (Deal/Haslam):**

- The Education report is being written by states.
- Goal is to release this document in August and submit to the platform committee for consideration.
- Successful policy symposium was held this summer in Scottsdale.

**Federalism (Brownback/Fallin):**

- This committee is crafting an op-ed to discuss Federalism

**Transportation (Branstad/Snyder/Scott):**

- Policy symposium to be held this fall in Atlanta.
- Efforts this fall involve trade infrastructure.

**Best Practices:**

- Governor Daniels has made sharing Best Practices the cornerstone of his RGPPC efforts. States have been paired to share best practices in the attached document. RGPPC will host these events throughout the fall. States may choose to attend additional sessions.

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Cell [REDACTED]

**From:** [Deborah Hohlt](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** NGA  
**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2012 2:11:57 PM

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Katie...

I've heard from a couple of GOP Hill staffers who were at a recent closed door briefing with CBO about the budget, fiscal cliff, health care costs, etc... Dan Crippen was invited to participate in his role as NGA Director. According to several sources, he made it plain that he/NGA believed all Governors would fully implement ObamaCare and I suppose extrapolating that the budget should reflect that. This made the D staffers in the room gleeful. Several important R staffers approached him afterwards and were surprised he would make such a matter of fact statement when so many of us have been holding the line that this will be a fiscal disaster for our states and country. Just saying' he should be more politically sensitive and second, the fact is he does not know if all states will or will not eventually (if Obama wins) capitulate. He is using the Dems message point that like Medicaid there was resistance at first but eventually every state participates. These are different times with different financial realities. I just thought you should be aware. It could be problematic for many if he is quoted somewhere at some future public event. As this was a closed door meeting, it is sensitive as staff are not supposed to discuss specifics. But, knowing many Govs strong feelings on this issue, I rec'd a heads up. Call if you'd like to discuss.

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Deborah Hohlt  
[REDACTED] cell)  
202-624-1474 (office)

**From:** [Dana Thompson {GOV}](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [dcrippen@NGA.ORG](#); [missy.wier@state.de.us](#); [DQuam@NGA.ORG](#); [brian \[REDACTED\]](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Joshua Sharfstein \(DHMH\)](#); [Carolyn Quattrocki {GOV}](#); [Charles Milligan \(DHMH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT: PPACA  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 8:05:09 AM

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Katie,

I mentioned this at one of our HHS Committee SAC meetings in the context of the "essential health benefit" component of the ACA, but generally, with regard to establishing an exchange, Maryland has made good progress that might serve others quite well. Governor O'Malley has repeatedly asked his staff to make themselves available to states that seek advice in setting up their exchanges.

We're also glad to join you in reaching out to Secretary Sebelius for additional guidance, but since every state is different, your boss and other Governors might find it most helpful to call the Secretary individually. I understand that she's happy to help walk Governors through the process to achieve success.

I am copying Josh Sharfstein, our Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene, Chuck Milligan, our Medicaid Director, and Carolyn Quattrocki, Executive Director of our Office of Health Care Reform. The experts who are working on the exchanges in your state and any other state can feel free to reach out to them to get insight on how we set up our exchange, and they'll be more than happy to walk through it.

Moreover, please check out this recent press release to get an overview of Maryland's exchange, called "Maryland Health Connection": <http://www.governor.maryland.gov/ltgovernor/pressreleases/120823.asp>

Hopefully, this helps.

On Friday, November 9, 2012, Katie Altshuler wrote:

Yes

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I'm still waiting to hear from our team about the timing of the call. He has a meeting at that time so they are seeing if there is a way to make both work.

I am about to present at this conference but will try to reach you after that.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 12, 2012, at 7:00 AM, "Katie Altshuler" <[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

While I appreciate this, it missed the point, if HHS has answers they need to put them in writing to all states. We don't really want to sit down with another state to get answers to our questions! We honestly want an open dialogue but we want it with Feds.

Also checking on status of Markell/Fallin call.

Please call me when you have a chance! Thanks, Katie

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Katie,

I mentioned this at one of our HHS Committee SAC meetings in the context of the "essential health benefit" component of the ACA, but generally, with regard to establishing an exchange, Maryland has made good progress that might serve others quite well. Governor O'Malley has repeatedly asked his staff to make themselves available to states that seek advice in setting up their exchanges.

We're also glad to join you in reaching out to Secretary Sebelius for additional guidance, but since every state is different, your boss and other Governors might find it most helpful to call the Secretary individually. I understand that she's happy to help walk Governors through the process to achieve success.

I am copying Josh Sharfstein, our Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene, Chuck Milligan, our Medicaid Director, and Carolyn Quattrocki, Executive Director of our Office of Health Care Reform. The experts who are working on the exchanges in your state and any other state can feel free to reach out to them to get insight on how we set up our exchange, and they'll be more than happy to walk through it.

Moreover, please check out this recent press release to get an overview of

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NMTC Eligibility Around Capitol Complex  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 21, 2012 12:16:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [New Market Tax Credit Map Inset Oklahoma County 0911041258 BOTH SITES.pdf](#)

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Katie

A full year has passed since I began this dialogue below with Harry Birdwell and we are making some progress. As you know from our past meetings, my efforts to broker the relocation of OHCA began 2 years prior to this 2011 email to Harry. Harry has since made progress by getting broader authority for CLO to exchange some of its land for income-producing real estate, and he continues to push for more authority to monetize and invest CLO assets on a more productive basis. He and I are working together on a couple of potential CLO "test case" investments that are compelling in both policy and economic terms.

I applaud the recent decisions announced this week by my friend Governor Mary Fallin, which are consistent with the premise of my presentations this past year to CLO, and to DCS/OSF (regarding OHCA's RFP for office space, which now has OHCA leaning toward a move to Lincoln Boulevard, albeit not to my client's building, but next door at the former LP Hotel site owned by Dick Tanenbaum). The State of Oklahoma and Governor Fallin can and should continue take the lead to show both the Federal government and other states how to be better stewards of their resources for the benefit of their citizens. As a part of this model, the State's real estate assets and their efficient use and monetization can make up a large portion of the multi-billion dollar funding gap that results from the wise (in my opinion) but controversial decision by Governor Fallin to forego the Federal Obamacare Band-Aid. In the states that take this "sucker bet", it will indeed hurt much worse when it gets ripped off.....

In my humble opinion, Harry Birdwell's creativity, vision and private sector experience can expedite and help fund some of the Governor's initiatives, as the CLO, the largest single property owner in the State, can and should be a key player in the solutions to problems facing the Governor and the State. Over the past 3+ years, I have represented both OHCA (and its would-be landlords) and the City-County Health Department (as outside counsel for Phase I of its new 63rd Street Wellness campus), and I have learned first hand of the key role these agencies play in helping Oklahomans get healthier and try to turn the tide on Oklahoma's abysmal health statistics. I also serve on the board of TEEM (The Education and Employment Ministry, which recently hired former Speaker Kris Steele as our CEO) and I have attempted to work with Oklahoma County officials, as both of these entities struggle with the burgeoning issues corrections and rehabilitation reforms for adult and juvenile inmates. I have also learned that many State and local agencies fail to efficiently collaborate on finding and executing solutions. As an example, I understand that the State Health Department currently rents over 100,000 sf of expensive warehouse space in far West OKC, and has been considering building a new building, while empty buildings abound within 2 miles of the Capitol.

I believe that the health issues of many Oklahomans overlap with many of the same symptoms that overtax our corrections systems, and I further believe that the State's real estate assets and their smarter use, financing and stewardship can help create funding and/or defray costs to help solve and address these problems. We can create real dollars and value for Oklahomans through collaboration among agencies and with the private sector.

I write this email as a tumultuous 2012 winds down, but I hope that we can focus together on and discuss this with you, Harry and Mr. Doerflinger in 2013.

Please give my regards to Governor Fallin and Best Wishes for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Regards

Bert

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 5:03 PM

**To:** 'Harry Birdwell'

**Subject:** NMTC Eligibility Around Capitol Complex

Harry Birdwell

Executive Director

Commissioners of the Land Office

State of Oklahoma

Harry

Sorry we are playing phone tag.

Still want to follow up on the notion of CLO making investments in real estate surrounding the Capitol, enlisting private development expertise, execution and capital. Both the Sears Property on 16th and the former AWG Property on NE 36th are in the midst of a large geographic area that is automatically eligible for Federal New Market Tax Credits. While these buildings cannot be NMTC eligible if renovated as a "special purpose" building like a prison, they can be renovated (or newly built) as office, warehouses and multipurpose building with private dollars, leased to government users, and, ultimately, purchased by the State, County, City, etc. after a 7 year private investment holding period, with the amount of NMTC equity paid-in requiring no ultimate repayment. Thus, NMTCs are becoming a common way nationally of augmenting this type of development - private developers creating space for government users in a true lease-purchase structure.

Attached is the NMTC Eligibility map for Ok County, which is compelling.

<<New\_Market\_Tax\_Credit\_Map\_Inset\_Oklahoma\_County\_0911041258 BOTH SITES.pdf>> The role of CLO could be to assist as a financier through acquisition and landbanking for the private developer the building shell and land, stay in as a lender throughout the redevelopment (or not, at its election) and then ultimately help (if warranted) the State step back into ownership after Year 7 by financing the purchase option exercise.

The OHCA deal timing has probably slipped to the point where it presents an opportunity for CLO. The OHCA Lease is signed and approved, but delivery will now likely be in the 2nd Quarter of 2013. Similarly, other users like Ok Co Juvenile Justice (200sf facility), the State Health Dept (100ksf warehouse), DMHSAS (100k sf office), Langston (50k sf) could be relocated on fallow real estate in the NMTC target area surrounding the Capitol under this structure. This would seem to dovetail with the Governor's vision of cooperation with the private sector and maximizing the State's assets and minimizing its costs of holding real estate. With Downtown's and OUHSC's resurgence, the Capitol surroundings comprise good real estate and could be much more impressive, functional and productive than they are.

I look forward to catching up after OSU's Bedlam win...

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Obamacare in Oklahoma  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 5:28:09 PM

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Afp and jolly are on my list...

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Amen brother! So why is that not happening? Or better yet, why are all Republican legislators and the governor not supporting Rep. Mike Ritze's legislation to "nullify" Obamacare because it is totally un-Constitutional on its face?

Robert Semands

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On a fundamental policy as bad as this, why are we taking a poll? Should we also set up another committee or Blue Ribbon Panel to discuss the pros and cons on what this will mean to the future of our healthcare? No.

We just need to ask our beloved Governor to do the right thing for the people of Oklahoma.

Stuart

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 1:31 PM  
**To:** AJ Ferate; Alberts Joel ([REDACTED]); Berglan Zach [REDACTED]; Bob Cram; Bradley McWilliams; Brandon Dutcher; Bruce Karr; Cameron Thompson; Carol Hefner; Chad Khoury; Charles Suiter; Charlie Meadows; Dan Flick; Daniel Karim; Debbie McCown; Dennis Hedke; Dick Howell; Doke Douglas; Ella McDonald; Fred Minter; Garrett Reasnor ([REDACTED]); Gary Pierce; Hough David; J. L. Patton, Jr. [REDACTED]; James Coury; Jay Gully; Jeff Flick; Jim Bucci; Jim Hickman; John R. Dewey; Kerry Cox; Kyle Harper; Larry Stafford; Larry Thomas; Lisa Munz; Lynda Townsend [REDACTED]); Nate Webb; Patrick B. McGuigan; Pete Wilson; Powell, Bob; Randy Koudele; Randy Robinson; Representative Randy Grau ([randy.grau@okhouse.gov](mailto:randy.grau@okhouse.gov)); Representative Randy McDaniel; Rick Briscoe; Robert Potts; Robert W. Semands; Senator Greg Treat; Stuart Jolly; Todd Dutton  
**Subject:** FW: Obamacare in Oklahoma

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**From:** Robert Semands [mailto:robert.semands@chaparralenergy.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** Obamacare in Oklahoma

Gov. Mary Fallin's office is taking comments regarding the setting up of Obamacare health care exchanges in Oklahoma. When you call they will ask you if you are for or against setting up this next step of Obamacare. It just takes a couple of minutes. A majority of Oklahomans including myself are extremely opposed to setting up these Obamacare exchanges in Oklahoma.

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Robert Semands

**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATED - SCOTUS/Obamacare draf statements  
**Date:** Monday, June 25, 2012 9:06:36 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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That's the only change you mentioned to me on Friday.

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**From:** Mary Fallin  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2012 9:06 AM  
**To:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED - SCOTUS/Obamacare draf statements

Ok to go..  
The first paragraph was the only change?

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**From:** Aaron Cooper  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2012 09:01 AM  
**To:** [maryfallin@](mailto:maryfallin@) [REDACTED] Mary Fallin  
**Cc:** Alex Weintz; Alex Gerszewski  
**Subject:** UPDATED - SCOTUS/Obamacare draf statements

Governor,

This contains your edits to the first possible statement. Please let us know if you have other changes. Thanks

## **SCOTUS/OBAMACARE DECISION**

### **STATEMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

#### **Law is upheld**

“I’m extremely disappointed and frustrated by the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold the federal health care law. Oklahomans believe the law is unconstitutional, unconstructive and unaffordable for taxpayers and states. It will limit patients’ health care choices, reduce the quality of health care in the United States, and will cost the state of Oklahoma more than a half billion dollars in the process.

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“Moving forward, it is my hope the American people will elect leaders who will work to repeal the federal health care law and replace it with meaningful reform focused on commonsense, market based changes.”

**If entire law is struck down:**

“Today’s decision by the Supreme Court to strike down the federal health care law is a victory for the American people, for Constitutional Liberty, and for those who care about choice and competition in the health care market. President Obama’s health care legislation was nothing short of disastrous, threatening to weaken our economy, reduce the quality of health care across the U.S. and potentially cost the state of Oklahoma more than a half billion dollars in the process. The bill failed to make health care more affordable; meanwhile, it represented an unconstitutional power grab by President Obama and the forces of Big Government in Washington.

“The people of Oklahoma already have spoken out against the federal health care law by passing a constitutional amendment blocking its implementation. I am thrilled the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed with our line of thinking and struck down a law that is unpopular and destructive as well as unconstitutional.

“Moving forward, we must focus on the free-market principles of choice and competition to help lower the costs of medical treatment and increase access to health care.”

**If only individual mandate is struck down:**

“Today’s decision by the Supreme Court to strike down the individual mandate within President Obama’s health care law is an important step in the right direction. With the central part of the president’s law stricken from the books, we can now set about repealing and reforming a plan that is

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Gotcha, I guess its ok if katie agrees. SOOOOO sick of the ACA

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**Subject:** RE: another ACA question

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Steve Mullins](#); [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney general  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 2:54:29 PM

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On Nov 12, 2012, at 2:42 PM, "Katie Altshuler" <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

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> From: Denise Northrup  
> Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 02:20 PM  
> To: Katie Altshuler; Alex Weintz  
> Subject: Attorney general  
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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney general  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 2:57:46 PM

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I told her if they could work on cover for us in a waiver-type situation that might work...their board mtg is dec 5

They can also be realistic about what the legislature would even do. I couldn't remember if we thought expansion would require legislation or not?

On Nov 12, 2012, at 2:55 PM, "Katie Altshuler" <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

> Ok, thanks!

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Denise Northrup

> Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 02:54 PM

> To: Katie Altshuler

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**From:** [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NGA/RGA: PPACA Nov. 16 Deadline  
**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2012 11:12:01 PM

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Marginally better! We are going to need the time if we intend to complete and build some plans. I'm going to develop a more specific proposal based on the conversation today. We probably need to discuss medicaid.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 03:01 PM  
To: Cox-Kain, Julie; Terry Cline, Ph.D., Commissioner of Health  
Subject: Fw: NGA/RGA: PPACA Nov. 16 Deadline

----- Original Message -----

From: Brian Mitchell [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 02:56 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler  
Subject: RE: NGA/RGA: PPACA Nov. 16 Deadline

Katie,

I just got off the phone with Paul Dioguardi at HHS. They will announce later today that they are pushing back the deadline for the exchange blueprint until 12/15 and all that is due on the 11/16 is a letter of intent from the Governor stating whether the state intends to certify its own exchange or bring in the feds.

Brian

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 1:26 PM  
To: 'Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us'; 'Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov'; 'rspendlove@utah.gov'; 'wendy.riemann@wisconsin.gov'  
Cc: 'ryan [REDACTED]'; 'brian [REDACTED]'  
Subject: NGA/RGA: PPACA Nov. 16 Deadline

All,

I spoke w/ Brian yesterday to approach Dana re/ NGA playing a role in delaying Nov. 16 deadline.

After the RGA call today I put a call into Missy to make the same request. The request is that we would like a mtg w/ the President to get answers so we can make informed decisions.

I have let Marie know that we would like to opportunity to have NGA make the request and it is under discussion but I think they are willing to work with us, however they planned to send their letter today.

So I am trying to get an answer re/ NGA asap.

Specific NGA request would be to delay Nov. 16 until such a time that we can get a mtg w/ President set up and I think it should be for any and all Govs that wish to attend.

Missy is open to the idea but has to check with her caucus. We discussed framing this in the spirit of bipartisanship and starting to really work together over the next four years.

Let me know if you have questions. I will keep you posted! Katie

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Steve Mullins](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Open Records request  
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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: First larger staff level and agency directors  
**Date:** Friday, June 29, 2012 9:11:56 AM

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Yes, terrY cline :)

Begrudgingly I'd invite insurance

And maybe cio or someone from his office?

Aj can help, although I think she's out today.

I guess u can just start with an email...

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 08:28 AM  
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Mtg re/ PPACA, I know we talked about scheduling it between July 9-11, did you want me to set that up?

Meeting Participants:

Terri Cline  
Julie Cox-Cain  
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Katie Altshuler  
OSF ?  
Insurance Department ?

**From:** [Cline, Dr.Terry L.](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press Statements in preparation for SCOTUS/ObamaCare decision  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012 5:51:41 PM

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I have one suggestion (good with everything else). In the first section under "law is upheld", I would change the statement that "oklahomans believe the law is unconstitutional". If the US Supreme Court has just found that it is constitutional, my old civics classes would tell me that a statement like that in fact could be saying that Oklahomans are flat-out wrong because the Supreme Court has spoken, like it or not, and as the highest court in the land, then we must just be wrong in our own interpretation. I think the comments that we are extremely disappointed, etc are right on the money, and that saying we believe this interpretation, much like the law, is misplaced and takes away the rights of states to..... would resonate better than saying flat out that Oklahomans know constitutional law better than the Supreme Court. Something about that specific comment is sending up a red flag and I think it could backfire, both within the state and externally. I think the other comments do a nice job of blending where we are, with the constitutional vote here in OK, and putting our position out there, plus a path forward. Happy to have a conversation if my comments are too rambling..... terry

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012 3:18 PM  
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**Importance:** High

FYI, the following are the statements we are planning to put out depending on what happens with SCOTUS and ObamaCare.

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## **Law is upheld**

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**If entire law is struck down:**

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**If only individual mandate is struck down:**

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**From:** [Nico Gomez](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: quick question  
**Date:** Friday, August 10, 2012 4:08:45 PM

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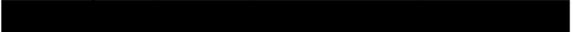
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RGPPC will reach out to the RAGA. We are compiling the responses received this AM and last night for the team meeting with HHS w/NGA. We can decide after that meeting how we move forward in a Republican only strategy. A joint RGPPC/RAGA strategy seems appropriate. We'll be back in touch with everyone later today or tomorrow re a strategy moving forward.

Thanks to all.

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**Subject:** Re: Reminder: Meeting on EHB with HHS- QUESTIONS

Great idea!  
Seema Verma

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Perhaps we should approach the national AG's association or at least the GOP AG's?

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Carol,

I spoke with Mal on Thursday. My point was that we should not have to respond without proper rule making. The question now is can we slow this train down. My guess is that we could structure an argument that would persuade a judge to halt this until the administration does it part. This would be different than trying to overturn the PPACA but would not preclude both approaches.

Bill Hazel

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 24, 2012, at 8:39 AM, "Seema Verma" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Here are additional questions, that are more technical in nature:

- If the package offers a benefit outside of the scope of EHB categories can this benefit keep associated dollar limits?
- If the selected benchmark contains benefits that are currently offered with dollar limits on coverage, can these be transitioned to service limits on coverage of the purposes of setting the benchmark benefit package? For example, some plans set dollar limits on home health aide and private duty nursing services.
- How are prior authorization requirements treated in defining the EHB benchmark? If a benefit in the selected benchmark requires prior authorization will the PA requirement become part of the essential health benefits?
- On the August 10<sup>th</sup> monthly call it was indicated that a requirement will be that consumers are offered benefits in all 10 EHB categories, but that they will not be required to purchase all 10, especially as relates to pediatric dental coverage offered on a stand-alone plan. How will this requirement affect the calculation of the premium tax credit? Is the premium tax credit still calculated based on the second lowest cost silver plan that covers all EHB categories (potentially a combination of a health plan and a stand alone dental plan) or will the PTC be calculated based on the individuals selection of benefits? I.e. if they opt out of selecting a pediatric dental package will they still receive PTC for purchasing that coverage?
- Additionally, on this same call it was mentioned that if an individual has PTC remaining,

they can use this PTC towards the purchase of a stand-alone dental plan. It was our understanding that PTC could only be used to purchase coverage for essential health benefits, and that if coverage was offered outside of the essential health benefits that this coverage would be required to be paid for by the individual. As adult dental is not an EHB we were confused as to how the PTC would apply to the purchase of this plan. Is adult dental coverage an exception? Can the PTC go towards the entire dental plan or only towards the pediatric portion of the dental plan?

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I think these questions miss the mark. The question is – what gives HHS the right to “demand” a state pick a benchmark without proper rulemaking and comment period. The bulletin does not have the weight of law and the information required to make the proper decision for our residents is not available because rulemaking has not been conducted. In addition, what gives HHS the right to “pick” a benchmark if a state does not pick one by September 30, a date that HHS has said is not a deadline.

See additional comments below...

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*Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts.*  
*John Wooden*

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**HI All- as you sit down to watch the Emmy's tonight- if you can provide us**

feedback on the below re EHB- we'd greatly appreciate your input as we work to help our friends in leadership at NGA ask the right questions to HHS. Sorry for the fast turnaround- and thanks in advance if you've already sent Lindsay feedback. Our goal is to provide an edited list from RGPPC to OK and NV staff around noon ET tomorrow/Monday.

Best,  
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Good afternoon,

The National Governors Association (NGA) is scheduling an in- person meeting with HHS regarding Essential Health Benefits. The RGPPC is going to assist with providing series of questions for the meeting or a follow up letter. Below is a list of questions already put together by NGA and Nevada. Please take a look and Provide us with any additions or edits. We apologize for the quick turnaround but it would be beneficial to have any feedback by Monday at 12:00. We truly appreciate your time and expertise!

Please send all responses to me directly at [REDACTED]

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- 1) Will any submissions be accepted after September 30? *[Carol Steckel]* again, the Secretary has not issued any rules or form processes to accept or not accept any submission from the states.
- 2) What are the consequences for not filing? *[Carol Steckel]* we need to keep making the point, no rulemaking no right for HHS to force a state either to decide or accept the Feds decision.

- 3) How will the submissions be used in the Secretary's determination of EHB?
- 4) When will the Secretary make her determination?
- 5) Will there be a comment period after her decision so that states might be able to further contribute to the ultimate definition of EHB?*[Carol Steckel] again, no rulemaking, we feed into their "bulletins" by treating them as binding. The only thing we should keep repeating and that is binding is the formal rulemaking process.*
- 6) How do you determine if a plan is discriminatory?
- 7) Many states have a mandate to cover autism services. Aside from state mandates, most typical employer plans do not cover any other habilitative services. If a plan covers a habilitative service such as autism, does the coverage of that single diagnosis satisfy the requirement that plans cover rehabilitative and habilitative services? If not, how does adding the requirement to cover additional habilitative services align with the requirement that the EHB package be aligned with the typical employer plan?*[Carol Steckel] by asking this question, we again feed into the bulletin process as rulemaking. We should reword the question – if a state chooses a plan that state's definition of Habilitation is THE definition for the next two years, not HHS's definition.*
- 8) What are considered pediatric services? Are they services based on an age limit? What age limit?*[Carol Steckel] ditto #7*
- 9) The first paragraph of page 13 of the Essential Health Benefits Bulletin issued December 16, 2011 indicates, "If a benchmark plan offers a drug in a certain category or class, all plans must offer at least one drug in that same category or class, even though the specific drugs on the formulary may vary." Is this based on the formulary? If so, what about drugs that are covered by a plan as tier IV drugs (100% participant paid at the network discounted rate)? Are non-formulary drugs included in the EHB package? If so, how does one determine the number of drugs covered in a category or class? Verbal guidance has indicated that QHPs must offer an essentially equivalent number of drugs in each category and class of drug. This conflicts with the bulletin. What is the correct guidance?*[Carol Steckel] Again, the state's plan is THE benefit plan, we aren't and shouldn't ask for guidance but FORMAL rule making.*

**From:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Christensen Wade](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FYI  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 6:59:39 PM

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Interesting .  
I am so glad I am not there....

Mary Fallin

On Jun 28, 2012, at 3:52 PM, Katie Altshuler <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

> The US House of Representatives has scheduled a vote on full repeal of Obamacare for July 11th.

**From:** [Patti Davis](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA (Health Insurance Exchange & Medicaid Expansion)  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 12:37:59 PM

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Medicare is a state issue with an a decision not to expand for our hospitals. We get the reduction on the federal side and then no help to offset with Medicaid expansion.

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Medicare is not a state issue. The 475 figure includes administrative costs and woodwork.

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Hospitals agreed to \$155B in cuts over 10 years in exchange for an insurance take up rate to 94% of the population. DSH cuts were part of this. DSH cuts are in two distinct parts: Medicare and Medicaid.

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How does this decision effect Medicare? I will call you in just a bit.

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OHCA probably is only reporting projections under the Medicaid DSH program, which is modest in comparison to other states. The \$539M is for Medicare DSH, not Medicaid DSH. I haven't seen a \$475M projection done by the OHCA.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 19, 2012

## Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation’s growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

“Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt’s lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma’s challenge can succeed.

“Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance, should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.”

#### **Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA Talking Points**

- While Governor Mary Fallin has opted not to build a state-based insurance exchange or expand the Medicaid program as proposed in PPACA, she and the Oklahoma legislature remain deeply committed to the health of all Oklahoman’s. One demonstration of this commitment is that they protected the Health and Human Services agencies during the recent economic downturn from significant reductions that would jeopardize the health and safety of our citizens. The end result is that the Health and Human Services area took the smallest reduction of any of the cabinet areas.
- The Governor and her staff have been exploring the impact of PPACA and working with healthcare experts and lawmakers across the country in order to make sound decisions on implementing a state based exchange or expand Medicaid in Oklahoma. The final determination is that this law will not improve the quality of healthcare or address the escalating healthcare costs that are bankrupting our nation, nor does it provide the flexibility needed to improve health outcomes in a financially sound or sustainable manner.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovations in healthcare and the Governor is committed to building upon those innovations to create Oklahoma solutions to our healthcare problems. She welcomes the opportunity to work with the Oklahoma legislature and other stakeholders to develop an Oklahoma plan to reduce the number of uninsured families, provide quality healthcare and address rising healthcare costs.

#### **Insurance Exchange**

- There is an absence of critical guidance and regulations that would allow states to understand the full ramifications of building and implementing a state based insurance exchange. Without HHS regulation and guidance it is unclear how much flexibility and freedom of control will be provided to states operating an exchange. State based exchanges will be so in name only and it does not benefit us to fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government.
- The cost of building a PPACA compliant exchange in Oklahoma is estimated at \$30 million to \$50 million dollars. The cost of implementing PPACA in Oklahoma, and nationwide, is staggering and unsustainable. Governor Mary Fallin will continue to work with the Oklahoma legislature to develop financially sound healthcare solutions.

- While the pricing structure has not yet been released, HHS will likely pass the cost of the federal exchange to the insurers selling products on the exchange. This fee, in turn, will likely be passed on to the purchaser of the healthcare plan.

### **Medicaid Expansion**

- Medicaid is an outdated program that was expanded without true reform in PPACA. The Medicaid expansion does not adequately address needed improvements in the availability or quality of healthcare services and it does not begin to address the ever increasing costs of healthcare. Further, the federal law does not provide flexibility for states to meet the unique needs of their citizens.
- Expanding Medicaid as written in PPACA would cost the State of Oklahoma as much as \$475 million between fiscal years 2014 and 2020. Paying for these increases would necessitate significant cuts to other critical parts of the state's budget like education and public safety. The cost of Medicaid expansion is unsustainable and creates an additional burden on taxpayers and the federal deficit.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovative programs and fiscally responsible enhancements to the Medicaid program. In fact, Oklahoma has reduced the rate of uninsured among children to just 7%. Oklahoma has also created an outstanding on-line enrollment system that allows families in need of healthcare real time access to Medicaid coverage. These are the very successes that Oklahoma wants to build upon to create a viable healthcare system that actually begins to reduce the costs of healthcare in our state while improving health outcomes.
- Oklahoma has a history of creating innovative solutions to reducing the number of uninsured, for example the Insure Oklahoma program (created in 2006) offers premium assistance to small businesses to support the purchase of private insurance for their employees. Under PPACA the Insure Oklahoma program would be discontinued and qualifying workers (those under 138%) would be required to enroll in traditional Medicaid. Oklahoma small businesses and their employees should have the same option to purchase private insurance coverage as other large employers and their employees.
- Oklahoma does not anticipate that opting not to expand Medicaid as written in PPACA will jeopardize Oklahoma hospitals when CMS implements the mandated reduction in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds. Oklahoma's current DSH payments do not meet the threshold for significant reduction.

### **Oklahoma Plan**

- Governor Fallin recognizes the importance of having healthy citizens. Healthy people create a more productive workforce and children that are able to learn. The governmental system of providing healthcare (Medicaid) is important, but it should not be the primary source of healthcare for so many of our citizens. We need to transform the healthcare system into one that supports individuals and families who need a hand-up while also supporting a robust private insurance market that is focused on making people healthier.
- Oklahoma will be developing an Oklahoma Plan to reduce the number of uninsured and the costs of healthcare. The Oklahoma plan will include some of the following elements:
  - Establish goals that include improved health for our citizens
  - Empower individuals to be engaged in making good healthcare (and health) choices
  - Ensure payment incentives focus on preventive care and improving health
  - Support the purchase of private insurance products
  - Focus on reducing the cost of managing chronic disease, a major cost driver in Oklahoma, including:
    - High-risk case management
    - Chronic disease self management
    - Improving care coordination within communities of care
  - Specifically target the reduction of unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency department visits
  - Realign the public health system to support these goals
- The Oklahoma Plan will address the concerns of healthcare providers about the strain of uncompensated care by reducing the number of uninsured.
- The Oklahoma Plan will be developed with consultation from tribal nations and other stakeholders to ensure the unique needs of our citizens are met.

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Katie,

Patti may have already responded... The \$539 million is our projection of [Medicare](#) DSH cuts to Oklahoma hospitals for 2015-2022. Nationally, and especially in states like Oklahoma with relatively small Medicaid DSH programs, the Medicare DSH cuts in the PPACA are much larger than the Medicaid DSH cuts.

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** RE: health care  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 9:21:42 PM

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Just FYI - the articles i have seen(AP/World) deal ONLY with medicaid expansion (TW) or a general response to ObamaCare (AP). neither mention an exchange at all. not sure if that matters re: what you've been telling people.

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From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 4:13 PM  
To: Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Aaron Cooper  
Subject: RE: health care

No it is not still accurate, it means that there will be no state exchange because by the time the election rolls around we will officially be out of time.

Do we have a statement we can send around to people, especially since we told them we did not have any announcements planned and no decisions have been made?

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I just talked to the gov. This article says that she isn't going to make a decision until after the election. She says that is accurate.

That is obviously slightly different from what we've been saying, which is no timeline. But in terms of saying we are reviewing our options and haven't decided yet, it is still accurate.

Sorry this took u guys by surprise I was hoping to verify with her before it hit the web.

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 03:53 PM  
To: Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: health care

Oh, so I guess we're waiting until November? Carry on...

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-gov.-mary-fallin-weighing-states-health-care-response/article/3695095>

**From:** [Wendy Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Maine Pulls Out of National Governors Association  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 10:18:55 AM

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Are they really? Lol! Go get 'em boss!

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 10:18 AM  
**To:** Wendy Gregory  
**Subject:** Re: Maine Pulls Out of National Governors Association

They are going to rejoin next year when GMF is chair!

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**From:** Wendy Gregory  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 09:59 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** FW: Maine Pulls Out of National Governors Association

Interesting story about Maine.

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**From:** GOVERNING Daily [<mailto:newsletters@governing.com>]  
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Just wanted to let you know – Zeke Canfield called basically asking if we could even create some kind of an exchange now or if its too late.

I said the governor has done what she needed to do in order to keep all our options open, including the creation of an exchange.

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Ugh...the next 2 years will be hell...

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I said the governor has done what she needed to do in order to keep all our options open, including the creation of an exchange.

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**Subject:** RE: Exchanges: SC, NE, NM, LA  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:36:45 PM

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I have it but purposefully have not sent it around because I don't want some lobbyist to get it. If I send it to you, will you hold it really close?

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**From:** Denise Northrup [mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov]  
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**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler  
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Do we have a list of which states have announced and what the decision was? Would be helpful for my gov I know...

On Nov 15, 2012, at 12:24 PM, "Marie Sanderson" [REDACTED] > wrote:

Chiefs, Action Officers, and Healthcare Advisors:

In an effort to share information with you about healthcare exchange moving parts, please find four releases from governors on their healthcare exchange decision: SC, NE, NM and LA. If your governor has made a decision and you would like that information shared, please let me know. We are doing our best to follow moving parts.

Thanks,  
Marie

SC: See letter attached

NE: See remarks attached

NM: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-11-15/new-mexico-moves-ahead-with-health-exchange>

LA: See link and letter below.  
<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2694>

Louisiana:

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Secretary

Department of Health and Human Services  
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November 16, 2012

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As you know, on March 23, 2011, the State of Louisiana announced that it would not assume the risk of building a health insurance Exchange as outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Given the fact that deadlines established in the guidance issued in the August 13, 2012 request of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are not legally binding, the State of Louisiana will not be submitting a Declaration Letter; however, this letter serves as the state of Louisiana's position regarding critical components of the PPACA.

Since the PPACA was signed into law, the State of Louisiana has repeatedly stated that the law has severe legal problems, is bad policy, and is unworkable. Those beliefs remain unchanged. With the Supreme Court's decision in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, the Court agreed with the State of Louisiana that at least one of the over 450 provisions of the PPACA is unconstitutional and the provision requiring all individuals to have insurance coverage can only be upheld as a tax. Even after the Supreme Court's decision, there remain many questions about the legality of the PPACA involving issues fundamental to all Americans, including religious freedom and unjust taxation.

While the Supreme Court ruled on the Constitutionality of some parts of the PPACA, it was not an endorsement of its policy merits. In fact, Chief Justice Roberts underscored this fact when he wrote, "Members of this Court are vested with the authority to interpret the law; we possess neither the expertise nor the prerogative to make policy judgments." The PPACA remains a flawed piece of legislation that fails to fix the fundamental existing problems in the United States health care system, particularly the unsustainable rising costs faced by American families and small businesses. Instead, we are faced with a more tightly controlled federal-run health insurance market that will increase costs, undermine the private health care marketplace, and weaken private sector job creation.

The Supreme Court's decision also fails to resolve the fact that the PPACA is simply an unworkable piece of legislation. With incomplete regulations and unrealistic deadlines, States and the Federal government will struggle to have a health insurance Exchange ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013 that is not beset with major complications for the insurance market and the respective residents of the States. The full extent of damage the PPACA causes to small businesses, the nation's economy, and the American health care system will only be revealed with time. The State of Louisiana has no interest in being a party to this failure by implementing a state based exchange.

The PPACA's Legality

Louisiana was one of 26 States that filed suit against the federal government concerning the legality of the PPACA, specifically focusing on two parts: § 1501 (the individual mandate) and Title II (the mandatory expansion of the Medicaid eligible population to 133 percent of the federal poverty level). In June of this year, the Supreme Court agreed that the mandatory Medicaid expansion was unconstitutional. They also ruled that the individual mandate was unconstitutional under Congress's Commerce power, but upheld this provision as an example of Congress's taxing power, admitting that the purported penalty is actually a tax.

While the Supreme Court effectively rewrote the PPACA to uphold the individual mandate, they did not rule on the legality of the remainder of the law. In fact, the Supreme Court is aware that future challenges are likely to occur by its recent actions. With continuing questions about the PPACA's legality, we believe it is prudent to wait until these challenges are completely resolved. Provisions that the Court did not rule on that are still being challenged include:

#### The Employer Mandate

- The PPACA requires that all employers with fifty or more full-time employees provide adequate health care coverage to their employees. (§ 1513, §1514, and §10106). If they do not, these employers could face a tax of \$2,000 or \$3,000.

#### Federally-Facilitated Exchange Subsidy

- In the PPACA, State-based health Exchanges are authorized to provide premium assistance subsidies to individuals from 100% to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. However, the PPACA does not expressly authorize Federally-facilitated Exchanges to do the same. Subsequent regulations from the Internal Revenue Service have interpreted the law so that all Exchanges are able to provide premium assistance. The legality of these regulations is currently being challenged.

#### Preventative Care Mandate

- Section 2713 of the PPACA allows for the Secretary to define preventive care services to be provided cost-free by all non-grandfathered insurance plans. In August 2011, the Secretary released a regulation that included contraceptive and some abortifacient services as preventative care. The regulation has been challenged by numerous groups and individuals (in over 35 lawsuits) who have religious objections to paying for health insurance that includes coverage for contraception and some abortifacient services.

#### Maintenance of Effort

- The Supreme Court's decision invalidated the provision of the PPACA which coerced States to expand their Medicaid program by threatening existing Medicaid funding. Questions remain whether this applies to the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, requiring States to maintain their existing Medicaid eligibility until 2014.

#### Origination Clause

- The Supreme Court decision made it clear that the individual mandate is a tax, not a penalty as claimed by the administration. The PPACA originated in the Senate. The Constitution (Article I, Section 7, Clause 1) is

clear that all taxes are to originate in the House, and thus the individual mandate has been contested as an unconstitutional tax.

#### Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)

- Sections 3403 and 10320 of the PPACA created this 15-member federal board that is granted the authority to make payment changes for the Medicare program without approval from Congress. There are also no administrative or judicial reviews of these decisions.

#### Legality of Rulemaking/Guidance

- With many of the provisions of the PPACA, formal rules and regulations have been delayed or even non-existent. There are serious questions about the legality of this procedure in light of the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### Bad Policy

While HHS has repeatedly said that the States serve as incubators of innovation, the PPACA robs States of this ability by limiting their opportunities to enact meaningful state-led health care reform. For example, the concept for an Exchange originated as a free market idea meant to lower the cost of health insurance for those who decide to purchase such insurance. In theory, an increased pool for those deciding to purchase health insurance is a good idea. It provides individuals the ability to select the insurance coverage that they want at a lower cost. If this were truly the framework for the Exchange model outlined in PPACA, the State of Louisiana would be glad to evaluate it as an option, adopting it to our State's needs. However, the PPACA Exchange is only masquerading as free market idea, and instead creates a vehicle for the Federal government to tightly control the coverage options available to consumers, raising costs and limiting choice. Many employers will drop the health insurance coverage they currently provide to employees, leaving individual health care needs to the federal government. Specifically, the consequences of the PPACA Exchange and associated insurance changes include:

#### Lack of Consumer Choice

- When the PPACA was proposed, the President promised that if individuals liked their current health care insurance, they could keep it. However, the PPACA model will actually force individuals into the broken, government-run Medicaid system and into heavily-regulated, government-run health care plans (deemed "minimal essential coverage" by the Federal government).

Individuals should have the right to select what health care plan is best for them, and not be limited to a one-size-fits-all product that a political process deems is "essential". By mandating that certain benefits be provided in all insurance plans, the price of premiums will increase, leaving individuals unable to continue the coverage they like and a price they can afford

#### Increased Taxes

- The PPACA requires that all Exchanges be financially self-sufficient by 2015. This will require the Exchange to generate revenue, either by instituting user fees in the Exchange market or in the entire insurance

market- essentially a tax on all insurance plans purchased. This will only further drive up the costs of premiums in the Exchange market for consumers and for individuals who will have to pay the premium assistance through their taxes.

- The PPACA also includes a tax on insurance premiums which are proposed to be paid for by "the industry." It is troubling that these same taxes will affect managed care organizations, proven mechanisms for more effectively controlling cost for Medicaid and Medicare, especially needed for States with limited financial resources.

#### Impact on Employers and Employees

- The employer mandate, a tax on employers with fifty or more employees who decide not to provide "adequate" health insurance coverage to their employees, is a disincentive to provide coverage. Already, businesses are attempting to modify their business structure to avoid the law's mandates (either by laying off employees or reducing the number of hours these employees work). Even those employers who provide coverage can be taxed an additional \$3,000 if that employee is eligible and enrolls in coverage on the health insurance Exchange. So instead of building upon the existing insurance market, the PPACA is undermining it.

#### Unworkable

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#### Exchanges in General

- In order for an Exchange to be ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013, it must be approved or conditionally approved by January 1, 2013. However, there have been no formal regulations regarding what guidelines HHS will use to determine if an Exchange is conditionally approved or not.
- It has been continuously promised by officials at HHS that there will be cost comparisons between the Federally-facilitated Exchange, the State-based Exchange, and the partnership Exchanges. These cost estimates have not yet been made public.

#### Federally-facilitated Exchanges

- To date, in addition to the incomplete final rule for health insurance Exchanges, there has been no rulemaking regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and their interactions with the respective States' eligibility systems. Promised in the March 2012 final Exchange regulation was further guidance regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchange. Since that point, only a questions and answers document has been released.
- Numerous contracts have been signed for the development of the

Federally-facilitated Exchange, but these documents have not been made public. The State of Louisiana filed a Freedom of Information Act request within the last month for these contracts and has still not received these documents. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah requested similar documents in his role as Ranking Member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance and has not received a response. It is necessary for these documents to be made public so that States can make informed decisions concerning Exchanges.

#### Partnership Exchange

- A partnership Exchange will be a Federally-facilitated Exchange with certain functions run by the State. It is an option first introduced by a power point presentation and further expanded by a document entitled "General Guidance on Federally-facilitated Exchanges," but has yet to be defined in federal regulations. The final Exchange rule proposed no regulations regarding this option.

- There has been no answer from the Federal government concerning whether the Federal government or the States will be responsible to pay for the state-run functions of a partnership Exchange.

#### The Workings of an Exchange

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**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Exchanges: SC, NE, NM, LA  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:39:24 PM

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Yes- I'll send my internal document to you guys. Give me just a second...about to send another update email

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**From:** Denise Northrup [<mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:38 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Re: Exchanges: SC, NE, NM, LA

Good idea...if you share with Katie she can tell me over the phone...

Even just the ones who have actually announced, we don't have to have the unannounced ones...

On Nov 15, 2012, at 12:36 PM, "Marie Sanderson" [REDACTED] wrote:

I have it but purposefully have not sent it around because I don't want some lobbyist to get it. If I send it to you, will you hold it really close?

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Thanks,  
Marie

SC: See letter attached

NE: See remarks attached

NM: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-11-15/new-mexico-moves-ahead-with-health-exchange>

LA: See link and letter below.

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2694>

Louisiana:

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
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Department of Health and Human Services  
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Washington, DC 20201

November 16, 2012

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As you know, on March 23, 2011, the State of Louisiana announced that it would not assume the risk of building a health insurance Exchange as outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Given the fact that deadlines established in the guidance issued in the August 13, 2012 request of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are not legally binding, the State of Louisiana will not be submitting a Declaration Letter; however, this letter serves as the state of Louisiana's position regarding critical components of the PPACA.

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#### The PPACA's Legality

Louisiana was one of 26 States that filed suit against the federal government concerning the legality of the PPACA, specifically focusing on two parts: § 1501 (the individual mandate) and Title II (the mandatory expansion of the Medicaid eligible population to 133 percent of the federal poverty level). In June of this year, the Supreme Court agreed that the mandatory Medicaid expansion was unconstitutional. They also ruled that the individual mandate was unconstitutional under Congress's Commerce power, but upheld this provision as an example of Congress's taxing power, admitting that the purported penalty is actually a tax.

While the Supreme Court effectively rewrote the PPACA to uphold the individual mandate, they did not rule on the legality of the remainder of the law. In fact, the Supreme Court is aware that future challenges are likely to occur by its recent actions. With continuing questions about the PPACA's legality, we believe it is prudent to wait until these challenges are completely resolved. Provisions that the Court did not rule on that are still being challenged include:

#### The Employer Mandate

- The PPACA requires that all employers with fifty or more full-time employees provide adequate health care coverage to their employees. (§ 1513, §1514, and §10106). If they do not, these employers could face a tax of \$2,000 or \$3,000.

### Federally-Facilitated Exchange Subsidy

- In the PPACA, State-based health Exchanges are authorized to provide premium assistance subsidies to individuals from 100% to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. However, the PPACA does not expressly authorize Federally-facilitated Exchanges to do the same. Subsequent regulations from the Internal Revenue Service have interpreted the law so that all Exchanges are able to provide premium assistance. The legality of these regulations is currently being challenged.

### Preventative Care Mandate

- Section 2713 of the PPACA allows for the Secretary to define preventive care services to be provided cost-free by all non-grandfathered insurance plans. In August 2011, the Secretary released a regulation that included contraceptive and some abortifacient services as preventative care. The regulation has been challenged by numerous groups and individuals (in over 35 lawsuits) who have religious objections to paying for health insurance that includes coverage for contraception and some abortifacient services.

### Maintenance of Effort

- The Supreme Court's decision invalidated the provision of the PPACA which coerced States to expand their Medicaid program by threatening existing Medicaid funding. Questions remain whether this applies to the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, requiring States to maintain their existing Medicaid eligibility until 2014.

### Origination Clause

- The Supreme Court decision made it clear that the individual mandate is a tax, not a penalty as claimed by the administration. The PPACA originated in the Senate. The Constitution (Article I, Section 7, Clause 1) is clear that all taxes are to originate in the House, and thus the individual mandate has been contested as an unconstitutional tax.

### Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)

- Sections 3403 and 10320 of the PPACA created this 15-member federal board that is granted the authority to make payment changes for the Medicare program without approval from Congress. There are also no administrative or judicial reviews of these decisions.

### Legality of Rulemaking/Guidance

- With many of the provisions of the PPACA, formal rules and regulations have been delayed or even non-existent. There are serious questions about the legality of this procedure in light of the Administrative Procedures Act.

### Bad Policy

While HHS has repeatedly said that the States serve as incubators of innovation, the PPACA robs States of this ability

by limiting their opportunities to enact meaningful state-led health care reform. For example, the concept for an Exchange originated as a free market idea meant to lower the cost of health insurance for those who decide to purchase such insurance. In theory, an increased pool for those deciding to purchase health insurance is a good idea. It provides individuals the ability to select the insurance coverage that they want at a lower cost. If this were truly the framework for the Exchange model outlined in PPACA, the State of Louisiana would be glad to evaluate it as an option, adopting it to our State's needs. However, the PPACA Exchange is only masquerading as free market idea, and instead creates a vehicle for the Federal government to tightly control the coverage options available to consumers, raising costs and limiting choice. Many employers will drop the health insurance coverage they currently provide to employees, leaving individual health care needs to the federal government. Specifically, the consequences of the PPACA Exchange and associated insurance changes include:

#### Lack of Consumer Choice

- When the PPACA was proposed, the President promised that if individuals liked their current health care insurance, they could keep it. However, the PPACA model will actually force individuals into the broken, government-run Medicaid system and into heavily-regulated, government-run health care plans (deemed "minimal essential coverage" by the Federal government).

Individuals should have the right to select what health care plan is best for them, and not be limited to a one-size-fits-all product that a political process deems is "essential". By mandating that certain benefits be provided in all insurance plans, the price of premiums will increase, leaving individuals unable to continue the coverage they like and a price they can afford

#### Increased Taxes

- The PPACA requires that all Exchanges be financially self-sufficient by 2015. This will require the Exchange to generate revenue, either by instituting user fees in the Exchange market or in the entire insurance market- essentially a tax on all insurance plans purchased. This will only further drive up the costs of premiums in the Exchange market for consumers and for individuals who will have to pay the premium assistance through their taxes.

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### Impact on Employers and Employees

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### Federally-facilitated Exchanges

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**Cc:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Alex Gerszewski](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fallin admin comment on health insurance exchange report  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:40:07 AM

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Works for me

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:29 AM  
**To:** [maryfallin](#); Mary Fallin  
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Governor, the "Joint Committee on the Federal Health Care Law" chaired by Stanislawski and Mulready is releasing a report in a few minutes. One of their recommendations will be to create a free market health insurance exchange that is integrated with Insure Oklahoma and similar to the Utah Model.

Our planned response will be something along the lines of:

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*If no action is taken by lawmakers in Oklahoma, federal law under "ObamaCare" clearly states that a federally designed and run health insurance exchange will be forced on the state and its citizens. The governor is absolutely opposed to such a federal incursion and believes a state based solution is the best way to prevent that outcome.*

*Governor Fallin is reviewing the recommendations of the legislature. She appreciates their work on this issue and the positive steps they have taken towards an Oklahoma-based, free market solution that will help to prevent the implementation of ObamaCare.*

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**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Medicaid, managed care  
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**Subject:** RE: Medicaid, managed care  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 2:57:44 PM

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Well she is saying a half billion in state funds.  
This number is state and federal.

I need to send the press something to show them she wasn't pulling that statement out of her ass. Do you have something that can help in that endeavor.

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**Subject:** Re: quick question  
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**To:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**Cc:** [Monica Block](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Patients over Bureaucrats  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 8:30:58 AM

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Dear Chiefs:

The following email was sent to your bosses from Governor Bobby Jindal this morning. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Marie

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**From:** Governor Bobby Jindal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 9:17 AM  
**To:** Governor Bobby Jindal  
**Subject:** Patients over Bureaucrats

Dear Governors:

Once the United States Supreme Court reminds our constitutional lawyer professor-turned-President of the existence of the Tenth Amendment and the limits of the Commerce Clause, thereby repealing Obamacare, the natural question becomes, what's next? All of the problems that existed before President Obama, then-Speaker Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Reid forced through a bill to raise hundreds of billions of dollars in taxes, cut Medicare spending, and create yet another entitlement program we cannot afford will still exist.

The American health care system has many well documented flaws, but reminds me of Churchill's description of democracy as the "worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried." Surely, our health care system is too expensive, leaves too many families without coverage, and is plagued by redundant paperwork and procedures. Yet, at its best, there is no better. When your child or parent is sick, you don't wish they could be treated elsewhere. But, you might be worried about how you are going to pay for the medical bills after they get better.

The President often promised that he would bend the health care cost curve down, and I just wish he had succeeded, or even really tried, and had done so in a way that maximizes our freedom. Health care reform is filled with confusing acronyms and large numbers, but really comes down to one simple question: Who do we want making our health care decisions? Do we want doctors and their patients in charge or do we want government bureaucrats in charge? Since health care is such a personal matter – impacting us when we are the most vulnerable - and also expensive – consuming an increasingly larger share of our economy, how we answer this question may be one of the most important domestic policy decisions we make.

President Obama has made it clear his answer involves a top down government run approach that, as President Reagan famously said, “would have the efficiency of the Postal Service and the compassion of the I.R.S.” I was no great fan of the late Senator Ted Kennedy’s policies or politics, but did admire his philosophical consistency and dogged determination to get to a single payer system. I only wish more of our Republican members of Congress displayed those same traits in defense of a consumer based system. Senator Kennedy would pursue incremental steps or huge leaps towards government run health care, depending on the political circumstances, but he always worked to move the system in his direction. We need Republicans in Washington to stop viewing health care as simply a Democratic issue and to stop thinking they have achieved victory when they merely adopt a cheaper version of the Democratic plan. Over the years, Republican members of Congress have slowed down the other side, but have not prevented government from taking over more and more of our health care system. Indeed, the government is soon expected to pay for half of all health care spending, with that portion continuing to increase.

So, what next? How do we strengthen and improve a consumer based health care system? Let’s consider three main purchasers of health care – Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

### **Medicare**

The recent trustees report confirms what everyone already knows, but most in Washington want to ignore. Medicare is going broke, based on solvency of the hospital trust fund, percentage of GDP spent, growth in spending versus revenues, etc. The program today wastes billions of taxpayer dollars each year in fraud and waste, while trapping seniors in a system drowning in what the Mayo Clinic once counted as 130,000 pages of rules and regulations. Len Nichols described the program as the federal government trying to set 10,000 prices in 3,000 counties, making the Pentagon’s \$400 hammers and \$600 toilet seats look quaint by comparison. The Left wants to raise payroll taxes, while Congress and the bureaucrats continue to make political decisions on how much services should cost, which treatments are covered, and how often patients can visit their providers. The consumer based alternative is to adopt a premium support model, similar to the one used for federal employees, Members of Congress, and many in the private sector, to subsidize the majority of the premiums paid by seniors free to choose their own health care plan which best meets their needs.

### **Medicaid**

The Medicaid program, jointly financed and overseen by the states and the federal

government, continues to overwhelm state budgets, consuming more scarce tax dollars and threatening funding for schools and roads, while failing to deliver health care efficiently. While welfare reform continues to stand as one of the most impressive recent domestic policy accomplishments to come from Washington, not exactly a high bar, liberal advocacy groups pressured Congress to inexplicably exclude Medicaid. States need to be freed from the D.C. bureaucracy. The same local flexibility, accountability based on outcomes not process, and an emphasis on helping the poor to thrive in the mainstream that succeeded in transforming welfare will work with Medicaid. There is no excuse for a continued “separate but equal” health care system in this day and age. Democrats have blocked various Republican attempts to block grant the Medicaid program for years, while ignoring the pleas of governors from both parties for regulatory relief and an end to the unfunded mandates.

At the very least, Congress should allow states to opt-in to a more flexible long-term funding arrangement; the Obama Administration could accomplish this through waivers, but won't. States would receive guaranteed federal funding, adjusted on a per capita basis to account for economic cycles, and would agree to predictable federal funding caps set lower than current predicted growth rates in exchange for relief from federal regulations. States would have the freedom to design programs that best meet their people's needs, combined with an incentive to lower costs rather than game the system. Instead of the federal government designing one size fits all eligibility requirements and micromanaging benefit designs and copayment rules, states would be required to focus on improving health outcomes for their vulnerable populations. At the very least, Washington should allow states to start such a program for the able bodied populations, i.e., those who qualify for Medicaid primarily due to income and not health status, which comprise the majority of Medicaid beneficiaries, while considering special protections for the elderly and disabled.

Here is a radical thought – why not free the states to focus their efforts and spending on helping beneficiaries get better paying jobs so they can afford their own health care and break the cycle of dependence? Why not use more Medicaid spending to subsidize private coverage, rather than building public bureaucracies, as a transition to the independence envisioned in welfare reform?

### **Private Coverage**

The American health insurance marketplace simply does not work as it should today. It actually does not resemble any reasonably functioning insurance system. The idea of insurance should be to pool risk over large populations and time to protect individuals against unpredictable and potentially overwhelming risk. Obviously, different people with different income, assets, and medical conditions will have different levels of overwhelming risk. Yet, health insurance, especially individual coverage, today often effectively screens out the sick, offering coverage when we least need it, and too often simply offers prepaid health care coverage.

A good way to understand the failings of the marketplace is to compare health care insurance with other insurance. For example, most of us don't file claims with our auto insurers for every ding our car doors get in the parking lot, knowing the resulting increase in premiums and hassle in paperwork aren't worth the payout. We either pay to fix the car door ourselves or live with the scratches. Yet, we have been trained to expect first dollar coverage for minor procedures, while more and more employers and plans are capping coverage with episodic, annual, or lifetime limits. Also, most of us aren't frustrated at the end of the year that our

homes haven't flooded or burned down, expecting refunds for our property insurance premiums. We don't set fire to a bedroom at the end of the year to ensure we get our money's worth! Yet, many patients flood their doctors' offices or refill prescriptions early towards the end of the year once they have exceeded their deductibles, determined to get their money's worth.

Part of the problem is that our health insurance system has evolved over time almost by accident in response to wage controls, tax policies, and other pressures so that most Americans get their coverage through their employers. The resulting subsidy and economies of scale are important benefits, but it is time to modernize our health care system since neither the status quo nor the President's prescribed fix is acceptable.

Just as technology is transforming our society and empowering the individual, our health care system must also evolve from a top down approach, run by either insurance or government bureaucrats, to a bottom up system where patients make decisions. We need more transparency, where individuals have access to pricing and easily understandable and comparable outcomes and quality data via the internet and also have portable electronic health care records, so that patients can easily navigate what could otherwise be a confusing, potentially scary, and highly technical array of options. Consumers should share in the savings of best practices and have more, not less, access to health savings accounts and other tax advantaged financing mechanisms that reward them for seeking care in cost-effective settings, reducing the likelihood of chronic disease, complying with medical regimens, and applying savings towards future health care costs. Insurance must be made portable across state lines and jobs, and accompanied by policies that reduce the dangers of adverse risk selection with the least amount of intrusion into the markets and our lives (e.g., reinsurance, high-risk pools, fixed open enrollment periods). Consumers, including those working for or owning a small business, must have the opportunity to purchase coverage through voluntary pools, whether through trade associations or churches or unions or whatever, to enjoy the same benefits of scale currently offered to those receiving care through large employers or the government. Payment should be for performance, not activity, rewarding integrated networks offering coordinated care, disease management, and preventative care. Frivolous lawsuit reform is a critical component of a reformed health marketplace that will save billions of dollars while also reducing overutilization. Finally, those needing help to afford their care should get that help via refundable tax credits to subsidize the cost of private coverage rather than building another government-run health plan.

Churchill also said about the American people, "We can always count on the Americans to do the right thing, after they have exhausted all the other possibilities." With Obamacare, we have certainly exhausted all the other possibilities; now is the time to do the right thing and reform our health care system to empower the patient instead of the bureaucrats.

Thanks,

Bobby

*P.S. In the days ahead, our RGA Public Policy Committee will be circulating a detailed policy proposal for reforming our nation's healthcare system for your review and input. I hope you will take the time to share your thoughts and ideas with us.*

**From:** [Pauley, Todd](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: PPACA Health Insurance Tax  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 5:00:05 PM

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That is what Denise said Monday. Just wanted to be sure it remained true and nothing surfaced. Thank you. The Congressman is asking me for this specifically, any explanation as close as one can get to a possible answer. Thanks!

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 05:50 PM  
**To:** Pauley, Todd  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: PPACA Health Insurance Tax

None of it is really known, that is the problem!

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**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: PPACA Health Insurance Tax

Have you in recent days seen a resource that most completely spells out the choices; fed, state, private and the differences between those choices rules, regs, money, those covered, who's responsible etc... To the degree that it is known knowing more is yet to be written? Thanks. Todd

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**From:** Denise Northrup [mailto:[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 05:02 PM  
**To:** Altman, Michelle; Swanson, Randy  
**Cc:** Pauley, Todd; Katie Altshuler <[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: PPACA Health Insurance Tax

The first of many emails we will be exchanging...we are in healthcare hell right now, but thought this was a great summary of part of obamacare that people aren't really talking about right now with the exchange deadline looming.

Not that we're going to have a fix, but we met with them yesterday and they wanted us to talk to our congressional delegation about it, so here you go!

When you guys get a chance and settled in to your new position, let's think about what makes sense

in terms of regular meetings and coordination.

Thanks!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cronn, Christopher" [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** November 15, 2012 1:26:17 PM PST  
**To:** Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)>  
**Cc:** "McMullen, Jennifer" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** **PPACA Health Insurance Tax**

Denise,

Attached is the document referenced in your meeting with UnitedHealth Group earlier. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks again!  
Chris

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**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** RE: health care exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, March 01, 2012 10:31:24 AM

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I would rather pull my own teeth out then talk to him or any press about this...

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To: Katie Altshuler  
Cc: Denise Northrup  
Subject: FW: health care exchange

Woohoo! What do you want to do?

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Greene [<mailto:Wayne.Greene@tulsaworld.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 10:24 AM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: health care exchange

A:

Could I get some time on the phone this week with Katie Altshuler or you and Katie Altshuler to talk about health insurance exchange issues?

wg

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**Subject:** Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 2:53:12 PM

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Ok. I'll pass. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 02:48 PM  
To: Aaron Cooper  
Cc: maryfallin@ [REDACTED]; Alex Weintz; Scott Mason; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt

No we are not...I don't think we have enough info on our decision

On Nov 14, 2012, at 12:35 PM, "Aaron Cooper" <Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

- > Governor,
- >
- > Hugh Hewitt (national conservative radio) is seeking an interview today from the RGA re: Oklahoma not participating in exchanges, AG Pruitt's Obamacare lawsuit.
- >
- > It will be a 10 min phone interview. They have ability from now until around 6pm Vegas time.
- >
- > Are you interested in this opportunity?

**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Steve Mullins](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Updated Info. From OHCA re/ Costs of Medicaid Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 17, 2012 2:59:45 PM

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This is all I have gotten/seen on it.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2012 02:37 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee; Andrew Silvestri; Steve Mullins  
**Cc:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Info. From OHCA re/ Costs of Medicaid Expansion

Oops, forgot about this one last “opt-out” note...

If indeed we have to “opt-out” of the expansion, that WILL require some joint agreement from the legislature which I think needs to be clear in tomorrows meeting with speaker designate and ppt

Do we have any other confirmation of this opinion?

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 5:07 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Andrew Silvestri; Steve Mullins  
**Cc:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Updated Info. From OHCA re/ Costs of Medicaid Expansion

Please see last note...

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**From:** Cindy Roberts [<mailto:Cindy.Roberts@okhca.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 05:02 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez <[Nico.Gomez@okhca.org](mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hello!

Katie –

The first document includes maps of where we believe the “new” eligibles would be (by county). There are actually three maps – one representing 100% enrollment, one representing 75%, and one at 57%.

The second document provides you information about the eligibles, economic impact, reduced uncompensated care, federal matching rates, etc. (I provided notes on the second page to explain the numbers on the first page.) Also, wanted to point out that we did use the 2007 economic impact study - - newer IMPLAN values are not available at this time (ie, for tax revenue). We did talk with the OTC regarding this and they believe, because of other factors occurring since 2007, that the number we have would be pretty well on target.

And, then on another note, we learned today that this will be an “opt-out” eligibility group rather than an “opt-in”. This changes things a bit now; in order to “opt-out” we would probably need legislation.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cindy

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 4:24 PM

**To:** Cindy Roberts

**Subject:** Re: Hello!

Indeed!!!

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**From:** Cindy Roberts [<mailto:Cindy.Roberts@okhca.org>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 04:22 PM

**To:** Katie Altshuler

**Subject:** RE: Hello!

Can I have abt 20 minutes? Promise.

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**To:** Cindy Roberts

**Cc:** Nico Gomez

**Subject:** Re: Hello!

Sorry to harass, just checking back in, I am hoping to print copies before I leave the office today of whatever you send to take with me to the Governor, thanks!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 12:42 PM

**To:** Katie Altshuler

**Cc:** Nico Gomez <[Nico.Gomez@okhca.org](mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org)>

**Subject:** RE: Hello!

Sure. Let me put some finishing touches on it and I will get it to you.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 4:48 PM  
**To:** Cindy Roberts  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez  
**Subject:** Hello!  
**Importance:** High

I am leaving for the National Governors Association Annual meeting on Thursday morning and will be briefing Governor Fallin when I arrive re/ PPACA. I wanted to see if there is anyway I can the information we requested by tomorrow? Thank you! Katie

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**Subject:** Account Search  
**Date:** Friday, November 30, 2012 3:32:05 PM

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Drew,

We appreciate your quick response and willingness to provide assistance with this task. Please search all email accounts within this office for the terms listed below. Also, can you please include all email accounts that originated within this office since January 2011 – i.e. past employees? During our phone conversation, you mentioned that you would check to see if your group has the capacity to search our I Drive as well. Do you have an update on this? Lastly, do you have an estimated time frame of how long this will take?

Search Terms

- Obamacare
- Health Exchange
- Affordable Healthcare Act
- Expansion of Medicaid
- Healthcare Exchange
- State-based exchange
- Early Innovator
- Early innovator and reject
- Healthcare exchange and reject
- All emails sent or received during the month of November 2012

Best,

**Rebecca R. Frazier**  
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[Rebecca.Frazier@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Frazier@gov.ok.gov)

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); "maryfallin [REDACTED]"  
**Cc:** [Glenn Coffee](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA  
**Date:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:20:16 AM

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Oh, how kind.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'maryfallin [REDACTED]'  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Fw: Dr. Coburn asked me to relay his message to Gov. Fallin that he does NOT believe OK should expand Medicaid under PPACA

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**From:** Trent, Josh (Coburn) [[mailto:Josh\\_Trent@coburn.senate.gov](mailto:Josh_Trent@coburn.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 08:15 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Morris, Jerry (Coburn) <[Jerry\\_Morris@coburn.senate.gov](mailto:Jerry_Morris@coburn.senate.gov)>  
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Health Care Policy (LA)  
U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D.  
172 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-5754  
[www.coburn.senate.gov](http://www.coburn.senate.gov)

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**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question  
**Date:** Monday, July 16, 2012 3:55:00 PM

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Yep, guess we just send that...but I would try to make sure with her...its going to start a shitstorm... and basically make her decision for us...without even having met with the speaker and the ppt yet, which I'm not comfortable with. we don't get to write our own dialogue on this, which would be unfortunate.

Can we beg off and say the gov is in the air and wait until tomorrow?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 3:53 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: FOX 25 healthcare reform question

Governor Fallin was disappointed and frustrated with the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the bulk of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). She believes the law is unaffordable and unworkable, and that many aspects of the bill — including the individual mandate — grant Congress power that was not intended by the authors of the Constitution. She voted against the bill as a congresswoman and supported the lawsuit filed by Oklahoma's attorney general as governor. She continues her adamant opposition to the law, and will actively campaign for conservative candidates, including the Republican presidential nominee, who pledge to overturn and replace the ACA.

However, in light of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold most of the ACA, Governor Fallin believes it is her responsibility to thoroughly and thoughtfully review the state of Oklahoma's options regarding the future of both Medicaid and the creation of a health insurance exchange. Her priority is not to make a decision soon; it is to make the right decision. The governor will continue to review how the state of Oklahoma can best meet the health care needs of its citizens. Our office will proactively relay these decisions to Governor Fallin's constituents and to the media as they are made.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2012 3:51 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler  
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**Date:** July 16, 2012 4:16:29 AM CDT  
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**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: OK Representation  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 11:40:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [Perfect Storm .docx](#)

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From: "Ed Goeas" <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 3:07 PM  
To: <denisenorthrup@[REDACTED]>  
Subject: FW: OK Representation

> Crap, I thought I had sent this out last week, but found it in my drafts.  
> Was going to add some commentary, but figured I had better get it to you!.  
> On the road to NH tomorrow. Can we talk about this Wednesday? Thanks, Ed

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> Ed Goeas  
> President/CEO  
> The Tarrance Group  
> 201 North Union Street  
> Suite 410  
> Alexandria, VA 22314  
> 703 684-6688

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Deborah Hohlt [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
> Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 1:43 PM  
> To: Ed Goeas  
> Subject: OK Representation

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> Thanks again Ed.

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> It has certainly been an honor to represent Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels  
> but also a learning experience well beyond my expectations. The "Hall of  
> States" group is a lobbying powerhouse all to themselves and I've gained  
> an important understanding of the issues specific to state governments,  
> the individuals who represent them here in Washington and policymakers on  
> the Hill and in the Administration. Building coalitions within state  
> governments in addition to representing issues with a narrow focus on one  
> state are the cornerstones of my eight years of service. I believe I am a  
> leader within the NGA network and have mentored many new state directors  
> who have come on board during the Daniels Administration.

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> My role for the state of Indiana has included work for all Indiana Cabinet  
> agencies, representing the State's position with Congress, the  
> Administration and federal agencies as well as with the National Governors  
> Association and Midwest Governors Association. As an independent  
> contractor, I am also able to represent Governor Daniels with the  
> Republican Governors Association. Major issues we have worked on include  
> advocacy against ObamaCare while researching the issues surrounding  
> implementation based on cost of the Medicaid expansion and state-run  
> exchanges; submission and approval of an 1115 Medicaid waiver establishing

- > the Healthy Indiana Plan; executive branch approval and Congressional
- > oversight of the state's modernized welfare eligibility system; secured
- > legislative language to streamline the statewide workforce organization
- > and an additional carve out for Indiana's Unemployment Insurance program;
- > passage of the latest highway bill with a fair and balanced funding
- > formula and no language penalizing Indiana's unique public-private
- > partnership, Major moves. We have fought the EPA and other federal
- > agencies on unnecessary regulations and strongly supported the Keystone
- > Pipeline. We staff every visit of the Governor and Cabinet officials from
- > planning to on-the-ground execution of the schedule. Working with the
- > Indiana business community, we support issues of importance to their
- > job-creation efforts.

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- > Based on decades of Washington experience, I am able to efficiently and
- > effectively communicate and advocate the state's priorities across the
- > full spectrum of national constituencies including policymakers, opinion
- > leaders and media. We build key internal relationships with state
- > government officials in the Governors office and within agencies to ensure
- > focus on issues of importance with measurable results. My contacts are
- > extensive in terms of partnering, where necessary, with bi-partisan
- > subject and policy experts as well as coordinating their efforts.

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- > The State of Indiana has always maintained a DC presence through
- > contracting with an outside lobbyist. Many other states follow this model
- > (such as PA, NV, MN, ND, KS) as it is cost effective and far more
- > flexible. My contract with the State of Indiana is for \$22,000/month plus
- > out of pocket expenses (primarily cabs and pre-approved trips to
- > Indianapolis). My retainer has been consistent throughout the Daniels'
- > tenure with no fee increases. The cost is spread across all Cabinet
- > agencies. Unlike a state-based office, with long-term real estate leases,
- > creation of new FTEs and the accrued benefits, Indiana and a growing
- > number of states find contracting an effective way to stay engaged in
- > Washington, DC on policy and politics. In addition to myself, a young
- > attorney on my team, assists with the state account and we are both
- > registered lobbyists for the State of Indiana.

- > I have attached a document, The Perfect Storm, which outlines the many
- > issues facing the 2012 lame duck session and new Congress in 2013. With
- > sequestration having a direct impact on states, especially those with
- > significant defense investments, engagement in federal relations is even
- > more important than ever. Containing health care costs will continue to
- > dominate state budgets and federal policymakers for years ahead, regardless
- > of decisions related to ObamaCare. Tax reform and its impact on state
- > financial instruments will likely be on the table in 2013. Budget
- > pressure will continue to be pushed to state governments and the work of
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- > is critical.

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- > state of Oklahoma and the Governor. As a member of the NGA Executive
- > Committee, having an active DC representative is crucial. Republican
- > Governors staff look to Executive Committee staff for issue coordination,
- > message points and early warnings. I would be pleased to put together a
- > formal proposal that would meet the specific needs of the State of
- > Oklahoma.

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- > Again, many thanks for your interest.

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- > Debbie

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>  
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>>say about you! What they asked me to do is get a ballpark figure to  
>>make this happen, without having you go to the trouble to write a full  
>>proposal. They do not have this in the budget but had several ideas on  
>>funding, so wanted to know how much they may be needing to go after.  
>>Does that make sense to you?  
>>I'm currently on a plane to NV, but have email. Thanks, Ed  
>>  
>>From: Deborah Hohlt [REDACTED]  
>>Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 6:27 AM  
>>To: Rick Hohlt; Ed Goeas  
>>Subject: Re: Debbie following up on representing OK--Ed's call to me  
>>  
>>Thanks Ed. I spent some time with Denise and Katie in AZ a few weeks  
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>>Let me know any specifics they are looking for and happy to get  
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>>>it is best for both of you to email each other reference the specifics  
>>>f what you wanted Ed and of what you Debbie all rady know fo the OK  
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>>>Thank you Ed very much  
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His wife said - now he can rest.

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Or sad for you...could go both ways

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**To:** Cindy Harper  
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We are of one mind. (How very sad for you!)

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**To:** Michelle Waddell  
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That is sooo funny and I was thinking the same thing...maybe if she would have had the health care this would have never happened....Yeah I kinda am struggling with that concept too.

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**To:** Cindy Harper; Brett Thomas; Travis Brauer; Rebecca Frazier; AJ Mallory  
**Subject:** RE: Peolosi Quote

I am still grappling with the thought of Ted Kennedy going to Heaven.  
Can you imagine this introduction: "Edward Kennedy, this is Mary Jo Kopechne. Mary Jo, I'd like you to meet Teddy." ----  
"Uh - we've met!"

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Wow so now they think they can go to heaven and lobby God over political issues? What the... crazy lunatics.

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"Wow -- -- amaaaaazing"

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Almost...well, what did she say

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**To:** [maryfallin](#) [REDACTED]; [Glenn Coffee](#) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [denisenorthrup](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Romney event for tomorrow  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 01, 2012 7:17:25 PM

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Just finished the conference call with the Romney campaign. They will eventually send us a memo but these are my notes on the call.

The format is an "in the round" discussion in which Gov McDonnell introduces the various states and governors, at which point Mitt Romney leads a discussion on public policy, at times throwing the conversation to various governors. Govs will be seated at chairs. The topics are included below; Governor Fallin's is "CUT THE DEFICIT."

The 5 "topic buckets" which are also Romney goals are:

- energy independence
- skills to succeed (education/workforce)
- trade that works for america (fighting trade abuse from countries like china)
- cut the deficit (we balanced our budgets in our states by cutting spending and living within our means
- the federal government needs to do the same)
- support small business

A note on our topic assignment: you were originally assigned to "trade that works for america." I asked them to give us either energy or deficit and they complied.

Other notes:

- the totality of this event is supposed to be 40 minutes long, with 11 governors speaking as well as a presidential candidate. Assuming Mitt talks for half the time, that leaves about 90 seconds for every other governor. Good luck.
- our message on "cutting the deficit" is really simple. The federal government is heaping debt on top of our children and grandchildren and threatening the future of this country. The way forward isn't complicated -- governors do it all over the country. Make cuts and hard spending choices, budget responsibly and live within your means. In Oklahoma we took a \$500 million budget shortfall and closed it, WHILE cutting taxes. We did it by trimming the fat, making some tough choices and by making government more efficient and effective. Weve also taken a \$2 savings account and turned it into almost \$600 million in rainy day savings. If we can do it in Oklahoma, they should be able to do it in Washington. Mitt Romney is the leader who can get us there.
- they have asked to couple any messages about economic success with a mention of the fact that happened IN SPITE of Obama's poor policies, EPA meddling, ObamaCare, constant threats of government shut downs, etc. So "imagine how much more successful Oklahoma energy companies could be with an administration that didnt treat oil and natural gas like a toxic waste"
- dress code is business casual

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Gerszewski](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 8:58:36 AM

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What concerns me is the misinformation and the uneducated idiots that are screwing up this story and intertwining the \$54 million, the refusal to expand Medicaid and the exchange...

For example...does he really have a freakin clue what he's talking about? At ALL?

"I have two concerns," said State Rep. Ed Cannaday (D-Porum). "One is will the attorney general's (Scott Pruitt) approach to this be successful and, two, that we don't want any federal oversight and involvement in our healthcare."

Cannaday is worried the money, that would have gone to support healthcare initiatives in Oklahoma, will end up as part of an exchange in a neighboring state.

If Fallin had agreed to Medicaid expansion, more than 200,000 additional Oklahoma men, women and children would have been eligible for healthcare coverage.

Healthcare exchange money has been reported at \$54 million for Oklahoma, which would include operating expenses.

"Because other states around the country have decided to seek healthcare coverage for their citizens," Scott Inman (D-Del City) said. "Oklahoma Republican leaders created a situation where Oklahoma tax dollars will be sent to other places to insure their citizens."

On Nov 28, 2012, at 8:52 AM, "Alex Weintz" <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

I'm a little shocked they did all this crap with Bennett's daughter in this article:  
[http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article\\_50fb54b6-3918-11e2-8c0c-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article_50fb54b6-3918-11e2-8c0c-001a4bcf6878.html)

Definitely people are running hot on this issue, not that I needed to tell anyone that

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:10 AM

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Gov. Mary Fallin's office is taking comments regarding the setting up of Obamacare health care exchanges in Oklahoma. When you call they will ask you if you are

for or against setting up this next step of Obamacare. It just takes a couple of minutes. A majority of Oklahomans including myself are extremely opposed to setting up these Obamacare exchanges in Oklahoma.

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**From:** Robert Semands  
[\[mailto: \[REDACTED\]\]](mailto:)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** Obamacare in Oklahoma

Gov. Mary Fallin's office is taking comments regarding the setting up of Obamacare health care exchanges in Oklahoma. When you call they will ask you if you are for or against setting up this next step of Obamacare. It just takes a couple of minutes. A majority of Oklahomans including myself are extremely opposed to setting up these Obamacare exchanges in Oklahoma.

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Robert Semands

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: exchange doc  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 3:17:04 PM

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Exactly what I was looking for...thanks

(doesn't help that I'm running at about 75% since I was out on the town with my husband last night!)

On Nov 15, 2012, at 1:07 PM, "Marie Sanderson" [REDACTED] > wrote:

Further, she could say it concerns her that Utah has a fully functioning exchange—a state with one of the lowest costs of care and highest quality. Governor Herbert is very concerned that his exchange won't qualify under PPACA. That gives Governor Fallin a lot of heartburn to move forward with an OK state based exchange.

Ok. done.

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**From:** Marie Sanderson  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 3:05 PM  
**To:** 'Denise Northrup'  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: exchange doc

A few thoughts from my end....

It isn't that states need just a delay on the exchange decision. We need flexibility and room to do exchanges our way. What regulations we have seen from HHS had several references to "will be issued later/to be determined". States need specific answers to our many questions—it is hard to just "trust HHS" and Governor Fallin would say that if it were a Republican Administration. Governors really do want to work with HHS but wish that now that the election is behind us, we can face where PPACA is flawed and fix those challenges. PPACA must be changed. Just simply giving governors more time to consider what HHS has already provided us as it relates to exchanges is just not what we need. We'll still be having the same questions and conversations a month from now if we don't get more answers....

Sorry- that was a rant.

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**From:** Denise Northrup [<mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 3:00 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Re: exchange doc

Gov will talk to Sebelius this afternoon...thoughts on a specific asker talking points?

On Nov 15, 2012, at 12:47 PM, "Marie Sanderson" [REDACTED] > wrote:

Here is my internal document.....this is what I know. Denise, you might have some additional intelligence simply from being around people.

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: I need to talk to you  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 1:10:24 PM

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K thx, I have a call into him, and a text...

On Nov 13, 2012, at 11:09 AM, "Katie Altshuler" <[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

> We would want to do Insurance plan management and Medicaid eligibility determination  
>  
> Katie Altshuler, Policy Director  
> Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
> 2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212  
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> 405.521.2342  
> [katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov)  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Denise Northrup  
> Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 11:29 AM  
> To: Katie Altshuler  
> Subject: Re: I need to talk to you  
>  
> Give me the language that Julie said we would do if we had the partnership...which components  
would we do or not do, thanks...  
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>  
> On Nov 13, 2012, at 9:27 AM, "Katie Altshuler" <[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:  
>  
>> At some point today re/ PPACA, exchange issues if at all possible. We will also need you to talk to  
Bingman about it in the next day or two as well if at all possible! Thank you, Katie

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney general  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 2:57:45 PM

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I told her if they could work on cover for us in a waiver-type situation that might work...their board mtg is dec 5

They can also be realistic about what the legislature would even do. I couldn't remember if we thought expansion would require legislation or not?

On Nov 12, 2012, at 2:55 PM, "Katie Altshuler" <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

> Ok, thanks!

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Denise Northrup

> Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 02:54 PM

> To: Katie Altshuler

> Cc: Alex Weintz; Steve Mullins; Rebecca Frazier

> Subject: Re: Attorney general

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> On Nov 12, 2012, at 2:42 PM, "Katie Altshuler" <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: Denise Northrup

>> Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 02:20 PM

>> To: Katie Altshuler; Alex Weintz

>> Subject: Attorney general

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Steve Mullins](#); [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney general  
**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 2:54:28 PM

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Attorney general  
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**From:** [denisenorthrup](#) [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Aj griffin  
**Date:** Friday, March 02, 2012 2:52:17 PM

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Need to put this on her schedule, perhaps when she's doing phone calls from the mansion?

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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**From:** denisenorthrup [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Fri, 2 Mar 2012 20:07:48 +0000  
**To:** Denise Northrup <[REDACTED]>  
**ReplyTo:** denisenorthrup [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Aj griffin

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**From:** Fount Holland [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Feb 2012 16:59:58 -0600  
**To:** <denisenorthrup [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Aj griffin

Denise,

A.J. is great with it and is extremely excited and honored.

That's plenty of time to get an event together.

I do want to let you know that Patrice also has a fund-raiser event that evening, and I guess I'm a bit concerned we'd be competing against each other. However, it's not that it would be the first time events competed. We will make it work.

Below, I also have attached an auto call we're hoping the governor will record for distribution on April 2, the day before the election. It would be sent to Republicans and previously identified conservative Democrats.

Here is the call in number and passcode. Just follow the prompts after you call in. [REDACTED], passcode [REDACTED]. We will add the disclaimer at the end. Thanks, Denise!

Script is below.

Hello. This is Governor Mary Fallin -- tomorrow is a special election day --- and I'm asking you to help send AJ Griffin to the state Senate.

AJ is a no-nonsense wife, mother, businesswoman and a leader for our families and youth.

I need AJ at the Capitol to help me lower state income tax rates so we can attract new industries to do business in Oklahoma.

AJ will protect our freedoms and our values.

She will stand strong beside me to protect Oklahoma from federal intrusion and help stop Obamacare mandates.

The election is tomorrow, Tuesday, April 3rd, and every vote for A.J. Griffin is important.

Please don't forget to go to the polls.

Thank you!

**From:** [Liz Wood](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Greetings  
**Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2012 1:24:00 PM

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Hello Governor,  
Just talked to Mr. Khoury  
He would like to come by Monday evening and heat up the food, put it on our pretty Platter and have it ready for the family.  
Will all of that work for you?  
He would also like to bring a married couple friend of this to help him.. does all of this sound ok with you? We can set the rose room up and put the Food on the formals dining room or we can set up the Formals dining room for you>>  
He would like to come Monday @ 4:30  
Let me know if this will work for you and the family☺

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**From:** Mary Fallin [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012 10:59 PM  
**To:** Kevin Khoury  
**Subject:** Re: Greetings

Monday will be great! Thank you!  
Will you call the Mansion manager Liz Wood to arrange how to bring the food? Her number is .  
Looking forward to it!  
Thanks Kevin!  
God bless

Mary Fallin

On Jul 25, 2012, at 10:11 PM, Kevin Khoury < > wrote:

Thank you. In my opinion, you deserve a feast. You're doing such wonderful things for our state I need to make sure that you have a healthy happy meal. Please let me know if next Monday or Tuesday will be good for you and the family and a good time.

On Jul 25, 2012, at 9:59 PM, Mary Fallin < > wrote:

We are working on it. And will get it to you soon.

I will look forward to seeing your books. Congrats!

I love Lebanese food and it will be a real treat to have it.  
How much notice do you need to prepare it?  
God bless

Mary Fallin

On Jul 25, 2012, at 9:02 PM, "Kevin Khoury (gmail)"

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Mary,

If it is alright with you, as soon as I have printed my two books ie. **Eliminate Fear, Embrace Success** (in which you are writing a short Blurb ) and **Obamacare, The Cure, The antidote to our Healthcare Dilemma**, I would like to leave copies for you at the Capital. Thank you once again for graciously writing a few choice words regarding my Eliminate Fear, Embrace Success Book. I am looking forward to seeing your words.

You are truly a God send. In His Grips, Kevin

PS: Would truly love to have a Lebanese Cuisine delivery come your way. As Dr. Oz even stated that the Mediterranean Dishes are extremely healthy.

**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Mary Fallin](#)  
**Cc:** [Glenn Coffee](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** FYI: Governor Rick Scott, Health Care Op-Ed  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 4:01:32 PM

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<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jul/6/florida-will-not-implement-obamacare-833758209/?page=all#pagebreak>

## **SCOTT: Florida will not implement Obamacare**

### Health law treats symptoms, not the disease

By Gov. Rick Scott  
Friday, July 6, 2012

Obamacare, in its effort to force everyone into a health insurance plan, is attempting to treat a symptom - the uninsured - rather than the cause of the problem.

I think everyone agrees there are far too many who want health insurance and can't get it. But the truth is, the real problem isn't with health insurance. The underlying cause is the rapidly increasing cost of health care.

Instead of forcing people into another big-government program that eliminates natural incentives to keep costs down, we should be focused on free-market reforms that make health care more affordable. With costs lowered, more people would have access to medical doctors and services, and we wouldn't have to place another heavy burden on taxpayers to make it work.

After the [U.S. Supreme Court's](#) stunning pronouncement on Obamacare, all 50 governors face two big decisions:

1. Do we let the [federal government](#) impose a massive Medicaid expansion on us?
2. Do we establish a state insurance exchange or let the [federal government](#) come in and run it?

My answer is simple. No. We just can't afford it.

Medicaid is the fastest-growing part of our state budget. And unlike the [federal government](#), which isn't required to balance its budget, we could only pay for expanding Medicaid by increasing taxes or cutting from other parts of the budget. Expanding Medicaid puts other vital government functions, such as education, public safety and infrastructure, at risk. That is not something I am willing to do.

History repeatedly has shown that the costs of many government health care programs far exceed early projections. This daunting reality is not unique to Florida. Washington acts as if it's doing states a favor by covering the first few years of expanded Medicaid payments, but where

does it think those tax dollars are coming from? Floridians, as well as taxpayers from every other state, are the ones footing the bill. Furthermore, once the responsibility begins to shift away from the [federal government](#), states will be left to start picking up the tab, putting too much pressure on state budgets.

We already have safety-net programs that cover the needs of the most vulnerable in our state. But if we don't implement a real solution to our health care and economic problems, there will never be enough programs to meet the demand. Since 2009, I've advocated a solution that implements four pillars of free-market reforms: choice, competition, accountability and personal responsibility.

**Choice:** Patients should be able to choose their own doctors. Providers should not force families to buy a plan with services they don't intend to use. By giving every American a choice, providers are naturally forced to compete if they want to stay in business.

**Competition:** People should be allowed to buy a health insurance product across state lines, and they also should know the prices upfront. You wouldn't buy a car or groceries without knowing the price, and you shouldn't have to choose your health care services and providers without knowing how much it's going to cost you. Patients should be able to easily find out the cost for services before they receive them.

**Accountability:** Government should be giving the same health insurance tax breaks to individuals that they give to employers. People should be able to own their own health plans.

**Personal responsibility:** Let's reward people for taking care of themselves. Good drivers are rewarded with lower auto insurance policy rates. Life insurers give preferred rates for healthy lifestyles. The same should apply for health insurance.

As governor of the great state of Florida, I am committed to breaking the cycle of dependence on public assistance. As a person who lived in public housing as a child, I know that cycle can be broken. And I want all of us to have the chance to live our version of the American dream.

For this to happen, we need to focus on the real problem with our health care system, the costs. We need to reduce the high price of health care and help the unemployed get jobs so more people can afford the care they need and more employers can afford to offer health insurance. That's what I'm focused on in Florida. The more opportunity we provide for people to get a quality education and a job, without raising their cost of living, the more we can improve the quality of life for everyone.

*Rick Scott is the Republican governor of Florida.*

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
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**Subject:** state of the state general sketch/outline  
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- Employment rate
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How did we get there? By staying focused and disciplined in pursuit of a pro-jobs agenda. Getting government out of the way; removing barriers to growth; and giving our citizens the tools they need to succeed in the global economy through education reform.

- Lawsuit reform
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- Transportation – 8 yr plan, roads and bridges, investment in jobs
- Education reforms and implementation of education reforms; complete college America

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- Tribal relations
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**From:** [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Cline, Dr. Terry L.](#)  
**Subject:** Updated talking points - I will take any suggestions for improvement or develop more if we missed something  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 6:35:44 AM  
**Attachments:** [Potential Talking Points.docx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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## Potential Talking Points

- While Governor Mary Fallin has opted not to build a state-based insurance exchange or expand the Medicaid program as proposed in PPACA, she and the Oklahoma legislature remain deeply committed to the health of all Oklahomans. One demonstration of this commitment is that they protected the Health and Human Services agencies during the recent economic downturn from significant reductions that would jeopardize the health and safety of our citizens. The end result is that the Health and Human Services area took the smallest reduction of any of the cabinet areas.
- The Governor and her staff have been exploring the impact of PPACA and working with healthcare experts and lawmakers across the country in order to make sound decisions on implementing a state-based exchange or expanding Medicaid in Oklahoma. The final determination is that this law will not improve the quality and availability of healthcare services in Oklahoma and cannot be administered in a financially sound or sustainable manner.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovations in healthcare and the Governor is committed to building upon those innovations to create Oklahoma solutions to our healthcare problems. She welcomes the opportunity to work with the Oklahoma legislature to develop an Oklahoma plan to reduce the number of uninsured families, provide quality healthcare and address rising healthcare costs.

## Medicaid Expansion

- Medicaid is an outdated program that was expanded without reform in PPACA. The Medicaid expansion does not adequately address needed improvements in the availability or quality of healthcare services and it does not begin to address the ever-increasing costs of healthcare. Further, the federal law does not provide flexibility for states to meet the unique needs of their citizens.
- Expanding Medicaid as written in PPACA would cost the State of Oklahoma as much as \$475,000,000 between fiscal years 2014 and 2020. Paying for these increases would necessitate significant cuts to other critical parts of the state's budget like education and public safety. The cost of Medicaid expansion is unsustainable and creates an additional burden on taxpayers and the federal deficit.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovative programs and fiscally responsible enhancements to the Medicaid program. In fact, Oklahoma has reduced the rate of uninsured among children to just 7%. Oklahoma has also created an outstanding on-line enrollment system that allows families in need of healthcare real-time access to Medicaid coverage. These are the very successes that Oklahoma wants to build upon to create a viable healthcare system that actually begins to reduce the costs of healthcare in our state.
- Oklahoma has a history of creating innovative solutions to reducing the number of

uninsured, for example the Insure Oklahoma program (created in 2006) offers premium assistance to small businesses to support the purchase of private insurance for their employees. Under PPACA the Insure Oklahoma program would be discontinued and qualifying workers (those under 138%) would be required to enroll in traditional Medicaid. Oklahoma small businesses and their employees should have the same option to purchase private insurance coverage as other large employers and their employees.

- Oklahoma does not anticipate that the failure to expand Medicaid as written in PPACA will jeopardize Oklahoma hospitals when CMS implements the mandated reduction in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds. Oklahoma's DSH payments do not meet the threshold for significant reduction.

### **Insurance Exchange**

- HHS continues to delay the release of critical guidance and regulations that would allow states to understand the full ramifications of building and implementing a state based insurance exchange. Without HHS regulation and guidance it is unclear how much flexibility and freedom of control will be provided to states operating an exchange.
- The cost of building a PPACA compliant exchange in Oklahoma is estimated at \$30 million to \$50 million dollars. The cost of implementing PPACA in Oklahoma, and nationwide, is staggering and unsustainable. Governor Mary Fallin will continue to work with the Oklahoma legislature to develop financially sound healthcare solutions.
- While the pricing structure has not yet been released, HHS will likely pass the cost of the federal exchange to the insurers selling products on the exchange. This fee, in turn, will likely be passed on to the purchaser of the healthcare plan.

### **What about the special provisions for Native Americans?**

- An Oklahoma Plan will be developed to provide care to all citizens of Oklahoma. As always, we will continue to seek input and guidance from tribal nations and other partners so that we may develop solutions that meet the needs of all Oklahoman's.

### **Oklahoma Plan**

- Governor Fallin recognizes the importance of having healthy citizens. Healthy people create a more productive workforce and children that are able to learn. The governmental system of providing healthcare (Medicaid) is important, but it should not be the primary source of healthcare for so many of our citizens. We need to transform the healthcare system into one that supports individuals and families who need a hand-up while also supporting a robust private insurance market that is focused on making people healthier.
- Oklahoma will be developing an Oklahoma Plan to reduce the number of uninsured and the costs of healthcare. The Oklahoma plan will include some of the following elements:
  - Establish goals that include improved health for our citizens
  - Empower individuals to be engaged in making good healthcare (and health) choices
  - Ensure payment incentives focus on preventive care and improving health
  - Support the purchase of private insurance products where possible
  - Focus on reducing the cost of managing chronic disease, a major cost driver in Oklahoma, including;

- High-risk case management
    - Chronic disease self management
    - Improving care coordination within communities of care
  - Specifically target the reduction of unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency department visits
  - Realign the public health system to support these goals
- The Oklahoma Plan will address the concerns of healthcare providers about the strain of uncompensated care by reducing the number of uninsured
- The Oklahoma Plan will be developed with consultation from tribal nations and other stakeholders to ensure the unique needs of our citizens are met

**From:** [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: draft: exchange/Medicaid press release  
**Date:** Friday, November 16, 2012 5:23:13 PM

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Great – I was struggling with efficiencies too. There may not be many.

Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt ongoing legal challenge of the ACA. Our second, and equally important task, will be to pursue state-based solutions that promote the health of Oklahoman's, empower individuals to take personal responsibility for their health, offer more families better access to affordable, high quality health care in the private sector and transform our Medicaid and public health systems to contain the increasing costs of healthcare. [This transformation must address the increasing burden of chronic disease in Oklahoma by creating a system of care that provides incentives for prevention and disease management programs rather than paying the high-cost for avoidable hospitalization and emergency department visits.](#) I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 5:08 PM  
**To:** Cox-Kain, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: draft: exchange/Medicaid press release

I think it looks great, but I think we should add "cost containment" instead of just efficiencies. And maybe give some examples like disease management, etc??? What do you think?

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**From:** Cox-Kain, Julie [<mailto:Juliek@health.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 05:04 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: draft: exchange/Medicaid press release

Is this detailed enough?

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 2:28 PM  
**To:** Cox-Kain, Julie  
**Subject:** Fw: draft: exchange/medicaid press release

Latest...

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 01:09 PM

To: Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee [REDACTED] t) <[REDACTED]>; Glenn Coffee

Cc: Aaron Cooper; Andrew Silvestri

Subject: draft: exchange/medicaid press release

Draft of exchange/medicaid expansion press release. We have not reached a decision on timing. Still waiting on some policy content in last paragraph.

Governor Fallin today released the following statement, announcing that Oklahoma would not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the proposed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act:

For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the possible creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or to the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that the ACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the U.S. while contributing to the nation's growing deficit crisis.

Nevertheless, the ACA remains the law of the land, and Oklahoma has now been placed in a highly undesirable position by the Obama Administration. We are being asked either to join the federal government in helping to implement the ACA by creating a state based exchange approved by the Obama Administration, or else to accept one created and run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma despite the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the ACA through their support of State Question 756 in 2010.

As I do not believe an ACA-compliant state based exchange will further the health care goals of the state of Oklahoma, and because our citizens have spoken loudly and clearly on this issue, I have today informed the federal government that Oklahoma will not be pursuing the creation of a state-based exchange.

After careful consideration, I have also informed the federal government that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration's proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would increase the burden on our state budget and would further our reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future. Massive new costs associated with the Medicaid expansion would also require cuts to other important government priorities, such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a system that people of all ideological stripes have criticized as inflexible and inefficient.

Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt ongoing legal challenge of the ACA. **Our second, and equally important task, will be to pursue state-based solutions that offer families better access to more affordable and high quality health care in the private sector. Building upon [looking for more concrete language from Health Dept/policy shop].** I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.

**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Rita Aragon](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** re: Healthcare information  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 2:53:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [PPACA Talking Points 1119.pdf](#)  
[Sebelius Letter.pdf](#)

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General,

Thanks for letting us know about the Integris meeting. We know that Oklahoma Hospitals are not taking the governor's decision well, largely because a Medicaid expansion gives them a lot more money. They are advocating for their own financial interests, which is expected.

The press release below, as well as the talking points attached and above I feel do a good job of articulating the governor's position. Let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to answer!

I appreciate the invite for the radio show – we will do what we can to get her on it soon, with the understanding that we are really swamped with scheduling!

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 11:43 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA (Health Insurance Exchange & Medicaid Expansion)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 19, 2012

## Governor Fallin: Oklahoma Will Not Pursue State-Based Exchange or Medicaid Expansion

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today released the following statement announcing that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of a state-based exchange or participate in the Medicaid expansion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“For the past few months, my staff and I have worked with other lawmakers, Oklahoma stakeholders and health care experts across the country to determine the best course of action for Oklahoma in regards to both the creation of a health insurance exchange and the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Our priority has been to ascertain what can be done to increase quality and access to health care, contain costs, and do so without placing an undue burden on taxpayers or the state. As I have stated many times before, it is my firm belief that PPACA fails to further these goals, and will in fact decrease the quality of health care across the United States while contributing to the nation's growing deficit crisis.

“Despite my ongoing opposition to the federal health care law, the state of Oklahoma is legally obligated to either build an exchange that is PPACA compliant and approved by the Obama Administration, or to default to an exchange run by the federal government. This choice has been forced on the people of Oklahoma by the Obama Administration in spite of the fact that voters have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the federal health care law through their support of State Question 756, a constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of key components of PPACA.

“After careful consideration, I have today informed U.S. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius that Oklahoma will not pursue the creation of its own health insurance exchange. Any exchange that is PPACA compliant will necessarily be ‘state-run’ in name only and would require Oklahoma resources, staff and tax dollars to implement. It does not benefit

Oklahoma taxpayers to actively support and fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government, that is opposed by a clear majority of Oklahomans, and that will further the implementation of a law that threatens to erode both the quality of American health care and the fiscal stability of the nation.

“Furthermore, I have also decided that Oklahoma will not be participating in the Obama Administration’s proposed expansion of Medicaid. Such an expansion would be unaffordable, costing the state of Oklahoma up to \$475 million between now and 2020, with escalating annual expenses in subsequent years. It would also further Oklahoma’s reliance on federal money that may or may not be available in the future given the dire fiscal problems facing the federal government. On a state level, massive new costs associated with Medicaid expansion would require cuts to important government priorities such as education and public safety. Furthermore, the proposed Medicaid expansion offers no meaningful reform to a massive entitlement program already contributing to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

“Moving forward, the state of Oklahoma will pursue two actions simultaneously. The first will be to continue our support for Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s ongoing legal challenge of PPACA. General Pruitt’s lawsuit raises different Constitutional questions than previous legal challenges, and both he and I remain optimistic that Oklahoma’s challenge can succeed.

“Our second and equally important task will be to pursue state-based solutions that improve health outcomes and contain costs for Oklahoma families. Serious reform, for instance, should be pursued in the area of Medicaid and public health, where effective chronic disease prevention and management programs could address the trend of skyrocketing medical bills linked to avoidable hospital and emergency room visits. I look forward to working with legislative leaders and lawmakers in both parties to pursue Oklahoma health care solutions for Oklahoma families.”

#### **Governor Mary Fallin Announcement re/ PPACA Talking Points**

- While Governor Mary Fallin has opted not to build a state-based insurance exchange or expand the Medicaid program as proposed in PPACA, she and the Oklahoma legislature remain deeply committed to the health of all Oklahoman’s. One demonstration of this commitment is that they protected the Health and Human Services agencies during the recent economic downturn from significant reductions that would jeopardize the health and safety of our citizens. The end result is that the Health and Human Services area took the smallest reduction of any of the cabinet areas.
- The Governor and her staff have been exploring the impact of PPACA and working with healthcare experts and lawmakers across the country in order to make sound decisions on implementing a state based exchange or expand Medicaid in Oklahoma. The final determination is that this law will not improve the quality of healthcare or address the escalating healthcare costs that are bankrupting our nation, nor does it provide the flexibility needed to improve health outcomes in a financially sound or sustainable manner.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovations in healthcare and the Governor is committed to building upon those innovations to create Oklahoma solutions to our healthcare problems. She welcomes the opportunity to work with the Oklahoma legislature and other stakeholders to develop an Oklahoma plan to reduce the number of uninsured families, provide quality healthcare and address rising healthcare costs.

#### **Insurance Exchange**

- There is an absence of critical guidance and regulations that would allow states to understand the full ramifications of building and implementing a state based insurance exchange. Without HHS regulation and guidance it is unclear how much flexibility and freedom of control will be provided to states operating an exchange. State based exchanges will be so in name only and it does not benefit us to fund a new government program that will ultimately be under the control of the federal government.
- The cost of building a PPACA compliant exchange in Oklahoma is estimated at \$30 million to \$50 million dollars. The cost of implementing PPACA in Oklahoma, and nationwide, is staggering and unsustainable. Governor Mary Fallin will continue to work with the Oklahoma legislature to develop financially sound healthcare solutions.
- While the pricing structure has not yet been released, HHS will likely pass the cost of the federal exchange to the insurers selling products on the exchange. This fee, in turn, will likely be passed on to the purchaser of the healthcare plan.

#### **Medicaid Expansion**

- Medicaid is an outdated program that was expanded without true reform in PPACA. The Medicaid expansion does not adequately address needed improvements in the availability or quality of healthcare services and it does not begin to address the ever increasing costs of healthcare. Further, the federal law does not provide flexibility for states to meet the unique needs of their citizens.
- Expanding Medicaid as written in PPACA would cost the State of Oklahoma as much as \$475 million between fiscal years 2014 and 2020. Paying for these increases would necessitate significant cuts to other critical parts of the state's budget like education and public safety. The cost of Medicaid expansion is unsustainable and creates an additional burden on taxpayers and the federal deficit.
- Oklahoma has a history of innovative programs and fiscally responsible enhancements to the Medicaid program. In fact, Oklahoma has reduced the rate of uninsured among children to just 7%. Oklahoma has also created an outstanding on-line enrollment system that allows families in need of healthcare real time access to Medicaid coverage. These are the very successes that Oklahoma wants to build upon to create a viable healthcare system that actually begins to reduce the costs of healthcare in our state while improving health outcomes.
- Oklahoma has a history of creating innovative solutions to reducing the number of uninsured, for example the Insure Oklahoma program (created in 2006) offers premium assistance to small businesses to support the purchase of private insurance for their employees. Under PPACA the Insure Oklahoma program would be discontinued and qualifying workers (those under 138%) would be required to enroll in traditional Medicaid. Oklahoma small businesses and their employees should have the same option to purchase private insurance coverage as other large employers and their employees.
- Oklahoma does not anticipate that opting not to expand Medicaid as written in PPACA will jeopardize Oklahoma hospitals when CMS implements the mandated reduction in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds. Oklahoma's current DSH payments do not meet the threshold for significant reduction.

#### **Oklahoma Plan**

- Governor Fallin recognizes the importance of having healthy citizens. Healthy people create a more productive workforce and children that are able to learn. The governmental system of providing healthcare (Medicaid) is important, but it should not be the primary source of healthcare for so many of our citizens. We need to transform the healthcare system into one that supports individuals and families who need a hand-up while also supporting a robust private insurance market that is focused on making people healthier.
- Oklahoma will be developing an Oklahoma Plan to reduce the number of uninsured and the costs of healthcare. The Oklahoma plan will include some of the following elements:
  - Establish goals that include improved health for our citizens
  - Empower individuals to be engaged in making good healthcare (and health) choices
  - Ensure payment incentives focus on preventive care and improving health
  - Support the purchase of private insurance products
  - Focus on reducing the cost of managing chronic disease, a major cost driver in Oklahoma, including;
    - High-risk case management
    - Chronic disease self management
    - Improving care coordination within communities of care
  - Specifically target the reduction of unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency department visits
  - Realign the public health system to support these goals
- The Oklahoma Plan will address the concerns of healthcare providers about the strain of uncompensated care by reducing the number of uninsured.
- The Oklahoma Plan will be developed with consultation from tribal nations and other stakeholders to ensure the unique needs of our citizens are met.

**From:** [Kintner, Lauren](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NGA/PPACA  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 4:01:31 PM

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Nothing from Nebraska but thanks for the update

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 3:52 PM  
To: 'Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us'; Kintner, Lauren; 'rspreadlove@utah.gov'; 'wendy.riemann@wisconsin.gov'  
Cc: 'brian@nevadadc.org'  
Subject: Re: NGA/PPACA

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To: 'Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us' <Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>; 'Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov' <Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov>; 'rspreadlove@utah.gov' <rspreadlove@utah.gov>; 'wendy.riemann@wisconsin.gov' <wendy.riemann@wisconsin.gov>  
Cc: 'brian@[REDACTED]'  
Subject: NGA/PPACA

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**From:** [Dona DeLeon](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov](mailto:Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov); [rspendlove@utah.gov](mailto:rspendlove@utah.gov); [wendy.riemann@wisconsin.gov](mailto:wendy.riemann@wisconsin.gov)  
**Cc:** [brian@██████████](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NGA/PPACA  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 4:03:03 PM

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Great job.

Dona deLeon  
Director, Washington DC Office  
NJ Governor Chris Christie  
(202) 638-0631

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: OK Representation  
**Date:** Monday, July 16, 2012 4:20:40 PM

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At least I thought they used to...I thought alan mauk got paid by odot...

And I know john montgomery did some work, but maybe that was just for okc and I'm getting confused...

Maybe that's something we can/should email cabinet about?

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 04:16 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: OK Representation

I don't know of any, did not know they did - who is it?

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 03:50 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler  
Subject: FW: OK Representation

So I know ODOT probably has a federal lobbyist, do you know of any others? Would make sense if we could work it that way, but not sure that really helps...

-----Original Message-----

From: denisenorthrup@[REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 3:19 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: Fw: OK Representation

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Goetas <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2012 15:07:37  
To: denisenorthrup@[REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: OK Representation

Crap, I thought I had sent this out last week, but found it in my drafts. Was going to add some commentary, but figured I had better get it to you!. On the road to NH tomorrow. Can we talk about this Wednesday? Thanks, Ed

Ed Goetas  
President/CEO  
The Tarrance Group  
201 North Union Street  
Suite 410  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
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[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Hohlt [mailto: ]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 1:43 PM  
To: Ed Goeas  
Subject: OK Representation

Thanks again Ed.

It has certainly been an honor to represent Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels but also a learning experience well beyond my expectations. The "Hall of States" group is a lobbying powerhouse all to themselves and I've gained an important understanding of the issues specific to state governments, the individuals who represent them here in Washington and policymakers on the Hill and in the Administration. Building coalitions within state governments in addition to representing issues with a narrow focus on one state are the cornerstones of my eight years of service. I believe I am a leader within the NGA network and have mentored many new state directors who have come on board during the Daniels Administration.

My role for the state of Indiana has included work for all Indiana Cabinet agencies, representing the State's position with Congress, the Administration and federal agencies as well as with the National Governors Association and Midwest Governors Association. As an independent contractor, I am also able to represent Governor Daniels with the Republican Governors Association. Major issues we have worked on include advocacy against ObamaCare while researching the issues surrounding implementation based on cost of the Medicaid expansion and state-run exchanges; submission and approval of an 1115 Medicaid waiver establishing the Healthy Indiana Plan; executive branch approval and Congressional oversight of the state's modernized welfare eligibility system; secured legislative language to streamline the statewide workforce organization and an additional carve out for Indiana's Unemployment Insurance program; passage of the latest highway bill with a fair and balanced funding formula and no language penalizing Indiana's unique public-private partnership, Major moves. We have fought the EPA and other federal agencies on unnecessary regulations and strongly supported the Keystone Pipeline. We staff every visit of the Governor and Cabinet officials from planning to on-the-ground execution of the schedule. Working with the Indiana business community, we support issues of importance to their job-creation efforts.

Based on decades of Washington experience, I am able to efficiently and effectively communicate and advocate the state's priorities across the full spectrum of national constituencies including policymakers, opinion leaders and media. We build key internal relationships with state government officials in the Governors office and within agencies to ensure focus on issues of importance with measurable results. My contacts are extensive in terms of partnering, where necessary, with bi-partisan subject and policy experts as well as coordinating their efforts.

The State of Indiana has always maintained a DC presence through contracting with an outside lobbyist. Many other states follow this model (such as PA, NV, MN, ND, KS) as it is cost effective and far more flexible. My contract with the State of Indiana is for \$22,000/month plus out of pocket expenses (primarily cabs and pre-approved trips to Indianapolis). My retainer has been consistent throughout the Daniels' tenure with no fee increases. The cost is spread across all Cabinet agencies. Unlike a state-based office, with long-term real estate leases, creation of new FTEs and the accrued benefits, Indiana and a growing number of states find contracting an effective way to stay engaged in Washington, DC on policy and politics. In addition to myself, a young attorney on my team, assists with the state account and we are both registered lobbyists for the State of Indiana. I have attached a document, The Perfect Storm, which outlines the many issues facing the 2012 Lame Duck session and new Congress in 2013. With sequestration having a direct impact on states, especially those with significant defense investments, engagement in federal relations is even more important than ever. Containing health care costs will continue to dominate state budgets and federal policymakers for years ahead, regardless of decisions related to ObamaCare. Tax reform and its impact on state financial instruments will likely be on the table in 2013. Budget pressure will continue to be pushed to state governments and the work of Governors to pursue program flexibility in exchange for decreased funding

is critical.

Although in her first term, Governor Fallin has the reputation as a national party leader and I would welcome the opportunity to assist the state of Oklahoma and the Governor. As a member of the NGA Executive Committee, having an active DC representative is crucial. Republican Governors staff look to Executive Committee staff for issue coordination, message points and early warnings. I would be pleased to put together a formal proposal that would meet the specific needs of the State of Oklahoma.

Again, many thanks for your interest.

Debbie

Deborah Hohlt  
[REDACTED] (cell)  
202-624-1474 (office)

On 7/9/12 7:05 AM, "Ed Goeas" [REDACTED] > wrote:

>Debbie, they most definitely want to do this and had great things to  
>say about you! What they asked me to do is get a ballpark figure to  
>make this happen, without having you go to the trouble to write a full  
>proposal. They do not have this in the budget but had several ideas on  
>funding, so wanted to know how much they may be needing to go after.  
>Does that make sense to you?  
>I'm currently on a plane to NV, but have email. Thanks, Ed

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>From: Deborah Hohlt [REDACTED]  
>Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 6:27 AM  
>To: Rick Hohlt; Ed Goeas  
>Subject: Re: Debbie following up on representing OK--Ed's call to me  
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>Thanks Ed. I spent some time with Denise and Katie in AZ a few weeks  
>ago at the RGA event. They are great. Would love to work with them.  
>Let me know any specifics they are looking for and happy to get  
>something to you asap.  
>Deborah Hohlt  
>[REDACTED] (cell)  
>202-624-1474 (office)

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>On 7/9/12 6:15 AM, "Rick Hohlt" [REDACTED] > wrote:

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>>Ed I told Debbie yesterday of our conversation,,k,,that you have  
>>gotten the State Of Ok interested in hiring Debbie, that she needs to  
>>do a proposal!!!! Debbie said GREAT NEWS!!  
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>>it is best for both of you to email each other reference the specifics  
>>f what you wanted Ed and of what you Debbie all rady know fo the OK  
>>interest.  
>>  
>>Thank you Ed very much  
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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Funding for HCR extended  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 4:37:55 PM

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Crazy...

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 03:03 PM  
**To:** Alex Pettit; Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: Funding for HCR extended

No way

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**From:** Alex Pettit  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 02:52 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding for HCR extended

So, the 54MM may still be available, if we wish to open that up again...  
Sent from my Blackberry

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**From:** Sarjoo Shah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 02:51 PM  
**To:** Alex Pettit; Pat Elwood  
**Subject:** Funding for HCR extended

See below,

## **Exchange Establishment Cooperative Agreement Funding FAQs**

Below are a number of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about funding available to States under Affordable Care Act Section 1311(a). These FAQs are applicable to the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), released in June 29, 2012, Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Exchanges, and related 1311 Funding ("new FOA"), which can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), search for CFDA number 93.525. They also apply to prior Funding Announcements, most recently amended November 29, 2011 (old "FOAs") found at:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=12241>.

**Q1: In the new funding opportunity announcement (FOA), released in June 29, 2012, States may be awarded establishment grants through December 2014. Does this change the deadlines for State Exchange approval?**

A1: No. The new FOA does not change the deadlines for State Exchange approval, which are set forth in the Affordable Care Act and regulations.

**Q2: How many opportunities remain for States to apply for funding?**

A2: Ten additional opportunities for States to apply for Level One and/or Level Two funding were announced under the new funding opportunity announcement, with all awards made by December 31, 2014.

In addition to the final funding opportunity under the old FOA, HHS anticipates Level One Establishment and Level Two Establishment applications will be due: August 15, 2012; November 15, 2012; February 15, 2013; May 15, 2013; August 15, 2013; November 15, 2013; February 14, 2014; May 15, 2014; August 15, 2014; and October 15, 2014. HHS anticipates making Notices of Grant Award approximately 45 days after application due dates.

**Q3: What Exchange costs can be covered by 1311 grant funding?**

A3: The Affordable Care Act provides the Secretary authority to provide §1311(a) grant funds for State activities related to establishment of an Exchange, including establishment of a State-based Exchange, development of functionalities that allow the State to participate in a State Partnership Exchange, and State activities to establish interfaces with the Federally-facilitated Exchange. These costs are outlined in the new FOA as well as in prior FOAs.

The first year of Exchange activity is critical to ensuring Exchange self-sufficiency. The establishment of an Exchange and

activities related to such establishment also include start-up year expenses to allow consumer outreach, testing and necessary improvements during the initial start-up year. For example, in the start-up year, we anticipate significant resources will be committed to enhancing systems, developing protocols, raising consumer awareness, training staff, and strengthening the overall effectiveness of operations. **Thus, the Secretary has determined that §1311(a) grant funds are available to fully fund Exchange-related expenses (in the State's approved work plan and budget) until: 1) the end of the start-up year that coverage is provided through the Exchange, 2) the time a State-based Exchange becomes self-sufficient, or 3) §1311(a) grant funds have been expended, whichever comes first.**

Similarly, a Partnership Exchange State may receive funding for its start-up year expenses supporting the FFE in a Partnership model, as well costs associated with transition to and establishment of a State-based Exchange. These funds are available to cover the costs of approved start-up year expenses or State activities in a State-based or State Partnership Exchange, consis

Cordially,

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Anderson calls on Gov. Fallin to reject ObamaCare  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:32:37 AM

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What a piece of work!

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 10:07 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry  
**Subject:** Re: Anderson calls on Gov. Fallin to reject ObamaCare

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How about no mtg w/ him on anything!!!

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 10:03 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler; Craig Perry  
**Subject:** FW: Anderson calls on Gov. Fallin to reject ObamaCare

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## Oklahoma State Senate

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# ***Anderson calls on Gov. Fallin to reject ObamaCare***

State Sen. Patrick Anderson urged Oklahoma's chief executive to join her fellow Republican governors across the country and state for the record that she will not implement ObamaCare. Anderson, a Republican from Enid, said Gov. Mary Fallin needs to be on the front line with those governors who have already announced they won't submit to the federal health care law.

"Bobby Jindal in Louisiana, Chris Christie in New Jersey, Rick Perry in Texas, Scott Walker in Wisconsin, Rick Scott in Florida and Nikki Haley in South Carolina have officially stated they will not implement ObamaCare in their states in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last Thursday," said Anderson. "Oklahoma needs to join these other states and be a leader, not a follower, in the opposition to this law and the substantial

burden that it will place on taxpayers.”

Anderson said despite promises from the President, the end results of the federal health care law would be disastrous for citizens, for Oklahoma and for the nation, with many reports pointing to a revised estimate by the Congressional Budget Office saying the price tag for the law had already risen from under \$1 trillion to \$1.76 trillion.

“In the short-term, the economic brunt will fall on the middle-class. Those who already have insurance will see their out-of-pocket costs skyrocket, while those who don’t will be forced to purchase policies far more costly than they would have been without this federal mandate,” Anderson said. “Businesses are going to be hamstrung by red tape and regulations that will derail economic growth and recovery. At the federal level, this will dramatically worsen our national debt. At the state level, Oklahoma’s Medicaid costs will soar and it will force budget cuts in education, transportation and public safety.”

“We have had enough time to consider last Thursday’s ruling, and we know that the end result will be larger deficits, greater costs to working Oklahomans, and punitive regulations that will cripple many businesses,” said Anderson. “Governor Fallin needs to make Oklahoma’s position clear and tell President Obama that she will not choose to implement this new tax on the taxpayers of Oklahoma.”

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hate to bug you...  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 2:56:00 PM

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And that needs to be the answer to EVERYTHING so they take the freaking hint!

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 2:55 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: Hate to bug you...

“The governor is reviewing the implications of the Supreme Court decision as it relates to the creation of health insurance exchanges at the state level. Our office is not able to comment further until that review is completed.”

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 2:53 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** FW: Hate to bug you...

McNutt says: “could the governor issue an executive order that would include a plan to develop a health care exchange which would meet the Jan. 1 requirement to have a plan in place?”

I don't know what to say except, We are unable to answer that question at this time.

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**From:** Michael McNutt [<mailto:MMcNutt@opubco.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 2:48 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Hate to bug you...

But could the governor issue an executive order that would include a plan to develop a health care exchange which would meet the Jan. 1 requirement to have a plan in place?

Thanks.

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Query  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:53:00 PM

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That should literally be our answer to almost every question

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:48 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: Query

Ok I answered as instructed and of course got a follow up asking how work could proceed without legislation.

Can I just say, "The governor is reviewing the implications of the Supreme Court decision as it relates to the creation of health insurance exchanges at the state level. Our office is not able to comment further until that review is completed."

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:40 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Re: Query

I would just say no, that's not true...I don't think we want to get into the weeds...

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 01:36 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: Query

Michael says, "is it accurate to say no work can be done on developing a health care exchange until the Legislature and the governor approve a plan and designate an agency to develop it?"

I don't think that is accurate, right? Should I say that is one way a health care exchange could be developed but it is possible one could be created on an agency level without legislative action?

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**From:** Michael McNutt [<mailto:MMcNutt@opubco.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:24 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: Query

So is it accurate to say no work can be done on developing a health care exchange until the Legislature and the governor approve a plan and designate an agency to develop it?

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**From:** Alex Weintz [<mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:21 PM  
**To:** Michael McNutt  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: Query

No state agency is actively working on building a health care exchange at this point.

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**From:** Michael McNutt [<mailto:MMcNutt@opubco.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:13 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Query

Alex,  
What state agency is in charge of setting up a health care exchange? The Oklahoma Health Care Authority says it no longer is charged with that responsibility.

Is it the CIO or the office of state finance?  
Thanks.

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: exchange Query  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:20:31 PM

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Use the last sentence only

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 01:17 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: exchange Query

Ok, so, "At this point in time, it is not certain that the state of Oklahoma will elect to create a health insurance exchange. The governor and state agencies are reviewing the law, as well as the affects of the recent Supreme Court decision. No state agency is actively working on building a health care exchange at this point."

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:16 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: exchange Query

No one has been charged with doing it at this point

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 01:14 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** exchange Query

I'm not sure of the answer here ...

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**Subject:** Query

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Jim Reese](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Newspaper Armageddon Arrives for Senator Mazzei, Senator Newberry, and Representative Mulready  
**Date:** Monday, June 18, 2012 7:43:00 AM

Thanks for sharing ☺

**From:** Jim Reese [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 17, 2012 10:27 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Fwd: Newspaper Armageddon Arrives for Senator Mazzei, Senator Newberry, and Representative Mulready

In case you are smart enough to not receive this hate mail.

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**Date:** June 17, 2012 9:35:37 PM CDT  
**To:** [jimlreese \[REDACTED\]](mailto:jimlreese [REDACTED])  
**Subject:** Newspaper Armageddon Arrives for Senator Mazzei, Senator Newberry, and Representative Mulready  
**Reply-To:** [soonerteaparty@gmail.com](mailto:soonerteaparty@gmail.com)

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## Newsaper Armageddon Arrives for Senator Mazzei, Senator Newberry, and Representative Mulready

### Surprise, Surprise, Surprise Senator Mazzei! You really didn't think we would leave you out did you?

And we haven't had any tunes lately so click on [this link](#) and listen while you read.

Okay, I just watched a sci fi show about a meteor striking the earth but the parallel is there. Think of the meteor that was supposed to kill off the dinosaurs, a bunch of fat, happy, big butt reptiles standing in lush grass chomping away till something new caused them to starve to death if they weren't smashed in the impact.

The Tulsa paper was delivered to an airport hangar at the Jenks airport on Friday morning, 15,000 copies including an extra 5,000 copies for Senator Mike Mazzei for skipping the ALAC vote. We need all the local help we can get to get these papers delivered before the primary. But let's motivate you a bit with some facts.

Here is the 2008 primary election numbers for Glen Mulready's district, only 1,987 people bothered to vote:

|                                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| REP) FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 68 | 17 OF 17     |
| BRIAN JACKSON                                  | 397 19.97%   |
| CHRIS BENGÉ                                    | 1,591 80.03% |

In 2010 there wasn't a Republican primary race but here is the general election numbers.

|                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 68 | 17 OF 17         |
| GLEN MULREADY                             | REP 6,768 67.98% |
| SETH WATKINS                              | DEM 3,188 32.02% |

See the difference? In a general election almost 10,000 voters participated, five times the number in a primary. And the Democrat primary that Watkins won was less than 700 voters casting votes....

If you help drop the 10,000 Oklahoma-Guardian newspapers into Representative Glen Mulready's district he is likely going back to work for Blue Cross/Blue Shield as a lobbyist this summer. Yeah, I know, only the name at the top of the paycheck will change for Glen but taking down one of the State Chamber of Commerce's golden hair boys will reverberate through the legislature and we will have ensured the death of Obama Care Health Insurance Exchanges here in Oklahoma unless the Supreme Court lays down on the Constitution.

**So here are two contacts to get more information on what is needed for the newspaper project in Tulsa, both are Tulsa 912 leaders. They could use a lot of help wrapping and delivering papers.**

**Tulsa papers Don Wyatt 520-792-3250 or Randy Harris 918-724-0821**

The Edmond paper, [issue #3](#) has been given to the printer tonight and will be ready to wrap and deliver on Wednesday morning. Contact us at [soonerteaparty@gmail.com](mailto:soonerteaparty@gmail.com) if you can help with the effort.

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Also it looks like this will be the last issue before the primary due to time constraints but we can do one thing that would help Todd Thompson's opponents as well as Paul Blair and Bob Dani, increase the number of papers printed. We put a good story on Representative Todd Thompson's voting record along with a bit about his opponent, Donald Cole Gallup of Stratford. **Right now we are going to print an extra 1,300 copies for the Ada area but if we get donations we can increase the number to 5,000 copies for Mr. Thompson's district.**

Thompson was an Obama Care supporter, anti everything we stand for basically, helped give the 167 million dollars to the higher ed endowment fund, enough cash to have operated over 25 state agencies for the 2012 budget year. Old Todd said he refused to support the Personhood bill because it would endanger his chairmanship on a committee. Let's show Todd that his refusal to support a core issue for both his party and his voters can cost him his political career.

Here is Todd Thomson's 2008 General election numbers:

|                                           |     |              |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 25 |     | 27 OF 27     |
| TODD THOMSEN                              | REP | 7,187 52.61% |
| GARY STARNS                               | DEM | 6,473 47.39% |

But look at his General election numbers in 2006, only two votes separated winning and losing:

|                                           |     |              |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 25 |     | 27 OF 27     |
| DARRELL E. NEMECEK                        | DEM | 4,796 49.99% |
| TODD THOMSEN                              | REP | 4,798 50.01% |

But the real story is his primary against a fellow Republican in 2006 which is the only identical election that we need to base our chances on as there is **no** General election this year!

|                                                 |     |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| (REP) FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 25 |     | 27 OF 27 |
| BLAKE CANTRELL                                  | 608 | 46.70%   |
| TODD THOMSEN                                    | 694 | 53.30%   |

People, we need only around 700 votes to beat Todd Thompson... Can you see the effect that 5,000 newspapers that divulge his sorry voting record will have on the outcome of the election? And Representative Marian Cooksey? That Obama loving RINO grandma? Her 2006 primary numbers are the relevant ones to consider:

|                                                 |       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| (REP) FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 39 |       | 23 OF 23 |
| CLARK DUFFE                                     | 858   | 21.48%   |
| MARIAN COOKSEY                                  | 3,137 | 78.52%   |

What do you think that 10,000 Oklahoma-Guardian newspapers is going to do to her chances of winning? Most homes have two voters and they usually go together to vote so that is as many as 20,000 people that could get their eyes opened and get motivated to show up at the polls.



## **Now, dig in your pockets! Please!**

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**It will be another two years before this chance comes around again, to do so much with so little money**

**We can derail Senator Clark Jolley's \$500,000.00 campaign with ten cent newspapers.**

**We can derail Representative Cooksey's \$60,000 campaign with ten cent newspapers.**

**There are stories on Mike Turner who is running against Guy Liebmann and on A J Bailey who is running against Gary Banz. There is a Charles Key story on his race for the Court Clerk position and a good story on Darrell Sorrels who is running against Sheriff John Whetsel in Oklahoma County. Representative Elsie Hall's opponent's contact info is in the Action Alerts and her voting record is exposed. Bob Dani and Paul Blair both have articles on them and their opponents voting record.**

**Send in enough donations tonight and tomorrow morning before noon and we will hit all of those districts with newspapers. Once we have the first ten thousand papers the next 5,000 is much cheaper IF we print all of them in one shot. This one paper can win all seven races if we put out enough papers into the districts.**

Or you can go back to forwarding anti Obama emails or links to stories about how bad things are getting. But you won't have another chance till 2014 to slap a handful of politicians straight across the mouth for stealing your liberty, for stealing your tax dollars, for lying to the voters, for being State Chamber whores, for selling out when our children and grand children need us to stand up and stop the madness. Help us slap these chamber stooges silly and you can bet that Coburn, Inhoffe, Sullivan, Lucas, Boren, and Cole or whoever replaces them will be watching like a hawk. Send them back to Washington D.C. knowing that things are changing.



# Are We Really Going to Let This Agenda 21 Happen in Oklahoma?

By Ms. PM

Agenda 21 anyone? Why is Oklahoma afraid to pass laws protecting private property and due process? What is it about state sovereignty they refuse to understand? A very clear indicator is the fact that we have morons running the state. In this [article](#), it shows how legislatures armed with the wherewithal of doing the right thing by protecting the citizens is not that difficult of a task, unless you're dealing with the imbeciles within the walls of our State Capitol building.

What is it about the citizens here in Oklahoma not demanding our state come up with a bill that protects us from UN intrusion? For the life of me, this is one I cannot figure out.

Alabama was on the same course until heavy pressure from activists forced the hand of Alabama's governor, Robert Bentley, and he signed this popular bill into law.

The media in Alabama isn't any different than what we deal with here in Oklahoma. These issues, if they are covered, are spun around and made to look like a ball of yummy cotton candy. This law is aimed at protecting private property rights and specifically prevents all state agencies and local governments from participating in this global scheme. Why would the citizens of any state give up their power of acting through their elected representatives? Enacting Agenda 21 strips the citizens of their rights and the decisions will be made by UN bureaucrats. You can forget about the Constitution of the United States and our Oklahoma Constitution.

Whenever you hear Agenda 21, the long tentacles of non-governmental ICLEI are right there working in step and encroaching like the insidious cancer both of these entities stand for. These parasites gain traction by giving money and contracting services within the states. They infiltrate local governments and color their agenda to look like a beautiful rainbow. We all know how easy it is for state government to extend their hand whenever power and money is involved.

Another interesting fact is state government is afraid to pass these tough laws because of the loss of federal funding. Their shortsightedness affects their judgment and they forget that they are in-between the citizens and the federal government; we elect them to represent us. We are being sold out, first because there are still a lot of people that don't find it necessary to pay attention, therefore these miscreants continue to hold office. Second because when they are in office, the citizens are their last priority. Third, the federal government doesn't have to implement any of this because the state governments are more than willing to do their dirty work under the guise of they know what's best for us. The U.S. Senate never ratified Agenda 21 so don't you think it's time to stop this freedom stomping agenda?

Whenever you hear the terms "sustainable living", "smart growth" or "green" you can make a safe assumption that Agenda 21 is behind it. Sustainable living will put you stacked on top of one another to live like good people are supposed to live inside the cities. Those in power want the land to do with what they deem an appropriate way to save the planet. Smart growth will have cities planned out without parking spaces because you should be walking and not polluting. This nudge will get you to loose weight regardless of your wants or needs .

Surprise, Norman is already talking about this. Anything green will come with regulations to make sure you are in compliance with the list of what you will or will not do. Remember the "smart" chips on the Tulsa garbage cans. More of your money will go toward fines once they take the tracking one step further and pass the law that you must recycle. Is this how you want to live? These terms the government uses are more than deceptive. This plan will place you into a situation and by the time you figure it out, the gate will be locked.

Alabama's model could bring about the change needed to protect Oklahomans. It keeps Constitutional Law above International Law. Our freedom and sovereignty is slipping away. Are you going to sit by and let this happen or make the choice to do something about it? This map shows what the country will look like when they're finished with this Agenda 21.



## **State of the Governor Report**

**By R. H.**

[And tunes for Mary Fallin's first couple of years...](#)

It's been just over two years since Governor Fallin took office. It's time to do an evaluation of her midterm performance. How has she done? Has she lived up to the Conservative values she campaigned on, or has she performed as a Liberal politician? With a high profile job as she has, the record is easy to access.

It's obvious that the Governor learned her campaign financing rules from an expert. We went to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission Web site and took a look at her expenditures for the calendar year of 2010. There wasn't much to look at. With few exceptions for salaries, taxes to the I. R. S., and office necessities, everything else seems to have been placed on a credit card. I guess she learned that trick in D. C.

We didn't stop there. We also went to [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org) to see what they had available. The voting record made for some interesting reading. I also found that the campaign finance records were incomplete. They failed to list the \$3,500.00 donation she received from George Kaiser. That's the same George Kaiser that will get his money back from the Solyndra scandal before the taxpayers see a dime. I guess if I wanted to masquerade as a Conservative I'd leave his name off my donor list too. You can find this information at [www.libertyok.org](http://www.libertyok.org).

Since the Governor has been in office, she has signed 354 bills into law. She has vetoed only 10. That's less than 3 percent of the bills she has vetoed. Some of the ones she has signed into law that have mattered to Oklahomans are listed below.

HB 2171 Obama Highway Bill-fiscally liberal  
HB 1953 Governor's Quick Action Fund, Slush Fund-corporate welfare  
HB 2131 Soft on Crime-Liberal  
SB 154 21<sup>st</sup> Century Quality Jobs Act-corporate welfare

These are all bills that deserved the veto pen.

So let's take a look at her voting record while she was in D. C. How well did she represent the Conservative values of Oklahoma during her tenure there?

Jan. 5, 2007 Pay As You Go Rule, Voted Nay-Liberal  
Mar. 14, 2007 Union Organization Bill, Voted Nay-Conservative  
June 7, 2007 Stem Cell Research Act of 2007 voted Nay-Conservative

Primarily a party line vote on most bills. I would rate her performance in Washington as an overall 70 on the conservative scale. She let us down on several votes.

The Governor has pushed for an income tax reduction in the state. I received this [Mary Fallin](#) in my email the other day. Some wonder how we, as a state can afford a tax cut when we lag so far behind in our education funding. But do we really lag behind in funding, or do our funds get wasted on subjects that aren't germane to teaching our children what they need to know. Do we spend our education dollars wisely, or do we spend them on intrusive programs deemed necessary by frivolous dictates from the Department of Education at both the State and the almighty dollar driven federal funds. There can be no denying that our children were better educated before there was ever a federal Department of Education. Maybe it's time to exert our 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights and say NO to the federal government when it comes to educating our kids. We know better locally.

Economic Mobility in Oklahoma has recently become a topic of discussion in the state. It seems that the PEW Institute has decided that Oklahoma ranks among the worse in the Nation for upward mobility in the country. I can't believe that. You can read the report here [Economic Mobility in Oklahoma is Among the Worst in the Nation | StateImpact Oklahoma](#) It's always been my experience that if a person worked hard and did a good job, he or she would get the promotions that they deserved. I think one has to consider the left leaning PEW organization when one considers their report.

One of the biggest problems that the Governor has ignored is the Department of Human Services. They have been a problem for a long time. They are one agency, along with the Department of Corrections, that is habitually underfunded. The death of children entrusted to the care of the state is abhorrent to the senses of every Oklahoman. The documented cases of falsified home visits by case workers are tantamount to negligent homicide in the death of a child, yet in most cases they go unpunished.

Then they highlight the 2012 legislative session. You start off by saying that "The Fiscal Year 2013 budget deal reached by Governor Mary Fallin and state legislators represents a fiscally responsible plan to limit the size and growth of government while increasing funds for core areas of government." The Governor and legislators seem to forget that an increase in the size of government decreases the liberty of the citizens.

Other areas of savings are mostly consolidation of agencies that do the same thing. This should have been done long ago.

Another area of savings is a Memorandum of Understanding of a multistate contract for natural gas vehicles. The idea is to convert the states fleet of vehicles to natural gas by purchasing new vehicles that are already set up to run on natural gas and selling the existing fleet. This is a ludicrous idea. What should happen is convert the existing fleet to natural gas. There is the technology and facilities in state to do the job. Local workman would be happy for the business and it would support Oklahoman owned businesses. In addition, it would encourage residents to make the change.

She seems proud of the Turnpike improvement plan. I have a Turnpike improvement plan for you Governor. As soon as the existing bonds are paid off on the turnpikes, make them part of the regular highway system. That would put more money into the pockets of taxpayers and help attract more business.

The Governor touts the “Statewide Public Safety Plan” in the form of HB 3052. This plan was nothing more than another one of Speaker Steele’s social justice plans. It is in fact a soft on crime bill. This is the second soft on crime bill that the Governor has signed.

This one takes the cake. The Water for 2060 Act. Are you kidding me? The state is now embroiled in a lawsuit with two sovereign Native American Nations because you and the state legislature refused to negotiate with them over their water rights. Instead you feel that you have the power to break a federal treaty and confiscate what does not belong to you.

After reviewing all the information available and even considering that the Governor was dealing with a liberal House and Senate, I can only give the Governor a conservative rating of 30. That makes her a RINO Republican. She is influenced by her metropolitan surroundings, her time as a Representative in Washington, D. C., and her desire to be everything to everybody in the desire to win a second term. If she is a conservative as she claimed, she needs to start acting like one and using the veto pen more often on bills that don’t uphold conservative values no matter who it upsets.



## **Skirting Ethics Laws or Hiding the Truth?**

By R. H.

[This one is for Clark Jolley for not living up to his momma's expectations](#)

This is round two on the ethics complaints filed against Senator Clark Jolley last week. The reports available were consistent about the basic complaint. They all centered on the Senator accepting campaign contributions and holding campaign fund raisers in January 2012 and not filing the required “SO-1” (Statement of Organization form) “ which was due within 10 days of accepting or spending in excess of \$500 or by February 10.” All but one report failed to give but a cursory acknowledgement of the complaint by the Senator.

In a report to News9, which can be read here [Edmond Man Files Ethics Complaint Against Senator - News9.com - Oklahoma City, OK - News, Weather, Video and Sports](#) |, Senator Jolley defends his actions by saying that “We have complied with every one of the laws in the state of Oklahoma-period. We have reported every contributor. We have reported every expense.” He went on to blame this complaint on a campaign gimmick of his opponent.

Let’s take a look at his campaign filings and see if he’s telling the truth, or skirting campaign laws. It just so happens that the Statement of Organization for both 2010 and 2012 are available online at the State Ethics Commission web site. The one for 2010 raises some questions.

The Statement of Organization is a relatively simple form to complete. There are no trick questions on the form. Question six seemed to pose a problem for Senator Jolley in 2010 though. He likes to claim he was running for Attorney General, so why did the one question where it ask “Office Being Sought” did

he file as undecided? This immediately sends up red flags. This indicates that this was never a serious run for Attorney General. This was a way to raise money for future campaigns. Apparently I wasn't the only one who felt this way. The following is from his schedule e expenditure reports.

| Date          | Item                | Name        | Purpose | Amount   |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| Jan. 01, 2011 | Contribution Refund | Contributor | Refund  | \$200.00 |
| Jan. 01, 2011 | Contribution Refund | Contributor | Refund  | \$300.00 |
| Jan. 01, 2011 | Contribution Refund | Contributor | Refund  | \$400.00 |

Apparently other people felt used. Does this sound like the actions of someone truly running for Attorney General? Now let's take a look at his expense reports for problems for the years 2009 through 2012. This is all the information available through the Oklahoma State Ethics Commission web site.

| Date          | Item           | Name            | Purpose        | Amount |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| Nov. 25, 2009 | Travel Expense | Boingo Wireless | Travel Expense | \$7.95 |
| Dec. 26, 2009 | Subscription   | The Edmond Sun  | Subscription   | \$7.25 |

This is unbelievable. You bill a wireless service, for who knows what, to your campaign? Are you really so cheap that you have to pay for a subscription to your hometown newspaper out of your campaign funds? You also listed the beneficiary as Clark Jolley for Attorney General, but how can that be. According to your Statement of Organization you had yet to declare what office you were running for.

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Feb. 17, 2010 | Subscription    | The Edmond Sun      | Subscription    | \$4.35   |
| Mar. 19, 2010 | Membership Dues | Leadership Oklahoma | Membership Dues | \$150.00 |
| Mar. 22, 2010 | Travel Expenses | American Airlines   | Travel Expenses | \$401.30 |
| Mar. 22, 2010 | Travel Expenses | American Airlines   | Travel Expenses | \$271.90 |

This gets redundant. Why is he billing the local newspaper subscription to his campaign? Why are his membership dues in civic organizations being paid by the campaign? Why is out of state travel being billed to the campaign? The biggest question here is why is he traveling out of state in the middle of a legislative session? How many votes did he miss? How can he represent the citizens of District 41 out of state?

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|---------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| Mar. 25, 2011 | Travel Expense | American Airlines  | Travel Expense | \$553.80 |
| Jan. 12, 2011 | Membership     | Edmond Rotary Club | Membership     | \$447.50 |

Again he travels in the middle of a legislative session. This is getting to be a habit with him. How many votes did he miss this time?

One thing noted throughout the campaign is a repeated reimbursement to AT&T. There is no other explanation offered than reimbursement. Through the course of the Jolley for Undecided campaign these reimbursements came to a total of \$1,225.30. I think an explanation needs to be made for this.

Next go to votesmart a look at his campaign finances for the 2012 campaign cycle, it reads like a who's who of liberal political players.

One such liberal lion is George Kaiser. No one can accept a campaign donation from this man and still claim to be a conservative. George Kaiser is a trusted ally of President Obama who stands to receive his investment back from the Solyndra debacle before us taxpayers will ever see a dime. He is also a campaign donation bundler for President Obama.

Other organizations known to keep favored politicians in office have also donated heavily to his campaign.

| Organization                                             | Amount     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Oklahoma Medical Association                             | \$5,000.00 |
| Oklahoma Public Employees Association                    | \$5,000.00 |
| Professional Firefighters of Oklahoma                    | \$5,000.00 |
| Oklahoma City Firefighters                               | \$5,000.00 |
| Oklahomans For Better Housing (ACORN)                    | \$2,500.00 |
| Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce                | \$2,500.00 |
| American Federation of Teachers Oklahoma Solidarity Fund | \$1,000.00 |

With big donors like this, one has to ask where his allegiance lies. Going back to project vote smart, I went to the area that covers interest group ratings. The last year available was 2010. That year he scored a 100% for Pro-Business Policy. His score for Consumer and Patient Advocacy was 64%.

Senator Jolley it looks like you have violated Oklahoma's campaign laws. You held campaign fundraisers for your Senatorial campaign in January of 2012 for sure and possibly as early as December of 2011. You failed to file the required Statement of Organization within the ten day limit as required by law. Your own campaign expenditure reports show you expended well over the \$500.00 dollar limit. The ethics complaint is warranted and justified.

Senator Jolley you are nothing but a RINO Republican politician. In fact after reviewing your records more closely you are worse than a RINO. You qualify as a DIRC. In case you don't know what that means, it's the abbreviation for Democrat in Republican Clothing. I'm not even sure the Democrats would have you. For the good of the party, it's time for you to step down and let a true conservative step up and represent District 41.

Here are all the House members in two [fifty member blocks of email addresses](#). Use Bcc in your email address header and email fifty of them with one email yet they won't know who else got the email.

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Waddell](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Patients over Bureaucrats  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 8:32:11 AM

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Can u print for gov?

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 08:30 AM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Monica Block <mblock@RGA.ORG>  
**Subject:** FW: Patients over Bureaucrats

Dear Chiefs:

The following email was sent to your bosses from Governor Bobby Jindal this morning. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Marie

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**From:** Governor Bobby Jindal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 9:17 AM  
**To:** Governor Bobby Jindal  
**Subject:** Patients over Bureaucrats

Dear Governors:

Once the United States Supreme Court reminds our constitutional lawyer professor-turned-President of the existence of the Tenth Amendment and the limits of the Commerce Clause, thereby repealing Obamacare, the natural question becomes, what's next? All of the problems that existed before President Obama, then-Speaker Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Reid forced through a bill to raise hundreds of billions of dollars in taxes, cut Medicare spending, and create yet another entitlement program we cannot afford will still exist.

The American health care system has many well documented flaws, but reminds me of

Churchill's description of democracy as the "worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried." Surely, our health care system is too expensive, leaves too many families without coverage, and is plagued by redundant paperwork and procedures. Yet, at its best, there is no better. When your child or parent is sick, you don't wish they could be treated elsewhere. But, you might be worried about how you are going to pay for the medical bills after they get better.

The President often promised that he would bend the health care cost curve down, and I just wish he had succeeded, or even really tried, and had done so in a way that maximizes our freedom. Health care reform is filled with confusing acronyms and large numbers, but really comes down to one simple question: Who do we want making our health care decisions? Do we want doctors and their patients in charge or do we want government bureaucrats in charge? Since health care is such a personal matter – impacting us when we are the most vulnerable - and also expensive – consuming an increasingly larger share of our economy, how we answer this question may be one of the most important domestic policy decisions we make.

President Obama has made it clear his answer involves a top down government run approach that, as President Reagan famously said, "would have the efficiency of the Postal Service and the compassion of the I.R.S." I was no great fan of the late Senator Ted Kennedy's policies or politics, but did admire his philosophical consistency and dogged determination to get to a single payer system. I only wish more of our Republican members of Congress displayed those same traits in defense of a consumer based system. Senator Kennedy would pursue incremental steps or huge leaps towards government run health care, depending on the political circumstances, but he always worked to move the system in his direction. We need Republicans in Washington to stop viewing health care as simply a Democratic issue and to stop thinking they have achieved victory when they merely adopt a cheaper version of the Democratic plan. Over the years, Republican members of Congress have slowed down the other side, but have not prevented government from taking over more and more of our health care system. Indeed, the government is soon expected to pay for half of all health care spending, with that portion continuing to increase.

So, what next? How do we strengthen and improve a consumer based health care system? Let's consider three main purchasers of health care – Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

## **Medicare**

The recent trustees report confirms what everyone already knows, but most in Washington want to ignore. Medicare is going broke, based on solvency of the hospital trust fund, percentage of GDP spent, growth in spending versus revenues, etc. The program today wastes billions of taxpayer dollars each year in fraud and waste, while trapping seniors in a system drowning in what the Mayo Clinic once counted as 130,000 pages of rules and regulations. Len Nichols described the program as the federal government trying to set 10,000 prices in 3,000 counties, making the Pentagon's \$400 hammers and \$600 toilet seats look quaint by comparison. The Left wants to raise payroll taxes, while Congress and the bureaucrats continue to make political decisions on how much services should cost, which treatments are covered, and how often patients can visit their providers. The consumer based alternative is to adopt a premium support model, similar to the one used for federal employees, Members of Congress, and many in the private sector, to subsidize the majority

of the premiums paid by seniors free to choose their own health care plan which best meets their needs.

## **Medicaid**

The Medicaid program, jointly financed and overseen by the states and the federal government, continues to overwhelm state budgets, consuming more scarce tax dollars and threatening funding for schools and roads, while failing to deliver health care efficiently. While welfare reform continues to stand as one of the most impressive recent domestic policy accomplishments to come from Washington, not exactly a high bar, liberal advocacy groups pressured Congress to inexplicably exclude Medicaid. States need to be freed from the D.C. bureaucracy. The same local flexibility, accountability based on outcomes not process, and an emphasis on helping the poor to thrive in the mainstream that succeeded in transforming welfare will work with Medicaid. There is no excuse for a continued “separate but equal” health care system in this day and age. Democrats have blocked various Republican attempts to block grant the Medicaid program for years, while ignoring the pleas of governors from both parties for regulatory relief and an end to the unfunded mandates.

At the very least, Congress should allow states to opt-in to a more flexible long-term funding arrangement; the Obama Administration could accomplish this through waivers, but won't. States would receive guaranteed federal funding, adjusted on a per capita basis to account for economic cycles, and would agree to predictable federal funding caps set lower than current predicted growth rates in exchange for relief from federal regulations. States would have the freedom to design programs that best meet their people's needs, combined with an incentive to lower costs rather than game the system. Instead of the federal government designing one size fits all eligibility requirements and micromanaging benefit designs and copayment rules, states would be required to focus on improving health outcomes for their vulnerable populations. At the very least, Washington should allow states to start such a program for the able bodied populations, i.e., those who qualify for Medicaid primarily due to income and not health status, which comprise the majority of Medicaid beneficiaries, while considering special protections for the elderly and disabled.

Here is a radical thought – why not free the states to focus their efforts and spending on helping beneficiaries get better paying jobs so they can afford their own health care and break the cycle of dependence? Why not use more Medicaid spending to subsidize private coverage, rather than building public bureaucracies, as a transition to the independence envisioned in welfare reform?

## **Private Coverage**

The American health insurance marketplace simply does not work as it should today. It actually does not resemble any reasonably functioning insurance system. The idea of insurance should be to pool risk over large populations and time to protect individuals against unpredictable and potentially overwhelming risk. Obviously, different people with different income, assets, and medical conditions will have different levels of overwhelming risk. Yet, health insurance, especially individual coverage, today often effectively screens out the sick, offering coverage when we least need it, and too often simply offers prepaid health care coverage.

A good way to understand the failings of the marketplace is to compare health care insurance

with other insurance. For example, most of us don't file claims with our auto insurers for every ding our car doors get in the parking lot, knowing the resulting increase in premiums and hassle in paperwork aren't worth the payout. We either pay to fix the car door ourselves or live with the scratches. Yet, we have been trained to expect first dollar coverage for minor procedures, while more and more employers and plans are capping coverage with episodic, annual, or lifetime limits. Also, most of us aren't frustrated at the end of the year that our homes haven't flooded or burned down, expecting refunds for our property insurance premiums. We don't set fire to a bedroom at the end of the year to ensure we get our money's worth! Yet, many patients flood their doctors' offices or refill prescriptions early towards the end of the year once they have exceeded their deductibles, determined to get their money's worth.

Part of the problem is that our health insurance system has evolved over time almost by accident in response to wage controls, tax policies, and other pressures so that most Americans get their coverage through their employers. The resulting subsidy and economies of scale are important benefits, but it is time to modernize our health care system since neither the status quo nor the President's prescribed fix is acceptable.

Just as technology is transforming our society and empowering the individual, our health care system must also evolve from a top down approach, run by either insurance or government bureaucrats, to a bottom up system where patients make decisions. We need more transparency, where individuals have access to pricing and easily understandable and comparable outcomes and quality data via the internet and also have portable electronic health care records, so that patients can easily navigate what could otherwise be a confusing, potentially scary, and highly technical array of options. Consumers should share in the savings of best practices and have more, not less, access to health savings accounts and other tax advantaged financing mechanisms that reward them for seeking care in cost-effective settings, reducing the likelihood of chronic disease, complying with medical regimens, and applying savings towards future health care costs. Insurance must be made portable across state lines and jobs, and accompanied by policies that reduce the dangers of adverse risk selection with the least amount of intrusion into the markets and our lives (e.g., reinsurance, high-risk pools, fixed open enrollment periods). Consumers, including those working for or owning a small business, must have the opportunity to purchase coverage through voluntary pools, whether through trade associations or churches or unions or whatever, to enjoy the same benefits of scale currently offered to those receiving care through large employers or the government. Payment should be for performance, not activity, rewarding integrated networks offering coordinated care, disease management, and preventative care. Frivolous lawsuit reform is a critical component of a reformed health marketplace that will save billions of dollars while also reducing overutilization. Finally, those needing help to afford their care should get that help via refundable tax credits to subsidize the cost of private coverage rather than building another government-run health plan.

Churchill also said about the American people, "We can always count on the Americans to do the right thing, after they have exhausted all the other possibilities." With Obamacare, we have certainly exhausted all the other possibilities; now is the time to do the right thing and reform our health care system to empower the patient instead of the bureaucrats.

Thanks,

Bobby

*P.S. In the days ahead, our RGA Public Policy Committee will be circulating a detailed policy proposal for reforming our nation's healthcare system for your review and input. I hope you will take the time to share your thoughts and ideas with us.*

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**To:** "[Jill.Daugherty@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jill.Daugherty@mail.house.gov)"; [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RSC: The State Health Flexibility Act  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:42:20 AM

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What a great idea! Too bad it will probably die a slow, painful death...

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**From:** Daugherty, Jill [<mailto:Jill.Daugherty@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2012 09:40 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
**Subject:** FW: RSC: The State Health Flexibility Act

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**Subject:** RSC: The State Health Flexibility Act

## RSC: The State Health Flexibility Act

*Providing States the Tools to Help Their Most Vulnerable Citizens*

Later this afternoon, Representatives Todd Rokita, Tim Huelskamp, Paul Broun, M.D., and Jim Jordan will introduce **The State Health Flexibility Act**—a bill that streamlines federal Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding into one block grant to the states, giving them maximum flexibility to better address the unique health care needs of their most vulnerable citizens.

The bill text, bill summary, FAQs, and spending comparison chart (all available [here](#)) describe how the bill provides maximum flexibility for states, better care for vulnerable Americans, affordability for everyone, and accountability for taxpayers.

*In short, the bill:*

- Funds federal assistance to the states to provide health-care-related items and services for their indigent populations at current fiscal year 2012 levels;
- Eliminates burdensome red tape and regulations promulgated from Kathleen Sebelius' Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);
- Gives maximum flexibility for states to determine eligibility, benefits, and provider reimbursement rates, as well as to improve the quality of care and access to vital health services;
- Meets the [seven principles](#) for Medicaid reform proposed by 29 Governors in June 2011;
- Prevents the federal government from borrowing and spending **\$1.8 trillion** we do not have, without cutting a penny from current Medicaid and CHIP federal funding;
- Requires annual state audits and reports to the U.S. Treasury, state legislatures, and the public to ensure federal funding is spent properly. Misused funds detected by an audit will result in forfeiture of the funds with a 10% penalty to encourage proactive efforts to root out waste, fraud, and abuse;
- Maintains current law prohibitions against abortion funding, health care services for illegal aliens, and discrimination; and
- Repeals ObamaCare and its costly mandates to help keep state health care programs affordable and focused on the truly needy.

The **State Health Flexibility Act** is the legislative embodiment of the Medicaid assumptions of last year's RSC Budget —it begins the conversation of devolving federal programs to the states by reforming the largest federal mean-tested welfare program.

**RSC Chairman Jordan urges all RSC Members to cosponsor this important bill. For more information or to cosponsor the bill, please contact myself or Tom Borck with Rep. Rokita at [Tom.Borck@mail.house.gov](mailto:Tom.Borck@mail.house.gov) /5-5037.**

Joe Murray

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fallin admin comment on health insurance exchange report  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:25:00 PM

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**From:** Mary Fallin [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:22 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: Fallin admin comment on health insurance exchange report

ok do you think we should tell the public the timeline we are facing.. fed plan will take over next jan 2013

--- On Wed, 2/22/12, Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

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Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 10:40 AM

Works for me

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:29 AM  
**To:** [maryfallin@████████████████████](mailto:maryfallin@████████████████████); Mary Fallin  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Aaron Cooper; Alex Gerszewski; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Fallin admin comment on health insurance exchange report

Governor, the "Joint Committee on the Federal Health Care Law" chaired by Stanislawski and Mulready is releasing a report in a few minutes. One of their recommendations will be to create a free market health insurance exchange that is integrated with Insure Oklahoma and similar to the Utah Model.

Our planned response will be something along the lines of:

*As Governor Fallin has said in the past, she supports developing an Oklahoma-based free market exchange, not only to prevent the creation of a federal exchange run by Washington bureaucrats, but also to increase access to affordable health insurance for Oklahomans.*

*If no action is taken by lawmakers in Oklahoma, federal law under “ObamaCare” clearly states that a federally designed and run health insurance exchange will be forced on the state and its citizens. The governor is absolutely opposed to such a federal incursion and believes a state based solution is the best way to prevent that outcome.*

*Governor Fallin is reviewing the recommendations of the legislature. She appreciates their work on this issue and the positive steps they have taken towards an Oklahoma-based, free market solution that will help to prevent the implementation of ObamaCare.*

Alex Weintz

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**From:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Steve Mullins](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Updated Info. From OHCA re/ Costs of Medicaid Expansion  
**Date:** Friday, July 13, 2012 5:33:47 AM

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I am not convinced. The Gov. has the authority that was then delegated to HCA. She also could claim it is an unconstitutional authority requiring the legislation, opt out and dare anyone to file a lawsuit. Steve, can you research. This sounds like Howard over lawyering this to me.

Glenn Coffee

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On Jul 11, 2012, at 8:17 PM, "Denise Northrup" <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Wow

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 05:06 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Andrew Silvestri; Steve Mullins  
**Cc:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Updated Info. From OHCA re/ Costs of Medicaid Expansion

[Please see last note...](#)

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**From:** Cindy Roberts [<mailto:Cindy.Roberts@okhca.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 05:02 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez <[Nico.Gomez@okhca.org](mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hello!

Katie –

The first document includes maps of where we believe the “new” eligibles would be (by county). There are actually three maps – one representing 100% enrollment, one representing 75%, and one at 57%.

The second document provides you information about the eligibles, economic impact, reduced uncompensated care, federal matching rates, etc. (I provided notes on the second page to explain the numbers on the first page.) Also, wanted to point out that we did use the 2007 economic impact study - - newer IMPLAN values are not available at this time (ie, for tax revenue). We did talk with the OTC regarding this and they believe, because of other factors occurring since 2007, that the number we have would be pretty well on target.

And, then on another note, we learned today that this will be an “**opt-out**” eligibility group rather than an “opt-in”. This changes things a bit now; in order to “opt-out” we would probably need legislation.

Let me know if you have any questions.  
Cindy

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 4:24 PM  
**To:** Cindy Roberts  
**Subject:** Re: Hello!

Indeed!!!

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**From:** Cindy Roberts [mailto:Cindy.Roberts@okhca.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 04:22 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Hello!

Can I have abt 20 minutes? Promise.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 4:22 PM  
**To:** Cindy Roberts  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez  
**Subject:** Re: Hello!

Sorry to harass, just checking back in, I am hoping to print copies before I leave the office today of whatever you send to take with me to the Governor, thanks!

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**From:** Cindy Roberts [mailto:Cindy.Roberts@okhca.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez <[Nico.Gomez@okhca.org](mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hello!

Sure. Let me put some finishing touches on it and I will get it to you.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 4:48 PM  
**To:** Cindy Roberts  
**Cc:** Nico Gomez  
**Subject:** Hello!  
**Importance:** High

I am leaving for the National Governors Association Annual meeting on Thursday morning and will be briefing Governor Fallin when I arrive re/ PPACA. I wanted to see if there is anyway I can the information we requested by tomorrow? Thank you! Katie

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Another Skill Set From Representative Sullivan, Lying To Police  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 12:33:43 PM

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Yes, coffee heard Reynolds was going to do a press release on it. Its not going to go away any time soon, not here anyway

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 12:33 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Re: Another Skill Set From Representative Sullivan, Lying To Police

Also see bit on Kaiser...

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 12:32 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Another Skill Set From Representative Sullivan, Lying To Police

Lovely!

Although I much prefer rehashing rep. sullivan's messy divorce

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 12:19 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Fw: Another Skill Set From Representative Sullivan, Lying To Police

Fyi - see part on exchange

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**From:** Sooner Tea Party [mailto:soonerteaparty@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:42 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** Another Skill Set From Representative Sullivan, Lying To Police



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14th at 9:00 am in the House Chamber at the State Capitol. I believe they chose this particular meeting place to avoid having to deal with questions from the audience but a good crowd will remind them what is waiting for them should they go ahead and implement Obama Care here in Oklahoma. Below are the Senators and Representatives on the committee, it would be a good idea to call and email to remind them that the majority of the citizens of Oklahoma are dead set against Obama Care/Fallin Care.

Light em up..



Make it clear to them that there will be a political price for supporting Obama Care/Fallin Care in any form or fashion. Remember that they are practiced politicians, they can sell sand to an Arab, don't get in arguments or discussions, tell them what the people of Oklahoma want.

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**Phil Lakin, George Kaiser, and Obama**

A few weeks ago we went over the candidates for Tulsa City Council. One of the candidates for District 8 is Phil Lakin; Phil is also the Chairman of the George Kaiser Family Foundation. George Kaiser is one of the investors of the defunct solar energy company that was in the news last week for going bankrupt owing the U.S. government hundreds of millions of dollars. Lakin is also on the board of the Tulsa Community Foundation and other boards.

Here is an email from a Washington Post reporter responding after a Tulsa activist reached out with info on Phil Lakin and George Kaiser:

Quote:

"We are very interested in George Kaiser and any help you might be able to give us would be greatly appreciated. Our George Kaiser is chairman of Tulsa-based BOK Financial Corp. and owner of Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. He also is one of Solyndra's biggest backers through an organization known as the George Kaiser Family Foundation. He is an Oklahoma oilman who bundled campaign contributions from multiple sources for Obama's 2008 campaign. Kaiser raised, or bundled, \$50,000 to \$100,000 for Obama's 2008 campaign, according to a list that had been posted on Obama's 2008 campaign website. He gave \$2,300 personally, according to the FEC.

As you probably know, the George Kaiser Family Foundation is a charitable organization based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and backed by donations from Kaiser. It holds about 35.7 percent of the company, according to a Solyndra filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Kaiser made three visits to the White House on March 12, 2009, and one on March 13. Kaiser has denied any direct involvement in the Solyndra deal. In a statement from his foundation he said he "did not participate in any discussions with the U.S. government regarding the loan."

The White House meetings put that statement to a test. He met with former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors Austan Goolsbee, Senior Advisor Pete Rouse, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council Heather Higginbottom and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Jason Furman. People who work for him also went to the White House, including chairman and founder Christian Gronet and Board Members Thomas Baruch and David Prend. This information is according to the WH visitor logs. Former Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel and Adviser Valerie Jarrett reportedly also met with Kaiser.

End quote.

Here are some articles on the [George Kaiser/Obama/Solynda loan connection](#):

[Washington Times article](#)

[Bloomberg article](#)

[Tulsa World article](#) that came out Sept 8th

[Tulsa Today article](#)

[Big Government link](#)

[Washington Times article today](#)

[September 3rd article by Bloomberg](#)

[Solyndra/Obama Connection](#)



### **Representative Glen Mulready Talking Trash Again**

Occasionally one of our members asks why we expose so much of the legislator's dirty laundry and focus on their response to our newsletters. For two reasons:

1. It shows people that the legislators are no better than the rest of us, almost anyone could run for office regardless of what baggage they might have or their "qualifications".
2. Their responses to our newsletters are illuminating, especially when they lash out in anger over the exposure of the seamy side of the legislature.

Last week, one of our old sparing partners, Representative Glen Mulready, just had to open his mouth again. Like the old joke about the hunter and the grizzly bear, one begins to wonder if Representative Mulready is doing this for the sport of it. Representative Mulready was one of the founding members of the Short Bus Caucus, a group of Republican House members that were running their mouth against the Tea Party during one of the Republican Caucus meetings. Here is a link to that May 8th newsletter where Representative Mulready helped us come up with the name transvestite Republican: [Transvestite Republicans](#)

So last week Representative Mulready once again shot off his infamous mouth in an email to one of our allies. Here is the email:

Subject: Re: A Jerry Springer Batch of Legislators

Date: Fri, 2 Sep 2011 14:25:06 -0500

From: Glen Mulready

To: Jim Gxxxx [xxxxxxx@cox.net](mailto:xxxxxxx@cox.net)

Jim,

I would respectfully suggest to you that your forwarding of this groups "trash" only serves to undermine your own credibility.  
Hope you are well.

Best,

Glen Mulready  
Sent from my iPhone, please pardon any typos.

End quote.

When challenged by one of the messages recipients, Representative Glen Mulready had this to say:

Quote:

“BL,

So, "relevant to the topic" from your perspective is someones (Sic) innuendo and rumor tossed around without any kind of evidence. This is one radical person, with no evidence, throwing things out there about people he doesn't like....plain and simple.

The bottom line is no different than I tell my young boys daily. Choose your friends wisely...you will be known by those you hang out with. If you wish to be identified closely with this group, then by all means, continue to forward their emails. I'm telling you that this is a quick way for you to move you and your group towards irrelevance by association.

I have a lot more detail about this groups posting of comments and pictures of my family earlier this year that I could share with you, but will not take the time.

Choose your friends wisely!

Best regards,

Glen”

End quote.



Representative Mulready's purpose in taking the time to respond to B.L. is obvious; to try to drive a wedge between the Tea Party and the rural interests.

If you have taken one of my classes on the Real Nature of Politics, you will recognize the classic responses regurgitated by Representative Mulready. He starts by stating that forwarding the Sooner Tea Party newsletter undermines B.L.'s credibility. When a politician tells you something, the first thing you should ask yourself is how it benefits the politician if you believe what he says. Think about it, Representative Mulready is not supporting B.L.'s effort so if B.L. was hurting his credibility then Representative Mulready would just stay silent and let him hang himself.

Next Representative Mulready admits that forwarding something is the same as endorsing something. Using that logic, he supports and endorses the House leaders that voted for the transvestite birth certificate bill, therefore Representative Mulready supports everything else the House leadership stands for: allowing illegal immigration, biometrics on our drivers license for future facial recognition tracking systems, highway cameras watching car license plates for ticketing those without insurance (next will be those that are running an expired tag, next are those driving 5 miles over the speed limit), implementing the Obama Care/Fallin Care Health insurance exchanges (Mulready is heading that interim study), stopping Open Carry, and stopping all the Tea Party/Constitutional bills that support the 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 10th Amendments.

As to the list of immoral legislators cheating on their spouses, multiple sources backed up each instance of infidelity. One case was dropped after a Democrat legislator vouched for the legislator after approaching him on our behalf; five or six others are still under investigation so we did not put them on the newsletter. The Kirby and Osborn affair was checked using both GOP and Democrat sources. The Charles Ortega story was confirmed using legislators and local sources, he is the talk of the town these days... the old goat! The Lee Denney story was verified using local sources as well as multiple legislative sources.

We back up 100% of our info before we use it in the newsletter. As far as ruining a cheating legislator's reputation, they ruined it themselves; we are just spreading the news. As far as the Sooner Tea Party's "agenda", it is simple, force legislators like Representative Mulready to represent their constituents instead of ruling over them like they are royalty and to force the legislators to support the Constitution including the Bill of Rights. If Representative Mulready needs stepped on to force him to do right, we have no problem stepping on him.

As to posting his family picture, we took the picture off his campaign website. If he drags his family into his campaign to claim family values, then what is wrong with using the picture when Representative Mulready is going against family values? We posted his family shot next to a drag queen smoking a cigarette and asked the readers to see if the two men looked alike and to let us know if Mulready didn't look like a transvestite.... not as single email came in against the article, people understood that we were pointing out that Mulready was a hypocrite.

Lastly, Representative Mulready talks big about not slandering people and tossing around innuendo and rumor, yet he doesn't look into the stories before claiming we are "radical" and are slandering people. The difference between Representative Mulready and our group is that we put our info out in public, Representative Mulready prefers to slink about and whisper lies in private. And where is Representative Mulready's outrage over Representative Dan Sullivan's behavior?

But the highest nail gets the hammer so Representative Mulready has earned another article in the newsletter about his character and his refusal to represent the people in his district. He is an elitist, he said so at that meeting in May, said that regardless of how the people in his district want him to vote he is going to vote his way. I've got it on tape, it is going to make a great robo call.

Remember always that the Mulreadys of this world believe that the rest of us are sheep to be sheared. They stay in power only by dividing any that rise against them. They are accomplished liars; the most dangerous of them are the sociopath liars who tend to rise into leadership positions. They truly believe they are not lying, from being so wrapped up in their fantasy world and their belief that they are above everyone else.



## **Oklahoma Real Estate Commission Whitewashes Sullivan Real Estate Investigation**

And after all that documentation of the forged document that we looked at last week, what did the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission do? They whitewashed the investigation, seizing upon a comment from Mrs. Sullivan that stated she didn't know which party altered the document and forged the initials. That is the problem with reasonable people, they talk reasonably, and Mrs. Sullivan was just stating an obvious fact. Most people would understand that an investigation was required to ascertain who altered the document and forged the initial. A bureaucrat on the other hand would jump at the chance to get this issue off their desk and done with! All they had to do was question the realtor about the document and she would have rolled over on either Representative Sullivan or his attorney.

Here is the official Investigative Report of the OREC investigator Sherry L. Kueffler. Look for the file labeled:

["C-2010-047\\_Final\\_\(GS\)"](#)

Here is their contact info:

Telephone: (405) 521-3387  
Toll Free: 1-866-521-3389

## **Did Representative Sullivan Lie To Tulsa Police on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2007?**



Two weeks ago we told the story of a terrified woman fleeing her home around 11:30 pm, in her night clothes, barefoot, not even taking the time to grab her cell phone. A source claimed that after an argument over continuing the marriage counseling, Representative Sullivan eyes were so dark with anger that they were like "looking at the end of the world".

Sources say Mrs. Sullivan fled northeast on I-44 in the early hours of September 19th, so afraid for her life, so shocked, so intimidated by her husband's behavior that she could only think of putting distance between them. Remember that reports state that Representative Sullivan had been mixing prescription medicines, over the counter cold medication, and booze. Documents and emails show that he was in dire financial straits, had impregnated a House staffer that worked under him at the capitol during an illicit and illegal affair, and was becoming increasingly unstable.

Mrs. Sullivan could think of only one place to go where her reserve deputy/Judicial Committee Chairman/Representative husband wouldn't likely find her, a bed and breakfast place near Grand Lake that she remembered from a previous trip long ago. She realized that she couldn't hope to find a vacancy at 2:00 or 3:00 am so she parked in the parking lot of the Cherokee Yacht Club near Ketchum, Oklahoma.

It wasn't long before a security guard came over to see why a woman was parked by the lake in the predawn chill. Dressed in night clothes, shoeless, and scared, the officer recognized the signs of an abused woman in need of help. The officer opened up the lobby and allowed Mrs. Sullivan to wait inside until daylight, then after telling her the bed and breakfast she was searching for had closed the previous year, the officer recommended another small business that rented secluded lake cabins.

The innkeeper was a woman that had also had experience with abused women in shelters and immediately recognized the tell tale signs: no shoes, no luggage, night clothing rather than suitable attire, a woman clearly frightened that her husband would find her and do harm. Since Mrs. Sullivan was still terrified of being found, the innkeeper suggested parking the car away from the cabin, lessening the chance that Representative Sullivan could track her down.

And what was Representative Sullivan doing about this time? Well, he had gone to work. Doesn't sound like something that a normal husband would do after his wife fled in terror the night before, most would be out looking for her or calling her friends and family, perhaps even calling the state police since she was the wife of a legislator. But not Representative Sullivan, where most of us would have been worried sick, Representative Sullivan went to work, had lunch, and went home.

Finally around 9:30 pm Representative Sullivan reported his wife missing, twenty two hours after she fled. Representative Sullivan told the officer of the cell phone left behind, that he had called his family and friends in an effort to find her, and had looked online to see if she had used her credit cards or withdrew money from an ATM. The police report states that Representative Sullivan said that he didn't believe that Mrs. Sullivan was suicidal but she had been upset over health issues. No mention of the argument that turned physical, no mention of the marriage counseling as a result of Representative Sullivan's infidelities, Representative Sullivan chose to lie and say Mrs. Sullivan was upset over health issues...

Look for the file labeled: [“Missing Person Police Report 9.19.2007”](#).

But much later Representative Sullivan testified under oath as part of the divorce proceedings. During his testimony Sullivan denied that he had told the Tulsa Police that Mrs. Sullivan was worried about her health the night she fled. **In fact Representative Sullivan admitted on the witness stand that they had had an argument which caused Mrs. Sullivan to flee.**

[“Representative Sullivan Deposition Proving He Lied About The Reason Mrs. Sullivan Fleed”](#)

Okay, some of you might say, so Representative Sullivan didn't want to air his dirty laundry. He told a little white lie to save face. If that were all, we wouldn't be reporting this but what came next is absolutely chilling.

The missing person report also states:

“Dan, who is also a TCSO reserve deputy, verified that his only owned weapon was accounted for in their home.”

#### **Did Representative Sullivan own only one weapon?**

Representative Sullivan claimed only one gun in his statement to the Tulsa police on the missing person report. Here is what Sullivan had in the way of weaponry around that time, many of them left loaded around the home.

S & W 640-1 CD A6703

New England Arms SB4 MAG 10 ga NE320444

Remington 700 7mm mag 250505

Remington 742 30-06 A7371364

Remington Nov-48 20ga 5831524

Ruger super BH 44 81-65581

Remington 1100 20ga N823401

Mossberg 590 12ga p603944

Glock 21C FLD 346 Returned to Sheriffs dept.

Ruger Sec, six 357 15347399

Colt AR-15 sport 223 66548

Glock 21C DSV190US

Glock 27 EVN264US

US CARBINE M1 30 4242553

Remington 870 12 Y502890

S & W 457 45

**I counted 16 guns, not one that he told the Tulsa police officer about.**

And here are pictures of the guns that Representative Sullivan denied owning.





Now many people collect guns, nothing wrong with that. The problem here is Representative Sullivan lying.

One can only wonder why Representative Sullivan would lie to a police officer about the number of weapons he owned. Was he was covering his tracks in case a body was found and ballistic tests were run? What we can be certain of is that Representative Sullivan has no qualms about lying to a police officer or on the witness stand, if it suits his purpose. All that remains is to ask why Representative Sullivan lies. There are three types of liars:

- 1.Pathological Liar, someone that doesn't lie purposely, they actually believe that they are telling the truth.
- 2.Compulsive Liar, someone that lies out of habit because it feels "right".
- 3.Sociopaths, someone that lies incessantly in order to get their way and does so with little concern for others.

Of the three types of liar, I believe that Representative Sullivan better fits the Sociopath model better than any other. [link to list of traits of sociopaths.](#)



Yes, this was a messy divorce! But if character matters, something that the country forgot when they elected Bill Clinton, and if past behavior is indicative of future behavior, do we dare allow Representative Sullivan to walk away from his behavior and crimes without penalty? Do we dare allow the other 148 legislators think that if Representative Sullivan got away with it, that they can get away with it?

Here is the contact info for the Speaker of the House, Kris Steele and for the GRDA, who is considering Representative Sullivan for the top CEO position. Please call them and give them your opinion on this matter.

Kris Steele: (405) 557-7345 [krissteele@okhouse.gov](mailto:krissteele@okhouse.gov)

GRDA (918) 256-5545 Michael Kiefner, interim CEO

Oh, and what happened to Mrs. Sullivan? Her brother and her sister in law found her on Thursday, two days after she had gone missing. They had gone online to the Pike Pass website and found the Vinita exit charge, then cruised around till one of them spotted her car.

Representative Sullivan never went looking for her.



## Obama Administration Exporting American Jobs DOJ Advises Gibson Guitar to Export Labor to Madagascar

[This story](#) has been in the woodworking journals for some time. Gibson Guitar was raided in 2009 and despite their exotic woods coming from certified importers, millions of dollars worth of lumber and finished guitars were confiscated. Their competitors, Martin Guitar and Fender Guitar, use the same importer but they haven't been raided, likely due to the owner of Martin Guitar being an Obama donor and both companies not having the deep pockets that Gibson Guitar possesses. Despite obtaining letters from the Madagascar government stating that the wood in question was exported legally, the Obama administration contends that the wood was imported in violation of Madagascar law (not U.S. law!).

The wood the Government seized on August 24 is from a Forest Stewardship Council certified supplier and is FSC Controlled, meaning that the wood complies with the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council, which is an industry-recognized and independent, not-for-profit organization established to promote responsible management of the world's forests. I've seen articles in the wood working journals about Gibson Guitar's commitment to the Forest Stewardship Council program.

The Obama administration contends that only finished wood products are allowed to be exported from Madagascar and have told the Gibson Guitar company that all of this would go away if they moved production into the country that exported the exotic woods. Gibson is one of those rare companies that has been able to keep ahead of foreign imports by focusing on top quality products, keeping hundreds of jobs right here in the U.S.

I firmly believe that there is no such thing as a crazy person or a crazy law. Most alleged insanity usually looks reasonable once viewed from the correct angle. If one believes the [Cloward-Pivens strategy](#) is behind the Obama administration wanting to close down an American factory and send the jobs to Madagascar, then this story begins to make perfect sense.

I am a former employer. I've owned furniture factories and cabinet shops over the years, employing from a few to over 40 employees. My current shop was built to employ ten employees but the most employees we could ever amass at once was eight. The restriction was finding someone willing to actually show up for work, and then once there, be willing to put in a productive eight hour day putting out quality work. Once people stuck around long enough to pick up the skills required to work efficiently, they could earn as much as \$15.00 per hour. Not enough, I know, but with the other cabinet shops employing illegal workers at \$7.00 to \$8.00 per hour, that was the best we could pay. The wood working industry has always had wages up to 60% less than other manufacturing industries, the low barrier of entry for new shops has always caused professional shops to compete with those working in their garages or working on site to build cabinets, with the low overhead giving the unprofessional shops a large advantage.

Low wages in itself isn't 100% of the problem. Once people figure out how to play the system, they don't need to work for low wages if they use Section 8 housing, free medical care at the emergency room, food stamps, and the other welfare programs. So companies like Gibson are hit with both low price foreign competition and finding workers with enough self esteem that they are willing to work rather than sit on the government dole. And then the Obama administration wants to shut them down and ship the jobs overseas.

I started winding down the number of employees I worked years ago. When the internet age came upon us it was obvious that if your quality was not the best, it mattered not what price range you were in, unhappy customers would post bad references about your company online for all to see. I've seen

comments where people talked about the price of a set of cabinets being the only standard toward choosing a company because they could always demand quality. Well, cabinets are like any other product, you get what you pay for, all that type of customer can do is set themselves up for problems. So I decided to avoid the low end of the market, focusing on the upper end where one could charge enough to do top notch work and avoid the bad reviews. That meant that I could afford to hire only the best workers, because the old system of bringing in a new hand and absorbing the cost reworking his mistakes wasn't possible anymore.

If a manufacture can manage to get past the foreign competition and the lack of work ethic in the majority of the workers in the lower pay scales, then government regulation is still there to cause problems. It was bad enough back in the mid eighties when I had over 40 workers on my payroll, with untold dozens more producing materials, supplies, or components for my factory. It is ten times worse these days as Gibson Guitar is finding out.



So like John Galt in Atlas Shrugged, I went on strike. Now I work no employees, just do what I can do by myself and I've found I make more than I did with eight employees even carrying the enormous overhead of a 10,000 square foot shop. This strategy is the only safe way to survive in business these days unless you have a very profitable business and can just burn money to solve problems. One wonders how much of the current 9% unemployment and the enormous under employment is due to capitalist like myself just refusing to play the game.



#### **Is The OBAMA REGIME ARMING U.S. STREET GANGS VIA ATF? Indiana Gun Sales Draw Scrutiny**

A few months back the ATF got caught letting weapons get smuggled into Mexico. Allegedly part of a sting operation to catch gun shops selling to buyers that weren't legally able to purchase guns, they termed it "gun walking" and as it turned out besides Mexico and Honduras, the ATF might be doing this all over our country. [The article at this link](#) raises the question: Is Obama arming the gangs and Muslims using the ATF? The story below talks about an Indiana gun walking scheme sanctioned by the ATF.

[Full story at Sipse Street Irregulars](#)

### **BBQ Fund Raiser Set For Rep John Bennett September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget about the John Bennett fund raiser at Sallisaw at the county fair barn at Redwood and Shirley on Thursday night, the 15th of Sept. @6:00 pm . I'll be doing some grassroots training after the meal. The Bar B Q is free, but please contribute to the re-election campaign funds of Senator Mark Allen and Rep. John Bennett. Door prizes, silent auction, and donation jars will be at the door. There will be a live band, "War Pony", playing as well.

**Also remember about the ArmesControl.Com trip on Saturday. Meet at the Newcastle Gaming Center before 7:00 am or call me before 9:00 am if you are meeting us in Lawton. Cell phone reception is spotty down South so call before we get into the area!**

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: This pretty much says it all about our efforts at the NGA....they are just on a different planet called command and control  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011 4:19:02 PM

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Ya, I was wonderin what kinda debrief yu gave her

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 5:15 PM  
To: Marie Sanderson; Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us; debbie [REDACTED]; Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov; Kloiber, Bill - DOA  
Subject: RE: This pretty much says it all about our efforts at the NGA....they are just on a different planet called command and control

Sorry I missed the call at 2pm/3pm today, sounds like OK may have been a little off message. Sorry about that, we are in fact on the same page with all of you.

Katie Altshuler, Policy Director  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Marie Sanderson [<mailto:msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 2:20 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us; debbie [REDACTED]; Lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov; bill.kloiber@wisconsin.gov  
Cc: DennisG.Smith@dhs.wisconsin.gov; sverma [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: This pretty much says it all about our efforts at the NGA....they are just on a different planet called command and control

Speaking of which, I'm about to write my memo for that phone call. Here's a rough draft -- please do not forward but I'd be interested in your comments as we all write our memos..... I just typed this out in about 1 minute....

I think I'll begin with the state of play--

Two issues of disagreement-

1. Relief from the MOE: We need MOE relief from both Congress and Sebelius. It is not something that can be separated from this discussion even though a letter was sent in January. Any language about MOE should address unfunded mandates. Gov Gregoire will probably try to tell you NGA has already addressed MOEs.

2. Block Grants: Some Democrats, notably Governor Patrick to this

discussion, oppose the block grant idea.

Governor Gregoire is upset with staff and had hoped that we would come up with a list of things in which governors can agree, saving the last couple of "hot" items for governors to resolve. She is concerned the one governor on either side of the aisle can veto a consensus document.

Governor Heineman, through his leadership, identified on the front end what our "line in the sand" would be. 1) Relief from MOE and 2) Block grants. Any list not including those items would be a deal breaker for our caucus.

Politically, agreeing to a document with items that the Secretary might approve while ignoring other items is not agreeable to either side. Democrats are just as concerned about Chairman Ryan using what we release as we are concerned about the President using what we produce. (the President has referenced this NGA healthcare task force in his remarks in the last couple of weeks, adding fuel to our concern that HHS/WH is looking for us to produce something they can use). Governor Gregoire was going to talk to Governor Patrick about compromise language on block grants, and, at this time, I am unaware of what such language could include. I'd caution you on such a position.

The document, attached to your memo is lengthy. It divides the subject matters into three sections: high cost savers, middle and low cost savers. The details of the memo is not critical to your conversation today.

My recommendation is that you support Governor Heineman and his efforts to graciously conclude the NGA healthcare task force on the basis that healthcare reform is very political and we are unable to agree on two of the most important issues we face. NGA should focus on the other 85% of issues beyond healthcare where we do have agreement.

Reminder- We do have the RGPPC healthcare process which is still at the Medicaid Director level but will be presented to Governors in the near future for their edits and eventual approval/release.

>>> "Dona DeLeon" 04/26/11 12:49 PM >>>  
No tomorrow at 3:00 - Wed

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Subject: Re: This pretty much says it all about our efforts at the  
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Is the Medicaid Task Force call for this afternoon still on? Sorry if I missed a previous communication on it already.

From: Dona DeLeon [<mailto:Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>]  
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Applaud his move to contain costs - paying for outcomes not fee-for-service using an accountable care model, but note my highlights, like the the federal government's just released 500 pages of ACO regs, Patrick believes the government - not patients - should drive the decision-making and cost savings, they think they need to command and control from Boston and/or Washington.

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Massachusetts, pioneer of universal health care, now may try new approach to costs

By Amy Goldstein , Friday, April 15, 6:15 PM

BOSTON - Five years ago this week, Massachusetts became the first state

to move toward universal health insurance, foreshadowing the 2010 federal health-care overhaul . Now, the commonwealth is debating whether to become a role model again by replacing the fee-for-service system that has long defined U.S. medicine.

Massachusetts Gov. Deval L. Patrick (D) is trying to "shove," as he put it, the health-care system here into a new era of cost control. He is proposing a new way of paying for care that would try to propel changes in the way it is delivered. It would give lump payments to teams of doctors responsible for almost all the care of a group of patients, with bonuses for saving money and dispensing high-caliber services that keep people healthy.

The governor's plan - stirring an impassioned debate inside the gold-domed State House on Beacon Hill and among players in the state's vaunted health-care industry - would make Massachusetts the only state to promote wholesale new arrangements of "integrated care."

Massachusetts in 2006 created a health insurance exchange, a requirement that most residents carry coverage and subsidies to help them pay for it - central elements now in the federal law. As a result, 98 percent of the residents here are now insured, the highest rate in the nation. But the state's first round of health-care changes devoted far less attention to medical costs.

"We did access first," said state Senate President Therese Murray (D). "Now we have to figure out how we afford that."

With that question widely regarded here as unavoidable, "Massachusetts is where the feds are going to be" in a few years, predicted Robert Laszewski, a health industry consultant. "It's a time machine."

The governor's proposal builds on a surprising consensus among leaders from the state's insurance and hospital industries, medical society, legislature and governor's staff who served on a special state commission assigned to diagnose the culprit behind the soaring medical spending.

Fee-for-service medicine "is a primary contributor to escalating costs and pervasive problems of uneven quality," the commission unanimously concluded in 2009.

Despite the consensus, huge questions loom: Who should be part of the new medical teams? How would the idea work for most doctors who practice alone or in small groups? How much clout should the state wield to blunt the ability of powerful local health systems to drive up costs? And, importantly, how heavy a hand should the government use to compel change?

"We are preparing ourselves to grapple with a certain amount of constructive disruption in the industry," Patrick said in a lengthy interview. "It's a journey."

In the pressure-cooker of medical costs in the United States, Massachusetts offers a particularly vivid example. The spending per person on health care is 15 percent higher than the national average - even taking into account the comparatively high wages here and outsize role of medical research and training. The move to near-universal coverage, state figures show, accounts for a sliver of recent increases in insurance premiums, which have soared above inflation. The main

reason has been a rapid escalation in prices.

"The growth is outstripping every single measure of society's ability to keep up," said Glen Shor, executive director of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector, which runs the insurance exchange.

Having committed to health care for almost everyone, Shor said, Massachusetts does not have the same "safety valve" as other states, which are carving services and sometimes people from public health and insurance programs. "As a result, we have to, more than anywhere else, stare squarely at cost containment."

In this climate, the private health-care marketplace already is taking steps away from fee-for-service, the method by which doctors, hospitals and others who treat patients are paid for each service they provide. The rationale is that such a system rewards more care rather than coordinated treatment and upfront care that can lessen the need for more expensive services later on.

The biggest move is being made by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the commonwealth's largest insurer. In 2009 it began a new payment system called Alternative Quality Contracts with some of the doctors and hospitals in its network.

The arrangement is a version of the accountable care organizations that the federal government also is trying to encourage in Medicare. They pay teams of doctors or hospitals a lump sum or what is called a "global budget" for the patients assigned to them. If a team can provide care for less, it keeps some of the savings, assuming it also meets enough of 64 measures of quality that Blue Cross has defined. Today, about one-third of the primary care doctors in Blue Cross's network are taking part. A half-million HMO patients have been put in them - but not told by the insurer.

The arrangement is voluntary, but Andrew Dreyfus, Blue Cross's president and chief executive, said that if doctors and others stay with the old fee-for-service model, "we can no longer pay the kind of price increases we have . . . in the past."

Some doctors are embracing the new way of working. David C. Pickul is the medical director of the physicians group affiliated with Lowell General Hospital, in an economically bruised community about 30 miles northwest of Boston. The group is in the third year of a five-year "alternative quality" contract with Blue Cross involving a hub of 70 primary care doctors and a looser group of 200 specialists who are responsible for 20,000 HMO patients. The team now has a financial incentive, Pickul said, to track down patients when it is time for their mammograms or for eye exams for those with diabetes. Under Blue Cross's quality rating, Lowell has soared the past two years.

Blue Cross is not alone. At Partners HealthCare, the famous Boston-based medical system that dominates health care here, Massachusetts General Hospital has been conducting a Medicare experiment in which nurses are assigned to coordinate care for about 2,500 older patients with multiple ailments. The experiment, which began five years ago, so far has reduced hospital re-admissions by one-fifth and cut medical spending by 7 percent.

"Frankly, the market has already . . . responded," said Gary Gottlieb, Partners' president and chief executive. "There is enough momentum for

us to do this without instrumental regulation" by the state.

The governor and some other officials disagree. The need to lower costs, they say, is urgent enough that the government should step in, and they have been laying groundwork.

A 2008 law that created the special commission also gave the state sweeping new powers to document the problems of medical costs. Attorney General Martha Coakley used new subpoena power to produce a report laying out large disparities in hospitals' prices and concluding that they are unrelated to the quality of their care, the sickness of their patients or whether the institution is a teaching factor that drives prices was "market leverage," Coakley wrote, singling out Partners as the greatest offender.

Then, in a February 2010 speech before the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Patrick "just lost my patience," he recalled. Unless insurers lower their prices, he told the audience, he would direct the insurance commissioner to take the unprecedented step of rejecting any rates the state viewed as excessive.

"I said, 'Look, something has got to give,' " he said in the interview. "They didn't think I would do it." But on April 1 last year, the commissioner rejected 235 of 274 proposed increases for individuals and small businesses.

Some insurers sued. Eventually, many settled with the state for smaller increases. "I meant to get people's attention, and we did," Patrick said. This year, insurers returned with smaller increases.

The commonwealth has begun to use its large purchasing power - through Medicaid, subsidies for people to buy coverage in the exchange and insurance for state and municipal workers. For instance, in November, Massachusetts Health and Human Services Secretary JudyAnn Bigby said, Medicaid began an experiment with "medical homes" that coordinate care for the patients of about 200 doctors statewide.

The governor's legislative proposal, introduced in February, would go further, setting changes in motion for both public and private insurance. In addition to the goals for a broad shift to global payments within four years, it would give the insurance commissioner authority to reject insurance rates based on the prices providers charge.

Such a plan has influential allies, including Murray, the state Senate president, who is urging fellow lawmakers to adopt the global payments plan this year.

"We've seen how patients in these integrated care organizations are much healthier and happier. . . . It has been a godsend," said Brian Rosman, research director of a group called Health Care for All that is part of a new coalition pushing for the governor's proposal.

Skeptics urge caution. House Majority Leader Ronald Mariano (D) says the state "ought to take more time. You turn the system upside down, you don't educate people sufficiently, you are going to have a repeat of what we had in the '90s with the [backlash against] HMOs."

And Alice Coombs, president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, is especially concerned about physicians who work alone or in small groups, older physicians who might choose to retire rather than switch or new

doctors who might leave for other states.

Among the biggest unresolved questions - for critics and supporters alike - is what the government would do if the shift to global payments and integrated care did not reach the goals by 2015. Patrick is admittedly vague on the question. "Yes, there should be accountabilities," he said. "I am not persuaded that the market is going to get this right all by itself."

But he said, "I don't want to pre-suppose" the precise power the state should have to force changes. The bill we filed," the governor said, "is to provoke a debate, not to conclude it."

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**Subject:** RE: In The News - CMS  
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Well we had them swept when we took office, perhaps it needs to be done again!

-----Original Message-----

From: White, Terri L [<mailto:TLWhite@odmhsas.org>]  
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Timing is uncanny! You're sure your offices aren't bugged right? :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2011, at 4:34 PM, "Denise Northrup"  
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From: Mike Fogarty [<mailto:Mike.Fogarty@okhca.org>]  
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Hello,

I take great pride in Oklahoma as I'm sure you do also. From time to time, we find news articles, studies or other pieces that highlight some of our state's accomplishments or feature some of our wonderful residents. I would like to take the opportunity to share this information with you on occasion. Below is the first such piece. It features a wonderful story about an Oklahoma mother and her child. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.  
I welcome any thoughts or feedback.

Sincerely,  
Mike Fogarty  
CEO, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

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Thursday, November 10, 2011  
Faces of Medicaid  
Kaiser Family Foundation

Medicaid, the public program that provides health and long-term care coverage for low-income individuals and families, covers about 60 million people currently, or 1 in 5 Americans. Medicaid beneficiaries include pregnant women, children and families, individuals with disabilities, and seniors. During down economies, Medicaid places pressure on state and federal budgets as the number of people who qualify for the program grows. Without Medicaid, most of its beneficiaries would be uninsured or lack coverage for essential care. Although Medicaid reaches many poor Americans, it does not reach all of them. Under the new health reform law, beginning in 2014, millions of uninsured, low-income Americans will gain health coverage through a major expansion of Medicaid

- Read All The Faces Of Medicaid Profiles< <http://facesofmedicaid.kff.org/facesofmedicaid.aspx>>
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Anthony Burke, 11  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"...I'm just really grateful. The Medicaid SoonerCare program has had a profound effect on my family." – Anthony's mother, Latrita

Latrita McFadden noticed from the beginning that her son, Anthony Burke, now age 11, always walked on his tiptoes. When he began to complain that his knees were hurting, she tried to get help. Latrita took him from doctor to doctor, but she was advised each time that Anthony would probably grow out of it and no one referred her to a specialist. Anthony fared well enough until he started school, where he was taunted about his walk and also about a speech impairment. "He used to walk around with his head low and just kind of avoid everybody," Latrita reports. Anthony became withdrawn and would not read aloud in class. His first-grade teacher held him back, saying that he was immature and unable to speak well enough to rise to second grade.

Things changed dramatically for Anthony when, newly covered by SoonerCare (Oklahoma's Medicaid program), he received some much-needed care. Latrita took him to a new primary care doctor, who referred him to a specialist about his walking. That led them to an orthopedist, who diagnosed Anthony's shorter-than-normal Achilles' tendons and operated on one of his feet (he will need the same surgery on his other foot). Anthony also began to get speech therapy as well as some counseling. According to his mother, "Once he got that surgery and he stopped walking on his toes like he was doing, his self-confidence skyrocketed." Shortly after the operation on his foot, Anthony "graduated out" of speech therapy, and though he continues his exercises on his own, he no longer needs to see the physical therapist either.

Latrita has trouble containing her amazement as she describes a boy who now has the self-esteem not only to speak, but to serve as junior deacon in his church and run for student body president. And in a sharp contrast to a few years ago, his fifth-grade teacher now has him tutoring other students in his class. Anthony didn't win the school election, but he says he's going to run next year and keep on running until he wins. His mother enjoys the unintended pun, "It's funny because he says, literally, I'm going to keep on running... He knows he can run and his feet are working like they're supposed to work now."

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**Subject:** Re: Meeting with the Governor

That's inaccurate. Not all of them voted for it. Vaughn voted no and Dustin Roberts walked the vote.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2011 12:49 PM  
**To:** Craig Perry; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the Governor

From Muskogee politico:

12 freshmen Republican legislators issued a [press release](#) last night encouraging the state to return or not accept any federal money associated with ObamaCare and the controversial 'early innovator' grant. This was apparently prompted by the backlash and uproar over the [House passage of HB2130](#). ***Ironically***, each of the twelve legislators in the press release voted *for* HB2130, despite the fact that many of the points made in their press release were made by opponents of HB2130 *before* these twelve voted for the bill.

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**From:** Craig Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2011 12:27 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler

**Subject:** Re: Meeting with the Governor

Aaron Stiles was bragging about "freshman leadership" earlier today and he has been pretty vocal.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2011 12:24 PM  
**To:** Craig Perry; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the Governor

Fyi – its my opinion that we make them sweat this one out. I want to know who the ringleader is – and if its randy, I want to know.

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**From:** Craig Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2011 10:59 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Fw: Meeting with the Governor  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Randy Grau [mailto:Randy.Grau@okhouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** Craig Perry  
**Cc:** Elise Hall <Elise.Hall@okhouse.gov>; Josh Cockroft <Josh.Cockroft@okhouse.gov>; Jadine Nollan <Jadine.Nollan@okhouse.gov>; Rusty Farley <Rusty.Farley@okhouse.gov>; Marty Quinn <Marty.Quinn@okhouse.gov>; Steve Vaughan <Steve.Vaughan@okhouse.gov>; Dustin Roberts <Dustin.Roberts@okhouse.gov>; Sean Roberts <Sean.Roberts@okhouse.gov>; Aaron Stiles <Aaron.Stiles@okhouse.gov>; Dennis Casey <Dennis.Casey@okhouse.gov>; Tom Newell <Tom.Newell@okhouse.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting with the Governor

Hi Craig-

I, along with some other freshman representatives, would like to have an opportunity to meet with the Governor briefly to discuss the “Early Innovator” grant. As you know, several GOP freshman, most of who support the Oklahoma health insurance exchange, issued a statement encouraging the rejection of the federal funds. Our intent was simply to make record of our opinion. Unfortunately, some have interpreted this statement as singling out our Governor or standing in opposition to her. This was not the intent and we would like the opportunity to confirm our support of the Governor and commitment to her leadership. Please “reply all” to let us know when she may be available, and thank you in advance for your help with this issue.

Most sincerely,  
Randy

Representative Randy Grau  
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**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#); [Wendy Gregory](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Kaleb Bennett](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Meetings with Reps/Senators  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 8:47:37 PM

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Nothing in particular I can think of. Hot topic is the exchange, but do not bring it up if they don't! If they do, I think it is best to say that you understand we are working on a solution to satisfy as many legislators as possible but also protect the state from the forced implementation of Obamacare!

----- Original Message -----

From: Craig Perry  
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 08:39 PM  
To: Wendy Gregory; Denise Northrup; Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Re: Meetings with Reps/Senators

Would not be surprised if McPeak brings up the Creek Nation compact. He has been asking the Governor to sign a compact. Sec. Coffee, Judy and I met with McPeak and tribal leaders in February. However, I don't think anything has been decided.

----- Original Message -----

From: Wendy Gregory  
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 08:33 PM  
To: Craig Perry; Denise Northrup; Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Re: Meetings with Reps/Senators

No, introductory meeting primarily.

----- Original Message -----

From: Craig Perry  
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 08:31 PM  
To: Wendy Gregory; Denise Northrup; Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Re: Meetings with Reps/Senators

Any specific topic?

----- Original Message -----

From: Wendy Gregory  
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 08:30 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Kaleb Bennett; Craig Perry; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Meetings with Reps/Senators

I'm meeting with Rep. McPeak, Sen. Brinkley and Sen. David tomorrow-any thoughts on what to expect/say/not say to them?

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Freshman GOP Representatives Encourage Return of Federal "Obamacare" Funds  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 7:16:21 PM

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Hope they don't need help w/reelections

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 05:12 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: Freshman GOP Representatives Encourage Return of Federal "Obamacare" Funds

Gotta love freshmen!

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**From:** Ray Carter [mailto:[carterra@okhouse.gov](mailto:carterra@okhouse.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 05:02 PM  
**To:** Ray Carter <[carterra@okhouse.gov](mailto:carterra@okhouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** Freshman GOP Representatives Encourage Return of Federal "Obamacare" Funds



**Oklahoma House of Representatives**  
**Media Division**  
April 13, 2011

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Contact info below

***Freshman GOP Representatives Encourage  
Return of Federal "Obamacare" Funds***

OKLAHOMA CITY – Freshman Republican representatives are encouraging state officials to not accept federal funds promised to Oklahoma under an “Early Innovator” grant authorized by the federal Affordable Care Act.

In February, the House approved HB 2130, which establishes a state health insurance exchange. The bill did not include a provision to accept or deny the \$54M grant.

“What we voted for was a free-market exchange based on choice and competition, which will ultimately lower health care costs,” said Rep. Randy Grau, R-Edmond. “We did not vote to accept federal money that may require us to set up a federal health care system.”

“Since the vote on HB 2130, it has become increasingly apparent that we cannot accept this money without also accepting the strings attached to it,” said Rep. Elise Hall, R-Oklahoma City. “It is time to go on record that we do not want this money, but instead, we want to set up an exchange that is right for Oklahoma, not Washington D.C.”

“We join Senator Tom Coburn and many conservative organizations in supporting health insurance exchanges like that established in Utah,” said Rep. Tom Newell, R-Seminole. “But we think it is important to sever any ties to Obamacare, which means that the

federal funds need to be rejected.”

“The idea of an exchange based upon free-market principles comes from the Heritage Foundation, a leading conservative think tank,” said Rep. Sean Roberts, R-Hominy. “The idea was around before President Obama, but it appears he is now trying to use exchanges to push federal health care.”

“We will continue to work with the Governor and House leadership in promoting Oklahoma health care solutions, not Washington D.C. solutions,” said Rep. Marty Quinn, R-Claremore.

“Many of us in the House campaigned on the platform of free market principles. If we accept federal money with strings attached, we are going back on our word,” said Rep. Josh Cockroft, R-Tecumseh. “It is time for us to sever any ties to Obamacare and allow the private sector to thrive under these free market principles.”

“I strongly support the private sector and oppose Obamacare and the use of federal money for a health care exchange,” said Rep. Dennis Casey, R-Morrison.

“The state must learn to stop accepting federal money and let Oklahomans take care of Oklahoma,” said Rep. Aaron Stiles, R-Norman.

“The attachment of the federal money and its link to federal health care was not fully recognized before the vote on the exchange,” said Rep. Dustin Roberts, R-Durant.

“Clarification of the issue seems to tie federal grant money to the Obamacare effort,” said Rep. Jadine Nollan, R-Sand Springs. “I support an Oklahoma health insurance exchange without any federal ties.”

For further comment:

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Contact: State Rep. Josh Cockroft  
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Contact: State Rep. Dennis Casey  
Capitol: (405) 557-7344

Contact: State Rep. Rusty Farley  
Capitol: (405) 557-7363

Contact: State Rep. Elise Hall  
Capitol: (405) 557-7403

Contact: State Rep. Tom Newell  
Capitol: (405) 557-7372

Contact: State Rep. Jadine Nollan  
Capitol: (405) 557-7390

Contact: State Rep. Marty Quinn  
Capitol: (405) 557-7380

Contact: State Rep. Dustin Roberts  
Capitol: (405) 557-7366

Contact: State Rep. Sean Roberts  
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**From:** [Debbie Hohlt](#)  
**To:** [Smith, Dennis G - DHS](#); [Marie Sanderson](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Dona deLeon](#); [Seema Verma](#); [Bill - DOA Kloiber](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NGA Executive Committee Call  
**Date:** Friday, April 08, 2011 5:14:40 PM

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My guess is we could get 29 gov's on board with some time.

Debbie Hohlt  
202-624-1474 (office)  
[REDACTED] (mobile)

-----Original Message-----

From: "Smith, Dennis G - DHS" <DennisG.Smith@dhs.wisconsin.gov>  
Date: Fri, 8 Apr 2011 14:26:48  
To: 'debbie [REDACTED]';  
'msanderson@governor.state.ms.us' <msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>;  
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'sverma [REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]> Kloiber, Bill -  
DOA <Bill.Kloiber@wisconsin.gov>  
Subject: Re: NGA Executive Committee Call

Kansas and ga very interested, may sign on with a little time to touch bases. Thanks. Dennis

----- Original Message -----

From: Debbie Hohlt [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 02:00 PM  
To: Marie Sanderson <msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>; Smith, Dennis G - DHS; Kate Altshuler <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>; Dona deLeon <Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>; Seema Verma <[REDACTED]>; Kloiber, Bill - DOA  
Subject: Re: NGA Executive Committee Call

Great points!  
Debbie Hohlt  
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-----Original Message-----

From: "Marie Sanderson" <msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>  
Date: Fri, 08 Apr 2011 13:35:58  
To: <DennisG.Smith@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>;  
<Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>; <debbie [REDACTED]>; <sverma [REDACTED]>;  
<Bill.Kloiber@wisconsin.gov>  
Subject: Re: NGA Executive Committee Call

Debbie,

This is a great summary. I'm going to go further in my memo to Governor Barbour and recommend that our governors put their energies in vetting the WI, LA, IN, VA, SC document through the RGPPC process with all of our R gov's as a baseline doc to decipher what it is we are "for". We should spend more time working through the R gov's rather than watering down our efforts through NGA for the reasons indicated in your email.

I'm an advocate for slowing down the NGA process through the summer meeting, until we have some parameters for what the unified R position can be. While I realize we need to find a way to work with the Democrats through NGA, I don't necessarily think this healthcare issue ought to be where we extend an olive branch. Obamacare doesn't work, won't work and whatever we agree to through this

process can and will be used against us.

>>> "Debbie Hohlt" 04/08/11 1:29 PM >>>  
Hi guys.

Here are some suggested message points for the Republican Governor's calls on Sunday/Monday with Governor Heineman. After speaking with some of you, I think I've captured our take on the situation and the decision for moving forward Governors need to make. Please let me know your comments. Hope this helps you with any briefing you might provide your Governor before the call(s). I'd welcome your comments/ideas/suggestions.

1. NGA Staff led by Governor Gregoire's team is pushing a comprehensive effort to find consensus on a Medicaid reform proposal that would be shared very publicly with Hill leaders and Secretary Sebelius I mid-May.
2. To date, all ideas (the good, the bad and the ugly) have been put on the table through an open process led by the NGA. The next step is for Executive Committee staff representatives to come to consensus on reform elements we can agree upon.
3. Democrat Governors recently sent a letter to Hill leadership stating their objections to a mandatory Medicaid block grant, although it seems they are open to an optional block grant proposal - no details provided on what that might look like however. Our understanding is that the assignment from the Governor's only meeting on health care was to find some common ground on a block grant proposal. We are not off to a good start.
4. We have concerns that this NGA effort will result in a least common denominator document that undermines Hill leadership efforts to put forth serious reforms as illustrated in the Ryan FY12 proposal. A watered down NGA proposal will offer the Administration a tool to use in hearings, press releases, speeches and other communication vehicles to paint the Republican proposals on the Hill as too radical even for our nation's Governors.
5. For some unstated reason, there is a rush to find consensus to get this NGA Medicaid Reform proposal to Governors for approval by the end of April and up on the Hill by mid-May. Conspiracy theories abound.
6. Finally, a small group of health policy staff from key states (WI, LA, IN, VA, SC) are working on a comprehensive Medicaid Reform proposal that expands on the Ryan budget proposal and offers bold flexibility, state

control and cost containment strategies for this runaway entitlement program. (DRAFT document attached). LA and SC are anxious to release the document although other states have not fully vetted internally.

7. Republican Governors on the Executive Committee should have an honest conversation about the political strategy of working with the NGA on consensus proposals and/or moving with a more aggressive agenda on their own.

Text of DGA letter to Hill leadership:

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Boehner, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

We strongly oppose a congressionally-mandated block grant of federal Medicaid spending, which would shift costs and risk to states. Such a cost shift would severely undercut our ability to provide health care to our residents and adequately pay providers.

The current Medicaid financing structure is a partnership between federal and state governments that provides basic access to health care for the poor and disabled. The cost of providing this care has grown as a percentage of both federal and state budgets as health care costs have increased and as the economy faltered making more Americans unable to provide for their basic health needs. As Governors managing budgets in a difficult fiscal environment, we have pursued strategies to reduce Medicaid costs while still preserving the integrity of the program. We are concerned that Congress, in an attempt to reduce the federal deficit, may pursue the exact opposite course of action by creating a mandated block grant which would do little to address cost growth while shifting costs to states and threatening program integrity.

A Medicaid block grant imposed unilaterally by Congress on all states that would cap the federal government's share of costs and provide fixed annual funding below the projected growth of program costs is simply unacceptable. The inadequacy of funding would grow over time and would be exacerbated by unanticipated increases in health care costs or enrollment. The costs of population increases, aging populations, economic downturns, natural disasters, new diseases or epidemics would all be shouldered by states. States would be forced to bear all costs after hitting the annual cap just as the "baby boom" generation is entering their retirement years with a likely steep increase in their health care and long term care costs over the next few decades. The ensuing funding shortfall would leave states with an untenable choice between increasing taxes, cutting other state programs, or cutting eligibility, benefits, or provider payments.

In the face of state and federal budget pressures and rising health care costs, we need federal policy that creates cost savings, not cost shifting. States are already innovating within Medicaid, and the current financing system provides ample room to manage our Medicaid programs to provide increasingly efficient quality care.

We continue to seek greater flexibility to improve our Medicaid programs in ways that work for our individual states and we welcome a productive conversation about how the federal government can maintain its critical role in funding the safety net and maintaining national standards while facilitating state-level innovation. Still, we reject the notion that flexibility can only be provided to states if it is tied to a transformation of the Medicaid program's finances that significantly shifts costs and risks to states.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hohlt

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Health care concerns  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:05:26 PM

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Alex and I are coming. On our way down. Have to be at health dept at one so may need to take my own car

----- Original Message -----

From: Glenn Coffee  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:05 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Kaleb Bennett; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Health care concerns

Anybody up for a quick Big Truck lunch?

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:56 AM  
To: Kaleb Bennett; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

It should be noted however, that Coburn is not opposed to exchanges in fact he proposes them in his Health Care Reform bill of 2009.

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:50 AM  
To: Kaleb Bennett; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

Word is already out and has been, Coburn is not in favor of taking the money. But he is not in the Governors position. If the law is not overturned we will have to implement obamacare anyway, this is not new.

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaleb Bennett  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:47 AM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

True but they hate are afraid the grant will tie us to a program we don't want.

My understanding is Coburn is against states taking such grant money. Once word gets out about that we won't be able to get these votes back.

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:38 AM  
To: Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Kaleb Bennett; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

Okay, what coffee said!

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:37 AM

To: Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Kaleb Bennett; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup

Subject: Re: Health care concerns

There is language in the bill saying that it will be funded through federal grant money. Speaker included that language thinking at the time that if it included state money it would not get passed because of the budget shortfall. You can say we are requesting that provision be stricken from the bill.

We are also working on additional recommendations with regard to representation on the governance board, but no details yet, but you can say that we are open to considering/ recommending changes. Ultimately it is the Speakers bill and in Senate hands and they decide what changes are made, so I want to be a little careful.

----- Original Message -----

From: Glenn Coffee

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:38 AM

To: Craig Perry; Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup

Subject: RE: Health care concerns

The grant money ISN'T in the bill. We don't need legislative approval to accept the grant.

-----Original Message-----

From: Craig Perry

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:27 AM

To: Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee

Subject: Re: Health care concerns

McCullough just basically told me the same thing and also that Newberry told him the Senate wants to strike the grant money language out of the bill.

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaleb Bennett

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:12 AM

To: Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Craig Perry; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper

Subject: Fw: Health care concerns

Sent this to Denise and Glenn didn't mean to leave u guys off

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaleb Bennett

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:10 AM

To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee

Subject: Health care concerns

I think we need to get these Senators in a room and go over their concerns. They are all over the map about the grant funds and this obligates the state. Also Coburn is opposed and is likely to say so soon. We may not get these guys back if that happens.

Brecheen and Treat both Coburn staffers r on the retirement and insurance cmte. Coburn says its a bad

idea to take the grant money we'll likely lose their vote.

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2011 4:12:54 PM

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Not really talking about her specifically, don't want gop to sit on their ass and let the d's take potshots. Rga can take the lead

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 04:10 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Ok. I definitely don't think we need to do anything. Certainly nobody has asked us

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 4:03 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Looks like only one blog has picked up his statement. Talking to other staff to see what they're going to do

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 03:13 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Having thought about it, from a purely self-interested Republican Governor perspective it's of course better to respond immediately.

But given there are like 3 different republican plans and negotiations hovering on the brink of collapse, I can see the congressional people just wanting us to shut up.

How did the bloomberg interview go?

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 3:01 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

That was my point, I know boehner wants us to keep our powder dry but I don't think he's helping us much...I will talk to others here

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 03:00 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

No. I think it makes sense to respond immediately.

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Northrup

Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 2:57 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Yes I know, but do you think waiting until the govts meet Saturday am is wise? I think that shows a lack of leadership

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 02:51 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

I think the rga should handle it

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 02:29 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Fw: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Thoughts? I don't think we should wait another media cycle to respond to the d's

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 02:06 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: Fw: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

See re/ staff debt limit discussion

----- Original Message -----

From: Debbie Hohlt [<mailto:debbie.hohlt@nebraska.gov>] ]  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 01:36 PM  
To: 'Dona DeLeon' <Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>; msanderson@governor.state.ms.us <msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>; Katie Altshuler; Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov <Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov>  
Subject: RE: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

And the answer is....Cut more and give us more flexibility....on all areas, not just healthcare. Get the EPA under control and stop the regulatory madness which is killing jobs. Grow the economy and revenues will go up -- put in place pro-business, pro-growth policies that will free up some of the capital businesses are afraid to spend because the Obama Administration says one thing and allows its agencies to do another....or, and ObamaCare is just another unfunded entitlement that needs to be repealed...Democrat governors are just whining because they are afraid to make the hard decisions, they'd rather have Washington do it for them.

Deborah Hohlt  
202-624-1474 (office)  
[REDACTED] (cell)

-----Original Message-----

From: Dona DeLeon [<mailto:Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>]  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 2:32 PM  
To: msanderson@governor.state.ms.us; Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov; debbie [REDACTED]; Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov  
Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

The govts only on Sat will discuss debt reduction. We can respond then ??

----- Original Message -----

From: Marie Sanderson [<mailto:msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>]

Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 02:29 PM

To: Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>; Dona DeLeon; debbie [REDACTED] <debbie [REDACTED]>; Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov <Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov>

Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

We are looking at it. They can discuss in am for sure. The speakers office wants us to keep our powder dry until we see a real plan but we need to decide if we should hit back on this comment. Let's talk -----Original Message-----

From: "Dona DeLeon" <Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us>

To: Marie Sanderson <MThomas@governor.state.ms.us>

To: <katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov>

To: <debbie [REDACTED]>

To: <Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov>

Sent: 7/15/2011 1:26:02 PM

Subject: Re: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Marie, does rga need to say something ?

From: Kintner, Lauren [<mailto:Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov>]

Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 02:09 PM

To: Dona DeLeon; Marie Sanderson <msanderson@governor.state.ms.us>; Debbie Hohlt [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>; katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov <katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov>

Subject: Fwd: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Omeear, Jodi" <JOmeear@NGA.ORG>

Date: July 15, 2011 11:39:06 AM MDT

To: "Kintner, Lauren" <Lauren.Kintner@nebraska.gov>

Subject: FW: O'Malley: Silence of GOP governors on debt impasse is 'deafening'

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By John Wagner <[http://www.washingtonpost.com/john-wagner/2011/03/02/ABjcy5M\\_page.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/john-wagner/2011/03/02/ABjcy5M_page.html)>

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley led a chorus of Democratic governors who on Thursday chided their Republican counterparts for not playing a more constructive role in the federal debt-ceiling negotiations <[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/democrats-bash-cantor-over-debt-talks/2011/07/14/gIQAAMDrPEI\\_story.html?hpid=z1](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/democrats-bash-cantor-over-debt-talks/2011/07/14/gIQAAMDrPEI_story.html?hpid=z1)>.

"The silence is deafening from the Republican governors," O'Malley said. "We need our Republican colleagues to stand up and say, 'Enough's enough.' ... The dinosaur wing of their party is silencing the more moderate wing of their party."

O'Malley's comments came on the opening day of a summer gathering of the National Governors Association in Salt Lake City.

O'Malley, who chairs the Democratic Governors Association, held a news conference with three colleagues from his party just prior to the NGA's evening "welcome reception." At the event, the Democrats warned of dire consequences for states governed by both parties if the United States defaults on its debts.

"They all know what this would do to their own bond ratings," Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) said of his Republican counterparts in other states.

The news conference was the start of a busy few days in Utah for O'Malley, who is trying to build his national profile.

He is booked as the keynote speaker <[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/maryland-politics/post/omalley-political-travels-include-illinois-utah/2011/06/14/AGuar4UH\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/maryland-politics/post/omalley-political-travels-include-illinois-utah/2011/06/14/AGuar4UH_blog.html)> at the Utah Democratic Party's annual Jubilee dinner on Friday night and is leading an NGA panel on homeland security and public safety on Saturday.

Besides Malloy, O'Malley was joined at Thursday's news conference by North Carolina Gov. Bev Perdue (D) and Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D).

Perdue voiced concern that federal budget cuts that are part of a late-hour debt-reduction agreement could also be damaging to states and said she and her colleagues are closely monitoring the situation.

O'Malley left Maryland early Thursday morning on a flight with his wife and an aide, and he plans to return Sunday.

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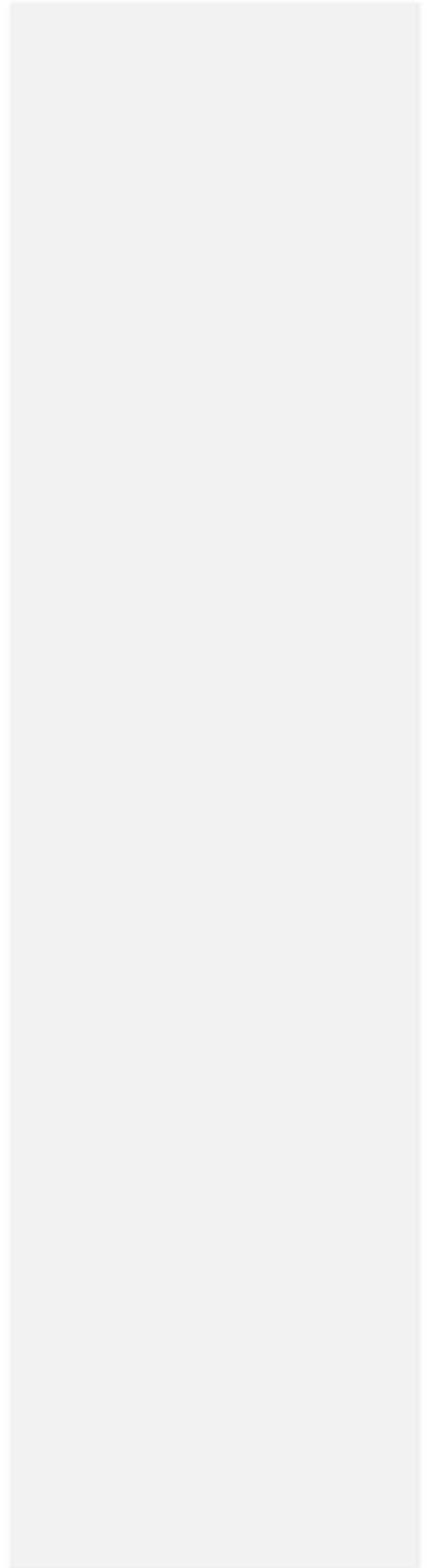
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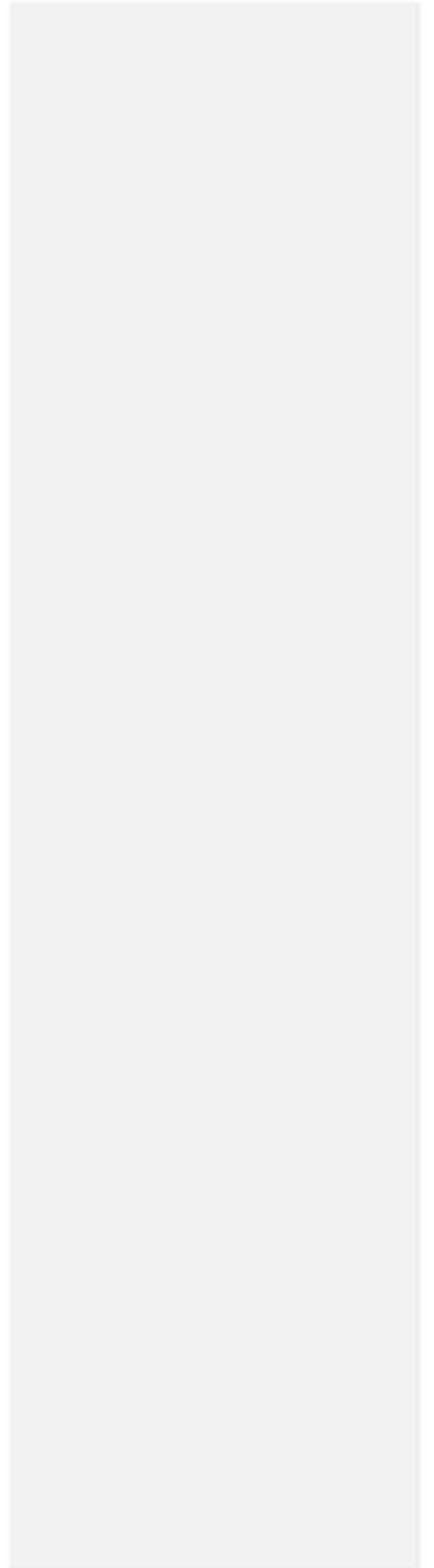
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**To:** [Christie Herrera](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Cc:** [Brandon Arnold](#); [Caitlyn Korb](#)  
**Subject:** RE: OK Governor looking for info on health insurance exchanges  
**Date:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 1:33:11 PM

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Thanks, Christie.

Andrew, if I can have your word that you won't quote or circulate it, then I can forward you an oped I wrote that answers these questions and is currently sitting with the WSJ.

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**From:** Christie Herrera [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:32 PM  
**To:** [andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov)  
**Cc:** Michael Cannon; Brandon Arnold; Caitlyn Korb  
**Subject:** FW: OK Governor looking for info on health insurance exchanges  
**Importance:** High

Hi, Andrew -- Great talking to you on the phone today. As I mentioned, I'm not quite sure which analogy would fit your request, as I'm not convinced that a state exchange will be any different than a federal one. As such, I've copied our friends at the Cato Institute to see if they can provide some research -- Michael Cannon is Cato's director of health policy studies, and Brandon Arnold and Caitlyn Korb handle Cato's government affairs.

Michael, Brandon, and Caitlyn: Andrew is Gov. Fallin's policy director. Oklahoma has done some great work recently in sending back the "Early Innovator" grant money for an exchange. But, the state is still considering setting up its own exchange, and is looking for research on what happens when the feds take over state government programs (not just in health care). Any insight you could provide Andrew ([andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov); ) would be super helpful.

Any questions, please let me know -- or .

Thanks,  
Christie

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**From:** Stephanie Linn  
**Sent:** Tue 5/3/2011 3:58 PM  
**To:** Christie Herrera  
**Subject:** OK Governor looking for info on health insurance exchanges

Christie-

Here is the follow up from my VM.

Oklahoma is considering creating its own insurance exchange program. The Governor's office is looking for examples of what happens when the fed gov't takes over states programs. Any additional information on the subject would be great.

Here is the contact information for the staffer from Mary Fallin's office:

[Andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Andrew.silvestri@gov.ok.gov)

Thank you,  
Stephanie

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**Stephanie Linn**  
Policy Coordinator  
American Legislative Exchange Council



**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** "nwebb4 [REDACTED]"  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange Support  
**Date:** Friday, March 25, 2011 5:12:38 PM

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**From:** Nate Webb [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2011 05:12 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange Support

Yup. I am going to ask Andrew which ones are on the bubble.

Nate

On Mar 25, 2011, at 5:03 PM, Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Well any of them with ties to coburn are lost causes

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**From:** Nate Webb [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2011 04:30 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Cc:** [bobby \[REDACTED\]](#) <[bobby \[REDACTED\]](#)>; Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange Support

Very helpful. Some of these names surprise me a bit.

Happy to help

Thanks

Nate

On Mar 25, 2011, at 4:03 PM, Andrew Silvestri <[Andrew.Silvestri@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Andrew.Silvestri@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Nate and Bobby,

Thanks for taking the time to meet with us this morning. Any support you can give us on the exchange right now would be most helpful. I've attached a letter Governor Fallin sent to all legislators earlier in the week outlining her support for the exchange as well as some FAQs we've put together. I'm also attaching the Heritage Foundation's latest report "A Lawmakers Guide to Health Insurance Exchanges." Below is also a list of target Senators who we may need help with.

Anderson

Allen

Brecheen

Brinkley

David

Hold

Mazzei

Newberry

Reynolds

Russell

Stanislowski

Sykes

Treat

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Andrew

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**From:** [Jason Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Oklahoma Senate won't hear health insurance exchange bill  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:51:32 PM

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Politically it's a killer – will cost seats at this point.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:48 PM  
**To:** Jason Nelson  
**Subject:** Re: Oklahoma Senate won't hear health insurance exchange bill

Ya, nice huh! I guess the Senate needs to come up with a plan.

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**From:** Jason Nelson [mailto:Jason.Nelson@okhouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 01:49 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma Senate won't hear health insurance exchange bill

What's the plan now?

Jason

# Oklahoma Senate won't hear health insurance exchange bill

## Gov. Mary Fallin has supported the bill.

BY JOHN ESTUS Capitol Bureau [jestus@opubco.com](mailto:jestus@opubco.com) Oklahoman  3  
Published: March 31, 2011

The Senate won't hear a bill championed by [Gov. Mary Fallin](#) that would help create an online state health insurance exchange, Senate Pro Tem Brian Bingman said today.

House Bill 2130 would set up a board to oversee development of a website for Oklahomans to shop for health insurance policies. The website is commonly referred to as a health care exchange.

The new federal health care law passed last year calls for health insurance exchanges.

[Oklahoma](#) Republicans have been divided on whether the state should create the exchange. Many oppose it because the state has sued the federal government to challenge the constitutionality of the health care law.

"I want to make it plain that the Senate Republicans are not for the [Obamacare](#)," Bingman said.

Bingman, R-Sapulpa, said he has not spoken with Fallin yet about the decision not to hear HB 2130 in the Senate.

Fallin has been criticized by fellow [Republicans](#) for accepting \$54 million in federal money to create the exchange despite voting against the health care bill while she was in Congress and supporting Oklahoma's lawsuit challenging the health care law.

While defending her support for the exchange earlier this week, Fallin said the health care law is, for now, "the law of the land" and that the state is required to follow it.

Read more: <http://newsok.com/oklahoma-senate-wont-hear-health-insurance-exchange-bill/article/3554149#ixzz1IChClhnw>

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Brian Downs](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT exchange endorsement letter...  
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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Early Innovator Grant  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 4:56:42 PM

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"Not accepting"

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**From:** Aaron Cooper  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 04:52 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Early Innovator Grant

At the exchange press conference, are we going to say we're sending back or not taking the \$54 million grant?

If so, Doak also wants to announce at the press conference he's giving back a separate \$1 million grant the Henry administration applied for.

If we're not making the announcement, Doak will not mention his grant.

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** RE: enid news and eagle likes us on health insurance exchanges  
**Date:** Friday, April 08, 2011 11:04:45 AM

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Yay – I like rational people

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2011 8:44 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
**Cc:** Andrew Silvestri; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** enid news and eagle likes us on health insurance exchanges

So for what's its worth (not much apparently), we now have editorials from the Enid paper, Muskogee paper, Tulsa World and Oklahoman supporting our position. That's two traditionally conservative papers and 2 Democratic ones. I have not seen any criticizing our position.

If we wanted to put together a document, which I don't think would be particularly helpful, it would read something like:

"Fallin is right" –Tulsa World

"Senate is wrong" – Enid News and Eagle

"Senate Misses Mark" – Muskogee Phoenix

"Everyone who disagrees with Mary on this issue is a total nut job" – Kirk Humphreys

## **[Senate is wrong](#)**

### **Turning down grant to build health insurance exchange is a bad idea**

Anonymous [Enid News and Eagle](#) [The Enid News and Eagle](#) Thu Apr 07, 2011, 08:53 PM CDT

Although the entire state government is controlled by the Republicans, that doesn't mean the leaders in the party are going to agree on everything.

A first ripple was demonstrated last week when the Oklahoma Senate announced it will not consider a bill to help establish a state health insurance exchange. In doing so, they are turning down a federal grant of \$54 million to build a health insurance exchange.

Gov. Mary Fallin had promoted the exchange, saying the state's establishing such an exchange is the best way for the state to have control over health care costs.

The governor is right and the Senate Republicans are wrong on this issue.

The Senate Republicans are afraid the federally-funded health insurance exchange is too much like the President Barack Obama's health care reform law. Many Republicans campaigned on their opposition to the federal health care plan.

Fallin has been very clear she doesn't support Obama's health care plan either. Yet, she also believes if the state does not have an exchange in place by 2013, the federal government will step in and create its own.

We agree, overall, most voters in the state do not approve of the Obama health care plan. Yet, we also are realistic at least parts, if not all, of that plan eventually will come to pass, despite court fights.

Fallin is right in that the state has to be ready for what comes down the pike.

The state Senate totally missed an opportunity to have better control over any kind of federal health care mandates that come our way, and in doing so, has done a disservice to Oklahomans.

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: :(  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 7:31:17 PM

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Yes, he wins pervert of the week award. And Andrew has been a wonderful addition to sr staff mtg, he got to share his story about rep. McCullough with coffee :)

I have forbidden him from mentioning his name again. The visual is too painful!

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 07:14 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: :(

Nice!

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 05:50 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: :(

One of the busiest, shittiest days ever...still here trying to catch up on emails since I was in meetings ALL DAY

Oh, and Eddie Fields was totally staring at my chest as I asked him to vote for tort next week

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:45 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: :(

Wow...I miss you personally but I don't know that I miss calls like that!!! I might stay here!

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 05:37 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** FW: :(

We miss you...

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 2:09 PM  
**To:** Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** :(

I just got a call from someone who was sent to me by Faught asking to see a copy of the "contract" Governor Fallin signed accepting the early innovator grant money. I told them we have not signed a contract of any kind.

This is the kind of stuff that is out there

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Denise Northrup](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Exchange  
**Date:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:05:29 AM

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I actually don't see how this is better than no bill at all. The legislature is not going to touch this issue with a ten foot poll next year, which likely means we're only creating another task force to write another report. I know we want the legislature's buy in on this but if the end goal is to create something that will ultimately keep Obamacare out, I think the state is better off if we ultimately put something in place ourselves if the legislature does not pass a halfway substantive bill.

I know there are other political forces to think about, but from a policy perspective, I don't think this is beneficial.

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 8:24 AM  
To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Cc: Andrew Silvestri  
Subject: Re: Exchange

Ok, then we just need to iron out a few details re/ existing 1 million grant and current health dept. work.

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 08:09 AM  
To: Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler  
Cc: Andrew Silvestri  
Subject: Re: Exchange

Agreed

----- Original Message -----

From: Glenn Coffee  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 08:08 AM  
To: Katie Altshuler  
Cc: Denise Northrup; Andrew Silvestri  
Subject: Re: Exchange

I think it is better than no bill

Sent from my iPad

On May 4, 2011, at 7:55 PM, "Katie Altshuler" <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

> Brian asked us late today if we would be okay with not appropriating any money for the development of an exchange this year. Then they could pass the bill and say it will only provide recommendations for the legislature to consider next year.

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> I think this is very problematic, but they would like to know what our official answer is soon.

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Exchange/ocpa  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 8:07:30 PM

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I emailed her but she had her plc speech too...

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:06 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: Re: Exchange/ocpa

Anyone talk to Governor after she met w/ Bingman this evening?

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:05 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: Re: Exchange/ocpa

That is why it is essential that we have established some way forward this week

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:03 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: Exchange/ocpa

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This makes my head hurt, but I do think we need to continue discussions.

**From:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Exchange/ocpa  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 8:32:04 PM

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Not me.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 5, 2011, at 8:06 PM, "Katie Altshuler" <Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

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> ----- Original Message -----

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> Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:05 PM

> To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee

> Subject: Re: Exchange/ocpa

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ISTOOK ON KFAQ THIS MORNING TALKING ABOUT HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:35:02 PM

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I would love the pleasure;)

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2011, at 17:20, Alex Weintz <[Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Alex.Weintz@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Yes. Disaster. Speaker Steele I guess had come on the P Campbell show earlier in the morning to say that an Oklahoma exchange was the brainchild of conservative groups like the heritage foundation. Istook says the Heritage Foundation did no such thing, was not advocating a government exchange and that the current obamacare exchanges are basically government run health care. It's unclear istook has any idea what is going on in Oklahoma though. Pat Campbell tells him Oklahoma is beginning to implement Obamacare. Istook reacts in horror. That's basically it.

Someone should probably give istook a call.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:22 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper  
**Cc:** '[andrewsilvestri](#)'  
**Subject:** Fw: ISTOOK ON KFAQ THIS MORNING TALKING ABOUT HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE

I have not listened, I would assume he was slamming the eexchange?

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**From:** Brian Downs [mailto:[Brian.Downs@okhouse.gov](mailto:Brian.Downs@okhouse.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:34 PM  
**To:** Glen Mulready <[Glen.Mulready@okhouse.gov](mailto:Glen.Mulready@okhouse.gov)>; Mark McCullough <[Mark.McCullough@okhouse.gov](mailto:Mark.McCullough@okhouse.gov)>  
**Cc:** Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler; Jonathan Buxton <[Jonathan.Buxton@okhouse.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Buxton@okhouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** ISTOOK ON KFAQ THIS MORNING TALKING ABOUT HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE

Since we actually had someone from the Heritage Foundation here before session, I'm surprised there isn't more communication within the HF about what we are trying to accomplish. The first link below is Istook around the 17:40 mark. The second link is an

interview the Speaker did this morning on the Pat Campbell show about the HUB and the \$54 million grant.

[http://podcast.1170kfaq.com/DesktopModules/Orizonti\\_NukeNews/getLink.aspx?pid=48&tid=1852&newsid=58573](http://podcast.1170kfaq.com/DesktopModules/Orizonti_NukeNews/getLink.aspx?pid=48&tid=1852&newsid=58573)

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**From:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Early Innovator Grant  
**Date:** Monday, February 21, 2011 8:00:11 PM

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right, it would have to be next week.

On Mon, Feb 21, 2011 at 7:53 PM, Denise Northrup <[Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Denise.Northrup@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

[When would we have time for this press conference? Not this week...](#)

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**From:** Alex Weintz [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2011 07:50 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: Early Innovator Grant

Sure. First off, I don't think Doak should say anything until we have our ducks in a row, so please pass that on.

The conversation I had with Brian was that we could combine the announcement about the exchange with other health care initiatives that are coming down the pipeline, such as the House's work with HSA's (Katie, please correct me if that's not the particular initiative). So we would have a leadership press conference with Steele, Bingman, Fallin and others, similar to what we did with workers comp. I think that's a good idea.

Alternatively, we could just drop a release on the health care exchange on Friday, and Steele could echo our statement in his own release or give us a statement to use in ours.

I like the idea of either including the health care exchange announcement as part of the unveiling of a broader "health agenda." I could also see just dropping a release about the exchange by itself on a Friday afternoon. Having thought about it, both of those make more sense than just dropping it alone at the beginning of the week. And no one in the media at least has asked us about this yet so it's not like we are facing enormous pressure to make an announcement.

It sounds like Steele will do whatever we want. I was not able to get in touch with Brejcha today to ask about the Senate.

On Mon, Feb 21, 2011 at 7:36 PM, Katie Altshuler <[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Unless there was a separate conversation, I was there for it and I think the house is fine with whatever we want to do provided we provide them with ample talking points, is that right, Alex?

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2011 07:30 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee; [aweintz@████████████████████](mailto:aweintz@████████████████████)  
Alex Weintz

Subject: Re: Early Innovator Grant

I think we need to be able to announce and move on this, But from alex's email it sounds like once againb we are waiting on the house...

Alex, can you elaborate on your conversation with brian?

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler

Sent: Monday, February 21, 2011 07:26 PM

To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; [aweintz@](mailto:aweintz@) [REDACTED]

Subject: Early Innovator Grant

I believe tomorrow is Insurance day at the capitol or something and Doak is hosting a closed door meeting (no press) where he would like to talk about the exchange and their involvement. So question is can they say anything about the grant if we have not publicly yet? They will do whatever we want.

**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#); [Glenn Coffee](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Early Innovator Grant  
**Date:** Monday, February 21, 2011 3:46:01 PM

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Please see below...

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**From:** Cline, Dr.Terry L. [<mailto:TerryC@health.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Cc:** Cox-Kain, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: Early Innovator Grant

Yes, we have both reviewed the grant, and I just got off the phone with julie, and she spent at least 2-3 more hours with derek and nicole, getting them settled, oriented, etc. on friday. Our general sense is that this is a good opportunity for oklahoma, and to make this an oklahoma specific project. The timelines are very aggressive. In order to submit this grant on time, it was rushed, but it gets our foot in the door in a way that could be helpful. We now have an opportunity to have a more inclusive process, and there is a period of time where we can modify some elements of the grant response if we need to do so. Through this steering group we must build in more participation from doi and the private sector, as well as building on what the ohca has done already. I look forward to our meeting this week on the topic. Tc

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [<mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2011 02:17 PM  
**To:** Cline, Dr.Terry L.; Cox-Kain, Julie  
**Subject:** Early Innovator Grant

Just checking in to see if you have had a chance to review the grant application yet? Thanks, Katie

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Ugh  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:27:54 AM

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Ya. To be honest I didn't know this was what they wanted to meet about. I knew the opposed the bill last year but thought they were just coming in to meet w her in general. Oh well, we'll figure it out.

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:24 AM  
To: Andrew Silvestri  
Subject: RE: Ugh

Um yes, if you knew that was the purpose of the meeting then yes, you should have. Lesson learned. I didn't know they had a specific bill in mind.

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Silvestri  
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:22 AM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Ugh

I should have briefed her on this bill beforehand. She basically just killed it. She just compared it to obamacare...

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:16 AM  
To: Andrew Silvestri  
Subject: RE: Ugh

Sorry, they represent some heavy hitters though

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Silvestri  
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:14 AM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: Ugh

This is a terrible meeting to preempt our thursday meeting.

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Media in nyc and dc  
**Date:** Friday, August 19, 2011 8:54:00 AM

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In light of the Bloomberg issue - do we need to do that thing in nyc we have tentatively on the schedule in November? I don't like rewarding bad behavior

-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 3:57 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Aaron Cooper  
Subject: Media in nyc and dc

Overall interviews went well, especially tv. Wanted to touch on some points that may have veered into the unknown, or off message etc, so there are no surprises in the immediate future. Can send more detailed update tomorrow. Remember I am sending what might have gone wrong or might look strange in print ... Almost everything was fine

The guardian - overall interview was good. veered at one point into ethical arguments about drones killing civilians for a few mins. Gov basically said that's a discussion for the us military but ultimately drones have the potential to save lives. Also talked about how the "pray for rain" thing seems strange to secular england. Gov just said we really needed rain and it didn't seem strange to us

Washington times - first 30 mins of ed board were great. After that - gov was asked about keystone pipeline. At one point she said creating the pipeline would raise prices in our market, which we want (? ). No idea if that's true but sounds strange.

Tarp also came up and she gave a wishy washy answer about voting against it before she voted for it. Also a wishy washy answer about whether she would sign arizona style immigration legislation. Exchange came up and was dicey as always although her answers were fine. They have asked about that since then so I expect a story of some kind. Aaron and katie sending them info

Financial times - interview went fine but the reporter asked for some specifics which we don't have but will send.

Forbes - focused on women in politics and was easy

Bloomberg ed board - extremely hostile questioning from editor in chief on teacher's salaries, obamacare, and don't ask don't tell. Governor gave standard answers and did well

Time - no hiccups

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Cc:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fallin Attends U.S.-China Governors Forum in Utah; Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah? Selling U.S. Out to China  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 27, 2011 8:56:00 AM

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I love our close minded friends on the right

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2011 8:44 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** FW: Fallin Attends U.S.-China Governors Forum in Utah; Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah? Selling U.S. Out to China

FYI (but no real big deal)

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**From:** William Crozier [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011 11:44 PM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** FW: Fallin Attends U.S.-China Governors Forum in Utah; Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah? Selling U.S. Out to China

fyi.....this is what the Right is putting out.. **Ne How Ma...Wo Hun How...**

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Date: Tue, 26 Jul 2011 19:36:05 -0700  
From: terryperce41  
Subject: Fallin Attends U.S.-China Governors Forum in Utah; Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah? Selling U.S. Out to China  
To: terryperce41



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U.S.-China Governors Forum

7-16-11 OK Gov. Mary Fallin at NGA Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. Photo Source: [National Governor's Association](#).

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin attended the controversial National Governors Association meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 13-17, 2011.



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7/3/11 - Guest Prof. William "Bill" Kauffman, Retired, Department of Aerospace Engineering, University of Michigan, President, Explosion Research and Investigation Corporation, was forced into retirement when he began questioning the University's ties with Communist Chinese, including sharing defense technology. Kauffman is a contributor to the china-threat.com website.

4/3/11 - Guest [Michael E. Cannon](#), Director of Health

Only 'authorized' media was allowed into the closed-door sessions. Security was extremely tight, with the Governors, along with their entourages, entering and exiting their tour buses at the back entrance to The Grand America Hotel.

The photo above was taken during Saturday's Health & Human Services Committee Session on 7-16-2011.

This [link](#) takes one to the NGA video on this particular session, where Governors asked questions about a proposed federal rule dealing with state-based exchanges and PPACA compliance.

Governor Fallin's question (albeit a long, confused one) about establishing a state-based exchange begins at minute-marker 35:49.

Video links to the entire NGA Conference, including the U.S.-China Governors Forum held on Friday, July 15, 2011 are available at the National Governors Association [website](#).

Other NGA Sessions dealt with Foreign Direct Investment, and included several Memorandums of Understanding signings.

The state of Utah, for one, is *dedicated* to developing "unprecedented partnerships" with the Communist Chinese, at the government level, as well as at the business and University levels.

[Let the Dealmaking Begin](#)

From the front page of [China Daily USA](#) - present at both conferences - on Thursday, July 14, 2011:



"Utah Governor Gary Herbert (left) shakes hand with Qinghai Governor Luo Huining after they signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City on Wednesday. Tom Smart / Deseret News"

### Questions

Questions should be directed to each state Governor asking exactly what are their intentions with Chinese "investment" in their state?

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Calls and emails are needed to Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, who answered "Yes" to the question "Is your office planning to actively seek foreign direct investment in the state of Oklahoma?"

Phone: 405-521-2161

Email: [info@gov.ok.gov](mailto:info@gov.ok.gov), attention Lt. Gov. Lamb.

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### Recent Interviews on [America in the Balance](#):

7/24/11 - Guest Dr. Michael Coffman, author, researcher and president of Environmental Perspectives, Inc. discusses the International Settlement Bank and the move toward a carbon currency.

Policy Studies at the [Cato Institute](#), discusses why "Obamacare Can't Be Fixed, and Now is the Time to Dismantle It"; federal grants for state-based health insurance exchanges; and why states should *not* institute insurance exchanges.

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7/17/11 - OK-SAFE Exec. Director Amanda Teegarden calls in from Salt Lake City after attending the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference, held in conjunction with the NGA Conference. Don Wyatt and Ronda V. Smith discuss Tulsa 912 Project developments.

7/10/11 - Guest Vince Wade, award winning investigative reporter, has produced a series of videos appearing on [China-Threat.com](#).

7/3/11 - Guest Prof. William "Bill" Kauffman, Retired, Department of Aerospace Engineering, University of Michigan, President, Explosion Research and Investigation Corporation, was forced into retirement when he began questioning the University's ties with Communist Chinese, including sharing defense technology. Kauffman is a contributor to the [china-threat.com](http://china-threat.com) website.

**Imagine: The Best Little Whorehouses in...uh, Utah?** From the OK-SAFE [Blog](#)

The U.S. is being sold out to the Chinese. And the U.S. Governors are greasing the wheels.



*The Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, site of the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Culture & Education Conference July 14-17, 2011.*

### Excerpts:

"You are part of making history today. July 14, 2011 will be one of those days that you will be able to say to your children, and your grandchildren, that you were here when history was made." *Lew Cramer, President and CEO World Trade Center Utah.*

"On behalf of the people of Utah, I beg you for your continued partnership with Utah" *Utah Governor Gary Herbert to the Chinese officials and business interests present at the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference, 7-14-11.*

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OK-SAFE, Inc. had the opportunity to send its' representative, Amanda Teegarden, to the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Education & Culture Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 14-17, 2011.

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## Reclaiming America for Christ Event

Date: July 28-29, 2011

Times:

Thursday, 6:15 pm - 10:15 pm.

Friday, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, and 6:15 pm - 10:00 pm.

Location: First Baptist Church of Moore, OK

301 NE 27th St., Moore, OK

Special speakers: Bob Carnuke, Dr. G Thomas Sharp, Pastor Dan Fisher, Pastor Paul Blair, Matt Barber, Jenni White, US Representative James Lankford, State Attorney General Scott Pruitt, and State Representative Sally Kern

Link to [flyer](#).

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*The Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 14, 2011.*

The U.S.-China 2011 event, sponsored by the Mormon-run [American-Chinese Friendship Promotion Society](#), took place across the street from The [Grand America Hotel](#), where 32 U.S. Governors met under tight security for the Annual National Governors Association conference.

That NGA event included the first-ever [U.S.-China Governors Forum](#) (document [here](#).) Chinese provincial leaders and Governors, all members of the [CPC](#), spoke at both events.

Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, July 14, 2011



*Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 14, 2011. Biography says he began his career as a member of the Communist Youth League in Hunan in 1975.*

Hotels - Or The Best Little Whorehouses in...Utah?

Over the four-day span these two otherwise fine hotels could have more appropriately been named the "*The Best Little Whorehouses in... Utah*". (Where 'whorehouse' is defined as a place where those seek after that which is immoral and idolatrous.)



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*Chinese Government officials at the U.S.-China 2011 Trade, Culture & Education Conference, Little America Hotel, 7-14-11.*

The object of both events was matchmaking; a sort of high-level, speed-dating event aimed at introducing and pairing up government officials, University R & D department heads, and Utah businesses (the "girls") with potential Chinese partners (the "johns") who are, after all is said and done, all still COMMUNISTS. (See bios of Chinese officials below).

Several [Memorandums of Understanding](#) were signed between the Chinese and U.S. Governors and Universities.

What follows at the link below is the transcript of the Opening Plenary Session of the [U.S.-China Trade, Education & Culture Conference](#), July 14-17, 2011, held at [The Little America Hotel](#), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Transcript and rest of blog post [here](#). Full report and more photos [here](#).  
*Acts 17:30-31 "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed..."*

## Selling U.S. Out to China

Recently, OK-SAFE had the opportunity to interview award-winning investigative reporter, researcher, and analyst Vince Wade on *America in the Balance*. (Link [here](#).)

This followed our of [interview](#) of Prof. William "Bill" Kauffman, retired, Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan, who re-counted some of the university's activities with regard to the Chinese - including the sharing of sensitive defense technology.

Both are contributors to a site we all should become familiar with - [www.china-threat.com](http://www.china-threat.com).

Vince has produced two videos in a series of three dealing with the "Chinafication" of America.

The first, entitled *U.S. Governors Selling Us to China*, is now at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kaUcwy27Ck>

The second, entitled *U.S. Governors - The Great American Sellout*, is now at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/vincewadeusa1?blend=3&ob=5#p/u/0/nO1ROoDcfFw>

Are you asking the right questions of your governor about their intentions with Chinese investment in your state?

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*Psalm 118: 8,9 - "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man; It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes."*

## [Livin' Large in Hong Kong - Try 150 Sq. Ft. Apartment](#)

Source: WSJ

Video: Living in Hong Kong's Tiny Apartment Units

Hong Kong's home prices have skyrocketed in recent years, forcing residents like Yang Lianchun and her family to live in subdivided apartments. She talks to the [WSJ](#) about what it's like for a family of four to live in 150 square feet of space.

OK-SAFE Comment: Are you ready for sustainable development living?

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** "baxter [redacted]"  
**Cc:** [AJ Mallory](#)  
**Subject:** Re: OCPA meeting with Governor Fallin Staff  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011 4:00:13 PM

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Happy birthday general!

I'll have a look at those dates and see if they work!

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**From:** MG(R) Lee Baxter [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011 03:53 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** FW: OCPA meeting with Governor Fallin Staff

Denise, way ahead?? Lee

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**From:** MG(R) Lee Baxter [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2011 9:34 AM  
**To:** 'Denise Northrup'  
**Cc:** glenn.coffee@gov.ok.gov; Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov; 'Michael Carnuccio'; Baxter MG (R) Lee  
**Subject:** OCPA meeting with Governor Fallin Staff

Denise, appreciate the call on Thursday and have attached four instances of OCPA strong support for the Governor's great work in the past months. Please be certain, OCPA is in full support of our leadership and considers her to be the most conservative Governor in the United States. Doubt we can always agree on every issue, but we clearly are on the very same azimuth.

As we discussed on Thursday, Michael Carnuccio and I would like to meet with you, Secretary Coffee and Katie Altshuler so we may gain insight into the remaining portion of the Governor's agenda and understand how we can better input our concerns early on, and understand the Governor's perspective. I want to add a couple of things.

1. Everybody needs to understand that the opinion of an individual Board member who may be an outspoken advocate for a particular position, does not represent an OCPA position. We want to clarify with you who "speaks" for OCPA so there is not confusion on that point.

2. Know your concerns that we all want to see strong Workers Comp reform, though we might differ on the means to that end. I believe OCPA will be pleased to understand that this reform can be “incremental” and may not all be completed at once. I am certain OCPA can be very supportive, and publicly, when we understand that first steps are not final steps. The individual concerns of Board members that I have heard have not been sensing an immediacy to solve it all at once, but rather that steps taken this year are not to be the only steps. I think that is worth discussion when we meet.

3. I personally have a horrible business travel schedule ahead, but Michael and I could meet on April 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or May 2d in the afternoon. Would either of those work for the three of you? Would also be available May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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March 2, 2011

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### **OCPA Applauds Passage of Senate Bill 3**

OKLAHOMA CITY (March 2, 2011) -- The Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCPA) released the following statement today regarding the passage in the Senate of Senate Bill 3, which included an amendment by Senator Tom Adelson to eliminate the state corporate and individual income taxes.

“Lawmakers have repeatedly stated their goal is to make Oklahoma the state of choice for business,” said OCPA Fiscal Policy Director Jonathan Small, CPA. “The weight of evidence shows the best way to do that is by reducing the tax burden on businesses and individuals. Therefore, we applaud lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for advancing the conversation of comprehensive tax reform this session. It is clear that lowering Oklahoma’s tax burden is a bipartisan effort.”

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April 14, 2011

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### **OCPA Statement on Gov. Fallin's Decision to Reject Federal Insurance Exchange Grant**

OKLAHOMA CITY (April 14, 2011) – The Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCPA) released the following statement regarding Gov. Fallin's decision during a media availability today to reject the \$54 million federal grant awarded to the state to begin implementing health insurance exchanges as required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"Today Gov. Fallin and our state leaders stood on their campaign promises to protect the people of Oklahoma from the rigid, one-size-fits-all approach of Obamacare," said Jason Sutton, J.D., health policy analyst for OCPA. "Oklahoma needs patient-centered health reforms that meet our state's unique needs. A health insurance exchange could be a useful tool in creating an insurance market based on choice and competition; unfortunately, using the federal grant to build our exchange would handcuff our state to Obamacare. Rejecting those funds is the best decision for Oklahoma."

"The best way to protect Oklahoma from Obamacare is to not implement Obamacare," said Michael Carnuccio, OCPA president. "Today, Gov. Fallin and legislative leaders showed that they are willing to put the citizens of Oklahoma above bureaucrats and do what is right for our state. Gov. Fallin has demonstrated the type of true conservative leadership our state and nation need."

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April 6, 2011

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### **OCPA Statement on the Governor's Signing of House Bill 2128**

OKLAHOMA CITY (April 6, 2011) – The Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCAPA) released the following statement today regarding the Governor signing into law House Bill 2128, which places a cap on non-economic damages in civil disputes.

“The signing of this significant bill achieves a core component of genuine lawsuit reform,” said Andrew Spiropoulos, OCPA’s Milton Friedman Distinguished Fellow and a Constitutional Law professor. “This sensible framework for the award of non-economic damages will discourage the filing of meritless lawsuits while protecting the right of the truly wronged to be made whole.”

“Oklahoma's economy has long been waiting for the leadership displayed today by the Governor and Legislature,” said OCPA President Michael Carnuccio. “Today, our state became more competitive by removing the specter of lawsuit abuse.”

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## **OCPA Statement on Commissioner Doak's Decision to Return Federal Grant**

OKLAHOMA CITY (April 14, 2011) – The Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCPA) released the following statement today regarding Insurance Commissioner John Doak's decision to return a \$1 million federal grant awarded to the state to review "excessive" rate increases as required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"Commissioner Doak made the right decision today to stand with Oklahomans, who are overwhelmingly opposed to Obamacare," said Jason Sutton, J.D., health policy analyst for OCPA. "As a long-time insurance agent and industry executive, Commissioner Doak knows better than anyone the harmful effects Obamacare will have on the insurance industry, on premium costs and on our state's economy. This decision shows tremendous leadership on his part and we commend him."

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: health insurance exchanges  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 8:08:09 PM

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Thx

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:06 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: health insurance exchanges

That he didn't meet with the gov or her staff.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:04 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: health insurance exchanges

Good, so whay did you tell wayne green?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 08:00 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: health insurance exchanges

Yeah he was talking about a meeting he had with senate staff and he told wayne greene he doesn't want to take federal money. Supposedly bingman and crew have subsequently told him to put a lid on it

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 07:47 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: health insurance exchanges

So did you get to the bottom of the billbrown comment?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 01:11 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** health insurance exchanges

Wayne Greene with the Tulsa World called about this mornings meeting ... I told him there appeared to be consensus that we need to build a state exchange to prevent an ObamaCare exchange being implemented in 2013. I told him no decisions were reached on the composition of that exchange or who would fund it but we were working with the Senate and House to build consensus on that. We anticipate more meetings in the near future to that end

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** "clarkjolley" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw:  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:52:37 PM

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 01:39 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Re:

Questions from press for speaker:

- reax to bingman statement

We did this to get out in front of obamacare and draft free market plan. We all oppose obamacare. Looking forward to seeing what bingmans concern is and what his plans are.

- could state compacts bill be a vehicle?

I don't know.

- can we still spend the money?

If we don't establish a board and a free market exchange then the feds will come in and establish it

- will state give money back?

I don't know

- bingman says we are trapping ourselves into obamacare

Respectfully disagree. Its meant to prevent obamacare. We will have obamacare in 2013

- were u surprised

Didn't really answer

- senate/house relations strained?

We r all committed to fighting federal overreach

- will it impact bingmans bills in house?

I need to visit with bingman

- are you now out there on ur own on this issue?

Reiterated position on exchanges

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 01:28 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler; Denise Northrup

I'm at steele's presser to see what the deal is

**From:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Craig Perry](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Re: story on newsok.com  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:39:57 PM

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I think we need to have the boss call the PPT today.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 01:30 PM  
**To:** Craig Perry; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** Re: story on newsok.com

Dammit

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**From:** Craig Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 01:20 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper  
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## **Oklahoma Senate won't hear health insurance exchange bill**

### **Gov. Mary Fallin has supported the bill.**

BY JOHN ESTUS Capitol Bureau [jestus@opubco.com](mailto:jestus@opubco.com)  
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**Subject:** Re: story on newsok.com  
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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Budget cuts/Health exchange money  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:39:00 PM

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Too late 😊

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Re: Budget cuts/Health exchange money

Be back in 10 mins. Went to get food before stuff hit fan

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:33 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Budget cuts/Health exchange money

Where are you alex?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:33 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Fw: Budget cuts/Health exchange money

Looks like he said we shouldn't take the money either

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**From:** Murphy, Sean [mailto:[smurphy@ap.org](mailto:smurphy@ap.org)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:29 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Budget cuts/Health exchange money

Alex:

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2. Bingman also indicated that he expects cuts to public education will be deeper than the 3 percent Fallin proposed in her executive budget. He said today he anticipates those cuts will be deeper, reaching as high as 5 to 7 percent.

Also, the Senate today approved bills to eliminate trial de novo and to expand the power of the state superintendent, both of which are headed to the governor's desk, as I understand it.

I am interested in Fallin's response to these developments, as well as any statement she may have with regard to former Senate President Pro Tem Mike Morgan being indicted in federal court.

Thanks,  
SM

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**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:34:00 PM

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And as far as education funding goes, I'm willing to throw the protem back under the bus because the house wants to keep education funding at 3% cut – hickman told me that yesterday. Turnabout is fair play.

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Also, the Senate today approved bills to eliminate trial de novo and to expand the power of the state superintendent, both of which are headed to the governor's desk, as I understand it.

I am interested in Fallin's response to these developments, as well as any statement she may have with regard to former Senate President Pro Tem Mike Morgan being indicted in federal court.

Thanks,  
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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:36:00 PM

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That's fine

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:36 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?

To give them as much "good" info as possible from us vs. "bad" info from OK-SAFE and Pat Campbell

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:35 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?

You can send the press, I don't care, just wondering what the strategy in just dumping info out there is...

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:29 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?

I can just send it to legislators if you want – it can go out to press anytime. Kaleb indicated that some senators and reps have townhall meetings tomorrow and want it right no. how about just to staff and legislators for the time being?

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:27 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?

To press?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?

At a minimum to staff and legislators, although I don't see why we wouldn't just send it to our whole list

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** RE: can i send FAQ's out?

Yes, to whom?

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 4:54 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** can i send FAQ's out?



## Office of Governor Mary Fallin Oklahoma Health Insurance Exchange: Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is a health insurance exchange?**

Health insurance exchanges are online portals where consumers can get information about various health insurance plans, compare prices and ultimately purchase health insurance. The Oklahoma-based exchange that Governor Mary Fallin supports will be a patient-centered, pro-market exchange consistent with her conservative values. The purpose of the exchange will be to empower consumers with information and to use free market principles to contain health insurance costs.

The premiere conservative think tank in the nation, the Heritage Foundation, supports the creation of these exchanges. In a March 21, 2011 document entitled "[A State Lawmaker's Guide to Health Insurance Exchanges](#)," the Heritage Foundation outlines the necessity of developing a state exchange in the immediate future.

- **What happens if Oklahoma does not establish its own exchange?**

If a state does not establish its own health insurance exchange, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, also known as "ObamaCare") mandates that President Obama's HHS Secretary is required to establish a federally run exchange in that state. As the Heritage Foundation writes, "...the sooner a state declares 'non-compliance' with the PPACA, the sooner HHS will build an exchange in that state to act as a federal insurance regulator." In other words, a state that does not build its own insurance exchange is resigning itself to the presence of a federally designed, federally run exchange.

The best way to ward off a federal takeover of that kind is to pursue what the Heritage Foundation calls "defensive" reform efforts to block federal interference. One of those defensive efforts is the creation of a market-based exchange that Governor Fallin and other conservative lawmakers are seeking to create.

- **President Obama says he supports exchanges and one element of ObamaCare is the creation of a federal exchange? How can exchanges be conservative?**

The Heritage Foundation writes:

Consumer-Centered Exchanges vs. ObamaCare Exchanges

*“The first point to understand is that the entire design for health insurance exchanges in the PPACA is a perversion of the core concept of what is an otherwise sound approach to improving health insurance markets. ... It is important to recognize that it is ObamaCare’s perversion of the exchanges, not the original concept itself, that is the problem. ... Consequently, the PPACA’s misappropriation of the term ‘health insurance exchange’ should not deter state lawmakers from pursuing their own defined-contribution, market-based reforms that employ state exchanges to perform purely administrative functions.”*

- **How much will it cost to build a health insurance exchange in Oklahoma? How will we pay for it?**

Cost estimates vary based on the composition and governance of the exchange. Currently, the plans for an Oklahoma exchange are in their infancy. HB 2130, which the governor is asking lawmakers to support, creates a governing board for the Oklahoma exchange which will, over the course of the next months and years, answer that question. The governor’s office and the state department of health are also holding regular “stakeholder meetings” to allow consumers, industry professionals and concerned citizens to weigh in on what they would like to see in an exchange.

Currently, it will be a challenge for the state of Oklahoma to afford the cost of implementing and maintaining a health insurance exchange on its own. The state is facing a \$500 million budget shortfall and cuts to the department of health are expected to be at least 3% in the next fiscal year.

Fortunately, Oklahoma has received a \$54 million Early Innovator Grant from the federal government. That does not mean, however, it will cost \$54 million to establish and run an exchange. Governor Fallin plans on returning any money the state does not use.

- **Does accepting federal money mean that Oklahoma is agreeing to implement ObamaCare?**

No. The Early Innovator Grant was awarded to Oklahoma to be used to build a state-based exchange. The Oklahoma legislature had already passed a bill authorizing the creation of such an exchange; the grant simply provides the money needed to fund it. **Governor Fallin will not support any legislation that forces ObamaCare on the state of Oklahoma.**

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** RE: :(  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:34:00 PM

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Faught doesn't give a shit

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**From:** Aaron Cooper  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 2:22 PM  
**To:** Alex Weintz; Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** Re: :(

FYI - GMF said at lunch she thinks if someone tells Faught she's disappointed in him, he may back off.

I'm not as confident as GMF on this point.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 02:09 PM  
**To:** Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Aaron Cooper  
**Subject:** :(

I just got a call from someone who was sent to me by Faught asking to see a copy of the "contract" Governor Fallin signed accepting the early innovator grant money. I told them we have not signed a contract of any kind.

This is the kind of stuff that is out there

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Health care concerns  
**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:04:00 PM

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No, I want an hour of peace and quite to catch up on shit. You boys have fun :)

Not being antisocial, I'm just slammed. And my ass doesn't need BTT - we're approaching lake season!

-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Coffee  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:07 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Health care concerns

You want to join?

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:02 PM  
To: Glenn Coffee  
Subject: RE: Health care concerns

Alex and Andrew are on their way...

-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Coffee  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:05 PM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Kaleb Bennett; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Health care concerns

Anybody up for a quick Big Truck lunch?

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:56 AM  
To: Kaleb Bennett; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

It should be noted however, that Coburn is not opposed to exchanges in fact he proposes them in his Health Care Reform bill of 2009.

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:50 AM  
To: Kaleb Bennett; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

Word is already out and has been, Coburn is not in favor of taking the money. But he is not in the Governors position. If the law is not overturned we will have to implement obamacare anyway, this is not new.

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaleb Bennett  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:47 AM  
To: Katie Altshuler; Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

True but they hate are afraid the grant will tie us to a program we don't want.

My understanding is Coburn is against states taking such grant money. Once word gets out about that we won't be able to get these votes back.

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:38 AM  
To: Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Kaleb Bennett; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

Okay, what coffee said!

----- Original Message -----

From: Katie Altshuler  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:37 AM  
To: Glenn Coffee; Craig Perry; Kaleb Bennett; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

There is language in the bill saying that it will be funded through federal grant money. Speaker included that language thinking at the time that if it included state money it would not get passed because of the budget shortfall. You can say we are requesting that provision be stricken from the bill.

We are also working on additional recommendations with regard to representation on the governance board, but no details yet, but you can say that we are open to considering/ recommending changes. Ultimately it is the Speakers bill and in Senate hands and they decide what changes are made, so I want to be a little careful.

----- Original Message -----

From: Glenn Coffee  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:38 AM  
To: Craig Perry; Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Health care concerns

The grant money ISN'T in the bill. We don't need legislative approval to accept the grant.

-----Original Message-----

From: Craig Perry  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:27 AM  
To: Kaleb Bennett; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: Re: Health care concerns

McCullough just basically told me the same thing and also that Newberry told him the Senate wants to strike the grant money language out of the bill.

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaleb Bennett  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:12 AM

To: Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri; Craig Perry; Alex Weintz; Aaron Cooper  
Subject: Fw: Health care concerns

Sent this to Denise and Glenn didn't mean to leave u guys off

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaleb Bennett

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:10 AM

To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee

Subject: Health care concerns

I think we need to get these Senators in a room and go over their concerns. They are all over the map about the grant funds and this obligates the state. Also Coburn is opposed and is likely to say so soon. We may not get these guys back if that happens.

Brecheen and Treat both Coburn staffers r on the retirement and insurance cmte. Coburn says its a bad idea to take the grant money we'll likely lose their vote.

**From:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Maine gets break in federal health care overhaul - CNBC  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 09, 2011 1:33:00 PM

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Oklahoma passed a measure (and state question I believe) last year asking to opt out of ACA(Obamacare)

The feds have now granted over 1,000 waivers to private companies such as McDonald's

I was simply suggesting that Matt Pinnell or Pruitt or a legislator should say they should give the citizens of Oklahoma the same courtesy to either grant a waiver or a block grant to build a solution that fits Oklahoma.

Not a big deal.

-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 1:24 PM  
To: Glenn Coffee  
Subject: RE: Maine gets break in federal health care overhaul - CNBC

Can you explain? Andrew, Katie and I don't get it ... Do you want us to ask for our own waiver and try to press that? I don't understand how we'd get earned media on maine's waiver

-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Coffee  
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 1:11 PM  
To: Alex Weintz; Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri  
Subject: Maine gets break in federal health care overhaul - CNBC

We should have somebody get earned media on this.

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/41978227>

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Early Innovator Grant  
**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2011 5:28:08 PM

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There you go...always thinking ahead!

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 05:26 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Early Innovator Grant

i kind of liked it better when she stayed home all day and the apartment was clean, but yeah, now i can start charging her rent and make her buy me stuff

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From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 5:08 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Re: Early Innovator Grant

You are so funny! Glad becky got a job so she can start pulling her own weight :)

Ill see u wednesday

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 05:05 PM  
To: Denise Northrup  
Subject: RE: Early Innovator Grant

i'm feeling a little better. i'll be at work tomorrow. thanks.

I forgot to tell you - Becky actually started work at OU doing marketing for their IT department (not one of the ones about to be consolidated). It's a good job and she's really excited. Today was her third day at work.

I hope things with your dad are going OK. I know that's been tough.

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From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 5:04 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Re: Early Innovator Grant

Thanks alex. How are you feeling?

Did becky get the living social job?

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 05:01 PM  
To: Dana Wolpert; Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Cc: Aaron Cooper  
Subject: RE: Early Innovator Grant

i talked to Terry Cline and he's going to call Michael Cross. Also gave him some of our talkers and its clear he's very understanding of our sensitivities re: the early innovator grant.

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From: Dana Wolpert  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:07 PM  
To: Denise Northrup; Alex Weintz; Glenn Coffee  
Cc: Aaron Cooper  
Subject: Re: Early Innovator Grant

She'll be on a plane all morning.

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 04:05 PM  
To: Alex Weintz; Glenn Coffee  
Cc: Aaron Cooper; Dana Wolpert  
Subject: Re: Early Innovator Grant

She may not be available at all so it may not be an issue anyway?

----- Original Message -----

From: Alex Weintz  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 04:01 PM  
To: Glenn Coffee; Denise Northrup  
Cc: Aaron Cooper  
Subject: FW: Early Innovator Grant

What do you guys want to do here? I think it's good to have her on tape saying that the exchange is a good thing for Oklahoma and there's no contradiction in taking federal dollars to help speed it up ... but it is something that requires some focus. If she's too busy to do it we might want to think about getting Terry Cline

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From: Cross, Michael [michael.cross@okstate.edu]  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:00 PM  
To: Alex Weintz  
Subject: Early Innovator Grant

Alex,

Could Gov. Fallin be available in the morning for an interview about the Early Innovator Grant? I can do it over the phone at (405) 525-9932. It will take no more than 7 minutes. I will be in the office after 7:30am.

Thanks,

Michael Cross  
KOSU Capitol Bureau Chief  
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(405)412-5200 cell

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); "aweintz [REDACTED]"; "[glenn.coffee@sos.ok.gov](mailto:glenn.coffee@sos.ok.gov)"  
**Subject:** RE: Other Early Innovator States  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:13:00 AM

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So we got the biggest award, crazy.

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:51 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; 'aweintz [REDACTED]'; '[glenn.coffee@sos.ok.gov](mailto:glenn.coffee@sos.ok.gov)'  
**Subject:** Fw: Other Early Innovator States

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**From:** Nico Gomez [<mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 07:44 AM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** Other Early Innovator States

**Kansas:** Kansas Insurance Department, \$31,537,465  
**Maryland:** Maryland Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, \$6,227,454  
**Multi-State Consortia:** University of Massachusetts Medical School, \$35,591,333  
**New York:** New York Department of Health, \$27,431,432  
**Oklahoma:** Oklahoma Health Care Authority, \$54,582,269  
**Oregon:** Oregon Health Authority, \$48,096,307  
**Wisconsin:** Wisconsin Department of Health Services, \$37,757,266

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**Subject:** FW: Additional Information for BiCam Agenda  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2011 5:42:00 PM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 5:33 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
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- 3) Joint Rules: I have put in a couple of requests to Jarred and Brian and have yet to hear anything. I will keep you posted!

Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you! Katie

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Early innovator  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2011 9:56:00 AM

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Coburn, really? He'll tell us to get rid of it, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Altshuler [<mailto:> ]  
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 9:55 AM  
To: Denise Northrup; Glenn Coffee  
Subject: Early innovator

if we get it, we m want to consider having insurance dept review grant application and award, could also request assistance from coburns office possibly? I am nervous about relying on our existing resources, I cam and will go thru it with a fine tooth comb myself, but would really like an extra set of eyes with some expertise. Just a thought.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Coffee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RTT  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2011 4:17:12 PM

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I hope you send this to allen wright for his consideration before they give

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**From:** Glenn Coffee  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2011 02:57 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Mary Christensen; Lopez, Dave <Dave\_Lopez@odoc.state.ok.us>; Katie Altshuler; Alex Weintz; Phyllis Hudecki  
**Subject:** RE: RTT

Brandon Dutcher just sent out a tweet saying Rick Perry is going to reject Obama's "Race to the Cradle" money.

This thing is headed down the same track as the Health Insurance Exchange grant in a hurry.

Just my two cents.

Glenn

**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** ["Deby.Snodgrass@OklaTourism.gov"](mailto:Deby.Snodgrass@OklaTourism.gov)  
**Subject:** Fw: RTT  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2011 4:16:49 PM

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You can cut and paste brandons tweet and send to TP as an example of why race to the top is problematic.

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**From:** Glenn Coffee  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2011 02:57 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Mary Christensen; Lopez, Dave <Dave\_Lopez@odoc.state.ok.us>; Katie Altshuler; Alex Weintz; Phyllis Hudecki  
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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Alex Weintz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: thoughts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9:22:57 AM

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Because they don't have a clue. Not going to talk to them about it, ill explain

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 09:21 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Subject:** RE: thoughts

Right well the House is jazzed about McDaniels' plan so you might want to talk to them about it.

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**From:** Denise Northrup  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9:21 AM  
**To:** Alex Weintz  
**Subject:** Re: thoughts

Mcdaniels pension stuff is just screwy and doesn't really fix anything.

Gov is on the calendar for the hoouse retreat. As glenn pointed out to a senator - tell me how you come out against roads and bridges. They juist need to suck it up and find the money.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 09:11 AM  
**To:** Denise Northrup; Katie Altshuler; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** thoughts

I had breakfast with Estus and Nate this morning and just wanted to share some thoughts:

- Their offices – or at least their press secretaries -- don't understand why we need to know about the health insurance exchange soon or what the possible "decisions" facing the governor are. It might be helpful, if we do want to share this info, to say: here are the governor's options, here are the dates she would have to make these decisions by, and here's why.
- Estus says the gov's transportation plan is going to be a big topic at the House retreat. If the governor is not going, or even if she is, it might be a good idea to try to get Ridley in there to present some info on it. We can also take the bullet points, press release, talkers etc
- On pension reform, was it McDaniels' plan that you all were not sold on? If so, you may want to talk to House staff. It seems like that's going to be an agenda item for Steele and McDaniels is going to run point on it.

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Below please find an AP article on the \$111 Billion cost increase for Obamacare health care subsidies - - an increase that HHS Secretary Sebelius was unaware of during an appearance before a Congressional Committee on Tuesday.

Here is a link the letter sent to Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner by Ways & Means Chairman Dave Camp, demanding an explanation for the revised figures:

[http://waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Camp\\_Geithner\\_Letter\\_3-2-12.pdf](http://waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Camp_Geithner_Letter_3-2-12.pdf)

Have a great weekend...

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### **Cost estimate for insurance aid jumps \$111B; administration cites technical budget issues**

Associated Press

March 2, 2012

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WASHINGTON — Cost estimates for a key part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law have ballooned by \$111 billion from last year's budget, and a senior Republican lawmaker on Friday demanded an explanation.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp, R-Mich., wants to know by Monday why the estimated cost of helping millions of middle-class Americans buy health insurance has jumped by about 30 percent for an eight-year period, from 2014-2021.

Administration officials say the explanation lies in budget technicalities and that there are no significant changes in the program.

Cost estimates for new government programs can be wide off the mark. For example, the actual cost of President George W. Bush's Medicare prescription drug benefit came in lower than estimated, so it wasn't as big a drag on federal finances as initially forecast.

The revised health care overhaul numbers, buried deep in the president's budget, stumped lawmakers and some administration officials earlier in the week. At a congressional hearing Tuesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, who is in charge of carrying out the health care law, indicated she was unaware of the changes.

At issue are subsidies that will be provided under the health care law to help middle class people buy private coverage in new state insurance markets that open for business in 2014.

Last year's budget estimated the cost of the aid to be \$367 billion from 2014-2021. This year's budget puts it at \$478 billion over the same period.

"This staggering increase ... cannot be explained by legislative changes or new economic assumptions, and therefore must reflect substantial changes in underlying assumptions regarding ... costs," Camp wrote Friday in a letter to Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner.

Republicans say they're concerned about two possibilities: that the estimated cost of the insurance has gone up, or that the administration has quietly determined that more people will be losing employer coverage as a result of Obama's overhaul. That means they'd have to purchase coverage in the new government-subsidized markets, called exchanges.

Either of those explanations could have major consequences for taxpayers and the nation's health care system.

But administration officials say the big increase is no cause for alarm and that the administration is not forecasting an erosion of employer coverage or higher insurance costs.

About two-thirds of the increase is due to effects of newly signed legislation that raises costs for one part of the health care law, but still saves the government money overall. The rest is due to technical changes in Treasury assumptions about such matters as the distribution of income in America.

“The estimates do not assume changes in what exchanges look like, the cost of insurance, or the number of Americans who will get their insurance in this new marketplace,” Treasury spokeswoman Sabrina Siddiqui said in a statement Friday.

That explanation has drawn skepticism from Ways and Means Committee Republicans.

They say a big reason for their doubts is that the Congressional Budget Office — the fiscal referee for lawmakers — has different numbers from the Obama administration. The budget office is not forecasting a major impact on the health insurance exchanges from the same newly signed legislation that the administration says accounts for two-thirds of the \$111 billion increase.

That legislation fixed a glitch in the health care overhaul law that would have allowed some middle-class people to get virtually free insurance from Medicaid. As a result, projected Medicaid spending under the health care law will drop significantly. But spending for subsidies in the exchanges will go up.

Both the administration and the budget office agree on a bottom line conclusion that the fix saves money for the government, because the Medicaid savings are bigger than the new exchange costs. But their underlying numbers differ.

Camp says he wants a full accounting.

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Grace-Marie Turner  
Galen Institute, September 4, 2012

- Briefing review:** Our briefing in Tampa was a big success, with surprising agreement from our speakers that we *CAN* have a bi-partisan conversation on health reform. Three leading physician-legislators in the House of Representatives -- Rep. Tom Price, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, Rep. Michael Burgess, chair of the Congressional Health Care Caucus, and Rep. Phil Gingrey, co-chair of the GOP Doctors Caucus -- were joined by Len Nichols, George Mason University professor of health policy and me for a lively and productive discussion. Here is a terrific [write up](#) by Joyce Frieden, news editor of *MedPage Today*, complete with video interviews.
- Perspective on politics and policy:** ICYMI, I wrote a piece comparing the 2012 convention to one I covered as a reporter in 1980, witnessing both times what I see as [transformative moments](#) that can realign the political and policy debates for years to come.
- Our own fact checking:** And while I was in Tampa, I did an interview on *Varney & Co.* about a piece on "[More Obamacare Fiction](#)" that I wrote to fact-check the president's weekly radio address on the issue.

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Action Officers/HC Advisors:

Interesting read from Grace Marie Turner re the shortage of providers for Medicaid recipients.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### The Real Tragedy Of ObamaCare Has Yet To Be Felt By The Poor

Grace-Marie Turner  
*Forbes: Health Matters, August 21, 2012*

One of the most tragic failings of ObamaCare is that it will make it harder for many of the most vulnerable citizens – patients with no option but Medicaid – to get care.

Medicaid is cumbersome, complex, and wasteful – already the worst health care program in the country. But rather than making changes to improve or modernize this program designed to finance care for the poor, the Obama administration is trying to convince states to add at least 16 million more people to Medicaid, including families making more than \$30,000 a year.

That means the poorest and most vulnerable patients enrolled today will be competing with

millions of new Medicaid patients for appointments to see a limited number of physicians. Those who have the greatest need and nowhere else to go are likely to have the hardest time getting care.

In its ruling in June, the Supreme Court made it optional for states to expand Medicaid to cover new enrollees. Even with generous federal funding, several states have said flatly they cannot afford the expansion, which would cost states at least \$118 billion through 2023.

They are resisting not only because of budget concerns but also because this large Medicaid expansion could have catastrophic effects on those who provide society's health care safety net.

**First, there simply aren't enough doctors** to handle this influx of new patients. Given Medicaid's abysmally-low payment rates, private doctors won't be able to afford to take much more of the exploding caseload.

A recent article in [Health Affairs](#) found that nearly one-third (31%) of physicians are not accepting any new Medicaid patients. Sandra Decker, an economist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, used a survey of 4,326 office-based physicians from across the country to find that just under 70 percent said they were accepting new Medicaid patients. That number was significantly lower than those accepting privately-insured subscribers (81 percent) or Medicare patients (83 percent).

The problem is particularly acute in states that have the lowest reimbursement rates for physicians.

Health policy analyst [Avik Roy](#) of the Manhattan Institute has [produced](#) a map showing the reimbursement rates for Medicaid relative to private insurance.



Many states that plan to expand Medicaid under ObamaCare are those with low Medicaid reimbursement rates. In California, for example, up to 1.6 million residents are expected to gain coverage under the state's Medicaid program, called Medi-Cal, but fewer than 60 percent of providers accept new patients in the program. That's largely because California reimburses doctors 38 cents for every dollar private insurance pays. New York, which is anxious to further expand its Medicaid rolls, pays doctors only 29 cents on the dollar.

Where would these newly “insured” Medicaid patients go for care with fewer doctors willing to accept new patients? A Medicaid card clearly will not guarantee access to a physician.

**Longer waiting lines for emergency rooms** are inevitable.

Safety-net hospitals that provide care to the poorest and most vulnerable in our society already are stretched to the limit financially. Adding millions more people to Medicaid will put crushing new demands on them.

In addition, at least 30 million people will remain uninsured after the law is fully in effect, based upon optimistic projections from the Congressional Budget Office. These uninsured will continue to need care, often without the ability to pay.

ObamaCare adds a further distortion: To help pay for its expanded coverage, the health law cuts existing payments to hospitals that provide care to a “disproportionate-share” of uninsured patients. So there will be less money to compensate hospitals for patients who will still show up needing care.

**Studies consistently show that Medicaid patients** have the worst health outcomes of any group in America, worse than those with private insurance and, in some cases, worse than those with no insurance.

A [large study by the University of Virginia](#) found that surgical patients on Medicaid are 13 percent more likely to die than those *with no insurance at all* and 97 percent more likely to die than those with private insurance.

**The problem is particularly acute** for Medicaid recipients who need to see specialists. One Florida doctor reported that, after a long battle with the state over payment for treating a patient with complex lung disease, he received a check from Medicaid for *one penny*.

Medicaid patients will find access to care restricted in other ways.

States already are restricting access to drug services for existing Medicaid beneficiaries. *Kaiser Health News* [reports](#) that “Illinois Medicaid recipients have been limited to four prescription drugs [per month] as the state becomes the latest to cap how many medicines it will cover in the state-federal health insurance program for the poor.” A total of 16 states impose monthly limits on prescription drugs for beneficiaries, “and seven states have either enacted such caps or tightened them in the past two years.”

Clearly, the huge expansion of Medicaid will make it even harder for the patients already on Medicaid to get the health care they need and will be little more than the paper promise it is today for those who receive a new Medicaid card.

**Despite these many problems**, many states are tempted and are seriously considering whether to accept the generous 100 percent federal matching money ObamaCare initially offers if they expand eligibility for Medicaid up to 138 percent of poverty (more than \$32,000 for a family of four).

But states should be warned: It’s likely a loss leader. There are no assurances that Washington

would be able to keep its promise to continue the generous funding.

There already is evidence that could be the administration's plan. President Obama proposed reducing federal Medicaid spending by [\\$100 billion over 10 years](#) during last year's "supercommittee" budget negotiations. He proposed changing the traditional federal Medicaid matching rate in a way that would lead to a smaller overall federal contribution to the program — and a larger state-based one.

**Given time, resources, and greater flexibility**, hospitals could work with other medical facilities to create a system of care for the uninsured. But with millions more people added to an unreformed Medicaid program all at once, safety net providers will be overwhelmed.

There is a better way: Allow people on Medicaid the option of private insurance so they can get coverage through private competing plans. Florida has a [successful model](#) underway. These plans could provide much better access to physicians, coordinate care for patients with multiple health problems, and allow patients to be seen in doctors' offices rather than in expensive hospital emergency rooms.

Patients would have the dignity of private coverage, and safety-net hospitals will be able to keep their doors open so they can continue their mission of caring for the poorest and neediest in our society.

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## Galen Institute Broadcast Alert



The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons recently held a [Town Hall](#) meeting in Somerset, New Jersey, with a great deal of conversation about the risks of the health overhaul law. I opened the discussion with an overview of alternative scenarios regarding the Supreme Court's pending decision and describing some of the serious risks to health freedom from ObamaCare. Click [here](#) to view the video of my presentation.

[Dr. Alieta Eck](#) and [Dr. Jeff Liegner](#) also spoke about charity clinics they have started, showing the incredible dedication of physicians to taking care of patients and providing real solutions. Dr. Ralph Weber moderated and recounted his personal experience with government-run medicine after practicing for many years in his native Canada before emigrating to the U.S. nine years ago.

Nearly 150 people attended the Town Hall, half physicians and half patients. The entire Town Hall was recorded and is available on [YouTube](#).



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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### Three “What-if” scenarios for ObamaCare

Grace-Marie Turner  
*National Review Online, May 29, 2012*

The health sector is in a state of semi-paralysis over the fate of Obamacare.

While the Supreme Court’s decision is likely a month away, the American people already have made up their minds: Opinion polls show support for the law is at its lowest level since it passed more than two years ago, and two-thirds of Americans say they either want the whole law or the individual mandate overturned, according to a recent *Washington Post*/ABC News poll.

Meanwhile, Congress, state governments, and businesses across the country are puzzling over “what if” alternatives to try to be ready when the decision is issued. Here are the three most likely options:

1) If the Court upholds the whole law, then the battles would move to the ballot box while implementation of the sweeping health overhaul charges forward. Repealing Obamacare would instantly move to the top of the agenda for the presidential contest as opponents of the law work to elect a new president and majorities in both houses of Congress who are pledged to repeal. Their arguments would be compelling since the Court’s validation of the compulsory purchase of private insurance would mean the government would have authority for the first time to direct how citizens spend their private, after-tax money.

A parade of new lawsuits would march through the courts to challenge other provisions in the law, such as the contraceptive/abortifacient/sterilization mandate that 43 Catholic institutions are challenging as a violation of religious liberty, and the Independent Payment Advisory Board — the Medicare rationing board which the Goldwater Institute in Arizona is challenging as unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, the health sector and overall economy will be forced to start answering to the 159 new agencies, programs, and bureaucracies authorized under Obamacare and complying with the 12,000 pages — and counting — of new regulations. The burden of costly mandates on

businesses will kill any hopes of job recovery. And the law's perverse incentives for employers to drop insurance will likely toss tens of millions more people into taxpayer-subsidized coverage, destroying any chances of getting the federal budget deficit under control. The legislative and legal battles over the unpopular law will go on and on.

2) If the Court strikes part of law — the individual mandate and related insurance provisions — the battle over “fixes” will be instantly engaged. The House would quickly take another repeal vote — which would likely die in the Senate — while the president and the law's supporters would mobilize to rescue the law. Expect them to propose alternatives to the individual mandate, such as limiting enrollment in federally subsidized insurance to a fixed period each year and imposing premium penalties for people who sign up later. Another alternative: automatically enroll people in health plans but permit them to opt out.

Neither will get any traction from conservatives. They will argue that the Court has removed the center pole in the Obamacare tent, and the rest of the law therefore must be struck to avoid doing even more damage.

Full repeal will rise to the top of the political agenda for November, while the administration works overtime to put as much of the law in place as fast as possible.

The business community and health sector will have no choice but to continue their plans to implement the law, even as they operate under a continuing cloud of uncertainty awaiting the election outcome.

3) If the Court strikes the whole law, activist groups that have been the strongest supporters of Obamacare will instantly take to the airwaves and possibly the streets. To calm the protests, a new and very different conversation must begin right away about viable short- and long-term solutions.

Congress will be pressured to act quickly to rescue some of the early Obamacare provisions that already are in place, such as allowing 26-year-old “children” on their parents' health insurance policies and insurance pools for people with pre-existing conditions.

Congress must move very cautiously with any legislative backstop. Private health insurers likely could be convinced to keep the policies in place that allow 26-year-olds to stay on their parents' policies since the policies already have been priced and written.

There also will be pressure to continue funding for the 50,000 people receiving insurance through the law's pre-existing condition insurance pools so they don't get thrown off the rolls. A short-term patch may be necessary. But over the longer term, legislators should focus on helping states fund their own pre-existing condition pools, or create them, but in ways that fit their needs and resources.

Any temporary solutions should not block the path for Congress to work in the next term on real patient-centered, market-based health reform that gives people control and choice over their health care and health-coverage arrangements. After Obamacare, any new comprehensive 2,800-page health-reform bill will be toxic. Incremental steps will be essential.

Presumptive nominee Mitt Romney is expected to release details of his long-term health-policy agenda this summer, which will set the terms for the general-election conversation. In recent speeches and articles, he has emphasized his support for “a free market, federalist approach”

that spurs competition, flexibility, and consumer choice. That's a hopeful sign.

Most people know only about the few early provisions of Obamacare, and few have seen major changes to their coverage. But it is a freight train that is gaining steam every day and is headed straight at our health sector and economy in 2014.

If the Court upholds the whole law, it will quickly become clear that the law simply can't work. The American people will resist its intrusion into their lives, the states will find new ways to fight back, lawsuits will proliferate, and Congress will be forced to protect taxpayers from its budget-busting entitlements.

If the Court strikes it down, the nation will breathe a collective sigh of relief that we now can get on with the business of real reform that is consistent with our Constitution, our liberty, and our market economy.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### Though The U.S. Is Healthcare's World Leader, Its Innovative Culture Is Threatened

Grace-Marie Turner  
*Forbes: Health Matters, May 23, 2012*

The United States remains the world leader in medical innovation, having produced more than half of the world's new medicines over the last decade. But our edge is slipping away because of crippling domestic regulatory and tax policies.

A new [report](#) by Battelle, an international science and technology company, found that other countries are working aggressively to lure research facilities and high-paying jobs away from the United States. They are offering friendlier regulatory policies so companies can get products to patients faster, and they are lowering taxes and offering other incentives to boost private investment in new medicines and medical devices.

Our edge is not gone yet, but U.S. legislators must quickly act to stop the drain. Today, 12 of the top 20 medical device companies are headquartered in the U.S. Last year, U.S. companies had more than 3,000 new pharmaceutical products in development.

This superior medical innovation not only creates life-saving drugs, but boosts our economy. Battelle also found the biomedical industry contributed \$917 billion to the U.S. economy in 2009 and supported more than four million jobs.

The cost of developing a new drug now exceeds \$1.3 billion and takes an average of 12 years, and only a small percentage of new molecular entities ever reach the market. Instead of mitigating the risks that go along with these huge investments, the U.S. government has been erecting ever higher hurdles.

High American corporate taxes, in particular, deter investment. The top corporate income tax rate in the U.S. is 38 percent compared to an average of 15 percent in other countries.

In addition, many countries have instituted strong and permanent incentives for research and development, but the United States has kept its R&D tax credit "temporary" for decades.

America now ranks 17th out of 21 countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the effective rate of its R&D tax credit.

The new health law also has created major new hurdles for investment in the biomedical sciences. Consider ZOLL Medical Corporation, a medical device company that now finds itself in the bull's eye of ObamaCare. The law imposes a 2.3 percent tax rate on the revenue that medical device manufacturers collect — revenue, not profits! This will increase ZOLL's tax rate to more than 50 percent, completely wiping out its R&D budget.

As ZOLL President Jonathan Rennert explained in a recent forum, “every one of the jobs in our company is now in the United States. But [when the medical device tax takes effect in 2013] we will have every incentive to move jobs offshore ... the tax will lead to less innovation, fewer jobs, and fewer lives saved.”

Many other American companies, large and small, are driving innovation in the medical field — working to promote healthy lifestyles and develop new, life-saving treatments. Washington needs to support reforms that will allow their groundbreaking advances in the health sector to continue.

The engine of enterprise in the U.S. can continue if Washington were to understand the competition U.S.-based firms face from other countries and reverse its destructive policies.

In one small step, companies are working with the FDA to improve clinical trials so they can be smaller and better targeted, getting drugs to patients faster. Pfizer, for example, was able to bring its newest drug for lung cancer, Xalkori, to market in just four years using new research models that target drug trials to patients genetically tested to be most likely to respond. In one study reported at an American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting, 60 percent of patients were alive after two years, compared to only nine percent in historical trials.

The United States remains the undisputed leader in biopharmaceutical research for now, but our continued leadership is far from guaranteed. While other countries fight ferociously to lure biotech jobs and medical breakthroughs, our outdated regulations and burdensome taxes put the biomedical sector at risk. Once these jobs are lost, it will be extraordinarily difficult to get them back.

Real solutions in the health sector have come not from government, but from entrepreneurs working to find new treatments and improve care. These are the people and companies who will bring transformational change for the 21st century — provided Washington gets out of their way.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### Violating the DNA of Our Culture

Grace-Marie Turner

*National Review Online: Critical Condition, August 2, 2012*

Obamacare violates American values down to our country's very DNA.

A majority of Americans continue to oppose the health law because we understand that it is at odds with the fundamental principles and democratic processes of our country. We were aghast at the way the law was enacted two years ago — ignoring citizens who were marching in the streets and burning up the phone lines on Capitol Hill pleading with legislators to vote “no.”

We oppose its government-centric takeover of our health sector with its mandates on individuals to purchase government-approved health insurance, mandates on businesses to pay for insurance or pay huge fines, and the massive new government bureaucracy to centrally manage one-sixth of our economy.

The HHS anti-conscience mandate that has now taken effect is not an aberrant rule but is woven into the fabric of a law that is in conflict with the Constitution and with American values. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called the federal regulation an “unprecedented threat to individual and institutional religious freedom.”

But the Obama administration has determined that most employers and health plans now will have to provide “free” access to a long list of “preventive” health services, including sterilization procedures and contraceptives that can cause abortions. Citizens and businesses have become servants to the state.

The White House is trying to deflect opposition and frame this as a fight over the right to free birth-control pills. But we understand that this is really about the fundamental issue of the founding principles of this country and the meaning of the Constitution's protection of our freedom. The real question is not whether women can have access to these products but whether health plans and employers can be compelled by the government to pay for them even if doing so violates their religious beliefs.

When the law was being debated in Congress, the Obama administration repeatedly assured Catholic leaders that it would respect religious liberty in implementing Obamacare. This mandate shows that the Obama administration has broken its promises and has no intention of reversing course.

The anti-conscience rule gives pro-life private employers and health plans the choice of violating their fundamental beliefs by paying for the offending products or dropping health insurance for their employees, in which case they are subject to steep fines.

Forty-three Catholic dioceses have filed twelve lawsuits challenging the anti-conscience mandate. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty also is representing a number of colleges and other religious institutions in suing the government over the mandate.

More than 2,500 pastors and evangelical leaders have signed a letter to President Obama asking him to reverse the mandate.

As George Weigel has said, the anti-conscience rule is “a grotesque overreach by state power, one that threatens the entire fabric of civil society as well as the first of American liberties, religious freedom.”

We will not allow the First Amendment to be trampled, and this battle will continue.

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Just days after Franciscan University of Steubenville announced it was cancelling its student health plan due to Obamacare, another Catholic institution said [it's considering the same response](#). Once again, it's not just the law's infringements on religious liberty sparking Florida's Ave Maria University to contemplate dropping coverage – it's the massive premium increases sparked by the law's new regulations: "The school's insurance provider told them that students would be looking at a **premium increase ranging from 65 to 82 percent** in the coming year if no changes are made." Ave Maria's President said the institution needs "to communicate to students on why they're going to see a huge spike in insurance," but "just might get out of this business" altogether.

On one level, it's ironic that while the President is attempting to re-connect with younger voters during his re-election campaign, students are about to see massive premium increases on the order of 60-80 percent thanks to Obamacare. No wonder the President's first campus campaign rally met with [thousands of empty seats](#) – all the students were busy working extra hours to pay the higher premiums Obamacare is bringing them.

Second, as we [previously pointed out](#), [millions of union members](#) received [waivers from Obamacare](#) – and specifically the new regulations on benefit limits that are causing premiums to spike at schools like Ave Maria and Franciscan. So, to re-state the obvious, if union members can receive Obamacare waivers to avoid massive premium increases and keep their current insurance, why can't young people studying at Catholic colleges?

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During National Women's Health Week, the Administration is making an attempt to promote Obamacare's effects on women's health. However, one of the biggest effects the law will have on women's health is its massive expansion of the highly flawed Medicaid program. As of 2007, nearly [70 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries](#) – ranging from women of child-bearing age to elderly seniors receiving long-term care – were female. That's a total of more than 41 million women receiving Medicaid benefits.

The problem is that, for these 41 million women, a Medicaid card doesn't ensure access to care – let alone quality care:

- Numerous [studies](#) have documented that [in many cases](#), outcomes for patients on Medicaid are worse than those with no insurance at all.
- Medicaid patients themselves don't believe the program constitutes a legitimate benefit. For instance, one struggling mother [told the Wall Street Journal](#) in 2007, "**You feel so helpless thinking, something's wrong with this child and I can't even get her into a doctor.... When we had real insurance, we could call and come in at the drop of a hat.**" That's far from a [ringing endorsement of the Medicaid program from one mother struggling to take care of her family.](#)
- The program's dysfunctional culture "[clearly condones gross underperformance](#)" at both the state and federal levels – so said a caseworker for Deamonte Driver, the Maryland boy who died from a tooth infection in 2007 because he could not access care under the state's Medicaid program.
- The Medicaid program is so bad that ***not a single Democrat voted to place themselves in the program*** when given an opportunity to do so back in 2010.

Worse yet, Obamacare will expand Medicaid – without reforming the program. According to the [Administration's own actuary](#), Obamacare will add nearly 26 million more individuals to this broken program. At a time when states are struggling under the weight of budget deficits totaling [a collective \\$175 billion](#), Obamacare is imposing new unfunded mandates of [at least \\$118 billion](#). And Obamacare precludes states from taking many types of actions that would modernize the program – and crack down on fraud – because of the new federal requirements being imposed.

Democrats have spent the last several weeks making politically-motivated claims about a supposed Republican "war on women." Some may argue that, before those individuals get carried away with their own self-righteousness, they take the time to contemplate the Medicaid ghetto into which they have consigned more than 41 million women – to say nothing of the millions more who will be subjected to Medicaid "care" under the 2700-page health care law.

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The Center for American Progress recently released a [paper](#) making incoherent claims against conservative proposals for entitlement reform. Take for instance the below paragraphs criticizing the Medicare premium support proposal included in the House-passed budget:

The House Republican premium support plan would also limit growth in Medicare spending to growth in the economy plus 0.5 percentage points. But it's unclear how this cap would be enforced. As a result, it's likely that the cap would be enforced by limiting the amount of vouchers provided to beneficiaries. Since the proposed growth rate is much slower than the projected growth in health care costs, the voucher would leave beneficiaries to pay substantially more over time. The CBO estimates that new beneficiaries could pay more than \$1,200 more (in 2011 dollars) by 2030 and more than \$5,900 more by 2050 under the House Republican budget.

What's more, the Affordable Care Act already established an Independent Payment Advisory Board that will control the growth in Medicare spending. While the target growth rate for the independent panel is growth in the economy plus 1 percentage point, the president has proposed reducing that growth rate to growth in the economy plus 0.5 percentage points—the same growth rate as the cap under the House premium support plan.

The premium support budget cap, therefore, would produce little or no savings compared to the president's alternative approach. But the cap under the premium support plan would have serious consequences for Medicare beneficiaries.

The CAP paper admits that under the House budget plan, Medicare would grow at the same rate as under the President's budget. But to CAP, the House premium support proposal would result in seniors paying thousands of dollars more in costs – while under the President's budget, Medicare would grow at the exact same rate, but seniors would miraculously avoid paying higher costs, and still have the same access to care. To some, this argument brings to mind the old phrase, "[That dog won't hunt.](#)"

The premise behind these claims lies in CAP's belief that only government – through Obamacare's new Independent Payment Advisory Board and its rulings capping Medicare spending – can reduce health costs. This belief can be found elsewhere in the paper, where CAP states that "traditional Medicare cannot provide an integrated benefit package...modify benefit designs, or offer provider network options" – all things that generally **reduce** health care costs – only to turn around and claim that "increasing the privatization of Medicare does not make sense because traditional Medicare costs less than comparable private coverage." It's almost as if CAP believes a "Medicare fairy" can magically erase higher costs in a completely pain-free way that doesn't affect seniors' health care.

The problem is, most experts don't believe CAP's magical "Medicare fairy" exists. An [analysis from CBO released in January](#) found that most Medicare demonstration programs implemented over the

years **“have not reduced Medicare spending**: In nearly every program involving disease management and care coordination, spending was either unchanged or increased relative to the spending that would have occurred in the absence of the program, when the fees paid to the participating organizations were considered.” And both CBO and the Medicare actuary have concluded that Obamacare’s IPAB-driven spending reductions won’t work either: CBO [concluded](#) that the Medicare reductions will be “difficult to sustain for a long period,” and the Medicare actuary [found](#) that provisions in Obamacare “are unlikely to be sustainable on a permanent annual basis.” The actuary went so far as to [estimate](#) that the law will cause 40 percent of hospitals and medical providers to become unprofitable in the long term.

While Democrats’ government-centric “Medicare fairy” approach has been weighed over the years and found wanting, the conservative idea that competition can help lower costs has never been truly explored. As we [noted last week](#), even the [Obama Administration admits](#) that competition has generated savings for parts of the Medicare program. So instead of waiting around for a “Medicare fairy” that will never show up, why not empower patients instead of bureaucrats, and use competition to reduce costs in health care the same way it has in every other industry?

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By now you've heard claims from President Obama and [others](#) that Obamacare provides a massive middle-class tax cut – largely by funding coverage for health insurance through Exchanges. We figured we would take this opportunity to summarize why that claim doesn't hold water:

### **1. CBO Scores Most of the "Tax Cuts" as Government Spending**

We [previously noted](#) that, according to CBO's [March 2012 baseline](#), projected spending on insurance subsidies totaled \$806 billion during FY2013-22. As of March, \$628 billion of that \$806 billion was classified by CBO as government spending, NOT reduced tax revenues. But since the Supreme Court's ruling on Obamacare, those numbers have actually increased. CBO now [assumes](#) more low-income people who previously would have enrolled in Medicaid will receive Exchange subsidies instead in light of the Court decision. In its [updated score of the repeal bill](#), CBO last week projected that \$793 billion of the \$1.017 trillion in subsidies represent government outlays, NOT revenue reductions. That means that over 78% of Obamacare insurance subsidies are pure government spending to individuals who have no income tax liability.

Democrats are quick to cite CBO to claim that Obamacare will reduce the deficit – why aren't they also quick to cite CBO when it states that the subsidies are NOT a tax cut, but instead largely comprise new government spending?

### **2. Democrat Claims on "Tax Cuts" Undermine the Social Security Trust Fund**

When confronted with the fact that most of the Exchange subsidies constitute outlay spending by the federal government, President Obama and Democrats argue that these refundable tax credits – i.e., people receiving refunds even though they have zero income tax liability – offset payroll taxes paid by the low-income. But Democrats have told Republicans for years that those payroll taxes are used solely to fund Social Security benefits, meaning those workers will get their payroll taxes back in future benefits (and especially in the case of low-income workers, will get their payroll taxes back and then some, due to [the way Social Security benefits are calculated](#)). Do Democrats now want to admit that the [Social Security Trust Fund is effectively meaningless](#), and that those who pay only payroll taxes are funding general government obligations rather than their own retirement benefits...?

### **3. Low-Income Individuals Don't Pay Enough Other Taxes to Offset this "Tax Cut"**

Even if you disregard points #1 and #2 above, and believe that the subsidies will offset payroll and other taxes paid by individuals, the massive subsidies will still overwhelm many individuals' total tax liability – federal, state, AND local. In its [analysis of the fiscal impacts of the Supreme Court ruling](#), CBO noted that in 2022, Exchange subsidies for low-income individuals – i.e., those persons who were originally projected to enroll in Medicaid, but who will now enroll in Exchanges instead due to the Court ruling – will average about \$9,000 per year. These low-income individuals have incomes

under 138% of the federal poverty level (\$15,414.60 for a single person, \$31,809 for a family of four in 2012).

To put it into perspective: A single person with income of 138% FPL, or \$15,414.60, would pay total federal payroll taxes of \$2,358.44 (that includes employee AND employer shares). Assume also for illustrative purposes that this person would pay \$1,541.46 in state and local income taxes, given a combined 10% state and local tax rate. As noted above, this person's average insurance subsidy will total \$9,000. Given payroll and state/local income tax liability totaling \$3899.90, that means the individual in question would have to pay an additional \$5100.10 in sales taxes for the federal subsidy to offset existing tax liability. And at a 6% local sales tax rate, an individual with income of \$15,414.6 would have to spend just over \$85,000 – enough to buy a [Platinum Edition Cadillac Escalade](#) – to pay enough sales tax to have a net tax liability.

All this is to say that there is virtually NO WAY some of the individuals receiving subsidies will pay enough in payroll taxes, state and local taxes, sales taxes, or any other kind of taxes for the subsidies to offset taxes they actually paid – as opposed to the government spending money to buy them health insurance.

#### **4. Obamacare Subsidies are Paid Directly to Insurance Companies**

Democrats' claims to the contrary, the law and record are very clear about the fact that this massive new entitlement will go straight into the pockets of the insurance industry:

- Section 1412(c)(2)(A) of the [law](#) provides that “The Secretary of the Treasury shall make the advance payment under this section of any premium tax credit allowed under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the issuer of a qualified health plan on a monthly basis.”
- Page 37 of the [report](#) on the Finance Committee bill states: “The Committee Bill provides a refundable tax credit for eligible individuals and families who purchase health insurance through the state exchanges. The premium tax credit, which is refundable and payable in advance directly to the insurer, subsidizes the purchase of certain health insurance plans through the state exchanges.”

Even liberal professor Jonathan Gruber – [a paid Obamacare consultant](#) – [admitted in an interview](#) that “Most households will never actually get their hands on the credits, so their existing tax liabilities won't actually change. **In most cases, credits will go straight to insurance companies, to pay for health benefits.**” And according to CBO's updated estimates, Obamacare will now provide over \$1 trillion in spending on subsidies, which will go directly into the pockets of insurance companies.

Of course, candidate Obama opposed sending subsidies straight to insurance companies when he ran for President, only to flip-flop on this issue when he signed Obamacare. An Obama [campaign ad](#) derided Senator McCain's proposal to subsidize insurance through tax credits: “That tax credit? McCain's own Web site said it goes straight to the insurance companies, not to you, leaving you on your own...” Likewise, in a campaign speech, candidate Obama [vilified](#) Senator McCain for this

policy: “But the new tax credit [McCain’s] proposing? That wouldn’t go to you. It would go directly to your insurance company – not your bank account.”

If this isn’t enough to convince you, consider a hypothetical example whereby Congress orders the IRS to send checks to Ferrari dealerships to pay for new sports cars for all Americans with incomes under \$50,000 per year. This is clearly NOT a tax cut – because the cost of the Ferrari obviously exceeds any and all taxes low- and middle-income families pay, and because the individuals in question don’t receive cash through the transaction. It’s the same situation with health insurance. And unfortunately for the shrinking number of Americans who DO pay taxes, giving \$1 trillion in Exchange subsidies straight to insurance companies will prove to be a [fiscal wreck](#) that even [loads of Ferraris](#) couldn’t begin to match.

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In their [re-estimate of the health care law in light of the Supreme Court's ruling](#), the Congressional Budget Office yesterday noted that the ruling would likely result in some individuals previously thought to gain Medicaid coverage receiving subsidies to buy insurance on Exchanges instead. CBO believes that these individuals “generally have somewhat poorer health. As a result, CBO and JCT now estimate that the premiums for health insurance offered through the exchanges, along with premiums in the individual market, will be 2 percent higher than those estimated in March 2012.”

This 2 percent increase highlighted yesterday amounts to a little over \$300 per year for a family, given an average premium on the individual market of about \$15,200 per year, according to a [CBO analysis](#) published in 2009 (page 6). And that increase comes **in addition to** the \$2,100 per family premium increase CBO [previously predicted](#) when the law first passed – meaning that the average premium increase in the individual market thanks to Obamacare will be just under \$2,500 per family per year.

Candidate Obama [repeatedly promised](#) premiums would be impacted by about \$2,500 per family in his proposal – a development CBO has now confirmed. The only problem is that candidate Obama promised premiums would go DOWN \$2,500 – but under the law President Obama signed, premiums will go UP by nearly the same amount. It's one more reason why Obamacare is a step in the wrong direction for struggling middle class families.

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The liberal group Families USA released another [report](#) that supposedly makes the case for Obamacare – but in reality just demonstrates the lengths liberals will go to in order to gin up support for their flawed law. The report claims that “64.8 million non-elderly Americans have been diagnosed with pre-existing conditions that could lead to denials of coverage, absent health reform.”

There are several problems with this claim. First, the Administration released a report last year claiming that [129 million individuals](#) have pre-existing conditions and “could be denied affordable coverage.” In other words, the Families USA study also claims that the number of individuals with pre-existing conditions has just been cut in half when compared to the prior HHS report. Which is another way of saying the Families USA report implicitly admits that the HHS study is flawed, biased, and should not be considered reputable. (But hey, what does a difference of a mere 65 million people make among friends?)

Second, enrollment in pools for people with pre-existing conditions is nowhere near as high as the Families USA report would suggest. According to the [most recent data](#) released by the Administration, 73,333 individuals with pre-existing conditions are enrolled in the federal high-risk pool program established under Obamacare. These enrollment data do not come anywhere close to earlier projections – the Medicare actuary originally [projected](#) enrollment at 375,000 individuals in 2010, and Congressional Budget Office [estimated](#) up to 700,000 individuals would attempt to enroll in the program by next year. To put it another way, **the number of enrollees in pre-existing condition pools under Obamacare is .11% of the 64.8 million people Families USA claims have pre-existing conditions.**

Finally, it’s worth pointing out that today’s report was conducted for Families USA by the Lewin Group. The Huffington Post and other liberal allies called Lewin a [front group for insurers](#) back in 2009, when it released studies showing how a government-run health plan could cause millions to lose their health insurance. Surprisingly, we have yet to see HuffPo and other liberal groups similarly criticizing today’s Families USA/Lewin study as being biased by a tainted insurer front group, when it helps trumpet the talking points of Obamacare supporters.

It’s true that the problem of individuals with pre-existing conditions is real – but nowhere near as pervasive as the types of reports produced by HHS and Families USA would have you believe. That’s why Republicans have offered and supported targeted solutions that would solve this problem WITHOUT a 2700-page law intruding into every corner of the American health sector. The trumped-up claims in this latest Families USA report once again illustrate that while pre-existing conditions are a problem for some Americans, Obamacare is far from the right solution.

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In its [re-estimate of the health care law in light of the Supreme Court's ruling](#) and [new cost estimate for repealing the legislation](#), the Congressional Budget Office made some interesting assumptions that are worth examining in greater detail.

First, CBO opined that “the Supreme Court’s decision upholding the constitutionality of the ACA’s provision requiring most individuals to obtain insurance coverage or pay a penalty tax does not change CBO and JCT’s assessment of the mandate’s effect on coverage.” Some [observers had argued](#) that the Court’s ruling upholding the mandate as a tax rather than a penalty would undermine CBO’s behavioral assumptions – because the mandate can be easily circumvented by paying the tax, and individuals would not feel they were “breaking the law” by doing so. CBO generally declined to change its assumptions regarding compliance with the mandate in light of the ruling, although it did allow that the Court’s decision will likely result “in an increase in the number of people who will be eligible for hardship exemptions [from the mandate], which will slightly reduce the prevalence of coverage and thus the strength of the social norm to obtain insurance.”

Second, CBO assumed that the law’s Medicaid maintenance of effort requirements “were not directly affected by the Court’s decision” and remain in place. However, there is significant uncertainty and ambiguity about this assumption. While the Administration [believes the requirements were unaffected by the ruling](#), some states [believe the Court’s decision nullified the maintenance of effort mandates](#), have said they will not be bound by those mandates, and are [prepared to litigate their position accordingly](#) should the Administration attempt to enforce requirements that states believe have been nullified by the Court.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, CBO assumed HHS would give states significant flexibility in determining how they will expand their Medicaid programs:

CBO anticipates that, instead of choosing to expand Medicaid eligibility fully to 138 percent of the FPL [federal poverty level] or to continue the status quo, many states will try to work out arrangements with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to undertake partial expansions. For example, some states will probably seek to implement a partial expansion of Medicaid eligibility to 100 percent of the FPL, because, under the ACA, people below that threshold will not be eligible for subsidies in the insurance exchanges while people above that threshold will be if they do not have an offer of affordable coverage from an employer and meet other eligibility requirements. Other states may seek to expand coverage to levels above their existing thresholds but below 100 percent of the FPL....How the current Administration and future ones will respond to states’ interest in pursuing these various approaches is unclear.

This is very much an open question, given that HHS has not opined on the impact of the Court’s ruling – except to [deny states flexibility](#) to modify their Medicaid programs. If HHS takes a similarly absolute “all-or-nothing” approach to the entire Medicaid expansion, CBO’s assumptions could be

vastly different indeed.

Finally, as one [observer noted](#), CBO's score of the law's repeal "also assumes that a controversial tax on high-cost health insurance plans goes into effect as scheduled in 2018, though critics argue Congress will act to avoid that." If Congress does act to avoid that tax, then the law will INCREASE the deficit – because the \$111 billion in revenue from this insurance tax on the middle class (to say nothing of the additional \$216 billion in various tax-related interactions) outweighs the \$109 billion in supposed deficit savings CBO assumes. It's pretty ironic that, given candidate Obama's "firm pledge" not to raise taxes on the middle class, **the only thing keeping Obamacare from raising the deficit is a tax increase on the middle class.**

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Speaking on [ABC's This Week](#) Sunday, Obama Administration adviser David Plouffe made a series of false and misleading comments about Medicare. It's worth unpacking them one by one.

**"The president's approach to Medicare...extended Medicare solvency for eight years..."** That's not what the Congressional Budget Office said. The non-partisan CBO said that the Medicare reductions in Obamacare "[will not enhance the ability of the government to pay for future Medicare benefits](#)" – because those savings will be used to fund other unsustainable entitlements. Even President Obama himself admitted this irrefutable logic in a 2010 [interview](#), when he stated that "[You can't say that you are saving on Medicare and then spending the money twice.](#)"

**"...which was supported by AARP..."** As a House Ways and Means [member report](#) last year showed, AARP stands to benefit by over \$1 billion, thanks to the [numerous exemptions included in Obamacare](#) for AARP's lucrative Medigap insurance policies – making AARP far from a neutral arbiter in the Obamacare debate.

**"The savings all came from waste and fraud and subsidies that shouldn't have been going to the insurance companies..."** Administration rhetoric notwithstanding, these reductions will have a measurable impact on many Medicare beneficiaries. First, Obamacare's [cuts to Medicare Advantage](#) will reduce that program's enrollment by half and cut plan choices by two-thirds – undermining the President's promise that those who like their plan will be able to keep it under Obamacare. Second, both the [Medicare actuary](#) and the [Congressional Budget Office](#) have concluded that some of the law's biggest Medicare reductions will not be sustainable in the long-term; the Medicare actuary said the reductions could cause up to 40 percent of hospitals to become unprofitable – at which point they may have to stop treating Medicare patients.

**"Not a dime came from Medicare beneficiaries."** That statement is flat-out FALSE. The President HAS enacted cuts to Medicare benefits – namely, additional means-testing in Obamacare. And in [his budget submitted to Congress](#) this spring, the President proposed additional cuts in benefits – cuts that would (conveniently) take effect only after he leaves office. As [we previously wrote](#), many of these benefit cuts (both enacted and proposed) make sense from a policy perspective – but that does NOT give the Administration the right to claim they haven't proposed cutting Medicare benefits, when in reality they have already enacted benefit cuts.

**"The suggestion that we're raiding Medicare, absolutely untrue."** Nancy Pelosi thinks otherwise. Last November, she [admitted](#) that Democrats "[took a half a trillion dollars out of Medicare in \[Obamacare\], the health care bill](#)" to pay for more federal spending.

Looked at as a whole, there is a larger irony in Plouffe's comments, and that's this: For all the talk of "Mediscare" tactics by Democrats around premium support or other comprehensive entitlement reforms, the largest batch of misinformation from the Left has involved what Obamacare does and

doesn't do for seniors. The fact that Democrats can't even admit the true facts behind their unpopular 2700-page health care law is as good an argument as any for why they should not be trusted to enact the reforms necessary to strengthen and preserve the Medicare program.

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The Wall Street Journal [reports this morning](#) about an earnings call yesterday in which McDonald's Chief Financial Officer admitted Obamacare could cost his company nearly a half-billion dollars in revenue:

The Affordable Care Act could cost McDonald's and its franchisees more than \$400 million a year in additional health-care expenses, Chief Financial Officer Peter Bensen said on Monday.

McDonald's estimates that each restaurant will incur between \$10,000 and \$30,000 in added annual costs, Bensen said in response to an analyst's question on a conference call to discuss the fast-food giant's second-quarter results, according to an unedited transcript of the call provided by FactSet. There are about 14,000 McDonald's restaurants in the U.S., meaning McDonald's expects the total cost to the company and its franchisees to be in the range of \$140 million to \$420 million....

Spokeswomen for McDonald's added that the final cost will also depend on what percentage of its eligible employees elect to accept health insurance from the chain, as well as any changes McDonald's might make to its health-care plan. McDonald's worked with its franchisees to analyze and estimate the potential costs, the spokeswoman said, which could be mitigated by higher menu prices.

Because the federal government will be imposing hundreds of millions of dollars in regulatory costs and mandate penalties, the company may have to lower wages and/or reduce job opportunities for workers. In addition, the article notes that the company may "change" – read: "reduce" – its health care plan, and increase prices to respond to the new costs of Obamacare.

Any way you slice it, it's a very unhappy meal for McDonald's, which will be facing penalties from a new "[Hamburglar](#)" – the federal government.

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In the past 24 hours, two new polls have once again demonstrated that Obamacare is causing uncertainty for businesses, thereby hindering economic growth. In a [Gallup survey](#), 57% of Americans thought Obamacare would make things worse for businesses – a margin just short of the 60% of Americans who thought the law would make things worse for taxpayers as a whole.

A separate [survey of small businesses](#) conducted by the US Chamber of Commerce echoes the Gallup findings. That survey found that 72% of small business owners concluded that Obamacare makes it harder for their firms to take on new workers, compared to only 3% who said that the clarity of the Supreme Court’s decision on the law would lead to new hiring. Many owners also commented that the law would encourage their firm to reduce the size of their labor force, and/or cancel health insurance entirely and dump their workers on to Obamacare Exchanges.

President Obama has attracted controversy in recent days on the basis of remarks he made Friday implying that [government is the source for businesses’ success](#). Yesterday’s Obamacare surveys reveal, however, that under Obamanomics, those businesses who still can succeed aren’t succeeding **because of** government intrusion – but **despite** it.

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In an interview with Charlie Rose yesterday, President Obama [said his biggest mistake as President](#) was that he was too focused on “getting the policy right....The nature of this office is also to tell a story to the American people that gives them a sense of unity and purpose and optimism, especially during tough times.”

The President’s comments indicating he was too focused on policy may seem to some like the famous response from an interviewer asking for a job applicant’s biggest flaw: “My biggest flaws are that I work too hard and care too much.” But when it comes to health care, we actually disagree with the President. He HAS been good at telling stories – quite a lot of them actually:

**Story #1 – “If You Like Your Plan, You Can Keep It:”** The Obama campaign platform [promised](#) that “you will not have to change plans. For those who have insurance now, nothing will change under the Obama plan – except that you will pay less.” But the Administration’s [own estimates](#) revealed that Obamacare’s onerous regulations will force most firms – and up to 80 percent of small businesses – to give up their current plans, thus subjecting them to costly new mandates that will increase premiums. [Millions more seniors](#) will lose access to the Medicare Advantage plans they have and like.

**Story #2 – Obamacare Will Cut Premiums by \$2,500 per Family:** Candidate Obama [repeatedly promised](#) premiums would go down by \$2,500 – and would go down that amount *by this year*. But since making that promise, premiums have gone up by nearly \$2,400 per family – from [\\$12,680 in 2008](#) to [\\$15,073 in 2011](#), according to Kaiser Family Foundation data. And the legislation he signed into law will result in even more massive premium increases. The Congressional Budget Office projects that individual health insurance premiums will increase by [\\$2,100 per family](#) as a result of Obamacare.

**Story #3 – No New Taxes on the Middle Class:** After telling the squeezed middle class during his campaign that he would not raise “[any of your taxes](#),” President Obama’s health care law broke that promise no fewer than 12 separate times. These [massive revenue increases](#) will have a devastating effect over the coming years; destructive taxes on job creators will harm an economy struggling to grow.

**Story #4 – Individual Mandate, Part I:** In 2008, candidate Obama claimed that penalizing people for not buying health insurance was like “[solv\[ing\] homelessness by mandating everyone buy a house](#).” Yet Obamacare created an unprecedented federal requirement for all citizens to purchase a product merely because they exist.

**Story #5 – Individual Mandate, Part II:** In 2009, President Obama [told George Stephanopoulos](#) that “For us to say that you’ve got to take a responsibility to get health insurance is absolutely not a tax increase.” Yet more than two years later, his Administration [argued before the Supreme Court](#) that Obamacare’s individual mandate

“operates as a tax law.” But President Obama still refuses to acknowledge his individual mandate is a multi-billion dollar tax increase on the middle class – and has gone so far as to [criticize others for playing politics](#) regarding the issue.

**Story #6 – Protecting Medicare:** In an address to Congress in 2009, President Obama [claimed](#) he would “protect Medicare.” Yet former Speaker Pelosi [admitted in an interview last year](#) that Democrats “took a half a trillion dollars out of Medicare in [Obamacare], the health care bill” to pay for more federal spending. That doesn’t protect Medicare – that *undermines* Medicare.

**Story #7 – Federal Spending on Obamacare:** Candidate Obama [promised](#) his health care plan would cost “\$50-65 billion a year when fully phased in.” However, the Congressional Budget Office now [projects](#) that the REAL cost of the coverage expansions will be \$250 billion in 2021 and \$261 billion in 2022 – more than four times the levels of spending candidate Obama promised.

**Story #8 – Containing Health Care Costs:** In June 2009, President Obama [claimed](#) that any health care legislation must control costs: “If any bill arrives from Congress that is not controlling costs, that’s not a bill I can support. It’s going to have to control costs.” However, according to the [Medicare actuary](#), national health spending will go up by \$478,000,000,000, thanks to Obamacare.

**Story #9 – Taxing Health Benefits:** Candidate Obama [promised not to “tax health benefits,”](#) and derided his opponent’s proposals to do so. But Obamacare FORCES people to buy insurance, so the federal government can tax it at a whopping 40 percent rate.

**Story #10 – Health Care Negotiations on C-SPAN:** Candidate Obama said he would [televis](#)  
[e all health care negotiations on C-SPAN](#), but the process leading up to Obamacare was plagued with notorious backroom deals. Worse yet, Obama adviser David Axelrod [received a multimillion dollar severance package](#) indirectly paid for by the pharmaceutical industry, as part of its “[rock-solid deal](#)” with Democrats in Congress and the Administration.

So yes, President Obama is good at telling stories – quite good, in fact. The problem is that few of them happen to be true.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### A Transformative Moment

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Listening to Paul Ryan's acceptance speech in the convention hall last night evoked a similar transformative moment I witnessed in 1980 when Ronald Reagan reset the agenda for the Republican party.

Then-candidate Reagan took his pledge to cut taxes by 30 percent across the board, and he gave the Republican party a new mission. Instead of being stuck as the "tax collectors for the welfare state," the GOP became the party of economic growth and opportunity. And Reagan's policies did just that — spurring two decades of prosperity.

Paul Ryan and Ronald Reagan drew their ideas from the same man, Jack Kemp. "I learned a good deal about economics, and about America, from the author of the Reagan tax reforms — the great Jack Kemp," Ryan told the audience last night. "What gave Jack that incredible enthusiasm was his belief in the possibilities of free people, in the power of free enterprise and strong communities to overcome poverty and despair. We need that same optimism right now."

Ryan, like Kemp, is a happy warrior, ready to take on the challenge of a new century — *reform* of the welfare state. No one knows the frightening future we face better than Ryan, who can see through his deep study of budgets and finance the inevitable crisis ahead if we do not act. Governor Romney's selection of Ryan shows he also knows Republicans *must* take on this challenge.

"In this generation, a defining responsibility of government is to steer our nation clear of a debt crisis while there is still time," Ryan said.

The Romney-Ryan campaign clearly intends to focus on gaining a mandate for entitlement reform, singling out the 800-pound gorilla, Medicare.

President Obama missed his opportunity to tackle entitlement reform when he had a huge

election mandate and strong majorities in both houses of Congress. Instead, “We got a long, divisive, all-or-nothing attempt to put the federal government in charge of health care” with “more than 2,000 pages of rules, mandates, taxes, fees, and fines,” Ryan said.

President Obama didn’t reform the crumbling infrastructure of Medicare — or Medicaid — and gave no indication he has any plans to tackle entitlement reform in a second term.

Ryan made it very clear that after more than 40 years of the party’s being on the defensive on Medicare, this Republican presidential ticket is ready to lead the change:

The biggest, coldest power play of all in Obamacare came at the expense of the elderly.

You see, even with all the hidden taxes to pay for the health care takeover, even with new taxes on nearly a million small businesses, the planners in Washington still didn’t have enough money. They needed more. They needed hundreds of billions more. So, they just took it all away from Medicare. Seven hundred and sixteen billion dollars, funneled out of Medicare by President Obama. An obligation we have to our parents and grandparents is being sacrificed, all to pay for a new entitlement we didn’t even ask for. The greatest threat to Medicare is Obamacare, and we’re going to stop it. . . .

Medicare is a promise, and we will honor it. A Romney-Ryan administration will protect and strengthen Medicare, for my Mom’s generation, for my generation, and for my kids and yours.

So our opponents can consider themselves on notice. In this election, on this issue, the usual posturing on the Left isn’t going to work. Mitt Romney and I know the difference between protecting a program, and raiding it. Ladies and gentlemen, our nation needs this debate. We want this debate. We will win this debate.

Whether Republicans like it or not, Medicare is a promise to Americans. If we are going to save our economy and our ability to fulfill this promise for the future, change is absolutely essential. Otherwise, the status quo will prevail, and that is a path to decline.

Paul Ryan’s speech last night reset the agenda for the Republican party, perhaps for a generation. This is going to be a big fight — one that requires courage and big ideas. Last night’s speech shows Romney and Ryan are ready.

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Earlier this week consultants at Towers Watson, in conjunction with the National Business Group on Health, released their [annual survey](#) of large employers offering health insurance. And the results are not encouraging for businesses or employees:

**Higher Costs:** “Employers anticipate total health care costs will reach \$11,664 per active employee in 2012, up from \$10,982 in 2011 — a 6.2% increase in total costs over the period.”

**Higher Premiums:** “Employees, on average, paid 23.0% of total premium costs in 2011 and are expected to pay 23.7% in 2012, as companies take steps to control their costs. In paycheck deductions, this translated into an average employee contribution of \$2,529 to premiums in 2011, which is expected to rise to \$2,764 in 2012 — a 9.3% increase in one year.”

**Higher Out-of-Pocket Charges:** “The share of total health care expenses paid by employees, including premium and out-of-pocket costs, is expected to be 34.4% in 2012, up from 33.2% in 2011.”

**Employers Dropping Retiree Coverage:** “If [Obamacare] works as intended, the health insurance market in 2014 and beyond will become an attractive alternative and further push companies to exit sponsorship of their pre-65 programs.”

**Employers Dropping Workers’ Coverage:** “Nearly one in five companies is likely to offer health care coverage to a subset of its workforce and direct the remainder of its employees to the insurance Exchanges.”

**Employers Less Confident about Offering Coverage:** “Against the backdrop of [Obamacare], companies have never been more uncertain about the future of their health care programs over the long term....With the health care marketplace changing rapidly and parts of [Obamacare] already starting to take effect, employer confidence is at its lowest point (23%) since we began tracking this data.”

**Businesses Bugged Down by Paperwork:** Nearly one in six firms (15%) cited the cost of Obamacare compliance as one of the “biggest challenges to maintaining affordable benefit coverage.”

**Firms Reducing Employee Hours:** “Nearly 40% of companies that traditionally use a high number of part-time workers expect to limit them to less than 30 hours per week by 2014 to escape having to pay benefits.”

The report once again illustrates Obamacare's broken promises – instead of premiums [going down by \\$2,500](#), they continue to skyrocket, even as individuals are unable to maintain their prior coverage. It's yet another example of the way in which Obamacare has failed to deliver for the American people.

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# Galen Institute Commentary Alert



## Innovation In The Health Care Sector Marches Forward

Grace-Marie Turner  
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All eyes are on the Supreme Court as the nation awaits its decision about ObamaCare, but progress in the health sector nonetheless marches on. These changes in the real world of health care are driven not by Washington's laws, rules, and endless regulations, but by companies, large and small, that are developing new ways to improve health care.

The Galen Institute held a [conference](#) adjacent to Capitol Hill on Wednesday in which speakers from more than a dozen companies described the investments they are making in better health, better health care services, and more efficient care delivery.

They demonstrated that the best solutions to the problems in our health sector come not from remote Washington bureaucrats trying futilely to re-engineer our health sector through costly, cumbersome, and confusing rules and regulations, but from innovators who are listening to doctors, patients, and consumers.

Here are examples of some of their real-world solutions:

### **Incentives for healthy lifestyles:**

Walmart is making a major investment in its new "Healthy Food Initiative" to help families stressed for time and money to eat better, more nutritious meals. Joe Quinn, senior director of issue management and strategic outreach for Walmart, described the company's new five-year program to make it easier to live healthy by making more nutritious food more accessible and affordable.

Walmart will work to reduce sodium, sugars, and trans fats in the packaged foods it sells, buy more local products, and develop algorithms for labels that will help shoppers identify healthy foods offering the best value, as just a few examples of the Walmart initiative. This will bring "better nutrition to kitchen tables across the country," Quinn said. Only the world's largest

retailer would have the market power to facilitate this transformational change by working at the micro level with suppliers, developing educational programs, and responding to customers who want to live better at affordable prices.

### **Innovations in drug development:**

Robert Sweetman, M.D., the lead lung cancer researcher for the Oncology Business Unit at Pfizer, explained that innovations in technology, genetics, and basic science are helping companies discover and develop effective treatments at a much faster pace.

For example, researchers have new tools to better understand the molecular characteristics of a tumor so they can more precisely target treatment options. They also are able to determine which patients are more likely to respond to treatment. As a result, Pfizer was able to expedite clinical trials and bring its newest drug for a specific type of lung cancer, Xalkori® (crizotinib) to market 4 years from target discovery to approval, rather than decades using the older research models. This represents a new chapter in drug development.

Powerful computer software is speeding the process of drug discovery and development. This means smaller clinical trials that are targeted to patients likely to benefit from the drug, helping to lower the extraordinarily expensive cost of drug testing, and getting new drugs to patients faster.

### **Threats to innovation:**

ZOLL Medical Corporation is one of the medical device companies in the bull's eye of ObamaCare. ZOLL President Jonathan Rennert explained that the new taxes the law imposes on his company's revenue – revenue, not profits – will raise ZOLL's tax rate to greater than 50%, which will in turn drastically curtail the company's investment in research and development. "The medical device tax would have completely wiped out our profit if it were in effect over the last several years," Rennert said. "Every one of the jobs in our company is now in the U.S. But we will have every incentive to move jobs offshore" when the tax takes effect in 2013. "The medical device tax will lead to less innovation, fewer jobs, and fewer lives saved."

Timothy Ring, chairman and CEO of C.R. Bard, Inc., said the medical device tax is killing jobs, innovation, and America's leadership in medical science. He cites as evidence: Investments in health technology firms are down 65% over the last five years.

Similarly, Michael Russell, M.D., president of the board of directors of Physician Hospitals of America, described the health law's crushing impact on the newer, more efficient doctor-owned hospitals. ObamaCare effectively blocks creation of new doctor-owned hospitals and it even kept those which already were under construction from opening, denying patients access to care and medical professionals access to jobs. So far, the bigger, lumbering community hospitals have been successful in using their political clout to crush these smaller, more efficient competitors.

### **Better care with better information**

Keynote speaker John Niederhuber, M.D., CEO of Inova Translational Medicine Institute and former director of the National Cancer Institute, says we should expect that, within a decade, each one of us will have our genome sequenced. (The cost has fallen from \$1 billion to map the first human genome to about \$2,000 now.) "The next 10 years in biomedical research and patient care will be defined by genomics and our ability to analyze and integrate this data

effectively with a patient's phenotypic information into their actual care," he said.

"The power of genomics and information management is the key to bending the cost curve," he said, as better and earlier information allows us to get the right treatment to the right patient at the right time – even before any symptoms manifest. He said the challenge will be in managing the explosion of information (measured in "zettabytes").

William Hanson, M.D., chief medical information officer and vice president at the University of Pennsylvania Health System, discussed how genetic mapping will transform our understanding of disease: "A treatment that appears to be eminently sensible based on phenotypic appearance can look very wrong-headed when genotypic information becomes available," he said. "It has become increasingly clear that, as we gain more information about the genetics of illness...we'll find that we're going to need to re-label many diseases and rewrite a lot of textbooks."

William O'Leary, Microsoft's executive director of policy, health and human services, explained his company's investments in new technologies to get and keep consumers engaged in their health and health care and navigate the delivery system, as well as its investments in cloud, shared services, and emerging technologies to facilitate "connected health." Better information is the key to better health care and greater efficiency in the health sector, O'Leary said.

Imran Andrabi, M.D., chief physician executive officer and senior vice president at Mercy Health Partners, explained that reforming basic procedures also can have a transformative effect. He described his work in better understanding of what's happening – and not happening – at the patient's bedside and described changes that reduced infections and falls, dramatically improved patient satisfaction, and increased quality of care by such simple changes as getting lab results into doctors' hands earlier in the day as they were doing their rounds. The constellation of changes at Mercy lowered costs and helped improve the hospital's bottom line.

### **Challenges for the future**

Alex Azar, president of Lilly USA, provided a visionary overview of the challenges and opportunities ahead. People are living more than 60% longer today than they did at the turn of the last century and "drugs, used properly, are part of the solution, not the problem," he said.

The U.S. remains the undisputed leader in bio pharmaceutical research, but our continued leadership in this industry sector is not guaranteed. "We are facing today an innovation crisis in the life sciences sector," Azar said. The cost of developing a new drug now exceeds \$1.3 billion, and the number of new drugs winning approval during the last five years is lower than at any time since the 1970s. The rest of the world is gaining on us because of our outdated regulatory and tax burdens, while other countries are competing ferociously for biotech jobs.

Azar believes history demonstrates that consumers are best served by competition and innovation, not unaccountable boards like the Independent Payment Advisory Board created in the new health law. Policy must focus on three primary solutions: Open access to markets with market-based pricing policies, tax policies that encourage innovation, and regulatory polices with consistent standards.

"What seems unimaginable today will become a reality tomorrow," Azar said. "And we know that our success will continue to rely on keeping the doctor-patient relationship at the center" of decision-making.

## Policy perspective

Three members of Congress who spoke at the Galen conference showed their understanding of the opportunities and challenges discussed at the conference: House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) echoed a theme that was woven throughout the conference: The need for major tax reform to restore America's global competitiveness, the importance of FDA reform to modernize the approval process, and repealing the health law to "restore innovation and unshackle the economy."

Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) is a registered nurse who was inflamed by a government takeover of health care. She ran for Congress, having never before held elective office, defeated a long-time incumbent in 2010, and is working tirelessly to repeal the law and restore control over decisions to doctors and patients.

Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) is a member of the House Medical Technology Caucus, and he described the devastating impact that the law is having on investment and jobs creation in the medical device companies in his district. This tax must go! he said.

Galen held the conference across the street from Capitol Hill. It was our reminder to government officials who don't get it that the real solutions in the health sector come, not from government, but from the millions of entrepreneurs who are working every day to improve care, find new treatments, and put new ideas into action. These are the people who will lead us to transformational change.

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Clearly, the huge expansion of Medicaid will make it even harder for the patients already on Medicaid to get the health care they need and will be little more than the paper promise it is today for those who receive a new Medicaid card.

**Despite these many problems**, many states are tempted and are seriously considering whether to accept the generous 100 percent federal matching money ObamaCare initially offers if they expand eligibility for Medicaid up to 138 percent of poverty (more than \$32,000 for a family of four).

But states should be warned: It’s likely a loss leader. There are no assurances that Washington

would be able to keep its promise to continue the generous funding.

There already is evidence that could be the administration's plan. President Obama proposed reducing federal Medicaid spending by [\\$100 billion over 10 years](#) during last year's "supercommittee" budget negotiations. He proposed changing the traditional federal Medicaid matching rate in a way that would lead to a smaller overall federal contribution to the program — and a larger state-based one.

**Given time, resources, and greater flexibility**, hospitals could work with other medical facilities to create a system of care for the uninsured. But with millions more people added to an unreformed Medicaid program all at once, safety net providers will be overwhelmed.

There is a better way: Allow people on Medicaid the option of private insurance so they can get coverage through private competing plans. Florida has a [successful model](#) underway. These plans could provide much better access to physicians, coordinate care for patients with multiple health problems, and allow patients to be seen in doctors' offices rather than in expensive hospital emergency rooms.

Patients would have the dignity of private coverage, and safety-net hospitals will be able to keep their doors open so they can continue their mission of caring for the poorest and neediest in our society.

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*Health News* [reports](#) that “Illinois Medicaid recipients have been limited to four prescription drugs [per month] as the state becomes the latest to cap how many medicines it will cover in the state-federal health insurance program for the poor.” A total of 16 states impose monthly limits on prescription drugs for beneficiaries, “and seven states have either enacted such caps or tightened them in the past two years.”

Clearly, the huge expansion of Medicaid will make it even harder for the patients already on Medicaid to get the health care they need and will be little more than the paper promise it is today for those who receive a new Medicaid card.

**Despite these many problems**, many states are tempted and are seriously considering whether to accept the generous 100 percent federal matching money ObamaCare initially offers if they expand eligibility for Medicaid up to 138 percent of poverty (more than \$32,000 for a family of four).

But states should be warned: It’s likely a loss leader. There are no assurances that Washington would be able to keep its promise to continue the generous funding.

There already is evidence that could be the administration’s plan. President Obama proposed reducing federal Medicaid spending by [\\$100 billion over 10 years](#) during last year’s “supercommittee” budget negotiations. He proposed changing the traditional federal Medicaid matching rate in a way that would lead to a smaller overall federal contribution to the program — and a larger state-based one.

**Given time, resources, and greater flexibility**, hospitals could work with other medical facilities to create a system of care for the uninsured. But with millions more people added to an unreformed Medicaid program all at once, safety net providers will be overwhelmed.

There is a better way: Allow people on Medicaid the option of private insurance so they can get coverage through private competing plans. Florida has a [successful model](#) underway. These plans could provide much better access to physicians, coordinate care for patients with multiple health problems, and allow patients to be seen in doctors’ offices rather than in expensive hospital emergency rooms.

Patients would have the dignity of private coverage, and safety-net hospitals will be able to keep their doors open so they can continue their mission of caring for the poorest and neediest in our society.

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Speaking on [Face the Nation](#) yesterday, [Center for American Progress](#) CEO Neera Tanden claimed that Obamacare “is a massive tax cut for – in health care. It's a six-hundred-billion-dollar tax cut for health care. It's a tax cut to middle-class families.” Tanden’s claims to the contrary, the law and record are very clear about the fact that this massive new entitlement will go straight into the pockets of the insurance industry:

- Section 1412(c)(2)(A) of the [law](#) provides that “The Secretary of the Treasury shall make the advance payment under this section of any premium tax credit allowed under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the issuer of a qualified health plan on a monthly basis.”
- Page 37 of the [report](#) on the Finance Committee bill states: “The Committee Bill provides a refundable tax credit for eligible individuals and families who purchase health insurance through the state exchanges. The premium tax credit, which is refundable and payable in advance directly to the insurer, subsidizes the purchase of certain health insurance plans through the state exchanges.”

Even liberal professor Jonathan Gruber – [a paid Obamacare consultant](#) – [admitted in an interview](#) that “**Most households will never actually get their hands on the credits**, so their existing tax liabilities won’t actually change. In most cases, credits will go straight to insurance companies, to pay for health benefits.” And according to CBO’s [updated estimates](#), **Obamacare will now provide over \$1 trillion in spending on subsidies, which will go directly into the pockets of insurance companies.**

Of course, candidate Obama opposed sending subsidies straight to insurance companies when he ran for President. An Obama [campaign ad](#) derided Senator McCain’s proposal to subsidize insurance through tax credits: “That tax credit? McCain’s own Web site said it goes straight to the insurance companies, not to you, leaving you on your own...” Likewise, in a campaign speech, candidate Obama [vilified](#) Senator McCain for this policy: “But the new tax credit [McCain’s] proposing? That wouldn’t go to you. It would go directly to your insurance company – not your bank account.”

In making her false claims that middle class families – as opposed to insurance companies – would actually receive these tax cuts, Tanden contradicted both the words of candidate Obama – on whose 2008 campaign she worked – and someone who has written [multiple papers](#) for the organization she leads. It’s unfortunate that Obamacare supporters feel the need to twist the facts in such a blatantly obvious manner to try to gin up support for their [unpopular health care law](#).

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1. Update on Healthcare Report draft and process (Report attached)
2. SDW update
3. Dual Eligibles update
4. State-Federal-Partnership Healthcare Exchanges update/recap of HHS call last week
5. How are states are handling the reimbursement/"access" questions from CMS. How are states answering? What passes to get approval? Why are we answering for a proposed rule that is not enforceable?
6. Quick brief on Scottsdale- please register here: <http://goo.gl/8Z6eH>

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### Spending \$716 Billion, Twice

Grace-Marie Turner  
*National Review Online, August 17, 2012*

The issue of \$716 billion in spending cuts to Medicare has taken center stage, with accusations flying about who is raiding Medicare and pushing Granny off the cliff.

So here are the facts:

In 1997, the Republican Congress passed, and President Bill Clinton signed, the Balanced Budget Act (BBA), which gradually reduced payments to Medicare providers as part of a plan to reduce overall federal spending. The key to the policy is the [Sustainable Growth Rate](#), which requires the government to adjust payments for physician services each year so that growth in Medicare spending does not exceed the growth of GDP.

But Medicare's fee-for-service model works at cross-purposes with this policy, and incentivizes doctors to bill for more and more services, driving up Medicare spending to higher levels year after year. Further, each time the payment cuts are about to be triggered, doctors swarm Capitol Hill to get Congress to postpone them. At first, the payment cuts would have been just 1 or 2 percent if doctors hadn't succeeded in killing them. But over time they have accumulated, and now doctors would be paid [27 percent](#) less for treating Medicare patients if the originally intended cuts had gone into effect. And the cuts would continue in perpetuity.

Doctors say these payment reductions would cripple their practices and make it difficult for them to see Medicare patients, especially since Medicare already pays doctors less than private plans.

The American Medical Association wants a permanent "doc fix" that would end the threat of these cuts, and the fix was the main demand the AMA made when it was at the negotiating table over Obamacare. The White House promised the fix, but reneged at the last minute. The doc fix was yanked from the bill, largely because of its [\\$208 billion](#) price tag. Astonishingly, and much to the dismay of doctors across the country, the AMA endorsed Obamacare anyway, giving the

bill an important push over the finish line.

Last month, following the Supreme Court's disastrous decision about Obamacare, the Congressional Budget Office recalculated the ten-year cost of the health-overhaul law to determine what the court's decision would mean to the overall cost of the law. The CBO concluded that the cuts to Medicare now total [\\$716 billion](#) over 10 years — chiefly because the ten-year window is moved three years into the future and, as health costs grow every year, so does Medicare spending. (The law contains other Medicare payment reductions as well.)

The president's plan to "save" Medicare relies primarily on paying doctors and hospitals less and less by keeping in place the 1997 trajectory for spending cuts. [According](#) to Medicare actuaries, this would mean that 40 percent of providers eventually will either go bankrupt or stop seeing Medicare patients altogether.

To make sure that these spending targets are met, Obamacare creates the dreaded Independent Payment Advisory Board to enforce the cuts — and even more if needed. The IPAB puts the thumb screws in the Obamacare strategy, because the law makes it nearly impossible for Congress to override the board's orders and shields the board's decisions from judicial review — and patient input.

So now we get to the crucial dispute. Obamacare counts the same Medicare savings twice — once to allegedly extend the solvency of Medicare, and again to pay for Obamacare's massive new subsidies for private health insurance through the exchanges.

Medicare actuaries have [chastised](#) the administration and its allies in Congress for this double-counting. Health and Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius was asked about the double-counting during a congressional hearing last year. "Are you using [the Medicare savings] to save Medicare or are you using it for health reform?" asked Representative John Shimkus (R., Ill.). "Both," Sebelius answered.

If Obamacare were repealed, we would be protecting taxpayers from this dishonest trick of counting the Medicare savings twice. (All of these numbers, by the way, represent reductions in the *rate of growth* of Medicare spending, not actual cuts. Medicare spent [\\$549 billion](#) in 2011 and is projected to spend [\\$809 billion](#) in 2018. In any family budget, that definitely is not a cut.)

So what about the claims that House Budget Committee chairman Paul Ryan also cuts Medicare by \$716 billion? Ryan's budget follows current law. The BBA Medicare-payment reductions are federal law, and his budget necessarily uses federal law as a baseline.

Governor Mitt Romney says that if he is elected, he will eliminate the cuts. That's actually a realistic promise, because that is what Congress does every year anyway. But this promise also will provide added incentive for a "permanent doc fix," the Holy Grail of the AMA.

So here's the bottom line: President Obama leaves the \$716 billion in Medicare reductions in place, and he spends the money again to create a vast new Obamacare entitlement program. Paul Ryan doesn't double-count this money. His budget leaves the BBA Medicare payment cuts in place, but also creates a plan to make the program more efficient by injecting market forces through competition and consumer choice. Ryan's premium-support model would require health plans to compete for the business of future seniors by offering better benefits at lower prices. Seniors would be guaranteed coverage because Medicare would fully cover the premium costs of the second-lowest-cost plan or the cost of traditional Medicare, whichever is lower. Those who

are older or sicker, or have lower incomes, would get additional help.

The market model has been proven to work in the Medicare Advantage and prescription-drug programs. Three Harvard researchers published a study in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (you can find it [here](#), but it requires a subscription) examining how premium support would have worked if it had been in effect in 2009. They found that, nationally, the benchmark plan bid an average of 9 percent below traditional Medicare costs.

Further, the Part D prescription-drug program in Medicare is saving taxpayers money and giving seniors better benefits. Seniors can choose the drug plan that offers them the best benefits at the lowest prices, and these smart shoppers have brought the cost of the program [42 percent](#) lower than expected when the drug benefit was created in 2003.

It's now a choice between the Romney-Ryan market-based model and Obamacare's double-counting and price controls enforced by an unelected, unaccountable board charged with paying doctors less and less, to the point that 40 percent of them drop out. Let's have an honest debate about which of the two visions actually would sustain Medicare, and has the best chance of getting the federal budget on a more sustainable track.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### Not Reforming Medicare Is Not an Option

Grace-Marie Turner

*National Review Online: The Corner, August 14, 2012*

To those who insist that they've "paid for" their Medicare benefits and dare politicians to change the program, consider this: A typical couple retiring last year, with both spouses having worked and paid taxes their whole careers, would have paid a total of \$149,000 in Medicare taxes. But they are expected to consume an average of \$351,000 in medical services in their retirement years (in constant dollars), [according to a study](#) from the Urban Institute.

That \$202,000 gap would have to be financed by higher and higher taxes on fewer and fewer of tomorrow's workers or by more deficit spending that puts trillions of dollars in debt on the shoulders of our grandchildren.

Clearly, Medicare is not sustainable, especially with more than 70 million Baby Boomers starting to enter the program at the rate of 10,000 a day.

We do not have the option of ignoring this growing tsunami of red ink or of spewing false accusations about the [serious reform plan](#) offered by House Budget chairman Paul Ryan.

Under Obamacare, the president's plan to "save" Medicare relies primarily on paying doctors and hospitals less and less to the point that 40 percent of providers will either go bankrupt or stop seeing Medicare patients, [according to Medicare actuaries](#). The dreaded Independent Payment Advisory Board will put the thumb screws on through a rationing strategy.

This is not a solution for a free people. Further, Obamacare doubles down on the fiction by spending the same dollars twice — once to extend the solvency of Medicare and again to pay for Obamacare's massive new entitlement spending. Medicare actuaries have chastised the administration and allies in Congress for this double-counting.

In contrast, Representative Ryan's plan guarantees that seniors would continue to receive a Medicare benefit, with the government's contribution equal to the cost of traditional Medicare in

a given market or the cost of the second-least expensive plan, whichever is less. As Representative Ryan explains, this means the government would fully cover the premium costs of some plans or the cost of traditional Medicare. Those who are older, sicker, or with lower incomes would get additional help.

Nothing changes for those on Medicare today or for those who qualify for Medicare between now and 2022.

After that, seniors would have more choices of plans that are competing for their business, just as the popular Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans provide today. These private Medicare plans would have to offer coverage that is equivalent to traditional Medicare. While the benefits and financing structure could vary, the value of the plans would have to be the same.

Experience has proven that consumers choosing from among competing plans can lower costs. Yuval Levin [explains](#) how this “premium support” model would work with the plan developed by Ryan and Senator Ron Wyden (D., Ore.):

On August 1, three Harvard researchers published a study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (you can find it [here](#), but it requires a subscription) that used data from the Medicare Advantage program (a much more limited experiment in insurer competition in Medicare) to consider how the Wyden-Ryan reform would have worked if it had been in effect in 2009. They found that, “nationally, in 2009, the benchmark plan under the Ryan-Wyden framework (i.e., the second-lowest plan) bid an average of 9% below traditional Medicare costs (traditional Medicare was equivalent to approximately the tenth-lowest bid).

Further, the Part D prescription drug program in Medicare is costing taxpayers 46 percent less today than expected when the benefit was created in 2003.

The reason? Competition and consumer choice.

So the debate over Medicare is a microcosm of the larger debate over the role of government in our lives. Voters have a clear choice this election year between two very different visions. Should we entrust government to control and micromanage decisions that impact our lives or should we create new incentives and modernize programs so we can make decisions about our future as adults and free citizens?

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



Professor [Chris Conover](#) of the Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research at Duke University brings new attention to the dangers of the health overhaul law with his review of *Why ObamaCare Is Wrong for America* [Broadside/HarperCollins, 2011]. Read Dr. Conover's op-ed below and purchase your copy of our book [here](#).

### How the Affordable Care Act Reduces Our Liberty

Chris Conover  
*Forbes.com*, August 10, 2012

With one to two weeks left before most schools begin their fall semester, there's still time left to squeeze in a bit more summer reading. So if healthcare policy is your idea of a beach read, grab a copy of [Why Obamacare is Wrong for America](#).

Authored by former OMB associate director Jim Capretta, American Enterprise Institute resident fellow Tom Miller, Heritage Foundation senior fellow Bob Moffit, and Galen Institute president Grace-Marie Turner, the book makes nuances of the debate over the Affordable Care Act (ACA) palatable to a lay audience by breaking down the law into eight pillars. This book nicely elaborates on the government takeover concerns I voiced in my [earlier column](#).

The first two pillars are mandates on individuals (to obtain) and employers (to provide) health coverage. These are unprecedented. Most people can go without healthcare longer than they can make it without food. Yet, even for a necessity such as food, lawmakers do not impose any remotely equivalent restrictions on freedom of choice.

Even recognizing that free people sometimes may make very misguided choices about what they eat, with adverse consequences to both their health and to society, America has historically respected the rights of individuals to choose what, when and how they eat. But in the case of health care, ACA revokes those kinds of rights—saying government knows best and penalizing citizens and employers who disagree.

Expanded federal entitlements comprise the third pillar outlined by Capretta *et al*. These come in the form of Medicaid (which, after the Supreme Court decision in June, now is expected to

account for [slightly more than one third of the 30 million individuals who will be newly covered under the law](#)) and subsidized coverage available through state-based health exchanges. The Supreme Court fortunately forestalled the law's efforts to coercively extort states into accepting a massive expansion in Medicaid coverage. Even so, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) still projects [more than a one-third increase in non-elderly Medicaid eligible by the year 2022](#).

More worrisome still, over the next 75 years the CBO's [latest long-term spending projections](#) show even with ACA (which, remember, was supposed to "bend the cost curve"), the federal government will increase in size by 48 percent relative to the economy. Fully 100 percent of that increase can be attributed to growth in federally funded healthcare entitlements, i.e., Medicare, Medicaid and exchange subsidies.<sup>[1]</sup> There are very real and legitimate questions about the ability of the federal government to finance these entitlements over the long term.

As more than 100,000 Medicaid recipients who were suddenly tossed off of TennCare discovered a few years ago, things can turn ugly quickly when governments discover they no longer can afford their generous health promises.

The fourth pillar is "squeezing funds out of Medicare and choking off private plan choices." These funds include a combination of reductions in spending as well as new Medicare-related taxes. As Medicare's public trustee Charles Blahous has [demonstrated](#), the half trillion in resources diverted from Medicare either can be used to shore up Medicare or they can be used to bankroll the new Medicaid and Exchange entitlements. They cannot be used to do both.

Because these "Medicare funds" instead will have been spent on the new entitlements, the government will have to borrow additional funds to keep Medicare afloat. An estimated \$136 billion of those savings will come in the form of cuts to Medicare Advantage plans, resulting in [half the seniors who would have joined such plans by 2017](#) being forced back into the inefficient and fragmented fee-for-service Medicare system. Instead of giving seniors [genuine choices that would reward plans that provide coordinated and effective care](#) (and produce sizable savings to Medicare to boot), ACA has stacked the decks in favor of a badly outdated fee-for-service model that decades of research has shown costs more than it should even while producing worse outcomes.

The fifth pillar detailed by the authors is the more than one half trillion in new federal taxes. (For the adverse consequences of these levies, see this [earlier post](#).)

The exchanges make up pillar number six. Exchanges are a sensible idea advocated by free-market analysts, but unfortunately "[Obamacare took these market-based ideas and twisted them beyond recognition into a bureaucratic knot. The exchanges are weighed down with rules, regulations, and government restrictions and crushed under a mountain of bureaucracy](#)." The law gives extraordinary discretion to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to determine which plans are permitted to participate in the exchange. The federal government also will require exchanges to perform at least a dozen "minimum functions" such as checking (every month!) the incomes of people who qualify for subsidies.

The seventh pillar is federal government-sponsored health plans. At least two national plans created by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management must be offered in each state exchange even if the state has no interest in them. These plans will compete on a playing field stacked in their favor, since the OPM has the discretion to use less rigid rules than those faced by private insurers (e.g., how much to spend on administration).

Federal control over private health insurance makes up the eight and last pillar. Plans must take all comers even if they wait until they are sick to buy coverage (given the modest penalties for failing to obtain health insurance, the law actually will create perverse incentives for consumers to buy their coverage later than sooner). ACA imposes restrictions on pricing as well as extensive rules about benefits. As the recent dust-up about contraceptive coverage demonstrated, the government will require you to purchase certain benefits even if you have no interest in them or moral or religious objections to paying for them.

Once again, government experts are displacing the individual judgment of patients about what is best for them. This is unprecedented. The federal government does not do this in automobile, homeowners, or life insurance. But for some reason, in health insurance, the federal experts presume to know best.

Going back to food, which arguably is more of day-to-day “necessity” of life than medical care, the federal government does not tell you what you must purchase or tell grocery stores how to price what they sell (or how fast their prices can rise). The contrast between the extraordinary freedom of choice we allow for food and the greatly restricted choices ACA will impose in medical care could not be more stark.

America’s Founders fought for a limited government that presupposed free citizens capable of making responsible choices. It is unimaginable that they pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to create a government as intrusive on the lives of ordinary citizens as the vision embodied in ACA.

#### **Footnotes**

[1] This is based on official CBO projections using the alternative fiscal scenario, which provides the most realistic projection of ACA revenues and expenditures. It only includes non-interest federal spending, which will rise from 22.0 percent of GDP in 2012 to 32.6 percent by 2087—an increase of 10.6 percentage points. During that same period, gross Medicare spending will grow from 3.7 to 13.3 percent of GDP and spending on Medicaid, CHIP and Exchange subsidies will grow from 1.7 to 5.0 percent of GDP, for a combined increase of 12.9 percentage points for health entitlements.

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In a [New York Times blog post](#) last Friday, former Clinton Administration official Laura D’Andrea Tyson said that “when formulating public policy, evidence should be accorded more weight than ideology, and facts should matter more than shibboleths.” On that count, she’s right. But unfortunately for Tyson, the evidence shows that while liberal, top-down proposals to restructure Medicare – and the health care system – have failed, conservative proposals to introduce market forces into America’s failing entitlements could just succeed.

Tyson dismisses premium support proposals for Medicare, arguing that “the facts do not support” any conclusion that “competition would encourage more cost-sensitive behavior by beneficiaries, providers, and insurers.” Actually, a [new study](#) published in the Journal of the American Medical Association just this month found that private plans would “bid an average of 9% below traditional Medicare costs” under a premium support model. That’s a savings of tens of billions of dollars – coming directly from the positive effects of competition.

Conversely, Tyson claims that because competition won’t reduce health costs, “enforceable payment and cost-containment reforms like those in [Obamacare] are necessary.” Those are the same payment reforms that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, in a [January report](#) analyzing dozens of Medicare demonstration programs over decades, said haven’t worked to contain costs:

The evaluations show that **most programs have not reduced Medicare spending: In nearly every program involving disease management and care coordination, spending was either unchanged or increased relative to the spending that would have occurred in the absence of the program, when the fees paid to the participating organizations were considered....** Demonstrations aimed at reducing spending and increasing quality of care face significant challenges in overcoming the incentives inherent in Medicare’s fee-for-service payment system, which rewards providers for delivering more care but does not pay them for coordinating with other providers, and in the nation’s decentralized health care delivery system, which does not facilitate communication or coordination among providers.

While the evidence is clear that Obamacare’s focus on payment reform has NOT worked to control costs, the signs for competition as a positive force slowing costs seem promising. Which means that if Tyson wants to be bound by evidence and not ideology, she has every reason to endorse premium support as opposed to an extension of the failed *status quo*.

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## [My Testimony on the Illegal IRS Rule Increasing Taxes & Spending under ObamaCare](#)

**Posted by [Michael F. Cannon](#)**

Here is the [video](#) of my recent opening statement before a [House Oversight Committee hearing](#) on the IRS rule that Jonathan Adler and I write about in our forthcoming *Health Matrix* article, "[Taxation without Representation: the Illegal IRS Rule to Expand Tax Credits under the PPACA.](#)"

Please forgive the audio.

In addition, Pete Suderman [writes](#) that Adler and I "have [jointly authored a long and quite convincing rebuttal](#) to defenders of the IRS rule over at the journal *Health Affairs*. If they are right, it could be a fatal blow to the law."

[Michael F. Cannon](#) • [August 8, 2012 @ 8:36 am](#)

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Two articles in today's Wall Street Journal illustrate how President Obama is putting politics before policy – deliberately failing to lead on tough fiscal choices to score cheap political points. One [news article](#) notes that the White House has put together a secret deficit reduction plan, which it refuses to release to the American people:

President Barack Obama's most recent budget...[did not] detail how to slow the growth of spending on Medicare or Social Security. Nor has Mr. Obama made public the details of proposals he made in unsuccessful talks with House Speaker John Boehner (R., Ohio) last summer, such as raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67, a notion both Mr. Romney and Mr. Ryan have endorsed.

**Administration officials are preparing new deficit-reduction proposals to be released if Mr. Obama is re-elected, but see no political advantage in previewing them now**, people familiar with the process said.

Likewise, an [excellent editorial in this morning's Journal](#) about the Administration's plans for top-down government health "reform" notes that the White House has refused to name individuals to Obamacare's Independent Payment Advisory Board "until after the election."

So we've gone from a world in which candidate Obama [repeatedly promised that he would hold all the negotiations on C-SPAN](#) to one in which tough choices are deliberately being withheld from the American people for political reasons, and a world in which the President's pledge that "[we are implementing](#)" Obamacare right now doesn't apply to the supposed centerpiece of its attempt to control costs – because of the backlash that exposing the law's coercive nature would generate. Hope and change indeed.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### If ObamaCare Is Judged Unconstitutional, Here's How To Reform Healthcare

Grace-Marie Turner  
*Forbes: Health Matters, June 13, 2012*

If the U.S. Supreme Court declares ObamaCare's individual mandate unconstitutional and non-severable, the first reaction from a large majority of Americans will be a huge sigh of relief, gauging from opinion polls that show two-thirds want the law, or at least its individual mandate, struck down.

But then what? There is universal agreement that there are serious problems in the health sector that must be addressed, but there is absolutely no appetite among the American people or in Congress for another 2,800-page bill. House Speaker John Boehner says the American people want a "common-sense, step-by-step approach to health care reform."

A presidential election year is the ideal time to articulate the new vision based upon free enterprise, consumer choice, and costs that are reduced through competitive pressures, not ObamaCare's rationing and price controls. In recent speeches and articles, Republican Mitt Romney has emphasized his support for "a free market, federalist approach" that spurs competition, flexibility, and consumer choice. Voters will be watching closely.

Conservatives in Congress know they must move forward with reform lest they face yet another attempt at a single-payer government takeover of health care under a future president.

Dozens of Republicans in Congress already are working diligently on reform legislation, some offering overall reform plans and others targeting specific programs such as Medicare or Medicaid.

**A key building block of free-market plans** is the "defined contribution" model for financing care and coverage in both public and private sector plans. Instead of promising a long list of health benefits, employees or beneficiaries would receive allocations to support the purchase of the health plan or other arrangement that suit them best.

This moves away from the paternalistic model that blocks people from making their own decisions about their care and coverage. Defined contribution would engage consumers as partners in getting the best value in health spending. They would demand that providers and insurers reveal the full cost of their offerings, this would put downward pressure on costs, and that in turn would put insurance within the reach of millions more people. Consumers also would demand that health plans and employers provide more options and more flexibility in policies, networks, and financing arrangements.

Leaders in Congress already are building their reform plans on market-based principles organized around this defined-contribution model of financing, a concept that fits the three major insurance coverage platforms in the United States—Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance.

- **Medicare:** There has been bi-partisan agreement from commissions advising Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama on the imperative of moving toward a sliding-scale payment to give seniors choices of health coverage through competing private plans. Nearly 13 million seniors have voluntarily signed up for Medicare Advantage, which works on this model. And the Medicare prescription drug plan, where seniors choose from among private competing drug plans, shows the model can be structured to save money, with Part D costs coming in at 43% below original estimates.
- **Medicaid:** The states are desperate to get relief from Medicaid costs that threaten to envelop their budgets. Florida provides an example of demonstration plans that allow a segment of its Medicaid population to receive a risk-adjusted credit to get their health care from competing plans. This allows people to escape from the Medicaid ghetto by giving them health credits to obtain private coverage. Early evidence shows that costs are lower and the health of beneficiaries better compared to those in traditional Medicaid. Rhode Island and Indiana also have demonstrated success with other innovative Medicaid reform initiatives.
- **Employer-based health insurance:** With the threat of ObamaCare's expensive mandates, major employers are, for the first time, seriously considering getting out of the business of offering defined-benefit health insurance. A new study by Oliver Wyman on "Employer-Sponsored Healthcare" found that employers are desperate to find new solutions for the rising cost of employee health insurance and are anxiously searching for options. Overwhelmingly, employers want to continue to provide coverage to employees, but they know that if current cost trends continue, they won't be able to do so. A defined contribution model would quickly make the full cost of health insurance transparent to employees. They would force insurers and providers to compete on quality and value and to provide a wider range of choices and price points. If they chose, consumers could pick policies that would allow them to keep their young adult children on their policies or cover preventive care with no out-of-pocket costs. The policies would likely be more expensive, just as under ObamaCare; the difference is, people would be able to decide whether the features are worth the cost.
- **Helping the uninsured:** One of the top priorities of health reform was to help the uninsured. ObamaCare would have missed the mark by at least 25 million. Instead of a complete overhaul of our health sector, government support could be targeted to those

who genuinely need help. It's time for Congress to put in place policy proposals that have been on the table for more than a decade and offer people a health credit to purchase coverage, either on their own, through an employer, or through other groups. The credit would provide greater flexibility so consumers have insurance that is portable and secure.

Other health insurance reforms at the top of the congressional list:

- **Medical liability reform:** States are best equipped to reform their medical malpractice laws to remove the distortions associated with arbitrary and unlimited jury awards. Today, lawyers shoot for the sky, and doctors over-prescribe to avoid lawsuits. The result is billions of dollars' worth of unnecessary medical treatments. Sensible tort reform would allow doctors to practice sound medicine and still protect patients from genuine malpractice. State experiments already are working in Texas and elsewhere to guide other states.
- **A safety net for people with pre-existing conditions:** When people enter the health insurance market with existing health conditions, they can face challenges in finding affordable coverage. This problem will be minimized if people own their own health insurance that is portable and that stays with them over time. But others will need a safety net, and states, not the federal government, are better able to handle the task. Congress would provide some financial help for states to set up or improve existing risk pools so those with pre-existing conditions can get health coverage.

There are key structural elements common to virtually all market-oriented health reform proposals to give consumers in both public and private plans more control and ownership over health care arrangements. There will be disagreements and a vigorous debate over how to shape these provisions, but that will be a refreshing change from the back-room deals, middle-of-the-night votes, and tortured parliamentary procedures that dragged ObamaCare over the finish line in 2010.

Before ObamaCare was enacted, the health sector was coiled for a 21st century transformation. But entrepreneurs moved to the sidelines, frightened by the huge hurdles from hundreds of new boards and commissions, thousands of regulators, and tens of thousands of pages of regulation spawned by ObamaCare. With the new financial incentives conservatives are proposing, the health sector would build on the core strength of our market economy, with consumers demanding better choices of more affordable health care and health coverage.

The bottom line: It's ObamaCare with its centralized, government control. Or a market economy in the health sector. This is the year of decision.

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## Galen Institute Commentary Alert



### Obamacare: Wrong for Women

Grace-Marie Turner  
*National Review Online, June 13, 2012*

The White House is making a special push to win women's votes in November, among other things by proclaiming that Republicans are waging a "war on women." But President Obama's signature health-care overhaul is an assault on women's freedom. It will drive up their health-care costs, deprive them of choices, and make it harder for them to find doctors for their families.

Here are ten reasons why Obamacare is bad for women.

**1. Higher cost of insurance.** During the 2008 presidential campaign, Senator Obama promised that average premiums for a family would go down by \$2,500 by 2012 as a result of his proposed reforms, but they actually have gone up by nearly that much — from [\\$12,680](#) in 2008 to [\\$15,073 in 2011](#), according to Kaiser Family Foundation data. And the Congressional Budget Office [found](#) that Obamacare's new insurance mandates will raise premiums in the individual market by an additional \$2,100 per family. That's just the beginning. There are at least 20 new or higher taxes in Obamacare that will be passed along to consumers in the form of higher premiums, including taxes on medical devices and health-insurance premiums. This is bad news for women trying to keep coverage while managing a tight family budget.

**2. Losing your current insurance.** The administration itself estimates that 51 to 80 percent of Americans will lose their current health insurance because their policies won't qualify as acceptable under Obamacare rules. As many as 20 million people could lose the insurance they get at work as a result of Obamacare, according to the CBO. McKinsey and Co. says as many as 80 million people could be forced to change policies to comply with the law's requirements. Other studies have shown that at least a third of businesses are considering dropping coverage because of the costly Obamacare mandates. This is bad news for women who want stability and control over their health insurance.

**3. Dependents losing coverage.** One of the perverse risks of Obamacare is that it could

cause families who are relying on employer insurance to lose their coverage. Under the law, employers must offer affordable insurance to their employees; Washington will deem a policy unaffordable if an employee's premium is more than 9.5 percent of his or her household income. This means that for a household income of \$30,000, if the premium is more than \$2,850, the coverage is considered unaffordable. Then the worker is eligible to go to the Exchanges for taxpayer-subsidized insurance. The only problem is that the subsidized insurance will be only for the worker and not for dependents. Families could lose coverage at work and be ineligible for subsidies in the Exchanges.

**4. Unintended consequences.** One of the first provisions of Obamacare to be implemented requires employers that offer dependent coverage to allow children to stay on their parents' policies up to age 26. But some families are finding that this has a dark side: Firms and other organizations are finding they can't afford the added cost and are dropping dependent coverage altogether. Soon after the law passed, the 1199SEIU local of the Service Employees International Union announced that it was dropping dependent coverage: ". . . new federal health-care reform legislation requires plans with dependent coverage to expand that coverage up to age 26," Mitra Behroozi, executive director of benefits and pension funds, wrote in a letter to members. "Our limited resources are already stretched as far as possible, and meeting this new requirement would be financially impossible."

**5. Conscience and the mandate.** The administration has forced a debate over reproductive issues by mandating that most employers must provide insurance coverage that gives free access to sterilization, contraception, and drugs that cause abortion. All women will have access to the mandated services at no extra charge, even if they work for a religious organization such as a Catholic hospital, university, or charity whose religious beliefs are violated by the mandate. Private employers, including women business owners, will be unable to exercise their own right of conscience with regard to services they consider to be morally offensive.

**6. Vulnerable Americans hit hardest.** The new health law could shred the Medicaid safety net because it does not increase capacity or make desperately needed structural reforms to Medicaid but simply drives more people into the program. Current Medicaid recipients, most of whom have few if any other options for coverage, will soon be forced to compete for care with the 16 to 25 million people being added to the program. Dr. Edward Miller, the dean of Johns Hopkins Medicine, argued in a 2009 *Wall Street Journal* article entitled "[Health Reform Could Harm Medicaid Patients](#)" that our system simply doesn't have the capacity to absorb so many more patients so quickly. It will become that much harder for a mother on Medicaid to find a doctor for an ill child.

**7. Loss of control.** One of the things that women want most is more control over decisions involving health care for their families. Under Obamacare, those decisions will be made, not by parents, but by bureaucrats at the 159 new agencies and boards in Washington that will control our health-care system. Already a government agency has recommended restricting access to mammograms. That is only the beginning of government rationing of care as boards such as the Independent Payment Advisory Board decide to cut payments for providers and procedures.

**8. The doctor shortage.** We need at least 160,000 more physicians just to meet the demands of a growing and aging population. A 2010 survey by athenahealth and Sermo found that 66 percent of doctors are seriously considering dropping out of Medicare and Medicaid, and 53 percent are considering opting out of all third-party insurance. A more recent survey said that as many as 46 percent of doctors are planning to leave medical practice when Obamacare fully

kicks in. Meanwhile, there will be 30 million more people in the health-insurance market. Waiting times will grow, as they have in Massachusetts, where a forerunner of Obamacare is in effect; some patients there wait up to 100 days to get an appointment with a primary-care doctor. With many fewer physicians, women and their families will find it harder and harder to find a doctor to see them.

**9. Losing full-time jobs.** Many mothers must juggle a full-time job with full-time family responsibilities. But Obamacare's employer mandate means they could face an even bigger challenge: holding onto that full-time job. Here's why: The law forces employers with more than 50 employees to provide expensive health insurance to full-time workers or pay a big fine. Many employers are seriously considering cutting their full-time employees to 25 hours a week so they can avoid the costly mandate.

**10. Child-only policies vanishing.** Children are most commonly insured along with their parents, but child-only policies have been available for families where the parents' insurance doesn't cover dependents. Under a provision of Obamacare that went into effect in 2010, insurers can no longer refuse to sell such a policy because of a preexisting condition. This means that parents or guardians could wait to purchase policies until their children got sick. In at least 17 states, insurers have pulled out of the child-only market, saying they would face "adverse selection" because the new rule destroys the basis for shared insurance against risk.

#### **A BETTER IDEA**

Women would be better served by having a variety of policies available, so that they can choose one that offers the benefits they want and need. "Defined-contribution" health plans — in which the employer gives each employee a fixed amount of money with which to buy insurance, as opposed to providing the "defined benefit" of a group health plan — would allow working spouses to combine funds to buy the plan of their choice. Cross-state purchasing of health insurance would give them more options. And targeted tax credits would provide extra help with premiums for those with modest incomes.

Opinion polls [show](#) that Americans have made up their minds about Obamacare: 68 percent want the Supreme Court to strike down the whole law or at least the law's central pillar — the individual mandate. The best outcome would be for the Court to send Congress back to work drafting new legislation that gives women and families real control over their health care.

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Speaking on [ABC's This Week](#) yesterday, Obama campaign adviser David Axelrod made a series of misleading statements about Obamacare and the House Republican budget. Take for instance the claims made in this doozy of a paragraph:

AXELROD: Well, first of all, they want to turn – let's talk about the \$700 billion. Congressman Ryan, what he doesn't say is that he's incorporated that same \$700 billion into his plan, so he's embraced exactly what the president's done. The difference is the president is trying to strengthen the Medicare program. Under the changes that the president made, seniors are getting more prescription coverage and preventive care. We extended the life of Medicare by eight years, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The Ryan-Romney plan would not do that. And in fact, by turning it into a voucher program, throwing seniors onto the tender mercies of the private insurance market and capping growth the way they do, ultimately they are going to shift thousands of dollars onto the backs of seniors, and Medicare itself will be in a death spiral because it will – it will be dissipated by seniors who – healthy seniors going into the private system, leaving sick seniors in the existing Medicare program.

Where to begin? Well, let's analyze the claims one by one:

**“Congressman Ryan, what he doesn't say is that he's incorporated that same \$700 billion into his plan, so he's embraced exactly what the president's done.”** This is FALSE. While Democrats took savings from Medicare to pay for their costly new Obamacare entitlement, the House Republican budget would use that money to **save Medicare first**. And you don't even need to take my word for it. Because in November, Nancy Pelosi [admitted](#) that Democrats [“took a half a trillion dollars out of Medicare in \[Obamacare\], the health care bill”](#) to pay for more federal spending. (One related point worth thinking about: If Congressman Ryan actually HAD embraced the President's proposal, why would Axelrod criticize him...?)

**“The difference is that the President is trying to strengthen the Medicare program.”** There's one problem with this allegation: Medicare actuary Foster has [written](#) that the Medicare provisions in the law “cannot be simultaneously used to finance other Federal outlays (such as the coverage expansions under the PPACA) and to extend the [Medicare] trust fund, despite the appearance of this result from the respective accounting conventions.” Even President Obama himself admitted this irrefutable logic in a 2010 [interview](#), when he stated that [“You can't say that you are saving on Medicare and then spending the money twice.”](#)

**“Seniors are getting more prescription coverage...”** That's an interesting claim to make, because more than [17 million seniors](#) participating in Medicare Part D are facing [higher premiums](#) so that Big Pharma can benefit from its [“rock-solid deal”](#) struck behind closed doors with President Obama and Congressional Democrats. Of course, it's unsurprising for David Axelrod to make this claim, because he [received a multimillion dollar severance package](#) indirectly paid for by the pharmaceutical

industry, thanks to Big Pharma's backroom Obamacare deal with the White House.

**“We extended the life of Medicare by eight years, according to the Congressional Budget Office.”**

That's not what the Congressional Budget Office said. The non-partisan CBO said that the Medicare reductions in Obamacare “[will not enhance the ability of the government to pay for future Medicare benefits](#)” – because those savings will be used to fund other unsustainable entitlements. If the President wants to use the Medicare savings provisions to extend the life of the Medicare trust fund – and not to fund the new entitlements created by the law – the Congressional Budget Office previously [estimated](#) what the fiscal impact would be: “[A net increase in federal deficits of \\$260 billion](#)” through 2019.

**“Capping the growth the way they [i.e., Republicans] do...”** This is another interesting statement for Axelrod to make, because it was Obamacare that capped Medicare's growth rate for the first time ever. What's more, the House Republican budget caps the growth of Medicare spending at exactly the same growth rate as Obamacare. The difference is that Obamacare delegates the power to cut Medicare spending to a board of 15 unelected bureaucrats, whereas conservatives would empower patients to make their own choices – reducing costs through competition, NOT government fiat.

**“[Under premium support,] Medicare itself will be in a death spiral...”** I'll let Cokie Roberts – scion of two prominent Democrats – answer this one. Later in the ABC This Week program, here's what she said about Axelrod's claims that Obamacare would strengthen the Medicare program, while premium support proposals would undermine it:

It's also intellectually dishonest, because the truth is, as you know, they say they're taking it away from providers. And every year, Congress votes to do what's called the doc fix, to give the providers back the money that has been cut. So, you know, that \$700 billion, I won't look for it to be gone anytime soon.

And because Obamacare takes those Medicare savings out of Medicare to pay for new spending, any attempt to reverse some or all of the \$700 billion in reductions would increase the federal deficit. It's a perfect example of why Obamacare is so harmful both to seniors and the federal budget. And no amount of misleading statements by the Obama campaign can disguise that fact.

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## New Galen Institute paper exposes why health insurance exchanges defined in PPACA won't work

### **Exchanges create more bureaucracy and place more burdens on states already strapped for cash**

Health insurance exchanges required in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) won't work, won't increase access to affordable health care, and won't improve health outcomes or increase value, according to a **new Galen Institute study**.

The paper by Rita E. Numerof, Ph.D., entitled "**What's Wrong with Health Insurance Exchanges...**" explains the problems states will face if they go down the path of creating PPACA health insurance exchanges. The exchange requirements will result in the creation of administrative behemoths that will limit individual choice and drive up costs, just the opposite of their intent.

Numerof describes in detail why the state insurance exchange requirements are unrealistic and burdensome. These include intensive data-gathering responsibilities that delve into an individual's private affairs, adding new costs for states and employers, as well as strict federal over-regulation of insurance choices.

"Rather than focusing on compliance with PPACA and assume its burdens, legislators should take inventory of the problems plaguing the health insurance markets in their states. Then they can confront the most critical issues of insurance coverage, care delivery, and payment reform to ensure that residents have access to affordable care and enjoy better health outcomes at lower cost," Numerof concludes. A subsequent paper will offer recommendations on a framework for finding the right solution for states' unique needs.

"Like most of the health law, state insurance exchanges will fail in meeting its goals of lowering costs and providing more choices," said Grace-Marie Turner, president of the Galen Institute. "The way to increase access to affordable health care is not through more complex and onerous bureaucratic rules, but rather by reducing barriers to competition and consumer choice and removing regulations that make coverage unaffordable today."

Dr. Numerof is co-founder and president of Numerof & Associates, Inc., a strategic management consulting firm. Please **contact** Tara Persico to speak with Dr. Numerof or Grace-Marie Turner

about the paper. The full paper is available **on our website**.

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## Galen Institute Broadcast Alert



### Grace-Marie Turner on *Varney & Co.*

**FOX Business**  
Monday, June 4, 10:20am EDT

Tune in to *Varney & Co.* on FOX Business this morning at 10:20 a.m. where I'll be talking with Stuart about price gouging and ObamaCare. Check your [local listings](#) for channel information.

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Action Officers and healthcare advisors:

Below are two emails from Chris Jacobs at JEC offering an analysis of the Center for American Progress's entitlement reform document, released yesterday, 11/14. Given some of the conversations we are resuming in our caucus re healthcare and entitlement reform, we thought you'd find these emails interesting. See email from today and then email from yesterday below.

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As previously noted, yesterday the [Center for American Progress](#) released its [platform](#) for altering entitlements. In fairness, the paper does include some conservative ideas, most notably additional means-testing for Medicare beneficiaries. But mainly the report demonstrates the fundamental difference between conservatives and liberals: Not only do liberals not believe in markets, they don't understand (and/or don't want to understand) how markets actually work.

Take for instance the CAP proposals that will supposedly "enhance competition based on price and quality," such as the idea to "require health insurance exchanges to offer tiered insurance plans." On the face of it, the idea sounds reasonable enough – encourage plans to lower premiums by offering a variety of choices. But the catch here – as in the rest of the CAP proposals – is that "competition" is government-defined, government-mandated, and government-prescribed. For instance, if insurers want to offer, and patients want to purchase, less expensive insurance coverage that doesn't cover all of Obamacare's mandated benefits – and/or insurance purchased across state lines – both CAP and Obamacare would tax those who gain coverage through such means, because this "competition" is prohibited in liberals' new health care utopia.

Then there's the fact that the CAP report also includes numerous other proposals that involve

expanding prescription drug price controls in various forms. One may find it ironic – and ever-so-slightly contradictory – that a report supposedly focused on “enhanc[ing] competition” simultaneously expands government-dictated price controls.

Finally, CAP’s proposals for “competitive bidding” seem little short of comical for their ideologically-based hypocrisy. The paper states that Congress should “use competitive bidding for Medicare Advantage” – but then just as quickly states that government-run Medicare itself should not compete. And why doesn’t CAP want government-run Medicare to compete against private plans? Because a paper co-authored by one of CAP’s own scholars released in September found that in many parts of the country, **traditional Medicare can’t compete** – it’s far too costly. The study, outlined in an [article in the Journal of the American Medical Association](#), found that private plans would be 9% cheaper than traditional Medicare under a competitive bidding proposal.

Mind you, the Left has no problems forcing seniors to pay more for private Medicare Advantage coverage, or [forcing them out of their plans entirely](#) – Obamacare’s [cuts to the program](#) will ensure both outcomes. But when it comes to competitive bidding for government-run Medicare itself, CAP and others on the Left want nothing to do with such an idea, clinging instead to the shibboleth of government-run Medicare as a first step towards socialized medicine for all. And that hypocrisy – competition for thee, but not for me – explains in a nutshell why liberal ideas such as those in the CAP paper are both unrealistic and ideologically dangerous.

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Speaking at an event this morning regarding the Center for American Progress’ new health and entitlement manifesto (about which more later), former Obama Administration official Zeke Emanuel [claimed](#) that controlling health costs by itself would cure America’s fiscal woes: “I think this is the legacy for the president because if he can get healthcare costs under control, everything changes....This really is the big kahuna for his legacy going forward.”

**It’s a nice assertion – but it’s also flat wrong.** The Congressional Budget Office’s [long-term budget outlook](#) includes a chart (attached below) demonstrating that, over the next 25 years, demographics count for at least half – and as much as three-quarters – of projected increases in spending on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and Obamacare insurance subsidies:

**Explaining Projected Growth in Federal Spending on Major Health Care Programs and Social Security by 2037**

(Percent)

|                                                | Aging | Excess Cost Growth |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| <b>Extended Baseline Scenario</b>              |       |                    |
| Major Health Care Programs and Social Security | 75    | 25                 |
| Major Health Care Programs                     | 60    | 40                 |
| <b>Extended Alternative Fiscal Scenario</b>    |       |                    |
| Major Health Care Programs and Social Security | 68    | 32                 |
| Major Health Care Programs                     | 52    | 48                 |

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

What this analysis means is that, even if the growth of health costs does manage to slow (both [CBO](#) and the [Medicare actuary](#) think Obamacare’s cost reductions will not be sustainable in the long-term), **slowing health costs alone won’t solve Medicare’s financial problems**. Put another way, Medicare needs *structural* reform NOW – because nothing else can save the program. Emanuel’s incorrect comments notwithstanding, it’s a lesson policy-makers in both parties would be wise to heed.

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To: Washington Reps and State Federal Contacts  
Re: HHS letter extending blueprint deadline for state-based exchanges

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the deadlines for states seeking to operate either a State-based or Partnership Exchange under the Affordable Care Act have been extended. According to the new guidance, which is attached, states electing to operate a State-based Exchange must still send a Declaration Letter by November 16<sup>th</sup>, but the Blueprint is not due until December 14, 2012. States electing to operate a State Partnership Exchange can submit their Declaration Letter and Blueprint on a rolling basis up to February 15, 2013.

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Dear Health Policy Advisors:

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new health policy website at NGA: <http://statepolicyoptions.nga.org>. We hope this site will serve as a resource as you look to identify solutions to the myriad of health policy issues you face. We will be building on this site on an ongoing basis and hope to receive your feedback. We also hope to highlight more emerging state programs. Please let us know if you are pursuing programs or initiatives that other states could learn from as we will be writing additional case studies throughout the year.

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# NGA News Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 18, 2012

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## **NGA LAUNCHES VIRTUAL HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER**

*New Website Provides One-Stop Shop for Health Policy Information*

**WASHINGTON**—The National Governors Association (NGA) today unveiled a new website, State Health Policy Options. The site, <http://statepolicyoptions.nga.org/>, is a virtual resource center developed by NGA that will make it easier to explore potential solutions to health policy problems that state policymakers face. The website also will provide policymakers with innovative approaches from expert analysis and the experience of states in their efforts to improve health care access, affordability and quality.

“With the always evolving health care system, this website is designed to give states a place to find information on a variety of health care problems they might be facing,” said **NGA Executive Director Dan Crippen**. “Our hope is that this virtual resource center will give states unlimited ideas on how to solve their individual health care problems, learn from other states, identify viable policy options and considerations and stay informed of the federal health policy landscape.”

The website focuses on various topics, including:

- **Planning for 2014:** Provides information and analysis relevant to health insurance exchanges, Medicaid and insurance subsidy and tax credit policies that increase health insurance coverage once the Affordable Care Act changes required by 2014 come into effect;
- **Cost Containment:** Examines state initiatives to reduce Medicaid costs and maintain access to quality care for beneficiaries;
- **Improving System Performance:** Explores ways to lower health care costs, improve the quality of care and provide access to many people as possible;
- **Prevention and Health Promotion:** Considers how states can use their various roles to promote better health among state residents;
- **Workforce:** Focuses on how states can develop effective workforce planning and development strategies to respond to the growing demand on health care; and
- **Health Information Technology:** Shares ways to improve system performance, support patient self-management, support widespread adoption of electronic health records and design effective health information exchanges.

Each of the topic areas includes policy options for states; case studies of state-led efforts; federal regulations, guidance and grant opportunities for states; and expert sources with subject matter expertise.

To view the new website, please visit: <http://statepolicyoptions.nga.org/>.

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**Cc:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**Subject:** "Source Documents for the State Talking Points on Regulatory Costs and the Impact of Losing Federal Medicaid Support"  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:55:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [PPACA Regulatory Cost Impact by State 3-21-2012.xlsx](#)  
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Andrew S.

Here is where that information came from.

## Lindsay Russell

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**From:** Michael Ramlet [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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**To:** Lindsay Russell; Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Sam Batkins; Cameron Smith  
**Subject:** Source Documents for the State Regulatory Cost and Medicaid Coercion Estimates

All,

Attached are two documents that substantiate all of the regulatory cost estimates and the Medicaid coercion estimates in the state-by-state talking points. Here's a quick overview of each document. Please feel free to call me at 202-657-8428 if  you have any questions.

Best,  
Michael

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Michael Ramlet  
Director Health Policy  
American Action Forum

Cell: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

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## Regulatory Cost Impact by State

The American Action Forum is fortunate enough to have Sam Batkins as its Director of Regulation. Sam has compiled a [database](#) of every regulation issued by the Obama Administration broken down by total pages, total cost, and paperwork burden hours. He has also broken each regulation down by the type of agencies affected so there is a sub-database for just healthcare regulations.

To derive the attached spread sheet estimating regulatory costs by state, Sam took the largest regulations that impact states and broke down the federal government's estimates proportionately by state to come up with a reasonable estimate of how costly the Affordable Care Act's regulations have already been to the private sector and the public.

Interestingly, Sam has built such an advanced database that we are now able to use it to bracket President during every state visit he makes to talk about jobs. I hope you all check out the database and tell your colleagues because it's a tremendous resources explaining the effect of the Obama Administrations red tape fiasco.

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### **Measuring the Coerciveness of the PPACA Medicaid Expansion**

The Medicaid related estimates come directly from the [American Action Forum's Supreme Court Amicus brief on Medicaid](#), which was signed by over 100 economists including multiple Nobel Prize winners.

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## "All of the Above?" Speaker Boehner Tells Fox News POTUS' Rhetoric Doesn't Match His Actions on Gas Prices

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"[T]he president says he's for an 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy," Speaker John Boehner told *Fox News'* Greta Van Susteren, "But his rhetoric does not match his actions." Boehner outlined several ways the Obama administration – which rejected the [popular Keystone XL project](#) and is now [lobbying against it](#) – has [blocked energy production as gas prices have skyrocketed](#). Boehner also said Senate Democrats are blocking [nearly 30 House-passed bills](#) that will help create new jobs and address high gas prices, and that today the House will pass the [bipartisan JOBS Act](#). Watch [here](#) and see below for several excerpts:



### **Boehner: Obama Administration is Blocking Energy Production as Gas Prices Skyrocket:**

"Listen, the president's policies have not only not helped the economy, they've made it worse. When it comes to gas prices, the president says he's for an 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy but his rhetoric does not match his actions. And the facts are that they've closed down most of the gulf. They've closed down all the public lands in the inner mountain west. ...[I]f you look at what the EPA is doing, they are shutting down a

lot of American made energy ...”

**Boehner: An “All of the Above” Strategy that Removes Government Barriers to Energy Production Will Address High Gas Prices, Create Jobs:**

“[I]f we’re going to bring gas prices down, we need to have ‘all-of-the-above.’ That means, we need more oil and gas production, we need renewables, we need nuclear energy. And until we do ‘all-of-the-above’ we are going to be subject to these big fluctuations. ... The president’s energy policies have led to a more than doubling of gas prices over the three years of his presidency. It’s time for the president to take real action and work with Congress in a bipartisan way to deal with this problem.”

**Boehner: High Energy & Gas Prices Hurt Job Growth:**

“It’s not just the price of gas; it’s the price of energy across the board. Whether you’re at a surface company, a manufacturing company, everybody plays more. And if you’re spending that much more on energy, you’re not buying the kinds of other goods and services that are available in our economy and it will in fact slow our economy down.”

**Boehner: House Has Passed Nearly 30 Bills to Help Create Jobs & Address Gas Prices, Will Pass Bipartisan JOBS Act Today:**

“Republicans have a *Plan for America’s Job Creators*. We’ve had it since last May. This plan, 30 bills, that we’ve passed and sent them over to the United States Senate. If the president wants to get the economy moving again, what he ought to be doing is calling Harry Reid and saying, ‘Hey, these are some really good bills.’ Tomorrow we’re going to pass the JOBS Act. The president has said nice things about it. It would help small companies have better access to capital, help them grow. And if the president, again, is serious about helping the economy, he ought to pick up the phone, call Harry Reid and say, ‘Hey Harry, it’s time to get moving on some of these.’”

**Boehner: America Can’t Afford Four More Years of Obama Administration Policies:**

“I think this is an incredibly important year for our country and I would hope our candidates continue to focus on the real issue here and that’s the president’s policies. They’ve not helped. They’ve made our economy worse. They’ve made it harder for job creators to create jobs. And because the president doesn’t want to talk about his economic policies, he’s turned to the politics of envy and divide. ... I don’t think America can sustain four more years of the policies that are coming out of this Administration.”

**Boehner: ObamaCare Mandate Threatens Religious Freedom:**

“This has nothing to do with contraception. For 220 years our government, here in Washington, has respected the rights of religious organizations to their own beliefs. There’s always been a conscious exception of religious organizations so that government isn’t in the position of coercing them to do things that they don’t believe in ... [R]emember how we got there, this is Obamacare. This is just another example of the federal government going to tell everyone in American that, ‘You’re going to do it our way.’ Remember when the president said, ‘If you like the health insurance policy that you have, then you can keep it.’? Not anymore. Because this policy will require everyone in America to have at least one, and this is the first step, one exception based on what the government in Washington wants.”







**JOHN R. KASICH**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

November 16, 2012

Director Gary Cohen  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight  
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 739H  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Director Cohen,

This letter is to inform you of Ohio's decisions regarding whether or not to implement the health benefits exchange mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and other issues. The law requires the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to certify states' plans by January 1, 2013 and, in order for the Secretary to carry out this task, HHS is requiring states to submit an Exchange Blueprint.

My administration is committed to improving health care for all Ohioans through forward-thinking, solutions-oriented strategies aligned with our state's ongoing efforts to create a jobs-friendly climate. Accordingly, we are modernizing Ohio's Medicaid program, streamlining outdated health and human service delivery systems, implementing insurance market reforms and changing how we pay for care to reward value and coordinated care rather than volume.

We continue to make great strides in these endeavors despite significant headwinds expected from the law—higher health insurance costs, significant uncertainty in our insurance market and major new costs to states. Additionally, HHS is asking states to make final decisions on fiscally and economically significant and pivotal issues without promised federal guidance and rules for issues such as essential health benefits, market reforms, multi-state health insurance plans and more specifics regarding the federally-facilitated exchange. At this point, based on the information we have, states do not have any flexibility to build and manage exchanges in ways that respond to unique needs of their citizens or markets. Regardless of who runs the exchange, the end product is the same.

In light of this significant uncertainty and the negative impacts the law will have on Ohio:

- Ohio will not operate a federally-mandated exchange but instead will exercise its right under the law to leave that to the federal government;
- Ohio will not relinquish to the federal government its right to regulate its insurance market but, as permitted under the law, will instead retain the right to regulate the state's



**JOHN R. KASICH**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

insurance industry through the Ohio Department of Insurance as it has done very effectively for more than 60 years;

- Ohio will not turn over to the federal government the right to determine Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) eligibility for its citizens but, as permitted by the law, will retain that function as well and manage that work through Ohio's Medicaid director;
- Ohio has no plans to run a state reinsurance program at this time, and;
- The Director of the Ohio Department of Insurance is designated to work with HHS to finalize the Exchange Blueprint and work through other related issues.

Given that HHS has extended the deadline by which states must submit their blueprint applications, Ohio reserves the right to amend its intentions as stated in this letter, should HHS announce any changes or present states with new information, rules or interpretations of the law.

I am confident Ohio will meet federal standards to maintain its control of these responsibilities. In the meantime I urge you to promptly issue the guidance and rules Ohio needs to align plan management and Medicaid eligibility with an otherwise federally-facilitated health benefits exchange.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John R. Kasich  
Governor

**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**To:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
**Cc:** [Dustin Huffman](#); [Seth Levey](#); [Katie Altshuler](#); [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** 11/12 MONDAY RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Sunday, November 11, 2012 6:31:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [Agenda and Reply Form - Healthcare Working Group - Baton Rouge LA.PDF](#)  
[SebeliusLtrtoGovs11092012Deadline.pdf](#)  
[Best Practices Report 2012\\_Final.pdf](#)  
[Health Insurance Tax Will Increase Health Care Costs, Eliminate Jobs, and Reduce Health Care Choices.pdf](#)

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Good evening, Action Officers:

Due to lots of moving parts at RGPPC as well as annual meeting around the corner, we are going to host a brief RGPPC policy call **Monday 11/12 morning at 10:30 AM EST** for those of you who are finalizing briefing materials. I will walk you through the policy portion of the annual meeting and answer any questions some of you might have. For those of you we miss, we wish you a happy Veterans day and a thanks to those who have served our country. Should you wish to follow up with us directly, RGPPC is working Monday and is happy to take your phone calls.

In addition, please join me in offering our condolences to Debbie Hohlt who lost her mother late last week. Debbie, we are thinking of you. Her obituary is found [here](#).

**Agenda and notes below:**



**Agenda:**

**Roll Call:** Seth/ Dustin- RGPPC

- a) RGPPC Healthcare Working Group:** RGPPC will be hosting a Healthcare Working Group meeting in Baton Rouge, LA on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will pay for one healthcare expert from each state to attend. Please see the attached agenda and reply form to register.
- b) RGPPC Education and Workforce Report (Marie):** Release is being postponed until after the election to improve and add data. Please continue to send us workforce and education examples.
- c) General Healthcare Update (Marie):** Attached is Friday's letter to governors from Secretary Sebelius regarding the extension of the deadline to December 14, 2012 for states to submit the State-based Exchange Blueprint application.  
NOTE: the November 16<sup>th</sup> deadline for a Declaration Letter for a State-based Exchange was not extended.

The deadline for the Declaration Letter and Blueprint Application for State Partnership Exchanges was extended to Friday, February 15, 2013.

- d) RGPPC Best Practices 2012 (Marie):** Please find our 2012 Best Practices document attached. A copy of this draft will be available on our staff-only password protected website at RGPPC.com. As a reminder, this is meant to be a living document. We will update it continuously with changes/edits/additions from the states.
- e) RGPPC Master Contact List (Marie):** We are working on compiling and updating our Master State Contact List. You should have received an email last week with the contacts we currently have on file for your state. We ask that you help us update and/or add to any areas where our list is inaccurate or incomplete (especially where we are missing personal email address).
- f) RGPPC Event Survey (Marie):**  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_Event\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_Event_Survey) . Thanks to those of you who have already responded- feedback is extremely helpful as we plan 2013.
- g) Virginia Open Source CRM (Virginia):** Governor Bob McDonnell and the Virginia Information Technology Agency have shared the source code for the Virginia Boards and Commissions Appointments (OASYS) application on Microsoft's CodePlex. CodePlex is Microsoft's opensource software and project sharing-site. OASYS was intended to support State and Local Governments through the Gubernatorial office Job applications and supporting processes surrounding recommendations, vetting and appointments position management for the Governor's office operations. The CRM2011 based applications can be easily modified to support to support a Governor-elect's transition staff application and hiring process before taking office. The code can also be modified to continue supporting a Governor's office recruiting and hiring activities using CRM2011 and supporting web-based portals. States can access CodePlex and the Boards and Commission source code at:  
<http://boardsandcommissions.codeplex.com/discussions/402601>
- h) NGA Update (Katie)**
- i) General House and Senate update (Will)**
- j) Health Insurance Tax Brief (see attached)**
- k) RGPPC Subcommittee updates (Marie):**

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2. **Healthcare:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
3. **Education/Workforce:** Release is being postponed until after the election.

**l) Other business?**

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**To:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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**Subject:** 11/19 MONDAY RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Sunday, November 18, 2012 5:15:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [Pew Report - Impact of the Fiscal Cliff on States \(2\).pdf](#)  
[CoG - Donley and Welsh AF Budget November 15 2012.pdf](#)

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We will have a brief RGPPC policy call **Monday 11/19 morning at 10:30 AM EST.**

**Agenda and notes below:**



**Agenda:**

**Roll Call:** Debbie- RGPPC

- a) **RGPPC Education and Workforce Report (Debbie)** Release is being postponed until after the election to improve and add data. Please continue to send us workforce and education examples.
- b) **General Healthcare Update (Debbie):** Baton Rouge meeting is underway. There will be a conference call held to brief states that were unable to attend about healthcare moving parts. An email will be sent for RSVP purposes soon. .
- c) **RGPPC Master Contact List (Debbie)** Last week electronically and at annual meeting, you received a copy of RGPPC's Master State Contact List for your state. If you have not done so, please update and/or add/delete to any areas where our list is inaccurate or incomplete (especially where we are missing personal email address).
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- e) **NGA Update (Katie)**
  - PPACA
  - Marketplace Fairness/Digital Goods
  - Fiscal Cliff/Tax Task force
- f) **General House and Senate update (Will)**
- g) **Letter from Gov. Branstad and Gov. Gregoire to Air Force leadership (Doug-Iowa)- see attachment**
- h) **RGPPC Subcommittee updates (Marie):**
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**i) Other business?**

- j) Attachments: Pew Report: Impact of the Fiscal Cliff on States.** A copy of the report is attached, and the webpage, including *individual state fact sheets*, is here:  
<http://www.pewstates.org/research/reports/the-impact-of-the-fiscal-cliff-on-the-states-85899430339>

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**Subject:** 11/26 MONDAY RGPPC Conference Call  
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We will have a brief RGPPC policy call **Monday 11/26 morning at 10:30 AM EST.**

**Agenda and notes below:**



**Agenda:**

**Roll Call:** Dustin, Seth- RGPPC

- a) **RGPPC Education and Workforce Report (Marie)** Release is being postponed until after the election to improve and add data. Please continue to send us workforce and education examples.
- b) **General Healthcare Update (Marie):** Healthcare letters are pending; drafts to be sent asap for consideration by states.
- c) **Health Insurance Exchange Letters/Press Releases (Marie):** On the RGPPC.com website, we have compiled a host of letters and press releases from states responding to the November 16<sup>th</sup> exchange deadline. You can access this information through our staff-only portal here: <http://rgppc.com/health-insurance-exchange-tracking-letters-and-releases-from-republican-governors/>. If you need a new password, please email Dustin at [REDACTED].  
  
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**Subject:** 12/3 MONDAY RGPPC Conference Call  
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We will have a brief RGPPC policy call **Monday 12/3 morning at 10:30 AM EST.**

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**Cc:** [Deborah Hohlt](#); [Kinzel, Will](#); [Swann, Lanier \(McConnell\)](#); [lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov](mailto:lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov)  
**Subject:** 2/13 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2012 5:46:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [2011 11 15 Daniels Memos to Govs.pdf](#)  
[2012 02 06 AO Subcommittee Update 2.pdf](#)  
[2012-02-10 SOS Summary.pdf](#)  
[2012 FL Secretary Vilsack \(2\).docx](#)

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We will have our RGPPC policy call Mon. 2/13, morning at 10:30 AM EST.

Agenda and notes below:

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Marie (Seth and Lindsay- RGPPC)
2. RGPPC Update: (Seth and Lindsay- RGPPC)
  - a) RGPPC Leadership 2012. Please complete Governor Daniels survey, attached, if you have not yet done so. The performance management workshop meets this Friday at RGA.
  - b) Latest State of States summary is attached.
  - c) Subcommittee Leadership calls have been set over the next two weeks to discuss goals. RGPPC will contact leadership staff as those calls are set to finalize briefing materials.
  - d) RGA Communications Shop will be providing talking points in advance of NGA to assist with our coordinated messaging.
  - e) RGA Happy Hour on Wednesday 2/15 at McGuire Woods. If you have not received an invitation, please email Monica Block at [MBlock@rga.org](mailto:MBlock@rga.org)
  - f) Governors McDonnell and Fallin will be providing our response to the President's Budget today.
  - g) Complete Surveys

1. **PPACA and healthcare**; working with US Senate Finance and House

*Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)

2. **Energy and Environment Regs:** *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE\\_Regs\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE_Regs_Survey)

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- h) Letter supporting Infrastructure and energy bills pending in Congress. Currently being drafted.
- i) Invitation to meet with Senator Hatch and Chairman Upton on 2/27 (window: 3-5 PM EST). We are working to obtain a list of governors whose schedules may work. We plan to finalize this meeting by Wednesday 2/15. Please let us know if your governor might be able to meet.

3. House Update: Will (Speaker Boehner)

4. Senate Update: Lanier (Leader McConnell)

5. NGA Update: Lauren (NE)

6. Other business

- a) Ag Declaration Disaster letter, see attached.- Sean Miles (FL): Signatures will be finalized today/ Monday/ 2.13

Thank you, Have a nice week. - RGPPC

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**Subject:** 2/20 RGPPC Conference call  
**Date:** Sunday, February 19, 2012 7:19:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [2011 11 15 Daniels Memos to Govs.pdf](#)

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We will have our RGPPC policy call Mon. 2/20, morning at 10:30 AM EST. **If your state has Presidents' Day as a holiday, feel free to follow up with us on Tuesday for a summary of the call.**

Agenda and notes below:

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Marie (RGPPC)
2. RGPPC Update: (Marie- RGPPC)
  - a) RGPPC Leadership 2012. Please complete Governor Daniels survey, attached, if you have not yet done so. We had a very successful performance management session on Friday at RGA.
  - b) Subcommittee Leadership calls have been set over the next two weeks to discuss goals and a couple have already met. RGPPC will contact leadership staff as those calls are set to finalize briefing materials. Governors will have time during their governors-only meeting on 2/25 to discuss policy efforts.
  - c) NGA: RGA Communications Shop will be providing talking points in advance of NGA to assist with our coordinated messaging. Hope to release this by COB today (2/20)
  - d) Please help us by completing surveys:
    1. **PPACA and healthcare;** *working with US Senate Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
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    2. **Energy and Environment Regs;** *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and*

*ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*

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- e) Invitation to meet with Senator Hatch and Chairman Upton on 2/27: **This meeting has been cancelled.** We hope to reschedule in the Spring/Summer and will let you know. Thanks to those of you who were working with us to schedule your governors.

3. House Update: Will (Speaker Boehner)

4. Senate Update: Lanier (Leader McConnell)

5. NGA Update: Lauren (NE)

6. Other business

**Thank you, Have a nice week. - RGPPC**

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**Subject:** 2/6 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Sunday, February 05, 2012 4:48:38 PM  
**Attachments:** [2011 11 15 Daniels Memos to Govs.pdf](#)  
[2012 02 06 AO Subcommittee Update 2.pdf](#)  
[2012 02 02 Exchange Award Summary.pdf](#)  
[2012-02-30-HC Exchangestatus MW.pdf](#)  
[2012-02-01 State of States Summary2.pdf](#)

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Good Evening! Happy Superbowl Sunday. Here's hoping that you have an evening full of good food, friends, and fun commercial watching. May the best team win.....

We will have our RGPPC policy call Monday, 2/6, morning at 10:30 AM EST.

**Agenda and notes below:**

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**Agenda:**

**1. Roll Call: Marie (RGPPC)**

**2. RGPPC Update: Marie (RGPPC)**

**a) Healthcare Amicus Brief**

**b) Subcommittee draft goals (see document attached)**

**c) E Harmony Best Practices, Performance Management Meeting on 2/17. Invited states should have invitation in inbox. Please complete Daniels survey.**

**d) Overview of Chief of Staff call**

**e) Latest State of State Summaries and Healthcare Exchange documents**

**f) Pending surveys: PPACA and Exchanges, Energy regs, and Staff assignments for distribution list.**

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Governor

November 10, 2011

Republican Governors

2012 Republican Governors Public Policy Committee

Our good friend, Haley Barbour, conceived the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee as an organization that would infect the Republican Party with good ideas. There's no replacing Haley, but Bob McDonnell has asked me to try my best to pursue the mission they have defined for the RGPPC, as the 2012 Chairman of the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee (RGPPC).

As Republican Governors, we have a firm belief in limited but effective government. Government has a responsibility to deliver core services in the most cost efficient way possible. Republican governors everywhere are proving that fiscal responsibility and improved government services go hand in hand. We seek to show our fellow citizens how much government they won't miss, but also how competent a job the remaining, necessary government can do.

Pursuant to Bob and Haley's charge, the RGPPC next year will undertake two projects:

1. To formulate and promote policy prescriptions for our most urgent national problems. Bob has already recruited subject matter leaders, a list of whom is attached.
2. To establish a matchmaking service for spreading innovation.

Our agency heads can attend conferences and attempt to monitor the best practices of other states, but in my experience nothing beats one-on-one coaching and mentoring. When we began transforming Indiana's highway department, by far the most useful step we took was to visit and host front-line leaders from Rick Perry's Texas Department of Transportation. Years later, we're still reaping the benefits.

Please use the enclosure to check off 2 – 3 departments or functions about which you believe you have something to teach others, and 2 – 3 areas where you'd like your administration to make improvements. (We've all got plenty of those; this is government, after all.) The RGPPC will play matchmaker, and cover expenses when a team from a partner state visits you, or vice versa.

More effective governors are more electable governors. Pitch in to help a colleague, and let some colleagues help you, too.

We'll talk more about all this in Orlando, but it will help if you'll send us back the forms ahead of the meeting.

See you down there.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mitch".

Attachments

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REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE (RGPPC)

STATE SURVEY

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one or two specific **areas where your Administration has taken action** resulting in more effective State government that you might like to share with other States. Don't overlook cross-cutting management issues.

- Asset Management (fleets, property)
- Procurement Reform-Strategic Sourcing/Outsourcing/Competitive Sourcing
- Information Technology
- Financial Management Systems
- Tax Collection/Processing/Amnesty
- Performance Management for State Employees
- Centralized Human Resources
- State Employee Health benefits
- Agency/Board/Commission Consolidation
- Transportation Project Management
- Transportation Public Private Partnerships
- Child Protective Services
- Child Support Collections
- Higher Education Governance
- Welfare Program Eligibility Modernization
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Energy Conservation Programs
- Motor Vehicle Services
- Corrections Management
- Permitting/Licensing
- State-Local Government Relations
- Economic Development Strategies
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one or two **specific dilemmas faced by your Administration** where you would welcome ideas from our caucus.

- Asset Management (fleets, property)
- Procurement Reform-Strategic Sourcing/Outsourcing/Competitive Sourcing
- Information Technology
- Financial Management Systems
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- Performance Management for State Employees
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- Corrections Management
- Permitting/Licensing
- State-Local Government Relations
- Economic Development Strategies
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name(s) of your staff with whom our RGPPC team should coordinate to assist in matching individuals from your state with other Republican Governors staff who might offer or need assistance.

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RGPPC Health Care Summit  
August 29-30<sup>th</sup>  
Washington, DC**

**SURVEY**

**Please submit surveys to [REDACTED]  
Note subject: RGPPC HC Summit**

**Listed below are all the panel session titles and discussion points for the RGPPC Health Care Summit. In an effort to make sure that the panels address the issues that are most important to your state and assist in our networking efforts, we would like to give you the opportunity to give us some feedback in preparation for our conference. Please use the space below to express any suggestions you may have on any of the panel discussions.**

**May we publish your responses for other participants to see?**  
 Yes     No

**If yes, may we attribute your responses to you in the published document for other participants to see?**     Yes     No

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1. The Overreaching Burdensome Regulatory Environment  
Point of Discussion: Will include a discussion on asset tests, pharmacy costs and fraud waste and abuse, etc. as well as the impact of the Obama Administration's harmful regulations on states

2. Enhancing Personal Responsibility  
Point of Discussion: Programs that have been successful- or could be successful-- in requiring more personal responsibility

3. Healthcare Exchanges  
Point of Discussion: A conversation on the various approaches to healthcare exchanges

4. Medicaid Reforms: Waivers, Innovative Reforms and Pilot Programs

Point of Discussion: Learn from other states, experts, and the private sector regarding creative ideas to manage the current Medicaid programs

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5. Improving Healthcare and Reducing Costs: A Discussion on Dual Eligibles and Cost Containment

Point of Discussion: Discuss what states are doing to control costs and what states need to effectively manage their dual eligibles program

6. What Medicaid Reform Should Look Like

Point of Discussion: What would repeal and replace look like? A discussion to guide our work moving forward.

Exchange Establishment Awards  
As of 10 November 2011

**Awards by State**

| State                | State Planning Grants and Territory Cooperative Agreements | Early IT Innovator | Level I Establishment | Level II Establishment | State Total   |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Alaska (R)           |                                                            |                    |                       |                        |               |
| Alabama (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 8,592,139*         |                        | \$ 9,592,139  |
| American Samoa (D)   | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000  |
| Arizona (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 29,877,427*        |                        | \$ 30,877,427 |
| Arkansas (D)         | \$ 999,670                                                 |                    |                       |                        | \$ 999,670    |
| California (D)       | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 39,421,383+        |                        | \$ 40,421,383 |
| Colorado (D)         | \$ 999,987                                                 |                    |                       |                        | \$ 999,987    |
| Connecticut (D)      | \$ 996,850                                                 |                    | \$ 6,687,933+         |                        | \$ 7,684,783  |
| Delaware (D)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 3,400,096*         |                        | \$ 4,400,096  |
| District of Columbia | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 8,200,716+         |                        | \$ 9,200,716  |
| Florida (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000  |
| Georgia (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000  |
| Guam (R)             | \$ 917,205                                                 |                    |                       |                        | \$ 917,205    |
| Hawaii (D)           | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 14,440,144*        |                        | \$ 15,440,144 |
| Idaho (R)            | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 20,376,556*        |                        | \$ 21,376,556 |
| Illinois (D)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 5,128,454+         |                        | \$ 6,128,454  |
| Indiana (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 6,895,126#         |                        | \$ 7,895,126  |
| Iowa (R)             | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 7,753,662*         |                        | \$ 8,753,662  |
| Kansas (R)           | \$ 1,000,000                                               | \$ 31,537,465      |                       |                        | \$ 32,537,465 |
| Kentucky (D)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 7,670,803+         |                        | \$ 8,670,803  |
| Louisiana (R)        | \$ 998,416                                                 |                    |                       |                        | \$ 998,416    |
| Maine (R)            | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 5,877,676*         |                        | \$ 6,877,676  |
| Maryland (D)         | \$ 999,227                                                 | \$ 6,227,454       | \$ 27,186,749+        |                        | \$ 34,413,430 |
| Massachusetts (D)    | \$ 1,000,000                                               | \$ 35,591,333      |                       |                        | \$ 36,591,333 |
| Michigan (R)         | \$ 999,772                                                 |                    | \$ 9,849,305*         |                        | \$ 10,849,077 |
| Minnesota (D)        | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 4,168,071+         |                        | \$ 5,168,071  |
| Mississippi (R)      | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 20,143,618+        |                        | \$ 21,143,618 |
| Missouri (D)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 20,865,716+        |                        | \$ 21,865,716 |
| Montana (D)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000  |
| Nebraska (R)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 5,481,838*         |                        | \$ 6,481,838  |
| Nevada (R)           | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 4,045,076+         |                        | \$ 5,045,076  |
| New Hampshire (D)    | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000  |
| New Jersey (R)       | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000  |
| New Mexico (R)       | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                    | \$ 34,279,483*        |                        | \$ 35,279,483 |

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| New York (D)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               | \$ 27,431,432         | \$ 10,774,898+        |                        | \$ 39,206,330         |
| North Carolina (D)    | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       | \$ 12,396,019+        |                        | \$ 13,396,019         |
| North Dakota (R)      | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Ohio (R)              | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Oklahoma (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               | \$ 54,608,456         |                       |                        | \$ 55,608,456         |
| Oregon (D)            | \$ 1,000,000                                               | \$ 48,096,308         | \$ 8,969,600+         |                        | \$ 58,065,908         |
| Pennsylvania (R)      | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Puerto Rico (R)       | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Rhode Island (D)      | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       | \$ 5,240,668#         | \$ 58,515,871          | \$ 64,756,539         |
| South Carolina (R)    | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| South Dakota (R)      | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Tennessee (R)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       | \$ 1,560,220*         |                        | \$ 2,560,220          |
| Texas (R)             | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| US Virgin Islands (D) | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Utah (R)              | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Vermont (D)           | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       | \$ 18,090,369*        |                        | \$ 19,090,369         |
| Virginia (R)          | \$ 1,000,000                                               |                       |                       |                        | \$ 1,000,000          |
| Washington (D)        | \$ 996,285                                                 |                       | \$ 22,942,671#        |                        | \$ 23,938,956         |
| West Virginia (D)     | \$ 999,873                                                 |                       | \$ 9,667,694+         |                        | \$ 10,667,567         |
| Wisconsin (R)         | \$ 1,000,000                                               | \$ 38,058,074         |                       |                        | \$ 39,058,074         |
| Wyoming (R)           | \$ 800,000                                                 |                       |                       |                        | \$ 800,000            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$ 53,707,285</b>                                       | <b>\$ 241,550,522</b> | <b>\$ 379,984,110</b> | <b>\$ 58,515,871</b>   | <b>\$ 733,757,788</b> |

Level I Award Dates

# March 30, 2011

+ June 30, 2011

\* September 30, 2011

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**AGENDA**  
**6.28.2012**

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1. Roll call and Introduction  
*RGPPC-Marie Sanderson*
2. Governor Romney Remarks  
*Matt Hoffman*  
*Dimple Gupta*
3. From the Hill  
*House Energy and Commerce: Monica Popp/Howard Cohen/Paul Edatel*  
*Senate Finance: Stephanie Carlton*
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## PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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Chief of Staff Phone call  
Friday, Feb. 2, 3:00 PM EDT

### AGENDA

1. Roll Call (Marie Sanderson- RGPPC)
2. Welcome from the RGA Chairman (Martin Kent- VA)
  - a. NGA meeting coordination and White House meeting (suggested themes: Jobs and the Economy, healthcare, Energy, and unfunded mandates/federalism. Talking points will be forwarded to your state). *See schedule attached ("2012 NGA WM Program Draft for Staff")*
  - b. Healthcare lawsuit Amicus Brief- Deadline Feb. 6
3. Welcome from RGPPC Chairman (Earl Goode- IN)
  - a. Governor Daniels Best Practices E Harmony Effort; *see attached survey to complete included in Gov. Daniels' 11/15/2011 memo to governors ("2011 11 15 Daniels Memos to Govs")*. We are seeking responses from 13 more states. The first matching making session on Performance Management, taught by IN, is Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at RGA in DC
4. Overview of efforts and attachments (Marie- RGPPC)
  - a. State of State Summary- *a draft summary is prepared, attached ("2012-02-01 State of States Summary2")*. *This memo will continued to be enhanced and updated as budgets are released and reviewed.*

- b. State healthcare exchange update- *see two documents attached summarizing award grants is attached (“2012 0101 Healthcare Exchange Award Summary and 2012-02-03 Exchangestatus\_MW”). Neither are intended to label a state’s position on healthcare exchanges.*
  - c. Energy Brief- *brief attached (“2012 COS EE Brief”). This brief is a summary of reports RGPPC is providing to energy staff.*
  - d. Surveys— *see surveys attached and links below to online versions (“2012 PPACA Survey, 2012 Energy and Env Regs Survey, 2012 Policy Contacts Survey”)*
    - 1. PPACA and healthcare; *working with US Senate Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)*
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  - e. RGPPC Subcommittee Goals; *summary document attached (“COS Committee Update 2”)*
  - f. RGPPC Events (TBD- beginning in May- Nov)
5. Other Business
- a. Natural gas MOU (Denise Northrop- OK ) *see press materials and MOU attached (“NGV 01112 Bloomberg Bus Week, NGV 100311 GM Bi-Fuel Pickup, and NGV- MOU Amended 1-27-11”)*
6. Logistics, Meeting quarterly?

## State Mandates and Burdens Resulting from Federal Health Reform

| Section                           | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Section 1401 (PPACA)              | Imposes a 40% excise tax on Cadillac health insurance plans. Valued in excess of \$10,200 for individuals and \$27,500 for families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Section 1411 (PPACA)              | Increases the Medicare Hospital Insurance portion of the payroll tax.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Section 1411 (PPACA)              | Imposes a new payroll tax on investments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Section 1513 (PPACA)              | Amends Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by adding "Section 4980H" The section imposes tax penalties on certain firms that fail to offer adequate health care coverage to their employees.                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                   | The government will enforce the employer mandate by requiring businesses to submit additional information to the IRS. When tax returns are filed, it will be required to include the names of each full-time employee and pertinent information about health insurance plans offered.                                                                                 |
| Section 1321 (PPACA)              | Abolishes the States' traditional authority to regulate health insurance. Scope of the statutory provisions invite constitutional scrutiny because they commandeer state officials as agents of federal health policy and regulation. Under Constitution, Congress can hold no such authority over states. [Example Jay Printz v. United States, 521 U.S. 898 (1997)] |
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| Section 2001(a) of PPACA          | Requires states to increase Medicaid eligibility to cover all American's below 138% of the FPL beginning January 1, 2014. [estimated upper bound for Virginia = 425,000 new enrollees. \$2.2 Billion in costs between (2.2 billion SFY 2010-2022).                                                                                                                    |
| Section 2001 (b) of PPACA         | PPACA requires the states to immediately enforce Maintenance of Effort requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Section 1202 (Reconciliation Act) | Raise primary care payments to the same level that PCP's were paid at the Medicare payment rate level for 2013 and 2014 (feds to pay through 2015)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Section 1321 (PPACA)              | Secretary of HHS given broad authority to issue rules and set standards governing the creation and operation of an exchange.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Section 1302 (PPACA)              | Grants HHS the ability to set and periodically revise an "essential health benefits package" of minimum insurance coverage requirements. NOTE: HHS provided the first round of "guidance" in a 'bulletin' issued to states in December 2011. This periodic "revision" could cause significant flux in a traditionally heavy mandated benefit state like Virginia.     |
| <b>General</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| State Employee                    | Approximately 25 staff members between the Department of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Involvement | Medical Assistance Services, Department of Health, Department of Social Services, and Bureau of Insurance are frequently engaged in conversation and planning regarding various provisions of PPACA and the Reconciliation act. |
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**TO:** FEDERALISM COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP  
**CC:** MARIE SANDERSON  
**FROM:** SETH LEVEY  
**RE:** FEDERALISM COMMITTEE REPORT  
**DATE:** JANUARY 16, 2012

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**Chairman:** Governor Sam Brownback  
**Vice Chairman:** Governor Mary Fallin

**Present:** Katie Altshuler (Oklahoma), Andrew Wiens (Kansas), Debbie Hohlt (Indiana), Marie Sanderson (RGPPC), Seth Levey (RGPPC), Andrew Silvestri (Oklahoma), Kristi Craig (Virginia)

**Projects/Goals:**

1. Federalism Reports  
Gov. Brownback hopes to see the Federalism Subcommittee make progress on issuing position statements and working on more cerebral products defining the role of government.
2. Spearheading the Federalism message at RGPPC  
There is a void in the discussion on federalism at the NGA and that this provides a real opportunity for the RGPPC to discuss the role of government.

**Schedule:**

Meetings will be tentatively scheduled for every two weeks and as necessary when working in tandem with other subcommittees.

**RGPPC Recommendations:**

*Federalism White Paper*

Work with Governors and academics to produce a widely circulated white paper and press component about our vision of Federalism and the proper balance of power in our Republic.

***By February 20, have parameters of the Federalism white paper to announce to Governors at the RGA/NGA Winter Meeting.***

*Assisting Other Subcommittees*

Assist other subcommittees on areas such as federal regulation and unfunded mandates. The subcommittee can assist in producing research and analysis on unfunded mandates and their impact on state governments.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Katie Altshuler, Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
**CC:** Marie Sanderson, Seth Levey, Lindsay Russell  
**From:** Dustin Huffman  
**Re:** Unfunded Mandates  
**Date:** April 18, 2012

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According to CBO, during the last five years, Congress has enacted 11 unfunded mandates that have exceeded the statutory threshold of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1996 (\$70 million in 2010). Seven of the 11 were enacted in 2010. In total, there have been 199 unfunded mandates during the last five years (86 in 2010).<sup>1</sup>

**Healthcare** (In **bold** are the 7 unfunded mandates from 2010 that exceeded the UMRA cost thresholds):

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
  - **Imposes notice and reporting requirements on health insurance plans (including selfinsured plans), employers, and other public and private entities.**
  - **Requires health insurance plans (including self-insured plans) to comply with new standards for extending coverage to beneficiaries and their dependents.**
  - **Requires public and private employers to pay an excise tax on employer-sponsored health insurance coverage defined as having high costs.**
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  - **Requires public and private entities that handle health information to comply with new regulations.**
  - Requires states to adopt uniform rating standards for all health plans in each insurance market
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  - Requires states to ensure that health plans comply with requirements for segregating funds that cover abortion services
  - Requires states to participate in data-matching arrangements and to develop electronic interfaces that allow for the exchange of data for determining eligibility for states' health subsidy programs
  - Preempts state laws governing health insurance, risk pools, and payroll standards<sup>2</sup>
- Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
  - **Requires schools to provide meals that comply with new standards for menu planning and nutrition**
  - **Requires schools to comply with nutrition standards for all food sold in schools**
  - Requires schools to comply with federal standards for pricing school meals that are provided to children who are not approved for federal benefits
  - Requires states to comply with new regulations for approving children for free meals and for overseeing schools that operate school meal programs<sup>3</sup>

### Education:

- No Child Left Behind waivers

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12117/03-31-umra.pdf>

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- The conditional waivers from the NCLB law's accountability provisions, granted by the Department of Education, will not provide more flexibility to states and local school districts as touted by President Obama. This administration has only just exchanged the current NCLB accountability provisions for new federal education requirements demanding that states implement federally approved college and career ready standards by agreeing to the Common Core Curriculum standards or some other curriculum approved by the Department of Education.<sup>4</sup>

### **Energy and Environment:**

- Utility MACT
- Cross-State Air Pollution Rule
- Obama's EPA issues an "Endangerment Finding for Greenhouse Gases" (GHG); finding allows EPA to regulate carbon emissions for the first time under the Clean Air Act.<sup>5</sup>
- EPA issues GHG emissions rule for heavy-duty trucks, imposing \$8.1 billion in program costs and more than 58,000 burden hours.<sup>6</sup>
- EPA's December 2010 "SIP Call" rule finds 13 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) inadequate for not regulating GHGs from stationary sources, and directs those states to do so or face federalization of their permitting programs. On December 30, EPA issued an emergency follow-up rule that revokes its decadesold approval of Texas' SIP and imposes a federal permitting program in that state.<sup>7</sup> (EPA separately imposed federal permitting programs in seven other states that had not updated their SIPs to address stationary source GHG emissions: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Oregon, and Wyoming).<sup>7</sup>

### **Transportation:**

- Commercial Driver's License Testing
  - FMCSA amends the commercial driver's license (CDL) knowledge and skills testing standards and establishes new minimum Federal standards for States to issue the commercial learner's permit (CLP). The rule requires that a CLP holder meet virtually the same requirements as those for a CDL holder, meaning that a driver holding a CLP will be subject to the same driver disqualification penalties that apply to a CDL holder.<sup>8</sup>
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirement
  - All states must ensure that existing traffic signs meet minimum retroreflectivity standards. Signs not meeting federal standards are required to be replaced at the state's expense by the specified compliance dates - "stop" and "yield" signs would have to be replaced by 2015, and all others by 2018.<sup>9</sup>
- Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2010
  - Preempts state laws relating to safety standards for motor vehicles, specifically requirements that hybrid and electric vehicles generate sounds that alert pedestrians when such a vehicle is operating nearby<sup>10</sup>

<sup>4</sup> <http://americanactionforum.org/topic/president-obama%E2%80%99s-new-federal-education-mandates>

<sup>5</sup> <http://americanactionforum.org/issue/regulation>

<sup>6</sup> <http://americanactionforum.org/issue/regulation>

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.velaw.com/resources/pub\\_detail.aspx?id=19291#implementation](http://www.velaw.com/resources/pub_detail.aspx?id=19291#implementation)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/05/09/2011-10510/commercial-drivers-license-testing-and-commercial-learners-permit-standards#p-3>

<sup>9</sup> <http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/senate/167341-senate-gop-looks-to-ease-federal-mandate-on-reflective-roadsigns>

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**Tennessee** - Haslam's Statement on Supreme Court's Obamacare Ruling ([Gov. Haslam](#))

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For FY2013 it is projected that Alaska will need an additional \$45 million in state general funds to cope with program growth and another \$129 million in state general funds to offset the loss of enhanced federal Medicaid funding. Alaska continues to be faced with substantial growth in Medicaid caseloads and utilization and forecasts an over 20 percent increase in Medicaid state general fund expenditures.

The State of Alaska continues to narrow projections on estimating the total cost of the ACA over the long term. However, a June 2010 preliminary analysis of the Medicaid impacts reflects that cumulative state general fund spending will increase by \$100M million, through 2020. While direct care spending in the early years is offset

by increased federal match rates, spending in later years paints an even more concerning picture for Alaska's future and the ever increasing impact of Medicaid expansion on the State budget while oil throughput continues to decline.

### **Arizona, Gov Brewer**

The mandatory Medicaid expansions in PPACA, and the woodwork created by these expansions, are expected to cost Arizona over \$550 million in the next three fiscal years. Once fully implemented in the latter half of this decade, PPACA is anticipated to increase Arizona's annual Medicaid obligations by almost \$500 million per year. Furthermore, because Arizona expanded to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level before the passage of the PPACA, it receives a lower matching rate for those populations than other states that did not expand (who will initially receive full federal financing).

Over the four year period of the recession, while overall state spending decreased, Medicaid spending soared by 63 percent, to the point where it accounted for nearly 30 percent of the state general fund in the recently-completed FY 2011. During the recession, Arizona's projected deficits spiked, which necessitated a series of aggressive, unprecedented steps in order to return the State to fiscal stability. An important element of this effort was the paring back of Arizona's Medicaid program in FY 2012, which will be undermined by the mandated increases in population due to the PPACA.

### **Florida, Gov Scott**

According to Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion will force Florida to spend an additional \$1.5 billion and force an additional 1.8 million Floridians to enroll in Medicaid in four years.

### **Georgia**

The projected impact of the Medicaid expansion in Georgia is significant. In January 2014, an estimated 650,000 additional members will be added to our state Medicaid and CHIP programs. This federally mandated expansion will increase state spending by at least \$2.4 billion between FY2010-FY2020 alone. That said, the cost could soar substantially higher because there are more federal regulations to come and initial spending could spike because of the pent-up demand of new members. The Georgia Department of Community Health is continually reassessing the impact of the Medicaid expansion mandate.

### **Idaho**

Idaho estimates between 150,000 and 200,000 new eligibles could be added to the Medicaid caseload when new expansion rules are implemented which could mean an 40-percent increase in participation compared to Idaho's current caseloads. The overall Medicaid benefit cost attributed to PPACA Medicaid provisions in the State of Idaho is conservatively estimated to be \$228 million in State funds by 2020. In preparation for the PPACA 2014 changes, Medicaid system readiness is estimated to cost \$34.8 million, of which Idaho's share will be \$3.48 million.

Idaho is purposely holding off on changes related to the Medicaid expansion requirement because of the uncertainty surrounding the Supreme Court's decision, 2012 elections and State legislative decisions which could drastically impact how Medicaid expansion is implemented and designed. The State anticipates the cost to meet the new Medicaid expansion requirement will be approximately \$9 million. That does not include the cost of operational and personnel needs related to the expansion.

In addition, the limited nature of the federal timelines and lack of final rules has forced Idaho to design a phased approach to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid. Idaho is working on modernization, expansion and connection phases – all of which depend on the Supreme Court decision and 2012 elections.

### Indiana

The additional enrollees will cost between \$2.5 and \$3.1 billion to Indiana's Medicaid expenditures for the period 2014 to 2020.

A fully state-operated Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$57.7-\$83.4M, annually. This is in addition to the cost of the Medicaid expansion. Even if the State decides not to operate an Exchange, there will still be costs associated with eligibility for premium tax credits. Therefore, a fully federal Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$10.4-\$18.3M annually.

### Iowa

As recently as eight years ago, Iowa spent less than \$2.5 billion in total Medicaid expenditures. Total Medicaid spending in Iowa now approaches \$4 billion and accounts for more than 15% of Iowa General Fund expenditures.

When we entered office in January 2011, we were faced with replacing \$540 million in one-time money that was used to fund the on-going Medicaid entitlement. Medicaid remains a complex funding source for health care that we manage very carefully.

It is anticipated that the federal takeover of health care under the Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid enrollment by at least 150,000 people in Iowa. In 2014, the first year of implementation, our Medicaid population will grow from 400,000 to more than 550,000 covered lives in a state where our population is just over 3 million people. The total cost of this expansion is estimated to be between \$180 to \$818 million (with mid-point estimate of \$255 million) in the first year, with the state picking up an increasing share of this cost over time. The uncertainty surrounding the wide range of potential costs is alone cause for concern.

Despite the federally mandated expansion of the Medicaid program, Iowa and other states will have less flexibility than ever before to effectively and efficiently manage this entitlement that is vital for so many of our vulnerable citizens. Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements continue to tie the hands of state policymakers, forcing a continual squeeze on health care providers and diverting benefits from those who need them most.

### Kansas

Without flexibility to reform Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce costs, Kansas will continue to see increases in Medicaid spending. Kansas' Medicaid budget has ballooned from \$2.4 billion in 2008, at the onset of federally mandated maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements, to what will reach nearly \$3 billion in 2013 without reforms. In the same period, enrollment will have increased from 293,000 to almost 400,000 -- all before the mandated PPACA expansion.

An example of the rigidity of the MOE requirements in the ARRA, and extended by PPACA, is the federal response to the Kansas Legislature's move in 2010 to adjust family premiums in the CHIP program by \$40 a month. CMS did not approve it, citing MOE. Instead, HHS offered an option to raise premiums that would have amounted to about 50 cents per month on a typical premium.

Kansas has proposed to acquire the flexibility it needs to remake Medicaid in a two-track Section 1115 demonstration project. The first track will address authorities needed to implement KanCare, an integrated,

person-centered care coordination model that will incorporate nearly all Medicaid and CHIP populations and services, including long term services and supports. The second track proposes a global waiver, more specifically an outcomes-based Medicaid and CHIP program under a per capita block grant, fundamentally redefining the federal-state relationship in Medicaid and providing a model for reform that honors the program's statutory goal of improving the health of Americans in the greatest need.

### Louisiana

Pending

### Maine

Maine's Medicaid program has experienced an increase in enrollment from 314,000 in June 2009 to 336,000 in June, 2010, and total spending in Maine's Medicaid program has increased by over one billion dollars since 2002. Over the last several years, Medicaid rates for healthcare providers have also been repeatedly cut to address the ongoing financial shortfalls in Medicaid as a result of increasing enrollment and utilization. As a result of these reductions, some Maine physicians have closed their practices to Medicaid patients significantly reducing access to primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. All of the above challenges will be exacerbated by ACA. As Maine struggles to confront a shortfall of more than \$800 million in the next biennial budget and the requirement to adopt a balanced budget, it is imperative that the Governor and the Legislature have the necessary flexibility to comprehensively manage the Medicaid program and to make necessary changes to effectively reduce total spending in the program.

### Mississippi

The overall cost to implement PPACA in Mississippi is estimated to be \$1.7 billion over the next ten years, including an additional \$443 million in year ten.

### Nebraska

In addition, based upon preliminary professional consultant projections, the State of Nebraska estimates that it will cost anywhere from \$61.4 million to \$86.9 million to build a Health Insurance Exchange in Nebraska. Due to the changing nature of the health insurance exchange project and the instability of the federal government's promulgation of final rules and regulations, the State projects that a state exchange annual operating budget would be \$17.5 million per year starting in 2016.

### Nevada

In April of 2010, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services estimated the General Fund impact of implementing the Affordable Care Act was \$574 million from 2014 through 2019.

### New Mexico

With the implementation of Obamacare, New Mexico is poised to add an additional 130,000 – 175,000 individuals to the Medicaid program with an additional cost of \$300 million - \$600 million between 2014 and 2019.

### North Dakota

With the implementation of Obamacare, North Dakota's current estimate for additional Medicaid spending is \$106 million over 10 years.

## Ohio

The estimated cost to Ohio from the first year to 2019 is over \$2.7 billion for Medicaid services. These estimates do not include the cost of increases in administration of the program. The long-term sustainability of the program is called into question, unless Ohio is given new options on how to manage the program.

## Pennsylvania, Gov Corbett

Pending

## South Carolina

Medicaid enrollment will increase by 54% or 510,000 individuals in 2015 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. 176,000 of these persons will drop private insurance to go on Medicaid. The additional costs to state taxpayers between State Fiscal Year 2014 and State Fiscal Year 2020 ranges from \$1.15 billion to \$2.5 billion dollars depending on assumptions of participation rate and increases in physician fees resulting from physician shortages created by the new law.

## South Dakota

South Dakota estimates it will cost at least \$99.7 million in state funds through 2019 to comply with the Medicaid requirements of the PPACA.

This burden coupled with the inability to change other parts of the Medicaid program due to the MOE requirements will result in rate cuts to providers.

Providers that cannot absorb these cuts may stop taking people eligible for Medicaid, or may stop providing services altogether.

This would have a hugely detrimental effect on a very rural state, including citizens that rely on Medicaid for their health care and communities that may see their health care providers leave or quit. These unintended consequences of the MOE provisions in the PPACA are counter-productive of its larger goal to help Americans get access to the health care they need.

## Tennessee

Tennessee's Medicaid program is continuing to experience budgetary challenges in the coming fiscal year, as state revenues continue their slow climb back to pre-recession levels. Unfortunately, the MOE requirements limit the flexibility needed to make important changes to the program as we deal with such issues. For instance, TennCare could save \$16 million alone just by modifying nursing facility level of care requirements that would bring Tennessee in line with the criteria of other states and rebalance its long-term care system in order to serve more people with lesser levels of need in more cost-effective home and community-based settings while targeting the more expensive long-term care services to persons with higher acuity of need. However, we have yet to receive approval to make such a change.

At a time when Tennessee is already facing budget difficulties and the ACA is expected to cost the state in excess of \$1.5 billion over five years, we must have the flexibility necessary to make common sense adjustments to the program.

## Texas

Medicaid is consistently one of the biggest expenses all states face. It accounts for a quarter of the state budget in Texas. The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid without reforming the program.

ACA will increase Medicaid enrollment in Texas by nearly 2 million people and cost the state \$27 billion over 10 years.

States have received little federal guidance on key ACA provisions, including the primary care rate increases which is required starting in 2013. Additionally, guidance is needed on Medicaid Benchmark Benefits, eligibility changes, FMAP methodology and numerous other provisions.

Lack of timely guidance makes it impossible for states to effectively plan for the mushrooming Medicaid caseloads that the law will create. HHSC needs final, detailed guidance from the federal government to determine the full impact of certain ACA provisions on the Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs, and to make federally-required changes.

ACA does not recognize states' unique needs and prevents each state from tailoring its Medicaid and CHIP programs in accordance with the intent of its elected and appointed representatives.

### Utah

The Insurance Department has been tracking hours of work to account for the additional burdens imposed by the ACA. During FY11, we are able to account for over 5,700 hours, equating to approximately \$182,000 in personnel costs. Included in the estimate is time spent on rate review which has been supported by a grant from HHS, reimbursing the department \$112,757 in personnel costs. In addition to the above, numerous hours have been incurred by the Commissioner or our actuary

### Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia has estimated the Medicaid cost of federal health reform to the State to be between \$1.5 and \$2.2 billion through 2022. These estimates have not been updated since August 2010, but because of the length of the recession and the current pace of economic growth, along with other developments in our understanding of the full impact of PPACA, the higher end of the cost range seems more realistic. For example, in a study completed for Medicaid Health Plans of America, Milliman, Inc. has estimated that the PPACA-mandated tax on health insurance companies, which did not exclude Medicaid health plans, will cost Virginia, a heavily managed Medicaid state, approximately \$430 - \$500 million through 2023; this was not included in Virginia's 2010 estimates of the PPACA cost, meaning this \$430 - \$500 million would be *in addition to* the \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion already estimated. Virginia is in the process of re-estimating impacts in preparation for the 2012 Medicaid forecast due in the fall of 2012. At that time, the estimates should better reflect the current economic environment in Virginia, and reflect a better understanding of the PPACA impact based on subsequent analysis and federal guidance that was not available for the 2010 estimates."

### Wisconsin, Gov Walker

*Pending*

### Wyoming

The costs of maintaining our Medicaid program are fast becoming a serious threat to our state general funds. The 2013-2014 biennial budget for Medicaid in Wyoming includes \$560 million in state general fund dollars. This is just the cost to provide care to the current population of approximately 76,000 enrollees. A study of Wyoming impacts from PPACA conducted by The Lewin Group in 2010 estimates an additional 31,000 enrollees due to the Medicaid expansion in 2014 – an increase of over 40%. It is difficult to estimate what the fiscal impact of this huge bolus of new enrollees will be. The State legislature commissioned a Medicaid Cost Study in 2011 and we expect findings in mid-2012. We do know, however, that the cost of implementing a new

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Given that Wyoming already has a higher percentage of small employers that self-insure than other states, it's not unreasonable to expect a number of small employers to stop providing insured coverage and either move their employees to the individual market or to self-insure to avoid regulation. During recent town hall meetings, a number of small employers indicated that it would be cheaper for them to pay the PPACA penalties for not providing coverage than it will be to continue to provide coverage. The Lewin Group estimates a net loss of over 8,000 covered lives in the employer sponsored insurance market.

With all the changes in PPACA, Gorman Actuarial estimates over 41,000 people in Wyoming will remain uninsured by 2016. This represents about half of the 83,000 people currently uninsured in our state.

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For FY2013 it is projected that Alaska will need an additional \$45 million in state general funds to cope with program growth and another \$129 million in state general funds to offset the loss of enhanced federal Medicaid funding. Alaska continues to be faced with substantial growth in Medicaid caseloads and utilization and forecasts an over 20 percent increase in Medicaid state general fund expenditures.

The State of Alaska continues to narrow projections on estimating the total cost of the ACA over the long term. However, a June 2010 preliminary analysis of the Medicaid impacts reflects that cumulative state general fund spending will increase by \$100M million, through 2020. While direct care spending in the early years is offset by increased federal match rates, spending in later years paints an even more concerning picture for Alaska's future and the ever increasing impact of Medicaid expansion on the State budget while oil throughput continues to decline.

### Arizona

The mandatory Medicaid expansions in PPACA, and the woodwork created by these expansions, are expected to cost Arizona over \$550 million in the next three fiscal years. Once fully implemented in the latter half of this decade, PPACA is anticipated to increase Arizona's annual Medicaid obligations by almost \$500 million per year. Furthermore, because Arizona expanded to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level before the passage of the PPACA, it receives a lower matching rate for those populations than other states that did not expand (who will initially receive full federal financing).

Over the four year period of the recession, while overall state spending decreased, Medicaid spending soared by 63 percent, to the point where it accounted for nearly 30 percent of the state general fund in the recently-completed FY 2011. During the recession, Arizona's projected deficits spiked, which necessitated a series of aggressive, unprecedented steps in order to return the State to fiscal stability. An important element of this effort was the paring back of Arizona's Medicaid program in FY 2012, which will be undermined by the mandated increases in population due to the PPACA.

### Florida

According to Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion will force Florida to spend an additional \$1.5 billion and force an additional 1.8 million Floridians to enroll in Medicaid in four years.

### Georgia

**Projections assume state implementation of Medicaid eligibility expansion.**

#### Enrollment Growth

1. An additional 620,000 people will be enrolled in Medicaid in 2014 growing to almost 695,000 by 2023
  - These numbers include both children and adults currently eligible but not enrolled, newly eligible populations and enrollment due to employers dropping coverage
2. The addition of 620,000 new people in 2014 represents a 34% increase in Medicaid rolls
3. PPACA will increase the percent of Georgia's on Medicaid from 17.6% today to 24.2% in 2014.

#### Projected State Fiscal Impact related to Medicaid and PeachCare

- **2014 (6 months cost – effective January 1, 2014)**
- State Funds Cost: \$76.3 million
- Total Funds (State + Federal) Cost: \$1.9 billion
- 2015**
- State Funds Cost: \$219.8 million
- Total Funds (State + Federal) Cost: \$3.7 billion

#### **10 Year total (2014 – 2023)**

- State Funds Cost: \$4.5 billion

- Total Funds (State + Federal) Cost: \$40.8 billion

### **Key Assumptions**

Generally assumes take-up rate of 35% among currently eligible but not enrolled and 66% take-up rate among newly eligible.

Assumes that the ACA's employer mandate will prevent firms >50 employees from dropping coverage.

Assumes CHIP FMAP applies to children transferred to Medicaid.

- Medicaid federal share of cost for New Categories of Coverage is 100% for CFY 2014-2016, 95% in CFY 2017, 94% in CFY 2018, 93% in CFY 2019, and , 90% in the outyears.
- Does not include DSH impact, start-up costs or potential savings in non-Medicaid budgets.
- Assumes eligible populations grow at 1.3% per year and expenses grow at 2.8% per year.
- Assumes CHIP is re-authorized in its current form after 2019

### **Idaho**

Idaho estimates between 150,000 and 200,000 new eligibles could be added to the Medicaid caseload when new expansion rules are implemented which could mean an 40-percent increase in participation compared to Idaho's current caseloads. The overall Medicaid benefit cost attributed to PPACA Medicaid provisions in the State of Idaho is conservatively estimated to be \$228 million in State funds by 2020. In preparation for the PPACA 2014 changes, Medicaid system readiness is estimated to cost \$34.8 million, of which Idaho's share will be \$3.48 million.

Idaho is purposely holding off on changes related to the Medicaid expansion requirement because of the uncertainty surrounding the Supreme Court's decision, 2012 elections and State legislative decisions which could drastically impact how Medicaid expansion is implemented and designed. The State anticipates the cost to meet the new Medicaid expansion requirement will be approximately \$9 million. That does not include the cost of operational and personnel needs related to the expansion.

In addition, the limited nature of the federal timelines and lack of final rules has forced Idaho to design a phased approach to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid. Idaho is working on modernization, expansion and connection phases – all of which depend on the Supreme Court decision and 2012 elections.

### **Indiana**

The additional enrollees will cost between \$2.5 and \$3.1 billion to Indiana's Medicaid expenditures for the period 2014 to 2020.

A fully state-operated Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$57.7-\$83.4M annually. This is in addition to the cost of the Medicaid expansion. Even if the State decides not to operate an Exchange, there will still be costs associated with eligibility for premium tax credits. Therefore, a fully federal Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$10.4-\$18.3M annually.

### **Iowa**

As recently as eight years ago, Iowa spent less than \$2.5 billion in total Medicaid expenditures. Total Medicaid spending in Iowa now approaches \$4 billion and accounts for more than 15% of Iowa General Fund expenditures.

When we entered office in January 2011, we were faced with replacing \$540 million in one-time money that was used to fund the on-going Medicaid entitlement. Medicaid remains a complex funding source for health care that we manage very carefully.

It is anticipated that the federal takeover of health care under the Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid enrollment by at least 150,000 people in Iowa. In 2014, the first year of implementation, our Medicaid population will grow from 400,000 to more than 550,000 covered lives in a state where our population is just over 3 million people. The total cost of this expansion is estimated to be between \$180 to \$818 million (with mid-point estimate of \$255 million) in the first year, with the state picking up an increasing share of this cost over time. The uncertainty surrounding the wide range of potential costs is alone cause for concern.

Despite the federally mandated expansion of the Medicaid program, Iowa and other states will have less flexibility than ever before to effectively and efficiently manage this entitlement that is vital for so many of our vulnerable citizens. Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements continue to tie the hands of state policymakers, forcing a continual squeeze on health care providers and diverting benefits from those who need them most.

### *Kansas*

Without flexibility to reform Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce costs, Kansas will continue to see increases in Medicaid spending. Kansas' Medicaid budget has ballooned from \$2.4 billion in 2008, at the onset of federally mandated maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements, to what will reach nearly \$3 billion in 2013 without reforms. In the same period, enrollment will have increased from 293,000 to almost 400,000 -- all before the mandated PPACA expansion.

An example of the rigidity of the MOE requirements in the ARRA, and extended by PPACA, is the federal response to the Kansas Legislature's move in 2010 to adjust family premiums in the CHIP program by \$40 a month. CMS did not approve it, citing MOE. Instead, HHS offered an option to raise premiums that would have amounted to about 50 cents per month on a typical premium.

Kansas has proposed to acquire the flexibility it needs to remake Medicaid in a two-track Section 1115 demonstration project. The first track will address authorities needed to implement KanCare, an integrated, person-centered care coordination model that will incorporate nearly all Medicaid and CHIP populations and services, including long term services and supports. The second track proposes a global waiver, more specifically an outcomes-based Medicaid and CHIP program under a per capita block grant, fundamentally redefining the federal-state relationship in Medicaid and providing a model for reform that honors the program's statutory goal of improving the health of Americans in the greatest need.

### *Louisiana*

Obamacare is expected to cost Louisiana a total of \$7 billion in additional state general funds over the next 10 years.

Obamacare will increase Medicaid rolls by 645,843 over the next 10 years at a cost of \$3.69 billion in state general funds.

High costs of the IT systems needed to implement the expansions and the link to the Exchange (whether state-run or federal) are estimated to cost \$162 million in state general funds.

Increase payments to primary care providers, increased utilization for physicians and hospitals are estimated to cost \$2.6 billion in state general funds.

## **Maine**

Pending

## **Mississippi**

The overall cost to implement PPACA in Mississippi is estimated to be \$1.7 billion over the next ten years, including an additional \$443 million in year ten.

## **Nebraska**

Based upon an independent third-party actuarial analysis, the State of Nebraska faces an unfunded and unsustainable state funding obligation for the new and expanded Medicaid programs under the federal health care law ranging from \$526.3 million to \$765.9 million in just the first ten years (fiscal years 2011-2020).

In addition, based upon preliminary professional consultant projections, the State of Nebraska estimates that it will cost anywhere from \$61.4 million to \$86.9 million to build a Health Insurance Exchange in Nebraska. Due to the changing nature of the health insurance exchange project and the instability of the federal government's promulgation of final rules and regulations, the State projects that a state exchange annual operating budget would be \$17.5 million per year starting in 2016.

## **Nevada**

In April of 2010, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services estimated the General Fund impact of implementing the Affordable Care Act was \$574 million from 2014 through 2019.

## **New Mexico**

With the implementation of Obamacare, New Mexico is poised to add an additional 130,000 – 175,000 individual to the Medicaid program with an additional cost of \$300 million - \$600 million between 2014 and 2019.

## **North Dakota**

With the implementation of Obamacare, North Dakota's current estimate for additional Medicaid spending is \$106 million over 10 years.

## **Ohio**

The estimated cost to Ohio from the first year to 2019 is over \$2.7 billion for Medicaid services. These estimates do not include the cost of increases in administration of the program. The long-term sustainability of the program is called into question, unless Ohio is given new options on how to manage the program.

## **Oklahoma**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority estimates that the Obamacare Medicaid expansion will cost an additional \$4.6 billion in state and federal funding and will add 250,000 new Oklahoman's to the Medicaid rolls from 2014-2020.

## **Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania's Medicaid spending has doubled over the past ten years and it now comprises 31% of the state's budget. It has grown four times faster than K-12 spending, and nine times faster than transportation spending. Even before the healthcare bill passed, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path. Under this law, these statistics will only get worse. Pennsylvania will see an additional 800,000 individuals on the Medicaid rolls adding a significant burden to the budget and taxpayers. As the Medicaid population continues to increase and state revenues continue to not keep pace, the mandates of the maintenance of effort requirement and the lack of any meaningful flexibility within the program will severely hamper virtually all other aspects of the state budget. States simply cannot afford Obamacare. Their budgets will be crushed by the Medicaid expansion that the federal establishment is forcing on them. Americans deserve a vibrant, robust, competitive and transparent health care system that puts patients and quality first, focuses on personal responsibility, not a large government takeover that shifts the costs from the federal government to state tax payers.

## **South Carolina**

Medicaid enrollment will increase by 54% or 510,000 individuals in 2015 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. 176,000 of these persons will drop private insurance to go on Medicaid. The additional costs to state taxpayers between State Fiscal Year 2014 and State Fiscal Year 2020 ranges from \$1.15 billion to \$2.5 billion dollars depending on assumptions of participation rate and increases in physician fees resulting from physician shortages created by the new law.

## **South Dakota**

South Dakota estimates it will cost at least \$99.7 million in state funds through 2019 to comply with the Medicaid requirements of the PPACA.

This burden coupled with the inability to change other parts of the Medicaid program due to the MOE requirements will result in rate cuts to providers.

Providers that cannot absorb these cuts may stop taking people eligible for Medicaid, or may stop providing services altogether.

This would have a hugely detrimental effect on a very rural state, including citizens that rely on Medicaid for their health care and communities that may see their health care providers leave or quit. These unintended consequences of the MOE provisions in the PPACA are counter-productive of its larger goal to help Americans get access to the health care they need.

## **Tennessee**

Tennessee's Medicaid program is continuing to experience budgetary challenges in the coming fiscal year, as state revenues continue their slow climb back to pre-recession levels. Unfortunately, the MOE requirements limit the flexibility needed to make important changes to the program as we deal with such issues. For instance, TennCare could save \$16 million alone just by modifying nursing facility level of care requirements that would bring Tennessee in line with the criteria of other states and rebalance its long-term care system in order to serve more people with lesser levels of need in more cost-effective home and community-based settings while targeting the more expensive long-term care services to persons with higher acuity of need. However, we have yet to receive approval to make such a change.

At a time when Tennessee is already facing budget difficulties and the ACA is expected to cost the state in excess of \$1.5 billion over five years, we must have the flexibility necessary to make common sense adjustments to the program.

### Texas

Pending

### Utah

The Insurance Department has been tracking hours of work to account for the additional burdens imposed by the ACA. During FY11, we are able to account for over 5,700 hours, equating to approximately \$182,000 in personnel costs. Included in the estimate is time spent on rate review which has been supported by a grant from HHS, reimbursing the department \$112,757 in personnel costs. In addition to the above, numerous hours have been incurred by the Commissioner or our actuary

### Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia has estimated the Medicaid cost of federal health reform to the State to be between \$1.5 and \$2.2 billion through 2022. These estimates have not been updated since August 2010, but because of the length of the recession and the current pace of economic growth, along with other developments in our understanding of the full impact of PPACA, the higher end of the cost range seems more realistic. For example, in a study completed for Medicaid Health Plans of America, Milliman, Inc. has estimated that the PPACA-mandated tax on health insurance companies, which did not exclude Medicaid health plans, will cost Virginia, a heavily managed Medicaid state, approximately \$430 - \$500 million through 2023; this was not included in Virginia's 2010 estimates of the PPACA cost, meaning this \$430 - \$500 million would be *in addition to* the \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion already estimated. Virginia is in the process of re-estimating impacts in preparation for the 2012 Medicaid forecast due in the fall of 2012. At that time, the estimates should better reflect the current economic environment in Virginia, and reflect a better understanding of the PPACA impact based on subsequent analysis and federal guidance that was not available for the 2010 estimates.”

### Wisconsin

If implemented, the PPACA will force a heavy financial burden upon the people of Wisconsin through increased health insurance premiums, the expansion of Medicaid, and a new entitlement that will create new inequities among working families. Moreover, much of the new spending will not be used to increase coverage in Wisconsin, which has already achieved the levels of insurance that is aspired to under PPACA. Public dollars will simply displace private dollars at a higher cost.

New estimates from the Obama Administration and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) demonstrate that Medicaid enrollment will be higher than previously estimated. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) believes that increased enrollment among currently eligible individuals and retention of higher income children due to Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements will drive up the cost to the state. However, the direct burden on the state budget remains uncertain. New eligibility rules will result in some individuals migrating into and out of Medicaid. Rules on federal matching rates that are critical to our fiscal analysis have not been finalized.

More than 750,000 childless adults, parents, caretakers, and children are already enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid programs. There will be no additional federal assistance for the vast majority of these individuals and future enrollees. Some additional federal assistance will apply only to a relatively small number of individuals. Whether the federal government will “buy out” the state share of some

eligibility groups is unknown at this time. It will matter little to taxpayers whether the costs will count as federal or state expenditures. Increased federal control over the management of the Medicaid program is stifling innovation and threatens to unnecessarily drive up costs.

### Wyoming

The costs of maintaining our Medicaid program are fast becoming a serious threat to our state general funds. The 2013-2014 biennial budget for Medicaid in Wyoming includes \$560 million in state general fund dollars. This is just the cost to provide care to the current population of approximately 76,000 enrollees. A study of Wyoming impacts from PPACA conducted by The Lewin Group in 2010 estimates an additional 31,000 enrollees due to the Medicaid expansion in 2014 – an increase of over 40%. It is difficult to estimate what the fiscal impact of this huge bolus of new enrollees will be. The State legislature commissioned a Medicaid Cost Study in 2011 and we expect findings in mid-2012. We do know, however, that the cost of implementing a new eligibility and enrollment system for Medicaid will cost over \$3.5 million in state general funds after the 90/10 federal match.

The larger and more detrimental impact of the implementation of PPACA is likely to be to our private health insurance markets. An actuarial study of our small group and individual markets conducted by Gorman Actuarial, LLC in 2011 indicates that we can expect premiums to go up an average of 30% to 40% in the individual market due solely to new insurance regulations effective in 2014. When you add the projected impact of higher morbidity of new entrants into the market and essential benefit mandates, we can expect overall 40% to 60% increases in premiums in the individual market.

Given that Wyoming already has a higher percentage of small employers that self-insure than other states, it's not unreasonable to expect a number of small employers to stop providing insured coverage and either moves their employees to the individual market or to self-insure to avoid regulation. During recent town hall meetings, a number of small employers indicated that it would be cheaper for them to pay the PPACA penalties for not providing coverage than it will be to continue to provide coverage. The Lewin Group estimates a net loss of over 8,000 covered lives in the employer sponsored insurance market.

With all the changes in PPACA, Gorman Actuarial estimates over 41,000 people in Wyoming will remain uninsured by 2016. This represents about half of the 83,000 people currently uninsured in our state.



November 14, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama  
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Dear President Obama:

Congratulations on your election victory. The American people have made their decision and Republican governors stand ready to work with your Administration on issues of critical importance to our states and the nation. Our American political system once again showed the world democracy in action, where policy differences are debated in the public arena and settled with one vote per person. We wish you well and are hopeful that you and the Congress will promptly address the crushing problems of debt, unemployment, and spending reform by the end of the year to create certainty for the states and businesses.

We write today on behalf of the 29 Republican governors and two governor-elects representing 60 percent of the states, with an urgent matter related to implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). It is clear that putting in place the new programs you championed will be an enormous strain on state governments and budgets, as well as the federal government. From the financial obligations and complex technicalities to ensuring the healthcare workforce and infrastructure will be in place to meet the new demand, the timeframe and many of the provisions in the PPACA are simply unworkable. With the pending deadline of November 16 for governors to make a decision on state based health insurance exchanges, we ask you to push back the date until your team has answered the numerous

previous questions for governors and other groups, and promulgated the final regulations, so that all stakeholders have had the opportunity to comment, and those comments have been incorporated into a final rule. The guidance Friday from Secretary Sebelius extends the date only for the election of a partnership exchange, and subsequently for the federal exchange.

The PPACA, as written, requires many changes, but most immediate are the implementation deadlines for the health insurance exchange models. While the January deadline to certify if a state is prepared to implement a state based exchange is statutory, most other deadlines are written within the discretion of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Other than the minor amendments made last Friday, to date, HHS has been unwilling to establish a more manageable timeline. The rulemaking process has been unduly condensed, and in some cases, important rules have not been promulgated at all. Rather, the administrative guidance that has been shared holds limited legal authority for states or the federal government.

States are struggling with many unanswered questions and are not able to make comprehensive far-reaching decisions prudently. In the past months, we have sent letters with many specific questions to help us make an informed choice, and our letters have been generally ignored. Many important questions remain unanswered as the deadlines loom. We include our previous letters as an attachment.

Also, the clear truth is that the PPACA does not contain much-needed Medicaid or Medicare reform designed to control costs. As you correctly told Senate Democrats, “[a]s we move forward on health reform, it is not sufficient for us to simply add more people to Medicare or Medicaid to increase the rolls, to increase coverage in the absence of cost controls and reform. And let us repeat this principle: If we don’t get control over costs, then it is going to be very difficult for us to expand coverage. These two things go hand in hand. Another way of putting it is we can’t simply put more people into a broken system that doesn’t work.” We governors, facing crushing Medicaid budget pressure from Medicaid before PPACA implementation, wholeheartedly agree with your statement. Expansion without reform is not responsible and would bust the state budgets. With the Supreme Court striking the punitive provisions of PPACA to penalize states that do not expand, we renew our pleas for an honest discussion on reform, flexibility, and waivers to allow governors to manage Medicaid costs better.

As has been stated many times, before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs. In the near term, we need to better understand how the federal government will implement a federal exchange as it is clear most states will not be ready on their own. We also have concerns about future cost shifting to states, and need certainty as we prepare our budgets, many of which are biennial budgets. We also remain very apprehensive about the unsustainable deficits and

national debt, and the reality that imprudent implementation of PPACA will contribute dramatically to an increase in both.

Lastly, we respectfully request that you meet as soon as possible with a group of concerned governors, Republicans and Democrats. We wish to discuss our specific proposals for Medicaid reform that we sent you in August 2011, as you work with the Congress to address the fiscal cliff the country faces. We hope you can appreciate the real challenges all states face in implementing the PPACA under compressed schedules with insufficient information to make good decisions.

Mr. President, again, congratulations on your team's impressive victory. We all look forward to working together.

Sincerely,



Governor Bob McDonnell  
Commonwealth of Virginia



Governor Bobby Jindal  
State of Louisiana

Enclosure  
CC: Republican Governors

## Healthcare Exchanges:

- 1) Please provide a complete list of regulations that will have to be reviewed, revised and re-opened for public comment prior to implementation as a result of the Supreme Court ruling (e.g., the Medicaid eligibility regulations, exchange regulations related to interface with Medicaid). What is the schedule for re-issuing these regulations?
- 2) When will final rules be issued on essential health benefits, actuarial value and rating areas?
- 3) The federal government has already extended deadlines for applying for Level 1 and Level 2 Exchange Establishment funding into 2014. Can we expect extensions of the deadlines for other areas of implementation given the uncertainty caused by the Supreme Court ruling and the linkage between Medicaid expansion and exchange eligibility and enrollment functions? In addition, will the deadlines change for states implementing a partnership exchange? Will the deadlines be extended for states implementing a federal exchange? Can you confirm that states will be able to switch from a federal model to a partnership or state model until 2019 and that funding will be available to enable that transition?
- 4) When will the details of the federal partnership options be available? These cannot be considered as an option without details including cost estimates and how state and federal systems are expected to link. How will the long term funding of the federally-facilitated healthcare exchanges be sustained?
- 5) States considering a state-based exchange need to know whether there will be a charge to use the federal data hub, advance premium tax credit/cost-sharing reduction service, risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance programs. Will there be a charge? And, if so, how much will it be?
- 6) When will states learn the details of the operational systems for a federal exchange? The procedural, technical, and architectural requirements for linking to the federal exchange have not been released. It is not feasible to know if a state-based exchange is better for our citizens until we know what the contents of a federal exchange will be. Taking grant money at this time for state exchange creation may be wasted if a federal exchange makes more sense for a particular state.
- 7) When will information from the establishment of a federal exchange be available for states to use if a state opts to build its own exchange? It is costly for each state to have to start from scratch and still not know how interfaces will work.

- 8) If states choose to build a state-based exchange, what dollars will the federal government contribute now and in the future? For the federal exchange states, when will the regulations regarding the imposition of taxes on a state's insurers be released?
- 9) It has been widely reported that Congressional leaders who have to appropriate money will seek to defund exchanges. Can you explain how the enactment provisions of the law allow the Executive Branch to continue to fund exchanges without Congressional action to appropriate money?
- 10) What happens to a state that has taken exchange planning and implementation grants if their exchange is not financially viable after 2015? Can a state refuse to increase taxes on either its residents or insurers, thus putting the financial underpinning of an exchange at risk? What penalties does the federal government envision in this case?
- 11) What happens if a state accepts grant money now to begin to build a state exchange, and subsequently determines that a federal exchange may be better? Will the federal government claw back these grant dollars from the states?
- 12) The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has pointed out a provision in the law that reduces exchange subsidies after 2018, which means fewer and fewer people will qualify for subsidies, and the people who do qualify will get a smaller and smaller subsidy. Does the Administration support that change, and if so, how would you pay for it? If you do not, why do you think people should be forced to buy insurance if federal subsidies are shrinking?
- 13) Alongside the considerable challenge of greatly expanding the Medicaid program, states are charged by the PPACA with creating a single, seamless point of entry for all of the insurance affordability programs affected by the Act--Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Basic Health Plan (where offered), advance tax credits for individual and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) exchange enrollees. This leaves another major question on the table. What about all of the other social service programs?
- 14) In order to minimize disruptions to a state's insurance market, The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required to certify multi-state plans that must be included in every exchange. When will the rules be released detailing the requirements and timeline for multi-state plans? How OPM structures these rules can be very disruptive to a state's insurance market.

- 15) Does the federal government intend to maintain high risk pools and how will they be financed? What actions will they take in a state that has opted not to operate a high risk pool or an exchange?
- 16) How do states with a federal exchange ensure that Web Based Entities (WBE) are an option in their state?
- 17) Will HHS and the United States Department of the Treasury offset the advance payments of premium assistance tax credits to issuers for an applicant's outstanding tax, alimony, and/or child support debts?
- 18) Will state-based exchanges have the flexibility to retroactively adjust past due premium amounts for interim changes in income?
- 19) How will the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) handle Qualified Health Plans (QHP) to Medicare transitions to prevent enrollee confusion and the potential for unpaid QHP premiums due to the enrollee not terminating the QHP timely?
- 20) How will CCIIO minimize the adverse impact of its overly-broad employer notice requirement?

Medicaid:

- 1) When can we expect to receive updated guidance on Medicaid expansion and related topics?
- 2) Will states that expand Medicaid coverage up to a level below 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), for example up to 100% of FPL, still receive the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available for newly covered populations?
- 3) Will states be allowed to phase in Medicaid coverage up to 138% of FPL (or 100%FPL) years after 2013 and still receive the enhanced FMAP?
- 4) Does the MOE requirement apply to the expansion population or does it apply only to the current Medicaid population? If a state accepts the expansion, but the federal match goes away, can we drop out of the expansion program? Will you waive the MOE under your 1115 waiver authority? What will be the penalties for failure to comply with MOE requirements? Since the MOE was a direct result of the expansion funding, if a state chooses not to expand is the MOE no longer effective?

- 5) How will the federal exchanges utilize the state's criteria for eligibility that will be included in MAGI?
- 6) If a state expanded Medicaid through a waiver prior to enactment of the PPACA, but then chooses not to expand coverage further, are they still eligible for the 75% to 90% enhanced FMAP for the previously expanded population?
- 7) Will the federal government support options for the Medicaid expansion population that encourage personal responsibility cost sharing or accountability provisions, the use of high deductible plans such as Health Savings Accounts, and other options at the state's choice?
- 8) What specific plans and timeline do you have for enacting the reforms and flexibility options for Medicaid that you spoke of in 2009? When can states give further input on the needed reforms?
- 9) You have stated that you will not deport undocumented aliens who have not committed a crime. You have also said that these undocumented aliens will be exempt from the individual mandate. How will the state be reimbursed for medical services given to these individuals?
- 10) Will CMS approve global waivers with an aggregate allotment, state flexibility, and accountability if states are willing to initiate a portion of the expansion?
- 11) The Disproportionate Share allotments will be reduced every year with a methodology based in the reduction in the number of uninsured. One, when will HHS issue the regulations and methodology for this reduction? Two, for a state that does not see a decrease in its uninsured population, will the remaining states absorb the full reduction? In addition, can a state implement a new DSH Diversion program as part of the optional expansion? Can a state implement new DSH Diversion programs for services to the uninsured/uncompensated care services?
- 12) What assurance can states be provided the federal share will be 100 % for the first 3 years and 90% into perpetuity? If the 90% federal match for the expanded population is ever reduced, will states be able to repeal the expansion without penalty or clawbacks. Likewise, if the existing match for the current Medicaid population is reduced, will states be able to repeal the expansion without penalty or clawbacks?
- 13) How much nationwide will Medicaid expansion contribute to annual federal deficits and the national debt?

14) Will the Administration approve waivers that will allow states to use limited financial incentives to encourage appropriate utilization of services and reduce costs to both the state and the federal government?



July 10, 2012

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Dear President Obama:

On June 28 the United States Supreme Court ruled in *National Federation of Independent Business vs. Sebelius* that the Medicaid expansion provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) were unconstitutionally coercive of state sovereignty.

Despite the ruling which upheld the individual mandate as a tax, we have written before and continue to maintain that the PPACA remains seriously flawed both conceptually and technically. It favors dependency over personal responsibility and will ultimately destroy the private insurance market. In its current form, the law will increase health care costs and likely lead to the disruption or discontinuation of millions of Americans' insurance plans. The new federal subsidies anticipated that enable exchanges are unaffordable given the crushing federal budget deficits and record national debt, and states cannot afford significant Medicaid expansions. For most governors, Medicaid growth even before PPACA, was exorbitant, and consuming an even larger share of state budgets.

Three years ago, you correctly told Senate Democrats, “[a]s we move forward on health reform, it is not sufficient for us to simply add more people to Medicare or Medicaid to increase the rolls, to increase coverage in the absence of cost controls and reform. And let me repeat this principle: If we don’t get control over costs, then it is going to be very difficult for us to expand

coverage. These two things go hand in hand. Another way of putting it is we can't simply put more people into a broken system that doesn't work.”

Unfortunately, that is precisely what has been done—PPACA, if implemented by the states, would put more people, 16-20 million individuals, into a broken Medicaid system. Three years ago, you stated clearly that would be a mistake. We fully agree. Today, states have less flexibility over the administration of the program, even though some states pay a share of the cost equal to that of the federal government. Governors of both parties, who are the primary managers of Medicaid delivery in our states, were not invited to engage in meaningful dialogue with your administration in 2010 when the PPACA was drafted-- and ultimately passed--- on a party-line vote.

We are still waiting for the real tools and flexibility we need to reform Medicaid and lower costs as you promised. Last year, Republican governors stressed the need to reform Medicaid, and we put forward 31 specific policy ideas to achieve that goal. We sent you and the Congressional leadership the detailed plan documents to craft such reforms. Since we received virtually no response from you, we are enclosing another copy for your team to review. We now renew our call for Medicaid reform.

PPACA uses Medicaid as the vehicle for expansion because it would be cheaper for the federal government through cost-shifting to the states. Despite promises of higher federal matches for the expansion populations, we also cannot ignore the policies proposed by your Administration that would cut the enhanced match rate for newly eligibles.

While overall spending on health care has slowed, the cost of health care has not. Spending has slowed, but for the wrong reason—the lingering recession that has cost jobs and thus lost health coverage. According to the most recent federal government projections, the number of individuals without health insurance will have increased from 42.7 million in 2008 to 48.6 million in 2013.

While we continue to believe the best option is to fully repeal and replace the PPACA, states now confront numerous deadlines and face major policy decisions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision. Before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs.

The states' burden of the expansion population as well as administrative costs remains significant. Increased spending on Medicaid crowds out resources available to states to spend on other meaningful priorities like education, the environment, public safety and infrastructure.

Moreover, even before increasing the Medicaid-eligible population as prescribed by PPACA, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path, comprising a growing share of state

budgets every year. It is difficult to see how expanding Medicaid without reform would do anything other than put more strain on state budgets and the taxpayers, especially when considering that many pernicious provisions that curtail state flexibility remain.

While the Supreme Court decision focused on the states' role in determining whether a Medicaid expansion is in the best interest of its citizens, states also face other PPACA-related decisions, like whether to establish a state based health-insurance exchange or accept the default of a federal exchange. As the exchange issue is currently interpreted, states are essentially being tasked with shouldering all the responsibility without any authority.

If states determine that a Medicaid expansion is not in the best interests of its citizens, it is likely that there will be a significant gap in coverage for low-income individuals who do not qualify for tax credits. We believe it is incumbent upon the authors of PPACA and your Administration to detail precisely how you intend to address this situation.

We also believe that it is unlikely that the federal government will have fully functional exchanges in place by the fall of 2013 in order for millions of Americans to be able to purchase coverage beginning January 2014. We respectfully request the Administration provide the detailed work plan that demonstrates these deadlines will be met. If they cannot be met, the responsible course would be for HHS to level with us and the American people. We also do not understand how the federal government can begin to afford to implement PPACA, with deficits already over \$1 trillion in every year of your presidency, and the debt growing \$5 trillion in the past 3 years to an outrageous record of nearly \$16 trillion.

The consequences of governors' decisions will impact our states – and the nation – for decades to come, so we must have all the information needed to choose wisely. We have taken the liberty of compiling below just some of the critical questions that must have answers before states can determine best how to proceed in light of the Court's decision. We undertake this task with a sense of great responsibility, and resolve to only move forward when we have full and complete knowledge of all the implications of our decision.

#### Healthcare Exchanges:

- 1) Please provide a complete list of regulations that will have to be reviewed, revised and re-opened for public comment prior to implementation as a result of the Supreme Court ruling (e.g., the Medicaid eligibility regulations, exchange regulations related to interface with Medicaid)? What is the schedule for re-issuing these regulations?
- 2) When will either additional guidance or actual rules be issued on essential health benefits, actuarial value and rating areas be issued?

- 3) The federal government has already extended deadlines for applying for Level 1 and Level 2 Exchange Establishment funding into 2014. Can we expect extensions of the deadlines for implementation given the uncertainty caused by the Supreme Court ruling and the linkage between Medicaid expansion and exchange eligibility and enrollment functions? In addition, will the deadlines change for states implementing a partnership exchange? Will the deadlines be extended for states implementing a federal exchange?
- 4) When will the details of the federal partnership options be available? These cannot be considered as an option without details including cost estimates. How will the long term funding of the federally-facilitated healthcare exchanges be sustained?
- 5) States considering a state-based exchange need to know whether there will be a charge and by how much to use the federal data hub, advance premium tax credit/cost-sharing reduction service, risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance programs.
- 6) When will states learn the details of the operational systems for a federal exchange? The procedural, technical, and architectural requirements for linking to the federal exchange have not been released. It is not feasible to know if a state-based exchange is better for our citizens until we know what the contents of a federal exchange will be. Taking grant money at this time for state exchange creation may be wasted if a federal exchange makes more sense for a particular state.
- 7) When will information from the establishment of a federal exchange be available for states to use if a state opts to build its own exchange? It is costly for each state to have to start from scratch and still not know how interfaces will work.
- 8) If states choose to build a state-based exchange, what dollars will the federal government contribute now and in the future? For the federal exchange states, when will the regulations regarding the imposition of taxes on a state's insurers be released?
- 9) It has been widely reported that Congressional leaders who have to appropriate money will seek to defund exchanges. Please explain how the enactment provisions of the law allow the Executive Branch to continue to fund exchanges without Congressional action to appropriate money.
- 10) What happens to a state that has taken exchange planning and implementation grants if their exchange is not financially viable after 2015? Can a state refuse to increase

- taxes on either its residents or insurers, thus putting the financial underpinning of an exchange at risk? What penalties does the federal government envision in this case?
- 11) What happens if a state accepts grant money now to begin to build a state exchange, and subsequently determines that a federal exchange may be better? Will the federal government claw back these grant dollars from the states?
  - 12) What impact will changes to the Medicaid expansion have on exchange implementation? The federal exchange is currently structured to provide Medicaid eligibility determination. How will this work if some states participate and others do not?
  - 13) Last month the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) pointed out a provision in the law that reduces exchange subsidies after 2018, which means fewer and fewer people will qualify for subsidies, and the people who do qualify will get a smaller and smaller subsidy. Does the Administration support that change, and if so, how would you pay for it? If you do not, why do you think people should be forced to buy insurance if federal subsidies are shrinking?
  - 14) CMS has released 90/10 funding under ARRA and HITECH in order for states to improve their eligibility systems for Medicaid and other social service programs. Will that funding continue?
  - 15) Alongside the considerable challenge of greatly expanding the Medicaid program, states are charged by the PPACA with creating a single, seamless point of entry for all of the insurance affordability programs affected by the Act--Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Basic Health Plan (where offered), advance tax credits for individual and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) exchange enrollees. This leaves another major question on the table. What about all of the other social service programs? Will states still be able to create an eligibility system for all social service programs under the 90/10 funding mechanism?
  - 16) In order to minimize disruptions to a state's insurance market, The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required to certify multi-state plans that must be included in every exchange, when will the rules be released detailing the requirements and timeline for multi-state plans. How OPM structures these rules can be very disruptive to a state's insurance market.
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## **Medicaid**

- 1) When can we expect to receive updated guidance on Medicaid expansion and related topics?
- 2) Is there a deadline for letting the federal government know if a state will be participating in the Medicaid expansion? How does that relate to the exchange declaration deadline? The two programs are currently scheduled to be implemented simultaneously in January 2014.
- 3) Will states that expand Medicaid coverage up to a level below 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), for example up to 100% of FPL, still receive the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available for “newly covered” populations?
- 4) Will states be allowed to phase in Medicaid coverage up to 138% of FPL (or 100% FPL) years after 2013 and still receive the enhanced FMAP?
- 5) Does the MOE requirement apply to the expansion population or does it apply only to the current Medicaid population? If a state accepts the expansion, but the federal match goes away, can we drop out of the expansion program? Will you waive the MOE under your 1115 waiver authority? What will be the penalties for failure to comply with MOE requirements? Since the MOE was a direct result of the expansion funding, if a state chooses not to expand is the MOE no longer effective?
- 6) Regarding the two year increase in Medicaid reimbursement for primary care codes, are you going to extend it? If so, how are you going to pay for it? Congressional Republicans have expressed opposition to any funded for PPACA.
- 7) Will states still be required to convert their income counting methodology to MAGI for purposes of determining eligibility regardless of whether they expand to the optional adult group? If so, how do states link the categorical eligibility criteria to the MAGI? How will the federal exchanges utilize the state’s criteria?
- 8) If a state expanded Medicaid through a waiver prior to enactment of the PPACA, but then chooses not to expand coverage further, are they still eligible for the 75% to 90% enhanced FMAP for the previously expanded population?
- 9) Will the federal government support options for the Medicaid expansion population that encourage personal responsibility – cost sharing or accountability provisions, the

use of high deductible plans such as Health Savings Accounts, and other options at the state's choice?

- 10) What specific plans and timeline do you have for enacting the reforms and flexibility options for Medicaid that you spoke of in 2009? When can states give further input on the needed reforms?
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There will inevitably be more questions that will arise as additional guidance flows from your Administration. With just 18 months until the anticipated implementation date of PPACA, we would appreciate prompt answers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter facing states and the country. We look forward to learning from your responses.

Sincerely,



Governor Bob McDonnell, RGA Chairman  
Commonwealth of Virginia



September 27, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On July 10, 2012, I submitted to you a letter that detailed 30 questions from Republican governors regarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). We continue to wait for answers to most of our questions, and while your administration responded to some of them, the answers were not substantial enough to take responsible action. Today, we write again, hoping that more information will be provided.

As stated several times before, we continue to maintain that the PPACA remains seriously flawed both conceptually and technically. Our explanation isn't new, we believe the law favors dependency over personal responsibility and will ultimately destroy the private insurance market. In its current form, the law will increase health care costs and likely lead to the disruption or discontinuation of millions of Americans' insurance plans. The new federal subsidies anticipated that enable exchanges are unaffordable given the crushing federal budget deficits and record national debt, and states cannot afford significant Medicaid expansions. For most governors, Medicaid growth even before PPACA was exorbitant and consuming a growing share of state budgets. While we strive to balance our budgets at the state level, we do not understand how the federal government can begin to afford to implement PPACA, with deficits already over \$1 trillion in every year of your presidency, and the debt growing \$5 trillion in the past 3 years to an outrageous record of nearly \$16 trillion.

For emphasis, we will again repeat that we wish you would have stood by your statement three years ago when you correctly told Senate Democrats, —[a]s we move forward on health reform, it is not sufficient for us to simply add more people to Medicare or Medicaid to increase the rolls,

to increase coverage in the absence of cost controls and reform. And let me repeat this principle: If we don't get control over costs, then it is going to be very difficult for us to expand coverage. These two things go hand in hand. Another way of putting it is we can't simply put more people into a broken system that doesn't work.

Unfortunately, that is precisely what has been done—PPACA, if implemented by the states, would put more people, 16-20 million individuals, into a broken Medicaid system. A system that lacks real tools and flexibility to afford states the opportunity to be creative and implement true Medicaid reforms. Twice now, we have sent you and Congressional leadership the detailed plan documents to craft such reforms. We continue to wait for a response and have enclosed yet another copy for your team to review.

While believe the best option is to fully repeal and replace the PPACA, states continue to confront numerous deadlines and face major policy decisions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision. Before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs.

In addition to determining whether Medicaid expansion is in the best interest of its citizens, states face other PPACA-related decisions, like whether to establish a state-based health-insurance exchange, enter into a partnership exchange or accept the default of a federal exchange. As the exchange issue is currently interpreted, states are essentially being tasked with shouldering all the responsibility without any authority.

We respectfully request the Administration provide the detailed work plan that demonstrates how the aggressive deadlines for the creation of a federally-facilitated health insurance exchange deadlines will be met. If they cannot be met, the responsible course would be for HHS to level with us and the American people.

The consequences of governors' decisions will impact our states – and the nation – for decades to come, so we must have all the information needed to choose wisely. We have taken the liberty of listing below some of the critical questions that must have answers before states can determine best how to proceed. You will notice that of the 30 questions originally put forward in the July 10 letter, the vast majority remain unanswered.

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There will inevitably be more questions that will arise as additional guidance flows from your Administration. With just 15 months until the anticipated implementation date of PPACA, we would appreciate prompt answers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter facing states and the country. We look forward to learning from your responses.

Sincerely,



Governor Bob McDonnell, RGA Chairman  
Commonwealth of Virginia

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Obamacare was 2700 pages long. In his State of the Union speech tonight, the President spent two sentences – a mere 44 words – talking about health care. And the first reference didn't come until 39 minutes into his speech.

When it comes to this supposedly "[historic](#)" and "[majestic](#)" law, the silence from this Administration is deafening.

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We will have our RGPPC policy call Mon. 3/12, morning at 10:30 AM EST.

Agenda and notes below:

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Marie - RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie- RGPPC
  - a) RGPPC Leadership 2012. Please complete Governor Daniels survey, attached, if you have not yet done so.
  - b) Obamacare Anniversary Meeting today. 5:30 EST. Needed: Updated state cost data, approval of health care principles (to be sent soon), and a list of governors wanting to message in support of block grants. Let us know if you are one of those states.
  - c) Website: Please visit the [rgppc.com](http://rgppc.com) website to make sure the staff contact info from your state is up to date. You will have to log into the 'staff' page located at the top right corner of the screen. If you do not remember their username or password, you can contact [dhuffman@rgppc.org](mailto:dhuffman@rgppc.org) to request a new password. (Note: you can also just click on the "forgot password" link but it will automatically assign you a random password.) We are updating our website and will put versions of our reports on this for staff to review.
  - d) Subcommittee updates:
    1. Energy and Environment: Principles finalized by steering committee. To be circulated this week for approval
    2. Healthcare: Principles finalized by steering committee. To be circulated this week for approval
    3. Education/Workforce: Steering committee to meet in April. Please let us know if your state would like to be on the education steering committee and who that contact should be in your state.

4. Jobs/Econ Dev/Infrastructure: Letter supporting Infrastructure bill will be crafted today. Goal is to send this letter Tuesday/tomorrow.
5. Federalism: reaching out to think tanks, to provide additional info in coming weeks
6. Budget/Finance/Regulatory: Preparing data on pension and tax reform

e) Please Complete Surveys

1. **PPACA and healthcare;** *working with US Senate Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)
2. **Energy and Environment Regs;** *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE\\_Regs\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE_Regs_Survey)
3. **Staff contacts;** *RGPPC is enhancing our distribution of information. We are seeking the appropriate policy advisor for the various issue sets in each office. Survey requests contact information for staff or agency head.*  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DR8ZQ7F>

f) Hearings: The hearing on March 22 re Infrastructure and the hearing on March 29 re Obamacare have **BOTH been cancelled** due to governors inability to testify with legislative sessions under way. We will re-circulate invitations when these are rescheduled.

g) Free File program: State Free File programs are a public--private partnership between the state Department of Revenue and electronic tax software companies that donate their online tax preparation and e-filing services to eligible taxpayers at no cost to the taxpayers or to the State government. It is based on the IRS Free File program. Eligible taxpayers are able to use the brand--name tax software products offered through Free File to prepare and electronically file their federal and state income tax returns online for free. There is NO cross--marketing, cross--selling and pop--up advertising are prohibited in products offered through Free File. Refund anticipation loans are banned. Only the very highest standards of performance and safety are acceptable when partnering with the government on behalf of taxpayers. This program offers the best technology and highest quality service to taxpayers. There are 22 Free File States and growing. Recent states that have created a new Free File program are

Virginia and Indiana. Other states are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, and West Virginia.

There is currently legislation in Congress HR 2569 (Roskam) and S 1769 (Isakson) that make the IRS Free File program permanent. Virginia is currently the only state where the program is in statute. Mississippi currently has legislation pending to make their FF program permanent. The Fed and State Free File programs goes up against the Obama Administration's plans to have the IRS become the tax preparer for every American. Obama's plan is called "simple return" and it would create a bill presentment model where the IRS would calculate and prepare your taxes and you accept what they have prepared for you. As you can imagine this is very unpopular but that doesn't seem to stop this Administration and they are moving forward.

If you'd like more information, please let RGPPC know.

3. House Update: Will (Speaker Boehner)
4. Senate Update: Lanier (Leader McConnell)
5. NGA Update: Lauren (NE)
6. Other business?

Thank you, Have a nice week. - RGPPC

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  - b) **Obamacare Anniversary Press Strategy.** 3.21 and 3.28 key dates. Needed: Updated state cost data (see attached file with received edits), approval of health care principles, and a list of governors wanting to message in support of block grants. Let us know if you are one of those states.
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We will have a new Members Corner site with good info and ideas from our private sector partner. We'll provide a list each week of reports in that file for your to review.

This week: NEI letter to Republican Governors. On the anniversary of the nuclear accident in Japan, the President of RGA Governor's

Cabinet member organization Nuclear Energy Institute would like to update you on important safety upgrades at U.S. nuclear plants and other key industry developments. Please find the letter on RGPPC's staff only website from NEI's Marv Fertel.

**d) Subcommittee updates:**

1. Energy and Environment: Principles have been circulated. Edits due this Friday, 3/23
2. Healthcare: Principles finalized by steering committee. To be circulated this week for approval
3. Education/Workforce: Steering committee to meet on April 9 or April 16. Please let us know if your state would like to be on the education steering committee, who that contact should be in your state, and which date is better for your state.
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6. Budget/Finance/Regulatory: Preparing data on pension and tax reform. Info to be available soon for download at rgppc.com

**e) OIG Exchange: PPACA Surveys.** States have received a survey from OIG titled "States Readiness to Implement Streamlined Eligibility and Enrollment Requirements for State Health Subsidy Programs, OEI-07-10-00530". How are states responding to this survey?

**f) Campaign Finance Appointments:** Governors receive appointments to boards and commissions that regulate elections and campaign finance laws in states. RGPPC/RGA would like to host a conference call with states to discuss some important issues related to these appointments. Such appointments are official governors' roles and thus are run out of governors offices, typically by your appointments or legal staff. Please identify the appropriate person on your staff and a conference call will be set next week. A separate email will go out notifying you and requesting you to identify your state's participant.

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#### **e) Attachments:**

1. CBO Analysis of President's budget (attached)

2. White House Materials for this week with state by state data:

State by State Data:

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/featured-content/aca\\_state-by-state\\_data\\_final.xlsx](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/featured-content/aca_state-by-state_data_final.xlsx)

State by State Fact Sheets:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/law/resources/index.html>

3. HHS Reuglations released on Friday: Administration releases Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on preventive services policy

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/03/20120316g.html>

3. House Update: Will (Speaker Boehner)

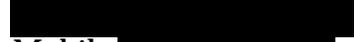
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[Bingaman Amendment Letter State DOT Draft.docx](#)  
[2012 - Bingaman T2 Lettr.pdf](#)  
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1. Roll Call: Seth and Lindsay - RGPPC
  
2. RGPPC Update: Seth and Lindsay - RGPPC
  - a) **Healthcare Data:** Final Call for data regarding Obamacare's impact on your state. Press release will be sent Tues/Wed. in advance of Supreme Court Medicaid arguments. (3/28) Thanks for your hard work last week. Special thanks to UT and VA for their work in releasing the healthcare report principles.
  
  - b) **RGPPC Best Practices Efforts.** Please complete Governor Daniels survey, attached, if you have not yet done so.
  
  - c) **Transportation Updates:** Debbie Hohlt. DOT Commissioners Letter (sign-on); T2 Coalition Activities (call on Thursday). See letters attached.  
  
<http://www.trans2group.com/index.html>
  
  - d) **Website:** Please visit the rgppc.com website to make sure the staff contact info from your state is up to date. You will have to log into the 'staff' page located at the top right corner of the screen. If you do not remember their username or password, you can contact [dhuffman@rgppc.org](mailto:dhuffman@rgppc.org) to request a new password. (Note: you can also just click on the "forgot password" link but it will automatically assign you a random password.) We are updating our website and will put versions of our reports on this

for staff to review.

We will have a new Members Corner site with good info and ideas from our private sector partner. We'll provide a list each week of reports in that file for your to review.

This week: NEI letter to Republican Governors. On the anniversary of the nuclear accident in Japan, the President of RGA Governor's Cabinet member organization Nuclear Energy Institute would like to update you on important safety upgrades at U.S. nuclear plants and other key industry developments. Please find the letter on RGPPC's staff only website from NEI's Marv Fertel.

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**f) OIG Exchange: PPACA Surveys.** States have received a survey from OIG titled "States Readiness to Implement Streamlined Eligibility and Enrollment Requirements for State Health Subsidy Programs, OEI-07-10-00530". How are states responding to this survey?

**g) Campaign Finance Appointments:** Governors receive appointments to boards and commissions that regulate elections and campaign finance laws in states. RGPPC/RGA would like to host a conference call with states to discuss some important issues related to these appointments. Such appointments are official governors' roles and thus are run out of governors offices, typically by your appointments or legal staff. Please identify the appropriate person on your staff and

a conference call will be held on **March 30 at 11:30 AM EST.**

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e) **Campaign Finance Appointments:** Call was cancelled on Friday. State specific calls will be set up this week. Marie will call you individually.

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[Bloomberg Rendell Daniels Letter to House Leadership 4 16 12.pdf](#)  
[2012 Daniels Legislative Accomplishments.docx](#)  
[2012-04-23-E&E Principles Revised.docx](#)  
[IN News Release State's View of Air Quality 4 18 12.docx](#)

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1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

- a) **RGPPC Events:** A “DC Discussion Event” with Governor Bob McDonnell will occur on Tuesday 4/24. Please RSVP to Monica Block, invitation attached. In addition, your energy staff may register for our Charlotte event here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDJFdIAxc2lYbFhtRmg2QUZrU0ZEM1E6MQ>. As a reminder, the RGPPC will pay for two energy sr. staffers from each office to attend this symposium. Please note that this symposium is being held at the front end of our Corporate Policy Summit (May 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>) and our Executive Roundtable Meeting (May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) which are also being held in Charlotte, NC.

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- c) Indiana Air Quality Letter (attached)- Debbie Hohlt (IN)**
- d) House Ways and Means request to NAIC- Debbie Hohlt (IN)** Ways and Means would like a comprehensive list of all health plans each carrier sold for four years. This was distributed to the states after the close of business on Friday, April 13. Please check with your insurance directors/ commissioners. (letter provided at the end of the agenda)
- e) Daniels Legislative Accomplishments, attached.** Thanks to ID and GA for forwarding their accomplishments previously. These will be posted on our website.
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**WAYS AND MEANS LETTER TO NAIC**

April 13, 2012

Dear (Title)(Last Name),

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- 5) Provide the number of covered lives enrolled in such plans for each answer derived from questions 1 through 4.

The requested information will provide the Committee with a better picture of these insurance markets in your state. Every state insurance commissioner will receive the same request. Please respond, in writing, no later than April 20, 2012. I thank you in advance for your assistance and if you have any questions or need clarification please contact Dan Elling on my staff at (202) 225-3943.

Sincerely,

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[Reconciliation - Defense Impact.docx](#)  
[NGA HASC SASC Air Force Letter 042712.pdf](#)  
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**b) Signed Medical Device Letter (Debbie Hohlt)**

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[Curves VA Proclamation.pdf](#)  
[Hotel Booking Models Graphic 11-30-11.pdf](#)  
[Online Hotel Booking Tax Backgrounder 4-9-12.pdf](#)  
[2012-05-11-RGPPC E2 Report Working Draft 1.pdf](#)  
[2012-05-14 Education and Workforce Memo with edits.docx](#)

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## **IOWA Legislative Accomplishments**

### **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Governor Terry E. Branstad ★ Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, May 09, 2012

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## **Governor Branstad's statement on close of the 2012 legislative session**

(DES MOINES) – Gov. Branstad today released the following statement following the close of the 2012 legislative session:

*In January, the lieutenant governor and I brought forward a bold agenda focused on the dual goals of job creation and transformational education reform. I want to thank the General Assembly for considering our priorities and for adopting a significant number of them to help move our state forward. [See list below.]*

*Legislation passed by this General Assembly will provide our Iowa Economic Development Authority with additional tools to help meet our administration's ambitious goal to create 200,000 new jobs. We have made significant progress on that goal during this first year and a half and the High Quality Jobs Incentive Fund and Employee Stock Option Plan legislation will help accelerate those efforts.*

*I am also pleased that this General Assembly took a first important step toward our goal of transformational education reform. While these initial steps may be considered by some as small, our new early childhood literacy initiative, in particular, will have lasting effects on the lives of thousands of Iowa children and significantly improve their chances of future academic and career success. We also enhance teacher accountability by requiring annual reviews.*

*However, the 2012 session may be remembered as much for what failed to be accomplished as for what actually was accomplished. Despite the best efforts of my office and a bipartisan majority in the Iowa House, the inability of Senate Democrats to adopt serious property tax reform has put Iowa taxpayers in jeopardy of seeing significant property tax increases in the coming year.*

*The Senate failed to support legislation based on the framework I believe was agreed to as a roadmap to finding a compromise between my office, the House, and the Senate. They failed to pass a meaningful step forward in our goal to make Iowa's tax system more competitive or assist with our critically needed job creation goals.*

*As a result, Iowa taxpayers face yet another year with property taxes that are scheduled to grow nearly \$2 billion over the next eight years. This is absolutely unacceptable and Iowa voters will have an opportunity to resolve this impasse in November.*

*Lt. Governor Reynolds and I are proud to work with all members of the Iowa General Assembly and proud to serve our citizens each and every day. We will continue over the next seven and a half months of 2012 to travel the state, promote our ambitious agenda, and work aggressively toward the achievement of our four goals:*

- 1. 200,000 new jobs for Iowans;*
- 2. 25% increase in personal incomes;*
- 3. Reduce the cost of government by 15%; and*
- 4. Provide our children with the nation's finest education.*

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## **Governor Branstad / Lt. Governor Reynolds: Legislative Accomplishments**

**2012:**

**Economic Development and Jobs:** two of the governor's jobs priorities received legislative approval this year and will provide our Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) with additional tools to help meet the governor's ambitious job creation goals:

- **High Quality Jobs Incentive Fund:** \$15 million fund IEDA will use to package job growth deals that will encourage new large employers to locate or expand in Iowa.
- **Employee Stock Option Plans (ESOPs):** this legislation requested by the governor will encourage those Iowa businesses looking for new owners with incentives to sell the business to their own employees. This will keep great jobs and careers in Iowa and give Iowa communities an additional tool to promote local economic development.

**Education Reform:** this year the Legislature took a small, but important, step toward answering the call of the Branstad/Reynolds administration to provide transformational education reform. This year's effort includes enhanced annual teacher evaluations, competency tests for applicants to teacher preparation programs, and a major new early childhood literacy initiative that includes possible retention for those not reading at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Transparency:** after languishing in the Legislature for years, Governor Branstad spearheaded the passage of landmark transparency legislation to create a Public Information Board (with true enforcement powers) that will significantly improve the transparency of state and local government and ensure the enforcement of our open records / open meetings laws.

**Mental Health Redesign:** no longer will the quality of Iowans access to mental health care services be dependent on where they live. This governor-led initiative will transform the delivery of mental health services across Iowa and ensure all Iowans have access to a standard and consistent core of essential services.

**Modernize Services for the Aging:** the Legislature adopted the Branstad/Reynolds administration's plan for a new regional service delivery model for our Area Agencies on Aging. This new model will significantly modernize and simplify the provision of services for Iowa's aging population.

**Higher Education Funding:** the governor requested, and the Legislature provided, additional funding for our Regents institutions (at a level that should alleviate the need for tuition increases beyond those already set), additional resources for our community colleges (much of which will be used to support the critical role community colleges play in developing a skilled workforce), and an additional \$2 million for the state's tuition grant program (to help make private college opportunities affordable for more Iowa students).

**Budget Predictability and Stability:** the general fund budget adopted by the Legislature is at the

level requested by the governor in his initial budget. This adopted budget keeps ongoing spending lower than ongoing revenue and spends only 97% of available revenue--well below the 99% limit as set in state law. In addition, this budget is estimated to result in full funding of our cash reserve fund, economic emergency fund, the taxpayer trust fund, and with a healthy carryover balance to meet all of the state's cash flow needs.

**2011:**

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**d) Russia PNTR Legislation Update: See Attachments** --Debbie (IN) and Will Kinzel

**e) SDW Update-** Dona Deleon (NJ)

**f) HHS Comments last week on the Federal Healthcare Exchange.** See letter attached. Debbie (IN)

**g) Liberal Strategy Memo on ACA:** <http://www.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeedpolitics/liberal-groups-plan-strategy-for-health-care-defea>

**h) Transportation, Bingaman Amendment.** See attachment. Debbie (IN)

**i) FYI: Final letter from Gov. Corbett to Chairman McKeon:** Leslie Gromis (PA)

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Here's the problem: In 1991 Congress set up formulas that calculate how much highway money states receive, based on population, traffic levels and the number of miles of highway within each state. These formulas were intended to reflect each state's need for federal funds. They have remained unchanged, even though a few states have decided to lease their publicly financed highways to private companies that take responsibility for operating or maintaining those highways.

For example, in 2006 the state of Indiana leased 157 miles of its 55-year-old publicly financed toll road to a Spanish-Australian joint-venture firm called the [Indiana Toll Road Concession Co.](#) Under the deal, Indiana received \$3.8 billion in cash, upfront, and the concession company got the right to collect tolls on the road for the next 75 years; some of the tolls go toward maintenance, and others go straight to the company's bottom line. The state uses the upfront cash for anything it wants.

What this means is that the nation's drivers paid for the road with 55 years' worth of their tolls, and now they essentially have to buy it back.

Today Indiana has 157 fewer miles of highway the public is responsible for operating. One might assume its share of federal highway maintenance dollars would have been reduced to reflect the change. Not so. This year, Indiana received nearly \$900 million in highway maintenance funds — the same amount it would have received had it never made the deal with the Indiana Toll Road Concession Co.

And if the funding formulas remain unchanged, it's possible that Indiana could lease all 1,200 miles of its interstate highways to a private company and still receive nearly \$900 million each year from the highway fund.

Does this make sense? I don't think so.

To be sure, Indiana has not put forth a proposal to privatize all of its highway system. But that it could do so without losing federal highway funds illustrates the problem Congress needs to fix.

Like all members of Congress, I appreciate the need for additional transportation improvements to alleviate congestion and promote economic development. We need to invest in our nation's roads and bridges, which is one of the main reasons to pass a long-term highway bill. The current primary source of federal funding, fixed taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels,

is increasingly inadequate to maintain transportation infrastructure. The combination of declining fuel sales and rising construction costs is adding tens of billions of dollars to the funding backlog needed to sustain a safe and efficient transportation network.

I also understand that, during these difficult economic times, states are struggling financially to meet the needs of their residents, and “selling off” a public asset for billions of dollars might be tempting.

But I don’t believe that states should be allowed to use their existing publicly funded highways as a virtual ATM, leaving the rest of this country’s drivers to foot the bill. Among Congress’s responsibilities is to be a good steward of federal tax dollars. That means we should not encourage the kind of short-term political expediency Indiana has relied upon.

The [Senate approved a highway bill](#) in March that contains an amendment I wrote to correct the funding formulas. Under the revised version, states would receive highway funding without including [public roads that have been essentially “sold off.”](#) That would mean states such as Ohio, which is considering privatizing its 60-year-old, 240-mile turnpike, would lose federal funding it no longer merits. House and Senate negotiators are working to finalize a highway bill, and I hope they include my amendment.

States should explore new and creative ways to invest in public infrastructure. There’s no doubt that the private sector could play a major role in that. I support existing federal incentives that promote building new roads, tunnels or lanes, such as the high-occupancy toll lanes that Virginia and private partners are constructing on the Capital Beltway.

But I do not believe states that privatize existing public roads should be allowed to get more than their fair share from the highway fund, at the expense of federal taxpayers in other states. Congress should eliminate this perverse incentive for states to turn over operation of critical existing highways to private companies.

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**By Jeff Bingaman, Published: May 4**

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Here's the problem: In 1991 Congress set up formulas that calculate how much highway money states receive, based on population, traffic levels and the number of miles of highway within each state. These formulas were intended to reflect each state's need for federal funds. They have remained unchanged, even though a few states have decided to lease their publicly financed highways to private companies that take responsibility for operating or maintaining those highways.

For example, in 2006 the state of Indiana leased 157 miles of its 55-year-old publicly financed toll road to a Spanish-Australian joint-venture firm called the [Indiana Toll Road Concession Co.](#) Under the deal, Indiana received \$3.8 billion in cash, upfront, and the concession company got the right to collect tolls on the road for the next 75 years; some of the tolls go toward maintenance, and others go straight to the company's bottom line. The state uses the upfront cash for anything it wants.

What this means is that the nation's drivers paid for the road with 55 years' worth of their tolls, and now they essentially have to buy it back.

Today Indiana has 157 fewer miles of highway the public is responsible for operating. One might assume its share of federal highway maintenance dollars would have been reduced to reflect the change. Not so. This year, Indiana received nearly \$900 million in highway maintenance funds — the same amount it would have received had it never made the deal with the Indiana Toll Road Concession Co.

And if the funding formulas remain unchanged, it's possible that Indiana could lease all 1,200 miles of its interstate highways to a private company and still receive nearly \$900 million each year from the highway fund.

Does this make sense? I don't think so.

To be sure, Indiana has not put forth a proposal to privatize all of its

highway system. But that it could do so without losing federal highway funds illustrates the problem Congress needs to fix.

Like all members of Congress, I appreciate the need for additional transportation improvements to alleviate congestion and promote economic development. We need to invest in our nation's roads and bridges, which is one of the main reasons to pass a long-term highway bill. The current primary source of federal funding, fixed taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels, is increasingly inadequate to maintain transportation infrastructure. The combination of declining fuel sales and rising construction costs is adding tens of billions of dollars to the funding backlog needed to sustain a safe and efficient transportation network.

I also understand that, during these difficult economic times, states are struggling financially to meet the needs of their residents, and "selling off" a public asset for billions of dollars might be tempting.

But I don't believe that states should be allowed to use their existing publicly funded highways as a virtual ATM, leaving the rest of this country's drivers to foot the bill. Among Congress's responsibilities is to be a good steward of federal tax dollars. That means we should not encourage the kind of short-term political expediency Indiana has relied upon.

The [Senate approved a highway bill](#) in March that contains an amendment I wrote to correct the funding formulas. Under the revised version, states would receive highway funding without including [public roads that have been essentially "sold off."](#) That would mean states such as Ohio, which is considering privatizing its 60-year-old, 240-mile turnpike, would lose federal funding it no longer merits. House and Senate negotiators are working to finalize a highway bill, and I hope they include my amendment.

States should explore new and creative ways to invest in public infrastructure. There's no doubt that the private sector could play a major role in that. I support existing federal incentives that promote building new roads, tunnels or lanes, such as the high-occupancy toll lanes that Virginia and private partners are constructing on the Capital Beltway.

But I do not believe states that privatize existing public roads should be allowed to get more than their fair share from the highway fund, at the expense of federal taxpayers in other states. Congress should eliminate

this perverse incentive for states to turn over operation of critical existing highways to private companies.

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1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

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NGA Subcommittee updates:

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[Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions\\_about\\_Protecting\\_Citizen\\_Voter\\_Rights\\_in\\_Florida.pdf](#)  
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e) **Florida Voter Rights** (Sean- FL)- see attached

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1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

**a) EVENTS:**

**Scottsdale Events are this week- see you there!**

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**b) Healthcare Communication- Supreme Court Update; Supreme Court next steps (Marie)**

**c) Healthcare Exchanges—Update on TN and AL:** Darin Gordon, TennCare  
Director/Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Administration

**d) Subcommittee updates:**

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**CRA letter writing campaign**, see letter attached.

2. **Healthcare:** A draft with comments has been forwarded to attendees. We will discuss this week in Scottsdale.
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[ACA implementation deadlines addendum June 2012.doc](#)  
[2012 KS Legislature, 2012 Session -- Kansas Legislative Accomplishments Summary.pdf](#)

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC

2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

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**b) Healthcare Communication- Supreme Court Update; Supreme Court next steps (Marie). See timeline information attached from the Congressional Research Service.**

**c) Subcommittee updates:**

1. **Energy and Environment:** Report is being edited with state data discussed in senior staff meeting, Scottsdale. Approval process is commencing. Release date is targeted for July 12.
2. **Healthcare:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
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**d) Best Practices/Legislative Summary update. KS attached!**

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**PA Secretary Michael Krancer Testimonies:** On fracking before House Committee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information etc. (Rep. Lankford). The topic: Rhetoric vs. Reality: Does President Obama Really Support an "All-of-the-Above Energy Strategy? The Committee hearing was broad and covered all topics. The Subcommittee hearing focused on hydraulic fracturing. At Rep. Lankford's request he covered the new BLM proposed rules and the new EPA permitting guidance re fracking with diesel fuel. Testimonies attached; Press:  
<http://campaign2012.washingtonexaminer.com/blogs/beltway-confidential/penn-obama-back/572936>
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## **8. US Chamber of Commerce :: State-by-State breakdown of IP Jobs, GDP and Wages**

Marie,

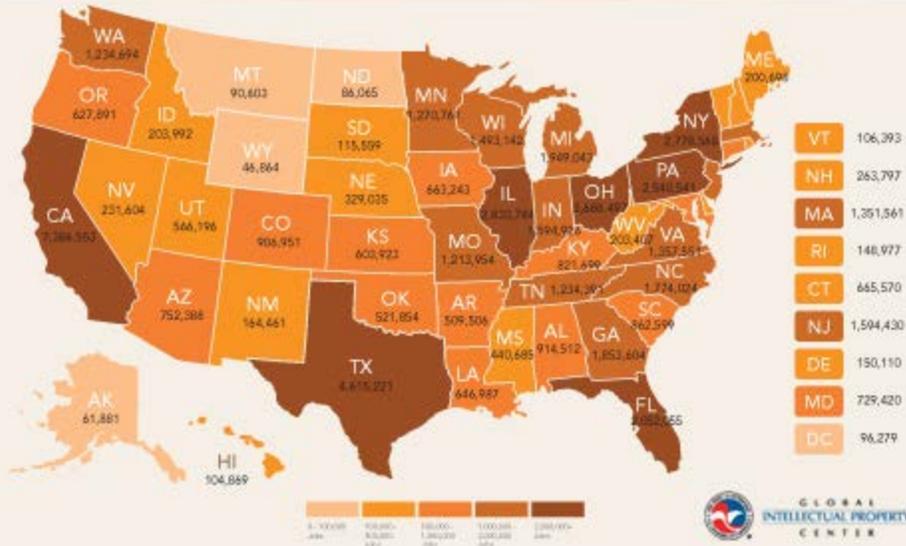
I am pleased to share with you a first-of-its-kind economic study, titled "IP Creates Jobs for America" from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC). We have prepared this report to illustrate the widespread impact and importance of intellectual property as it relates to each state's jobs, economic growth and competitiveness. This study identifies the benefits of IP and the 55 million jobs directly and indirectly supported by IP-intensive industries as a significant driver of GDP, exports, and wages in every state of the Union.

To see the benefits of intellectual property in your specific state, please click [HERE](#).

**Would you be willing to push this out to Governors offices and their staff?**

Thanks for any help you can be here.

# Intellectual Property Creates Jobs for America



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Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
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**a) EVENTS:**

**SAVE THE DATE: RGPPC Economic Development and Infrastructure Policy Symposium, Atlanta, GA, September 23-24. More information to come.**

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- b) Healthcare Communication-** Please continue to help us update your state PPACA cost estimates. Please email Lindsay: [REDACTED]. Thanks for all your help last week. RGPPA will be responding to Asst. Administrator Tavenner's letter to Governor McDonnell this week.
- c) Sequestration:** RGA leadership letter to be sent. NGA and CoG working on a letter too. (Doug)
- d) Exchanges:** A separate call to handle moving parts will be hosted this week.

#### e) Subcommittee updates:

1. **Energy and Environment:** Report is being finalized. Final phase of edits being conducted. Launch date TBD
2. **Healthcare:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
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### **GOVERNOR MARY FALLIN NEWS**

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Tulsa World – Internet sales tax proposals may be gaining ground  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718\\_16\\_A5\\_OKLAHO560266](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718_16_A5_OKLAHO560266)

Tulsa World – Fallin undecided on Internet sales tax  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120717\\_11\\_0\\_OKLAHO139483](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120717_11_0_OKLAHO139483)

Okemah News Leader – Gov. Mary Fallin names Wes Lane new chairman of DHS commission  
<http://www.okemahnewsleader.com/v2/content.aspx?ID=50545&MemberID=1578>

Tulsa World – Governor says youth expo can keep its funding  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718\\_16\\_A5\\_OLHMIY168373](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718_16_A5_OLHMIY168373)

Tulsa World – CNG vehicle purchases by 13 states planned  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718\\_16\\_A5\\_CUTLIN311027](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718_16_A5_CUTLIN311027)

Northern Colorado Business Report – Hickenlooper asks automakers to make natural – gas vehicles  
<http://www.ncbr.com/article/20120717/NEWS/120719924>

The Oklahoman – Future of American Indian Cultural Center to be announced Thursday  
<http://newsok.com/future-of-american-indian-cultural-center-to-be-announced-thursday/article/3688254>

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The Oklahoman – Editorial: Livestock show appropriation offers reason for Oklahoma

taxpayers to be concerned about budget-writing process

[http://newsok.com/livestock-show-appropriation-offers-reason-for-oklahoma-taxpayers-to-be-concerned-about-budget-writing-process/article/3693208?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_opinion-oklahoman-editorials](http://newsok.com/livestock-show-appropriation-offers-reason-for-oklahoma-taxpayers-to-be-concerned-about-budget-writing-process/article/3693208?custom_click=pod_headline_opinion-oklahoman-editorials)

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### **Other Oklahoma News**

The Oklahoman – Federal budget cuts could lead to 16,000 job losses in Oklahoma, report says

<http://newsok.com/federal-budget-cuts-could-lead-to-16000-job-losses-in-oklahoma-report-says/article/3693296>

The Oklahoman – Bush Institute issues book on economic growth

<http://newsok.com/bush-institute-issues-book-on-economic-growth/article/3693326>

The Oklahoman – Oklahoma City based GMX Resources plans to sell East Texas production

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-city-based-gmx-resources-plans-to-sell-east-texas-production/article/3693319>

The Oklahoman – OSU, Stillwater officials develop plan to connect campus to downtown

<http://newsok.com/osu-stillwater-officials-develop-plan-to-connect-campus-to-downtown/article/3693466>

The Oklahoman – Oklahoma City survey shows residents are increasingly satisfied

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-city-survey-shows-residents-are-increasingly-satisfied/article/3693320>

The Oklahoman – Lawmakers' letter urges against endangered listing for lesser prairie chicken

<http://newsok.com/lawmakers-letter-urges-against-endangered-listing-for-lesser-prairie-chicken/article/3693293>

The Oklahoman – Ariz. Sheriff says Obama birth certificate is fake

<http://newsok.com/ariz.-sheriff-says-obama-birth-certificate-is-fake/article/feed/405198>

The Oklahoman – Court approves talks on sale of Hawker Beechcraft

[http://newsok.com/court-approves-talks-on-sale-of-hawker-beechcraft/article/3693448?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_business](http://newsok.com/court-approves-talks-on-sale-of-hawker-beechcraft/article/3693448?custom_click=pod_headline_business)

The Oklahoman – FDA: BPA no longer allowed in baby bottles

[http://newsok.com/fda-bpa-no-longer-allowed-in-baby-bottles/article/3693447?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_business](http://newsok.com/fda-bpa-no-longer-allowed-in-baby-bottles/article/3693447?custom_click=pod_headline_business)

Tulsa World – Families, businesses see rebate due to health law

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718\\_16\\_A1\\_Tosno429887](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120718_16_A1_Tosno429887)

Tulsa World – Levee official's \$11,148 raise draws questions

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?  
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Tulsa World – NORDAM fined \$2 million in bribe case  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?  
subjectid=45&articleid=20120718\\_45\\_E1\\_NORDAM255978](http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=45&articleid=20120718_45_E1_NORDAM255978)

Tulsa World – Romney pushes Obama attacks into Ohio  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?  
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Tulsa World – Hawker Beechcraft OK'd to enter sale talks with Chinese company  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?  
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Tulsa World – OKC Chesapeake employees could split \$123 million if company changes hands  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?  
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Tulsa World – Report: 8,000 Oklahoma defense-related jobs could be at risk with federal cuts  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?  
subjectid=11&articleid=20120718\\_16\\_A14\\_WASHIN897531](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120718_16_A14_WASHIN897531)

Tulsa World – Pakistan, U.S. to resume talks on drone strikes  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?  
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Tulsa World – Romney accuses Obama of casting shame on success  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?  
subjectid=13&articleid=20120718\\_13\\_A7\\_IRWINP229917](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=13&articleid=20120718_13_A7_IRWINP229917)

The Journal Record – OKC Council approves \$1.25M contract for downtown park  
<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/17/oklahoma-city-council-approves-1-25m-contract-for-downtown-park-real-estate/>

The Journal Record – ONG to provide incentives for switching to CNG vehicles  
<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/17/ong-to-provide-incentives-for-switching-to-cng-vehicles-energy/>

The Journal Record – Cole, James to be featured speakers at Indian Country Business Summit  
<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/17/cole-james-to-be-featured-speakers-at-indian-country-business-summit-general-news/>

The Journal Record – States saying no to ‘Obamacare’ could see downside  
<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/17/states-saying-no-to-obamacare-could-see-downside-health-care/>

The Journal Record – Bernanke: Recession likely if Congress doesn't act

<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/17/bernanke-recession-likely-if-congress-doesnt-act-finance/>

The Journal Record – Business briefs: July 18, 2012

<http://journalrecord.com/2012/07/17/business-briefs-july-18-2012-general-news/>

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[Let Farmers Farm Dear Colleague.pdf](#)  
[Farmers Farm Rationale.docx](#)

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b) **Healthcare Communication-** Messaging, Governors-only call Tuesday, Messaging heading into NGA

**c) Subcommittee updates:**

1. **Energy and Environment:** Report will be forward for final approval Monday, 7/2. Release date is targeted for July 12.
2. **Healthcare:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
3. **Education/Workforce:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
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committee. Economic Development and Infrastructure Symposium Sept 23-24

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6. **Budget/Finance/Regulatory:** Preparing data on pension and tax reform.

**d) Senator Lieberman's Cyber Security Bill:** Sean Miles (FI) (see attachment)

**e) New EPA Legislation:** Representative Ann Marie Buerkle will be introducing legislation which will empower states to resist EPA overreach onto our country's farms. In recent years, the EPA has been increasing its presence on American farms with an historic pace of rulemaking. Further regulations have been proposed and discussed stemming from the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act which are looming and could have disastrous impacts on our nation's agriculture industry. This legislation will allow states to opt-out its agriculture communities from compliance with these burdensome Federal mandates. The government needs to keep farmers in the business of farming, not busy achieving arbitrary compliances. See attachments. For more information or to offer support please contact: **Matthew Satterley**, 202-225-3701, [Matthew.Satterley@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matthew.Satterley@mail.house.gov).

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- b) **TANF Update:** (Marie) see attachments: HHS Letter to Chairman Camp and Governor UT letter to HHS.
- c) **Healthcare Update:** Conference call this week on MOE and Essential Benefits. Call pending ongoing analysis on MOE debate. Letter responding to HHS's letter to Governor McDonnell on behalf of RGA to be released this week.
- d) **Sequestration:** Leadership letter pushing the Senate and the President to act to be sent early this week. As your governor makes statements, please for

those comments our way.

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**b) Healthcare Call: Tentative: MOE and Essential Benefits call Tuesday, July 31 at 5 EDT. Look for separate email to be sent.**

**c) Final governors sign on letters** (not RGPPC letters): Attached: PNTR and Marketplace Fairness Act

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b) **Healthcare Communication-** Messaging heading into NGA. RGPPC will be providing talking points like we did for Winter Meeting. PPACA SCOTUS Letter to President as discussed on the governors' only call to be forwarded this week. Please help us update your state PPACA cost estimates on the attached document: 2012-05-05 Cost to States. Please email Lindsay: [REDACTED].

c) HHS Notice for an Establishment Grant under their latest Funding Opportunity Announcement that the **deadline – August 15, 2012** –FAQs for this

Announcement: <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/factsheets/hie-est-grant-faq-06292012.html>. Some states are curious regarding which states are applying.

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**FYI- See a summary where each states stands pasted below—RGPPC did not author this update.**

**FYI- See attachment from the Congressional Research Service on Healthcare Exchanges**

<http://www.advisory.com/Daily-Briefing/2012/07/05/Where-each-state-stands-of-the-Medicaid-expansion>

## **WHERE EACH STATE STANDS ON ACA'S MEDICAID EXPANSION**

A roundup of what each state's leadership has said about their Medicaid plans

**July 05, 2012**

*Last updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.*

The Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows states to opt out of the law's Medicaid expansion, leaving each state's decision to participate in the hands of the nation's governors and state leaders.

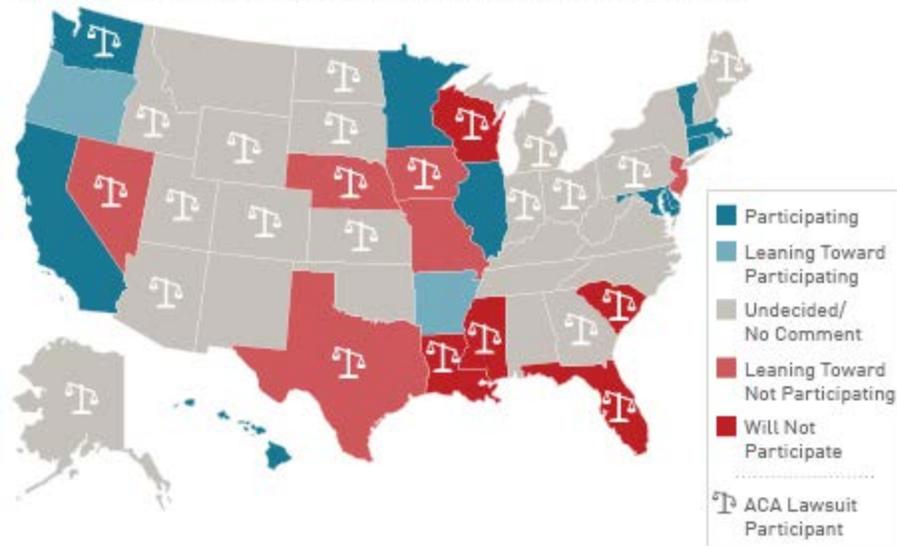
Based on lawmakers' statements, press releases, and media coverage, the *Daily Briefing* and *American Health Line* editorial teams have rounded up where each state currently stands on the expansion.

**Learn more about the [Court's ruling](#), discuss [takeaways](#) with our experts, and [model the impact](#) on your organization.**

The following information was last updated on July 5 at 10:30 a.m. ET. We will continue to update this map and list as more information becomes available. Send us news, tips, and feedback by commenting below or emailing [dailybriefing@advisory.com](mailto:dailybriefing@advisory.com).

## Initial Plans

### What the States are Saying About ACA Medicaid Expansion



Note: Based on literature review as of 7/5/12. All policies possible to change without notice.

Source: American Health Line, <http://ahhalerts.com/2012/07/03/medicaid-where-each-state-stands-on-the-medicaid-expansion/>, accessed July 5, 2012.



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*\* Italics indicate a state's participation in the multistate lawsuit against ACA*

### Will not participate (5 states)

- **Florida:** Gov. Rick Scott (R) said, “Florida will opt out of spending approximately \$1.9 billion more taxpayer dollars required to implement a massive entitlement expansion of the Medicaid program.” In addition, the governor said the state will not establish an insurance exchange (Pear, [New York Times](#), 7/2).
- **Louisiana:** In an [interview](#) on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) said, “Every governor’s got two critical decisions to make. One is do we set up these exchanges. And, secondly, do we expand Medicaid. And, no, in Louisiana, we’re not doing either one of those things” (Barrow, [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#), 7/2).
- **Mississippi:** Gov. Phil Bryant (R) does not plan to participate in the Medicaid expansion, according to Bryant spokesperson Mick Bullock, [Bloomberg](#) reports (Niquette/Wayne, [Bloomberg](#), 7/5).
- **South Carolina:** Gov. Nikki Haley (R) on Sunday announced [via Facebook](#) that South Carolina “will NOT expand Medicaid, or participate in any health exchanges” (Hawkins, [TheDigitalCharleston](#), 7/2; Dudley, [Charleston Post and Courier](#),

6/29).

- **Wisconsin:** Gov. Scott Walker (R) issued a [statement](#) following Thursday's ruling saying that "Wisconsin will not take any action to implement ObamaCare" (Office of Gov. Walker [release](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Leaning toward not participating (6 states)**

- **Iowa:** Gov. Terry Branstad (R) announced at a Des Moines news conference that while his staff is still assessing the Supreme Court ruling on the ACA, he expects to forgo the federal funding that would allow an estimated 150,000 low-income Iowans to enroll in the state Medicaid program. Branstad said, "Here's the problem: The federal government has done this again and again: 'Buy into our program, and we're going to do all these things for you,' and then it doesn't happen, and then the taxpayers of the state get stuck with it," Branstad said on Monday (Totland, [Washington Times](#), 7/2; Wiser, [Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier](#), 7/3).
- **Missouri:** Moments after the ruling, Republican leaders in Missouri "closed the door... on expanding Medicaid eligibility," the *Associated Press* reports. Republican Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder said the Medicaid expansion would be "a break-the-bank provision for the state of Missouri." House Budget Committee Chair Ryan Silvey (R), said, "I just don't see any way we will be expanding Medicaid at the expense of things like education and public safety." By rejecting Medicaid expansion the state would be "turning down an estimated \$8.4 billion windfall from the federal government" but could save up to "\$431 million of its own" (Blank, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Crisp, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Nebraska:** Gov. Dave Heineman (R) on June 28 pledged to block any effort to expanded Nebraska's Medicaid program, telling reporters that an expansion would remove money from other priorities or require a tax increase, *AP/BloombergBusinessweek* reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Heineman said, "As I have said repeatedly, if this unfunded Medicaid expansion is implemented, state aid to education and funding for the University of Nebraska will be cut or taxes will be increased. If some state senators want to increase taxes or cut education funding, I will oppose them." However, the governor noted that the Supreme Court's decision on Medicaid was unexpected, adding, "Again, I

want to emphasize that reviewing this decision in a detailed, thoughtful and responsible manner will take time before a complete determination can be made on what this ruling means for Nebraska” (Schulte, [AP/BloombergBusinessWeek](#), 6/29; Heineman [statement](#), 6/28).

- **Nevada:** After the Supreme Court ruling, Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) said the impact of the decision on was not immediately clear but indicated that he is leaning toward not expanding the state’s Medicaid program. Sandoval’s press secretary, Mary-Sarah Kinner, said in a statement, “The governor does not intend to automatically accept the Medicaid expansion” (Haynes et al., [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 6/28).
- **New Jersey:** on Fox News’ “Fox and Friends” on July 3, Gov. Chris Christie (R) said he is leaning toward not accepting federal funding to expand the state’s Medicaid program. He noted, “Medicaid is pretty well expanded in our state already because of the legacy of previous Democratic governors. So I don’t know if there’s a lot more to do in New Jersey in that regard” (“[Fox News Insider](#),” Fox News, 7/3; [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 7/3; Friedman, [Newark Star-Ledger](#), 7/3).
- **Texas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Lucy Nashed—deputy press secretary for Gov. Rick Perry (R)—said Perry will be working with Attorney General Greg Abbott (R) “and appropriate state agencies to determine the impact of the Supreme Court decision on the state of Texas,” adding that “the governor has previously made clear, he has no interest in fast tracking any portion of this bankrupting and overreaching legislation. We will continue to call for the full repeal of the bill” (Nashed email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*

### **Leaning toward participating (3 states)**

- **Arkansas:** Gov. Mike Beebe (D) said he is inclined to proceed with Medicaid expansion for his state given the “opportunity to pay for it with taxes that are coming from ... the federal government,” he said at a news conference in Washington, D.C. “I don’t want to send [tax money] to Massachusetts or California and ignore our own people,” he added (Lyon, [Arkansas News](#), 7/2).
- **Oregon:** Gov. John Kitzhaber (D) said he is confident that the Oregon legislature will approve a state Medicaid expansion, and

State Sen. Alan Bates (D) has expressed similar confidence, the [Associated Press](#) reports. In an interview last week, Kitzhaber said, “We’ll make a decision on whether or not to expand the Medicaid program really based on, I think, the resources we have available in the general fund for that purpose going forward” (Budnick, [The Oregonian](#), 7/3; Wong, [Statesman Journal](#), 6/28; Cooper, [AP/Real Clear Politics](#), 6/28).

- **Rhode Island:** In [statement](#) on his website, Gov. Lincoln Chaffee (I) said, “I have fully committed to ensuring Rhode Island is a national leader in implementing health reform whatever the Supreme Court decision, and this just reinforces that commitment.” According to Steven Costantino, the state’s secretary of health and human services, “The expansion is easy to do and makes sense” (Chaffee [statement](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Participating (10 states and District of Columbia)**

- **California:** California got a head start on expanding its Medicaid program in November 2010, shortly after Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. After the high court’s ruling, Gov. Jerry Brown (D) issued a [statement](#), “Today’s dramatic Supreme Court ruling removes the last roadblock to fulfilling President Obama’s historic plan to bring health care to millions of uninsured citizens.” Duane Dauner, president of the California Hospital Association, said in separate statement that he expects “California will comply with the Medicaid expansion in the law, even though it will increase the state’s costs in future years” (Office of Gov. Brown [release](#), 6/28; California Hospital Association [release](#), 7/3).
- **Connecticut:** Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) was among the first to sign his state up for Medicaid expansion when Obama signed the law in 2010. Following the Supreme Court’s ruling preserving the legislation, he responded, “it’s great ... [and a] very important decision for the people of Connecticut. 500,000 people would have lost coverage if Republicans had their way” (Davis, [WTNH](#), 7/28).
- **Delaware:** Gov. Jack Markell—chair of the Democratic Governors Association—said in a statement, “The Supreme Court’s ruling enables Delaware to continue to implement provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide access to

health care benefits for Delawareans,” adding, “On the Medicaid front, Delaware already voluntarily expanded the state’s Medicaid coverage program in 1996 to cover many Delawareans not previously covered” (Office of Gov. Markell [release](#), 6/28).

- **District of Columbia:** “The District is not at risk of losing any Medicaid funding as a result of this ruling, because District officials have already begun implementation of the ACA’s Medicaid-expansion provisions and will continue to implement the expansion,” according to a statement from the office of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray (D) (Executive Office of the Mayor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Hawaii:** Gov. Neil Abercrombie (D) said in a statement after the ruling, “The Affordable Care Act is our ally” in the effort to “support a healthcare system that ensures high quality, safety and sustainable costs.” Pat McManaman, the state’s director of the Department of Human Services, said starting next month Hawaii’s Medicaid eligibility requirements will be in line with federal guidelines under the overhaul, meaning an additional 24,000 people will be eligible for the program by 2014 (Office of Gov. Abercrombie [release](#), 6/28; Garcia, [AP/CBS News](#), 6/29).
- **Illinois:** Gov. Pat Quinn (D) on Thursday praised the court’s decision and said he “will continue to work with President Obama to help working families get the healthcare coverage they need,” including expanding Medicaid (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28; Thomason, [Rock River Times](#), 7/3).
- **Maryland:** Gov. Martin O’Malley (D) in a statement said the Supreme Court’s decision “gives considerable momentum to our health care reform efforts here in Maryland,” adding that the state will move forward to implement the overhaul (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Massachusetts:** Gov. Deval Patrick (D) said Massachusetts is “an early expansion state as you know and we’re expecting further resources from federal government to sustain the experiment here in Massachusetts.” Patrick said the ruling is “good news for us” Patrick said (Walker, [YNN](#), 6/28).
- **Minnesota:** “Today’s ruling will be met with relief by the Minnesotans whose lives have already been improved by this law,” Gov. Mark Dayton (D) said in a statement on Thursday. Dayton in 2011 used federal money to expand Medicaid early to 84,000 adults with annual incomes below \$8,400 (Lohn, [AP/San](#)

[Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **Vermont:** Gov. Peter Shumlin (D) said Vermont's Medicaid program already meets the requirements under the health reform law's Medicaid expansion, [WCAX](#) reports (Steimle, [WCAX](#), 7/1).
- **Washington:** Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) "supports the Medicaid expansion—and Washington will move forward," Karina Shagren—a deputy communications director in Gregoire's administration—said in an email to *American Health Line* (Shagren email, 7/5).  
[updated on July 5 at 1:35 p.m.]

### **Undecided/no comment (26 states)**

- **Alabama:** As of June 29, Gov. Robert Bentley (R) had not decided whether Alabama will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, according to Jennifer Ardis, Bentley's press secretary, [AP/CBS News](#) reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Bentley said, "I am deeply disappointed by today's Supreme Court decision," but he did not address the court's ruling on the Medicaid expansion (AP/CBS News, 6/29; Bentley statement, 6/28).
- **Alaska:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Sean Parnell (R) has not made a statement regarding Alaska's intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion, only saying in a release that "now with no penalty we need to rethink what we're going to do with Medicaid" and the "expansion costs that are mandated" (Office of Gov. Parnell [release](#), 6/28; Coyne, [Alaska Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Arizona:** Gov. Jan Brewer (R) in a [statement](#) following the Supreme Court ruling repeated her call for the entire law to be repealed but did not directly address the expansion. House Speaker Andy Tobin (R), however, said budgetary issues in the state and a conservative political climate will make expanding Medicaid difficult. "We're going to have to sit down and weigh carefully what is reasonable to expect of our political leaders," he said. "I don't see us going along with the expansion if it's not mandated," Tobin added. "It's an ever-expanding cost, so it continues to put pressure on the state budget when we're barely recovering as it is" (Brewer statement, 6/28; Reinhart, [Arizona Central](#), 6/28; Young, [Huffington Post](#), 7/2).
- **Colorado:** Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) at a press conference on June 28 gave only a lukewarm nod to the Medicaid expansion. He said, "Well, we'll see. We're certainly looking at that. We're

probably a little bit premature, but we're certainly looking at it and trying to figure out a way we can do that and still live within our means" (McCrimmon, [Health Policy Solutions](#), 7/2; AP/CBS' ["Moneywatch](#)," 6/29).

- **Georgia:** As of July 2, Gov. Nathan Deal (R) had not yet decided whether Georgia would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#) reports. Over 10 years, the expansion is projected to cost Georgia about \$4.5 billion, "money we don't have," Deal spokesperson Brian Robinson said (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Idaho:** Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R) this week did not indicate his preference on whether Idaho would widen Medicaid coverage ([AP/KTVB](#), 7/1; Messick, [StateImpact Idaho](#), 6/29).
- **Indiana:** In a press release Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) said, "Any decision to expand Medicaid in 2014 is entirely the province of the next General Assembly and governor." On Thursday Daniels told reporters "If it's optional as I'm advised that it is, that'll be a decision for future legislators to make" (Office of Gov. Daniels [release](#), 6/29; [AP/Lafayette Journal and Courier](#), 7/2; ["Moneywatch](#)," AP/CBS News, 6/29; Wilson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Kansas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Sherriene Jones-Sontag—communications director and press secretary for Gov. Sam Brownback (R)—said Brownback believes "this is now a political issue that will be resolved by the American people in the November elections" and "he will wait until after the November elections before making any decisions related to ObamaCare." [updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]
- **Kentucky:** Gov. Steve Beshear (D) on June 28 said, "We continue to review the Supreme Court's opinion, particularly on the Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act to determine what our options may be." He also noted that he soon would issue an executive order to create a health insurance exchange (Office of Gov. Beshear [release](#), 6/28; [AP/Evansville Courier & Press](#), 6/28).
- **Maine:** Gov. Paul LePage (R) said in a statement on June 28, "It is a sad day, and it is now up to the American people to demand full repeal of Obamacare." The governor did not directly address the Medicaid expansion in his statement. The state Legislature and LePage approved reductions in Medicaid spending earlier this

year, and Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the state “will follow federal procedures and submit state plan amendments within the coming weeks that will outline the Medicaid reductions that were enacted by the Maine Legislature” (Office of Gov. LePage [release](#), 6/28; Farwel, [Bangor Daily News/Lewiston Sun Journal](#), 6/29).

- **Michigan:** As of July 1, Gov. Rick Snyder (R) had not decided to whether Michigan will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Lansing State Journal](#) reports. Snyder spokesperson Sara Wurfel said the administration wants to examine the cost of the expansion to assess the “best course of action” for the state. Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers, who control both chambers of the state legislature, have not committed to the expansion (Davis, [Lansing State Journal](#), 7/1).
- **Montana:** Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D), through a spokeswoman, declined to comment on the court’s decision. **Schweitzer** expressed deep reservations about the Medicaid expansion and effect on Montana’s budget. “Here’s what I know,” Schweitzer in February 2011 said, “that unless we challenge the underlying costs of health care ... it will bankrupt the states because there’s no way of decreasing the cost of health care under the current system” (Dennison, [Gazette State Bureau](#), 6/28; Drake, [Montana Watchdog](#), 7/2).
- **New Hampshire:** As of July 1, Gov. John Lynch (D)—who in the past has voiced concern over how the government would pay for the Medicaid expansion—had made no statement on whether New Hampshire would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the *Nashua Telegraph* reports. In a June 28 [statement](#) on his website, Lynch noted that the state has “been preparing to implement the Affordable Care Act and will continue doing so in a way that best fits New Hampshire” (Landrigan, [Nashua Telegraph](#), 7/1; Lynch statement, 6/28).
- **New Mexico:** Gov. Susana Martinez (R) has not decided whether the state will expand Medicaid, according to spokesperson Scott Darnell. He said, “The governor is reviewing today’s Supreme Court decision and will proceed in a manner that best protects the safety net for the most vulnerable New Mexicans in a responsible and sustainable manner” (Massey, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **New York:** As of July 2, Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) had not made a statement on whether New York would participate in the Medicaid expansion. In [a release](#) last week, the governor said, “I am pleased the Supreme Court upheld this law,” adding that he looked forward to working with the “Obama administration to ensure accessible, quality care for all New Yorkers (Office of Gov. Cuomo [release](#), 6/28; [The Journal News](#), 6/29; Caruso, [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **North Carolina:** As of July 3, Gov. Beverly Perdue (D) had not made any public statement about her state’s participation in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court’s decision, Perdue said she is “committed to continuing to move forward ... to ensure that all North Carolinians have affordable, reliable health coverage.” Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Perdue said the governor has been in contact with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about the Medicaid expansion and will review the Supreme Court’s ruling to determine how it might affect North Carolina (Office of Gov. Perdue [release](#), 6/28; Dalesio, [CBS News](#), 6/28; Jarvis/Bonner, [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 6/29).
- **North Dakota:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Jack Dalrymple (R) had not made a statement about his state’s intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court’s ruling, Dalrymple said the health reform law “is wrong for North Dakota,” adding that its “citizens want the freedom to make their own decisions about their health-care coverage.” Dalrymple has said that his staff is analyzing the court’s ruling, but it is unclear whether the state will participate in the Medicaid (Office of Gov. Dalrymple [release](#), 6/28; MacPherson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Ohio:** Gov. John Kasich (R) on Monday said he has not decided whether his state will participate in the Medicaid expansion and he does not plan to set a “deadline” to make his decision. The head of the state’s Office of Health Transformation also said the state must first determine how to cover the additional Medicaid costs the state would incur even if the state does not participate in the expansion. In a [statement](#) on the Supreme Court’s ruling, Kasich said, “We are very concerned that a sudden, dramatic increase in Medicaid spending could threaten Ohio’s ability to pursue needed

reforms in other areas” (Office of Gov. Kasich [release](#), 6/28; Tribble, [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 7/2; [Columbus Business First](#), 7/3; Candisky, [Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/3).

- **Oklahoma:** Gov. Mary Fallin (R) has not yet decided whether Oklahoma will opt of the Medicaid expansion, [Tulsa World](#) reports. Fallin said, “Certainly I am hoping that we’ll elect a new president and we’ll be able to change faces ... in the (Democratic-controlled) U.S. Senate that we can once and for all overturn the federal health care bill” (McNutt, [The Oklahoman](#), 6/29; Greene, [Tulsa World](#), 7/3; McGuigan, [Tulsa Today](#), 7/2).
- **Pennsylvania:** Gov. Tom Corbett (R) has not yet announced whether Pennsylvania will opt out of the Medicaid expansion. He said in a [statement](#), “I think we can all agree there are Pennsylvanians who need our help. However, expanding government bureaucracy, government programs and government spending is not the answer” (Office of the Gov. Corbett [release](#), 6/28, LoBasso, [PhillyNow](#),” [Philadelphia Weekly](#), 7/3).
- **South Dakota:** South Dakota: In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Joe Kafka—press secretary in Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s (R) administration—said Daugaard “has made no decision on [the] Medicaid expansion, which will be costly for South Dakota, and he won’t make any decision on it until after the election” (Kafka email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*
- **Tennessee:** As of July 2, Gov. Bill Haslam (R) had not yet decided whether Tennessee would opt out of the Medicaid expansion. After the Supreme Court ruling, Haslam told reporters, “We don’t really know what we’re going to do ... but the cost impact to the state is very significant” (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Utah:** Gov. Gary Herbert (R) said is administration is conducting a thorough legal and policy review of the Supreme Court ruling, but he did not comment on whether the state would expand its Medicaid program (Stewart, [Salt Lake Tribune](#), 6/29; [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Virginia:** Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has made statements indicating that he is against the Medicaid expansion, but has declined at this point to comment definitively on whether Virginia will opt out of it. McDonnell said he will review the state’s options in the upcoming weeks (Martz, [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/1;

Millman, [Politico](#), 6/29).

- **West Virginia:** Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) has not yet announced whether West Virginia will proceed with the Medicaid expansion. In a [statement](#), Tomblin said, “We know what the law is but as I’ve said before, I will continue to do what is best for West Virginia... We’re going to review the Supreme Court’s ruling, and work with our federal delegation on how we move forward” (Smith, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Office of Gov. Tomblin [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Wyoming:** Gov. Matt Mead (R) in a [statement](#) said he will study the Supreme Court’s ruling and the health reform law more carefully before making any implementation plans for Wyoming, but he believes “the ACA is not a good fit” for the state (Office of Gov. Mead [release](#), 6/28; Wolfson, [Billings Gazette](#), 6/28).

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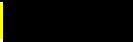
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July 10, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On June 28 the United States Supreme Court ruled in *National Federation of Independent Business vs. Sebelius* that the Medicaid expansion provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) were unconstitutionally coercive of state sovereignty.

Despite the ruling which upheld the individual mandate as a tax, we have written before and continue to maintain that the PPACA remains seriously flawed both conceptually and technically. It favors dependency over personal responsibility and will ultimately destroy the private insurance market. In its current form, the law will increase health care costs and likely lead to the disruption or discontinuation of millions of Americans' insurance plans. The new federal subsidies anticipated that enable exchanges are unaffordable given the crushing federal budget deficits and record national debt, and states cannot afford significant Medicaid expansions. For most governors, Medicaid growth even before PPACA, was exorbitant, and consuming an even larger share of state budgets.

Three years ago, you correctly told Senate Democrats, "[a]s we move forward on health reform, it is not sufficient for us to simply add more people to Medicare or Medicaid to increase the rolls, to increase coverage in the absence of cost controls and reform. And let me repeat this

principle: If we don't get control over costs, then it is going to be very difficult for us to expand coverage. These two things go hand in hand. Another way of putting it is we can't simply put more people into a broken system that doesn't work."

Unfortunately, that is precisely what has been done—PPACA, if implemented by the states, would put more people, 16-20 million individuals, into a broken Medicaid system. Three years ago, you stated clearly that would be a mistake. We fully agree. Today, states have less flexibility over the administration of the program, even though some states pay a share of the cost equal to that of the federal government. Governors of both parties, who are the primary managers of Medicaid delivery in our states, were not invited to engage in meaningful dialogue with your administration in 2010 when the PPACA was drafted-- and ultimately passed--- on a party-line vote.

We are still waiting for the real tools and flexibility we need to reform Medicaid and lower costs as you promised. Last year, Republican governors stressed the need to reform Medicaid, and we put forward 31 specific policy ideas to achieve that goal. We sent you and the Congressional leadership the detailed plan documents to craft such reforms. Since we received virtually no response from you, we are enclosing another copy for your team to review. We now renew our call for Medicaid reform.

PPACA uses Medicaid as the vehicle for expansion because it would be cheaper for the federal government through cost-shifting to the states. Despite promises of higher federal matches for the expansion populations, we also cannot ignore the policies proposed by your Administration that would cut the enhanced match rate for newly eligibles.

While overall spending on health care has slowed, the cost of health care has not. Spending has slowed, but for the wrong reason—the lingering recession that has cost jobs and thus lost health coverage. According to the most recent federal government projections, the number of individuals without health insurance will have increased from 42.7 million in 2008 to 48.6 million in 2013.

While we continue to believe the best option is to fully repeal and replace the PPACA, states now confront numerous deadlines and face major policy decisions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision. Before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs.

The states' burden of the expansion population as well as administrative costs remains significant. Increased spending on Medicaid crowds out resources available to states to spend on other meaningful priorities like education, the environment, public safety and infrastructure.

Moreover, even before increasing the Medicaid-eligible population as prescribed by PPACA, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path, comprising a growing share of state budgets every year. It is difficult to see how expanding Medicaid without reform would do anything other than put more strain on state budgets and the taxpayers, especially when considering that many pernicious provisions that curtail state flexibility remain.

While the Supreme Court decision focused on the states' role in determining whether a Medicaid expansion is in the best interest of its citizens, states also face other PPACA-related decisions, like whether to establish a state based health-insurance exchange or accept the default of a federal exchange. As the exchange issue is currently interpreted, states are essentially being tasked with shouldering all the responsibility without any authority.

If states determine that a Medicaid expansion is not in the best interests of its citizens, it is likely that there will be a significant gap in coverage for low-income individuals who do not qualify for tax credits. We believe it is incumbent upon the authors of PPACA and your Administration to detail precisely how you intend to address this situation.

We also believe that it is unlikely that the federal government will have fully functional exchanges in place by the fall of 2013 in order for millions of Americans to be able to purchase coverage beginning January 2014. We respectfully request the Administration provide the detailed work plan that demonstrates these deadlines will be met. If they cannot be met, the responsible course would be for HHS to level with us and the American people. We also do not understand how the federal government can begin to afford to implement PPACA, with deficits already over \$1 trillion in every year of your presidency, and the debt growing \$5 trillion in the past 3 years to an outrageous record of nearly \$16 trillion.

The consequences of governors' decisions will impact our states – and the nation – for decades to come, so we must have all the information needed to choose wisely. We have taken the liberty of compiling below just some of the critical questions that must have answers before states can determine best how to proceed in light of the Court's decision. We undertake this task with a sense of great responsibility, and resolve to only move forward when we have full and complete knowledge of all the implications of our decision.

#### Healthcare Exchanges:

- 1) Please provide a complete list of regulations that will have to be reviewed, revised and re-opened for public comment prior to implementation as a result of the Supreme Court ruling (e.g., the Medicaid eligibility regulations, exchange regulations related to interface with Medicaid)? What is the schedule for re-issuing these regulations?

- 2) When will either additional guidance or actual rules be issued on essential health benefits, actuarial value and rating areas be issued?
- 3) The federal government has already extended deadlines for applying for Level 1 and Level 2 Exchange Establishment funding into 2014. Can we expect extensions of the deadlines for implementation given the uncertainty caused by the Supreme Court ruling and the linkage between Medicaid expansion and exchange eligibility and enrollment functions? In addition, will the deadlines change for states implementing a partnership exchange? Will the deadlines be extended for states implementing a federal exchange?
- 4) When will the details of the federal partnership options be available? These cannot be considered as an option without details including cost estimates. How will the long term funding of the federally-facilitated healthcare exchanges be sustained?
- 5) States considering a state-based exchange need to know whether there will be a charge and by how much to use the federal data hub, advance premium tax credit/cost-sharing reduction service, risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance programs.
- 6) When will states learn the details of the operational systems for a federal exchange? The procedural, technical, and architectural requirements for linking to the federal exchange have not been released. It is not feasible to know if a state-based exchange is better for our citizens until we know what the contents of a federal exchange will be. Taking grant money at this time for state exchange creation may be wasted if a federal exchange makes more sense for a particular state.
- 7) When will information from the establishment of a federal exchange be available for states to use if a state opts to build its own exchange? It is costly for each state to have to start from scratch and still not know how interfaces will work.
- 8) If states choose to build a state-based exchange, what dollars will the federal government contribute now and in the future? For the federal exchange states, when will the regulations regarding the imposition of taxes on a state's insurers be released?
- 9) It has been widely reported that Congressional leaders who have to appropriate money will seek to defund exchanges. Please explain how the enactment provisions of the law allow the Executive Branch to continue to fund exchanges without Congressional action to appropriate money.

- 10) What happens to a state that has taken exchange planning and implementation grants if their exchange is not financially viable after 2015? Can a state refuse to increase taxes on either its residents or insurers, thus putting the financial underpinning of an exchange at risk? What penalties does the federal government envision in this case?
- 11) What happens if a state accepts grant money now to begin to build a state exchange, and subsequently determines that a federal exchange may be better? Will the federal government claw back these grant dollars from the states?
- 12) What impact will changes to the Medicaid expansion have on exchange implementation? The federal exchange is currently structured to provide Medicaid eligibility determination. How will this work if some states participate and others do not?
- 13) Last month the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) pointed out a provision in the law that reduces exchange subsidies after 2018, which means fewer and fewer people will qualify for subsidies, and the people who do qualify will get a smaller and smaller subsidy. Does the Administration support that change, and if so, how would you pay for it? If you do not, why do you think people should be forced to buy insurance if federal subsidies are shrinking?
- 14) CMS has released 90/10 funding under ARRA and HITECH in order for states to improve their eligibility systems for Medicaid and other social service programs. Will that funding continue?
- 15) Alongside the considerable challenge of greatly expanding the Medicaid program, states are charged by the PPACA with creating a single, seamless point of entry for all of the insurance affordability programs affected by the Act--Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Basic Health Plan (where offered), advance tax credits for individual and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) exchange enrollees. This leaves another major question on the table. What about all of the other social service programs? Will states still be able to create an eligibility system for all social service programs under the 90/10 funding mechanism?
- 16) In order to minimize disruptions to a state's insurance market, The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required to certify multi-state plans that must be included in every exchange, when will the rules be released detailing the requirements and timeline for multi-state plans. How OPM structures these rules can be very disruptive to a state's insurance market.

- 17) Does the federal government intend to maintain high risk pools and how will they be financed? What actions will they take in a state that has opted not to operate a high risk pool or an exchange?

### **Medicaid**

- 1) When can we expect to receive updated guidance on Medicaid expansion and related topics?
- 2) Is there a deadline for letting the federal government know if a state will be participating in the Medicaid expansion? How does that relate to the exchange declaration deadline? The two programs are currently scheduled to be implemented simultaneously in January 2014.
- 3) Will states that expand Medicaid coverage up to a level below 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), for example up to 100% of FPL, still receive the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available for “newly covered” populations?
- 4) Will states be allowed to phase in Medicaid coverage up to 138% of FPL (or 100% FPL) years after 2013 and still receive the enhanced FMAP?
- 5) Does the MOE requirement apply to the expansion population or does it apply only to the current Medicaid population? If a state accepts the expansion, but the federal match goes away, can we drop out of the expansion program? Will you waive the MOE under your 1115 waiver authority? What will be the penalties for failure to comply with MOE requirements? Since the MOE was a direct result of the expansion funding, if a state chooses not to expand is the MOE no longer effective?
- 6) Regarding the two year increase in Medicaid reimbursement for primary care codes, are you going to extend it? If so, how are you going to pay for it? Congressional Republicans have expressed opposition to any funded for PPACA.
- 7) Will states still be required to convert their income counting methodology to MAGI for purposes of determining eligibility regardless of whether they expand to the optional adult group? If so, how do states link the categorical eligibility criteria to the MAGI? How will the federal exchanges utilize the state’s criteria?
- 8) If a state expanded Medicaid through a waiver prior to enactment of the PPACA, but then chooses not to expand coverage further, are they still eligible for the 75% to 90% enhanced FMAP for the previously expanded population?

- 9) Will the federal government support options for the Medicaid expansion population that encourage personal responsibility – cost sharing or accountability provisions, the use of high deductible plans such as Health Savings Accounts, and other options at the state’s choice?
- 10) What specific plans and timeline do you have for enacting the reforms and flexibility options for Medicaid that you spoke of in 2009? When can states give further input on the needed reforms?
- 11) You have stated that you will not deport undocumented aliens who have not committed a crime. You have also said that these undocumented aliens will be exempt from the individual mandate. How will the state be reimbursed for medical services given to these individuals?
- 12) Will CMS approve global waivers with an aggregate allotment, state flexibility, and accountability if states are willing to initiate a portion of the expansion?
- 13) The Disproportionate Share allotments will be reduced every year with a methodology based in the reduction in the number of uninsured. One, when will HHS issue the regulations and methodology for this reduction? Two, for a state that does not see a decrease in its uninsured population will the remaining state absorb the full reduction? In addition, can a state implement a new DSH Diversion program as part of the optional expansion? Can a state implement new DSH Diversion programs for services to the uninsured/uncompensated care services?

There will inevitably be more questions that will arise as additional guidance flows from your Administration. With just 18 months until the anticipated implementation date of PPACA, we would appreciate prompt answers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter facing states and the country. We look forward to learning from your responses.

Sincerely,



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The Kaiser Family Foundation released a [study](#) today regarding premium support proposals, which Democrats have used to attack Medicare reform. However, the study is an academic exercise that, by the authors' own admission, bears little relation to reality. First and foremost, the study assumes full implementation of premium support in 2010. This assumption is particularly problematic, given the many changes that have taken place in Medicare Advantage since then:

- Obamacare enacted [more than \\$300 billion in cuts to Medicare Advantage](#) – part of the law's [\\$716 billion in Medicare reductions](#) overall;
- The Administration came up with a \$8 billion demonstration program – one of [questionable merit](#) – to [offset the impact of Obamacare's cuts until after the 2012 elections](#); and
- Private fee-for-service (PFFS) plans have all-but-disappeared from the marketplace, due to legislative changes; the study admits that “many PFFS plans have exited the market” since the data for the study were compiled in 2010, but doesn't attempt to model the impact of this significant change.

In other words, **by using a 2010 implementation date, the Kaiser study ignores entirely the impact of the biggest changes to both Medicare and Medicare Advantage since the programs were created.** Moreover, the study assumes a “Big Bang” model, whereby all the changes to Medicare would take place at once – even though it admits that most proposals being discussed “would gradually phase-in a premium support system in five to ten years,” allowing changes to be implemented in a way that prevents drastic adjustments.

Three other important things you need to know about the Kaiser study:

1. **The study does not do a good job delineating two separate and distinct phenomena: costs due to disparities *between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage*, and costs due to disparities *within traditional Medicare itself*.** To use one common example, traditional Medicare's spending is far greater in metropolitan Miami than in many areas in the upper Midwest (for instance, Wisconsin). Yet under current law, all enrollees in traditional Medicare pay the same Part B premium nationwide – meaning that right now, seniors in Wisconsin pay higher Part B premiums that subsidize higher levels of spending in Miami. The premium support proposal modeled by Kaiser would eliminate this disparity – meaning that under the study, premiums in traditional Medicare would rise substantially in Miami, to reflect that area's much higher spending. Critics would argue these higher premiums demonstrate the flaws of the premium support model. But in reality, that's not an argument against premium support – that's an argument against the *status quo* in traditional Medicare, under which high-cost areas have had their spending subsidized by low-cost regions for far too long.
2. **The study does not fully model the ability of plan switching to reduce costs.** The headline figure about the number of individuals who would pay more to maintain their current coverage presumes that beneficiaries would not switch plans at all – not a realistic

assumption under most scenarios. And the study also assumes that low-income individuals would not automatically be assigned to a low-cost plan – current practice in Medicare Part D. In short, the Kaiser study under-estimates both the impact that beneficiary choices and structural design could be used to facilitate enrollment in lower-cost premium support plans.

3. **At no point does the study even attempt to quantify potential budgetary savings from premium support.** The study goes to great lengths to outline the higher costs, but doesn't make any estimate about the savings to the federal government from such a reform – or how it would improve Medicare's long-term solvency. In other words, the study focuses solely on pain to beneficiaries – without examining the gains to Medicare's sustainability.

The Obama campaign's [response to the study](#) – claiming that seniors “would have to give up their doctors or pay extra to maintain access to their choices” – is particularly rich. Mind you, this claim comes from an Administration that will [force millions of seniors out of their Medicare Advantage plans](#) – not to [save Medicare](#), but to fund Obamacare instead. It's yet another example of why Medicare needs real reform – and why this Administration is both unwilling and unable to deliver on it.

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The President will be speaking in Osawatomie, Kansas, tomorrow, and the White House [claimed](#) the President chose the location to commemorate a speech by Theodore Roosevelt at the same spot just over a century ago. Unfortunately for the current President, however, [observers have noted](#) that President Roosevelt's 1910 [address](#) in Osawatomie included the following lines:

A broken promise is bad enough in private life. It is worse in the field of politics. **No man is worth his salt in public life who makes on the stump a pledge which he does not keep after election; and, if he makes such a pledge and does not keep it, hunt him out of public life.**

It is with those comments by Teddy Roosevelt in mind that we deliver the following reminders about this President's recent history of breaking his campaign pledges on health care:

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – “If You Like Your Plan, You Can Keep It:”** The Obama campaign platform [promised](#) that “you will not have to change plans. For those who have insurance now, nothing will change under the Obama plan – except that you will pay less.” But the Administration's [own estimates](#) revealed that Obamacare's onerous regulations will force most firms – and up to 80 percent of small businesses – to give up their current plans, thus subjecting them to costly new mandates that will increase premiums. [Millions more seniors](#) will lose access to the Medicare Advantage plans they have and like.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – Cut Premiums by \$2,500 per Family:** Candidate Obama promised to [cut insurance premiums by an average of \\$2,500 per family](#), but in reality the legislation he signed into law will result in massive premium increases. The Congressional Budget Office projects that individual health insurance premiums will increase by [\\$2,100 per family](#) as a result of Obamacare.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – No New Taxes on the Middle Class:** After giving the squeezed middle class a “firm pledge” during his campaign that he would not raise “[any of your taxes](#),” President Obama's health care law broke that promise no fewer than 12 separate times. These [massive revenue increases](#) will have a devastating effect over the coming years; destructive taxes on job creators will harm an economy struggling to grow.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – Federal Spending on Obamacare:** Candidate Obama [promised](#) his health care plan would cost “\$50-65 billion a year when fully phased in.” However, the Congressional Budget Office now [projects](#) that the REAL cost of the coverage expansions will be \$229 billion in 2020 and \$245 billion in 2021 – four times the levels of spending candidate Obama promised.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – Containing Health Care Costs:** In June 2009, President Obama [claimed](#) that any health care legislation must control costs: “If any bill arrives from

Congress that is not controlling costs, that's not a bill I can support. It's going to have to control costs." However, according to the [Medicare actuary](#), national health spending will go up by \$310,800,000,000, thanks to Obamacare.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – Taxing Health Benefits:** Candidate Obama [promised not to "tax health benefits."](#) and derided his opponent's proposals to do so. But Obamacare FORCES people to buy insurance, so the federal government can tax it at a whopping 40 percent rate.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – Individual Mandate:** In 2008, candidate Obama claimed that penalizing people for not buying health insurance was like "[solv\[ing\] homelessness by mandating everyone buy a house.](#)" Yet Obamacare created an unprecedented – and [constitutionally dubious](#) – federal requirement for all citizens to purchase a product merely because they exist.

**Promise Made, Promise Broken – Health Care Negotiations on C-SPAN:** Candidate Obama promised to [televis\[e\] all health care negotiations on C-SPAN](#), but the process leading up to Obamacare was plagued with notorious backroom deals. Worse yet, Obama adviser David Axelrod [received a multimillion dollar severance package](#) indirectly paid for by the pharmaceutical industry, as part of its "[rock-solid deal](#)" with Democrats in Congress and the Administration. [This broken promise is particularly worth noting given Roosevelt's comments in his 1910 speech regarding "the sinister influence or control of special interests," which "too often control and corrupt the men and methods of government for their own profit."](#)

Given all these empty promises on health care – not least the broken promise that [the "stimulus" would keep unemployment below 8 percent](#) – it's worth asking exactly why President Obama wants to channel Teddy Roosevelt, seeing as how the latter likely would have been a touch unforgiving when it comes to all the current President's broken pledges.

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The Hill [reports this afternoon](#) that Obamacare's early retiree reinsurance program is shutting down at the end of the year. The program was scheduled to run through 2014, but ***ran out of money years ahead of schedule***.

The program went broke because unions and state governments rushed to the federal government to receive subsidies. Data from HHS [suggest](#) that more than half of the money went to only 24 organizations – with the biggest recipient being the United Auto Workers union.

It's yet another telling sign of how the health law rewards Democrat political allies that the \$5 billion program went broke because union-affiliated organizations rushed to the federal taxpayer to receive what amounts to an Obamacare bailout. Unfortunately, however, now even that bailout program needs its own bailout.

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To: Interested Parties  
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Re: Congressional Budget Office Revision to the Affordable Care Act Baseline

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## Executive Summary

The CBO will release its projection of the ACA budget baseline today in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decisions. The new baseline is unlikely to be dramatically different from prior budgetary outlooks because CBO doesn't yet have all the information needed to resolve the uncertainty.

However, based on information already available to CBO and others, Forum modeling found that the cost of the ACA could rise between \$72 to \$80 billion between 2014 and 2021 if the six already publicly announced states opt out of the Medicaid expansions. Alternatively, the maximum potential federal budgetary exposure – in the unlikely scenario all 50 states opted-out – would be an increase of \$562 to \$627 billion. Importantly, although the budget impact of the ACA may have changed, we do not expect CBO to change its projections significantly, as it does not yet have the information to resolve the potential swings in cost.

## Background



**\$72-80B**

Projected federal  
budgetary impact of  
6 states opting-out

**\$567-627B**

Potential federal  
budgetary exposure  
of a 50 state opt-out

On June 28, the Supreme Court delivered its opinion on the lawsuits challenging the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Notably, the Court found that:

- The Commerce Clause could not be used to compel the purchase of health insurance, but that a tax on the uninsured was within the taxing powers of the government. Thus, being uninsured is not illegal, but is a taxable event.
- The federal government could not withdraw *all* federal Medicaid funding from those states that do not undertake the ACA's Medicaid expansion. In effect, the Medicaid expansion is now voluntary.

In the aftermath of the decisions, speculation arose regarding the impact of the Supreme Court decision on the budgetary outlook of the ACA. The Congressional Budget Office announced it will release its analysis the week of July 23. The revisions are important because each August CBO releases its *Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update*, which summarizes changes to the March budget baseline as a result of changes in economic conditions, the passage of legislation, and other technical factors. The technical factors regularly include administrative decisions, rulemaking and other decisions that alter the budget costs of existing laws. The Supreme Court rulings fall into this category.

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## Expectations

The release of the CBO revision to the ACA baseline is unlikely to report dramatic changes to the prior budgetary outlook. That does not mean that the ACA will not end up costing more, or even less. It does mean that the CBO does not yet have the information needed to resolve the considerable uncertainty regarding:

- *Behavioral Responses to Applying the Mandate as a Tax* – The individual mandate decision removes the stigma of illegality from not purchasing health insurance, while leaving the tax unchanged. Depending on the magnitude of this effect, there may be fewer insurance subsidies, more tax payments and a decrease in the net budgetary cost of the ACA.
- *Likelihood of States Opting-Out of the Expansion* – The Medicaid decision enables governors to opt-out of the expansion. Depending on which states opt-out and the policy flexibility afforded to those states, there could be a dramatic difference in the net budgetary cost of the ACA. To see this, consider the two following scenarios we have analyzed.

The ultimate impact will depend upon the particular states that opt out, the sizes of their populations above and below the poverty line, and the generosity of their Medicaid programs, among other things. We consider this in more detail below.

## Projected Federal Budgetary Impact of States Opting-Out

To gauge the impact of several states opting out of the Medicaid expansion, we used a micro-simulation model with state-specific health insurance detail. The projected revision of the ACA budgetary outlook was projected assuming that six states opt out of the Medicaid expansion based on public statements by each state governor: Florida<sup>1</sup>, Louisiana<sup>2</sup>, Mississippi<sup>3</sup>, Nebraska<sup>4</sup>, South Carolina<sup>5</sup> and Texas<sup>6</sup>.

To estimate the federal budget impact of these states not expanding their Medicaid programs we assumed individuals who do not take Medicaid and are eligible for the insurance exchange subsidies (those above 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL)) will consider taking them even with a minimal premium required for enrollment. In addition, states that do not offer an exchange will have a federal exchange available to their citizens and the federal exchange will be able to provide subsidies to citizens in these States.

The result of these six states opting out is an increase in federal budget outlays of \$72 to \$80 billion dollars between 2014 and 2021. This reflects a drop in Medicaid coverage of 4.4 million individuals in 2014 compared to the mandatory Medicaid expansion prior to the Supreme Court ruling. At the same time, there will be a 3.2 million person increase in the number of people taking up private insurance coverage in 2014.

To analyze the maximum potential federal budgetary exposure of the Supreme Court decision, we modeled the impact of all 50 states opting-out of a Medicaid expansion. While

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this is unlikely, it illustrates the taxpayer exposure if federal resources that would finance the Medicaid expansion are instead provided through health insurance exchanges at commercial insurance pricing.

The result of all 50 states opting-out would be an increase in federal budgetary exposure of \$562 to \$627 billion between 2014 and 2021. In this scenario, the population remaining in Medicaid would likely be non-seniors with complex care needs, those living in states where single adults currently receive coverage (*e.g.*, New York State).

Of course, it is possible (if not very likely) that only those states with very generous Medicaid spending per person and large populations below the federal poverty limit will choose to opt out of the Medicaid expansion. If so, the combination of the potentially higher federal taxes and Medicaid savings will reduce the overall budget cost.

## Summary

The CBO will release its projection of the ACA budget baseline in the aftermath of the SCOTUS decisions. The federal cost could decrease or increase, and potentially increase substantially. However, we do not expect CBO to change its projections significantly because it does not yet have the information to resolve the potential swings in cost.

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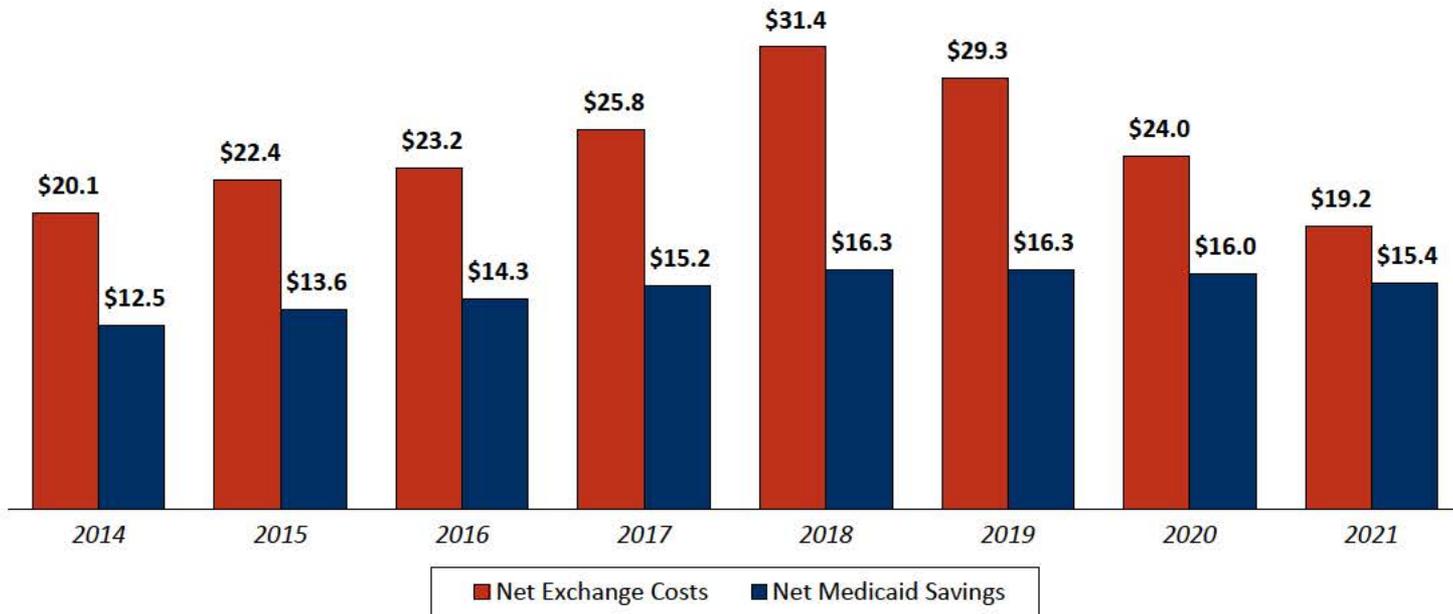
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**Federal Budget Impact of Supreme Court Medicaid Decision  
6 State Scenario: FL, LA, MS, NE, SC, TX  
(\$ Billions)**



# Summary Bullets

- The result of these six states opting out is an increase in federal budget outlays of \$72 to \$80 billion dollars between 2014 and 2021.
- Exchange enrollment and subsidy costs are expected to grow until 2018 as a result of an expansion in the individual insurance market. The individual insurance market expands because of further deterioration in employer-sponsored insurance and the exchange eligible Medicaid populations (100-133%) in the 6 states that opt-out of the expansion.
- Exchange enrollment and subsidy costs are expected to decline after 2018 because the amount of the exchange subsidies are unlikely to keep pace with medical cost inflation.
- This reflects a drop in Medicaid coverage of 4.4 million individuals in 2014 compared to the mandatory Medicaid expansion prior to the Supreme Court ruling. At the same time, there will be a 3.2 million person increase in the number of people taking up private insurance coverage in 2014.



## MEMORANDUM

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**Subject:** Selected Issues Related to the Effect of *NFIB v. Sebelius* on the Medicaid Expansion Requirements in Section 2001 of the Affordable Care Act

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**This memorandum has been prepared for distribution to more than one congressional office.**

This memorandum provides an analysis of the effect of the Supreme Court's decision in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* on the Medicaid expansion in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). First, we provide a summary of the Court's decision regarding the constitutionality of the ACA Medicaid expansion. Then, using the framework of the Court's decision, which limited the ability of the federal government to withhold all federal Medicaid matching funds unless states comply with the ACA Medicaid expansion requirements, we address selected questions regarding implementation of the Medicaid expansion provision.

### **The Supreme Court's Holding in *NFIB v. Sebelius* on the Medicaid Expansion Issue**

On June 28, 2012, the United States Supreme Court, in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius (NFIB)*,<sup>1</sup> a case brought by 26 states and the National Federation of Independent Business, issued a highly anticipated decision largely affirming the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).<sup>2</sup> In a complex, fractured opinion, the Supreme Court upheld the 2014 ACA Medicaid expansion, but limited the ability of the federal government to withhold all federal Medicaid funding unless the states accept and comply with the ACA Medicaid expansion requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> No. 11-393, slip opinion (U.S. June 28, 2012), available at <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/11pdf/11-393c3a2.pdf>. The Court also upheld a requirement, beginning in 2014, that most individuals carry health insurance or pay a penalty for noncompliance as a valid exercise of Congress' authority to levy taxes.

<sup>2</sup> The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, P.L. 111-152.

The new expansion requirements, set forth in Section 2001 of Title II of ACA, provide that, beginning on January 1, 2014, nonelderly, non-pregnant individuals under the age of 65 with income below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) will be made newly eligible for Medicaid.<sup>3</sup> The Supreme Court found that compelling the states to participate in the ACA Medicaid expansion, which the Chief Justice found to be essentially a “new program,” or else face the possible loss of all federal funds under the current Medicaid program, was coercive and unconstitutional under the Spending Clause of the United States Constitution and the Tenth Amendment.<sup>4</sup> “Congress may use its spending power to create incentives for states to act in accordance with federal policies. But when ‘pressure turns into compulsion,’ . . . the legislation runs contrary to our system of federalism.”<sup>5</sup> The remedy for this unconstitutional violation was to limit enforcement of the ACA Medicaid expansion requirements to only withholding the federal matching funds offered for “newly eligible” individuals in the ACA Medicaid expansion.<sup>6</sup>

### Divided and Complicated Decision

Three justices, Chief Justice Roberts and Justices Breyer and Kagan, would have held that the Medicaid expansion requirements are constitutional, but that the Constitution is violated by the threat to the states of the loss of existing federal Medicaid funding if they decline to comply with the ACA expansion. Two Justices, Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor, would have held that the ACA Medicaid expansion is constitutional in its entirety. Four dissenting Justices, Justices Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, and Alito would have struck down the entire ACA expansion program. In the end, the dissenting Justices agreed with Chief Justice Roberts’ plurality that the threat to withhold all ACA Medicaid program funds from non-compliant states was unconstitutionally coercive, providing a majority of seven Justices on that point.<sup>7</sup> In an interesting twist, a different majority of five Justices agreed to the Chief Justice’s remedy to strike down only the provision withholding all ACA Medicaid federal matching funds for non-compliance with the ACA expansion provision.<sup>8</sup>

In addition, only Justices Breyer and Kagan were on board with Justice Roberts’ “new program – old program” analysis. Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor only agreed to the remedy; otherwise they would have upheld the new conditions. The fractured nature of this decision, with its three opinions, adds to the complexity of determining its effect on future grant conditions, and on implementation of the ACA Medicaid expansion.

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<sup>3</sup> Section 2001(a)(1)(C) of ACA, 42 U.S.C. §1396a(a)(10)(i)(VIII). From 2014 to 2016, the federal government will cover 100 percent of the Medicaid costs of these newly eligible individuals, with the percentage dropping to 90 percent, and the states covering the difference, by 2020.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. CONST., Art. I, §8, cl.1.

<sup>5</sup> NFIB at 47.

<sup>6</sup> “Newly eligible” individuals are defined as nonelderly, non-pregnant individuals with family income below 133 percent of FPL who (1) are not under the age of 19 (or such other age as the state may have elected), and (2) are not eligible under a state plan (or waiver) for full Medicaid state plan benefits or for Medicaid benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage, or are eligible but not enrolled (or are on a waiting list) in such coverage as of December 1, 2009. Section 2001(a)(3) of ACA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1396d(y)(2)(A). For more information on the Medicaid and CHIP provisions in ACA, see CRS Report R41210, *Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Provisions in ACA: Summary and Timeline*, by Evelyne P. Baumrucker et al.

<sup>7</sup> Justices Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Alito, Breyer, Kagan, and Chief Justice Roberts. In an unusual move, the four Justices who would have struck down the entire expansion program agreed with the Chief Justice that conditioning the continued receipt of federal Medicaid funding on states’ compliance with the Medicaid expansion was coercive, and thus unconstitutional, but did not join the majority opinion. Only Justices Breyer and Kagan joined Chief Justice Roberts’ controlling opinion.

<sup>8</sup> Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor joined with the Chief Justice and Justices Breyer and Kagan regarding the remedy.

In the portion of Chief Justice Robert's opinion joined by Justices Breyer and Kagan, the Chief Justice opined that the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion went too far for two reasons. First, the changes in the health care law were so broad that they essentially created a different program from the one the states originally signed up for, a mandate that the Chief Justice found to be so significant that a state could not have anticipated that Congress' reserved right to "alter" or "amend" the Medicaid program would include such drastic changes.<sup>9</sup> Second, the requirement that states either go along with the changes or possibly lose all their federal Medicaid dollars, which account for about 10 percent of state budgets, doesn't give the states a real choice about whether or not to participate. "In this case the financial 'inducement' Congress has chosen . . . is a gun to the head," Chief Justice Roberts wrote.<sup>10</sup>

In other words, Congress acted constitutionally in offering states ACA federal funds to expand Medicaid to the new coverage group. If a state decides to accept the new ACA Medicaid expansion funds, it must abide by the ACA expansion coverage rules. However, if a state chooses not to participate in the ACA expansion it cannot lose all of its federal matching funds under the current Medicaid program. The states must have a "genuine choice" to accept or reject the new ACA expansion funds and requirements that come with those funds.<sup>11</sup> While Justice Roberts' opinion is technically the majority opinion only with regard to the Court's remedy, his views are likely to guide the lower courts in the future for new spending power challenges to federal grant conditions.

### Limited Remedy Fashioned by the Court

The Supreme Court fashioned a very limited remedy for the unconstitutional threat of the loss of all federal Medicaid funds as a condition of implementing the 2014 Medicaid expansion requirements: only federal funds offered to finance medical assistance for the new adult coverage group may be withheld if the states choose not to expand their Medicaid programs to include this new population.<sup>12</sup> As a corollary, if a state accepts the new ACA federal funds to expand its coverage to this new group, and the state becomes non-compliant with any conditions applicable to the ACA expansion group, again, only ACA Medicaid federal funds may be withheld because they are the only funds tied to this "new grant program."<sup>13</sup> The Court's decision only limited this new grant program's *enforcement* mechanism; it did not specifically affect, change or limit any other Medicaid or ACA provisions. This distinction will be important going forward.

### Severability Analysis

Chief Justice Roberts' brief severability analysis reinforces the point that all Medicaid provisions, including pre-ACA and ACA amendments, remain fully intact and operative. First, he stated that the provision which gives the Secretary of HHS general authority to withhold all "further [Medicaid] payments...to the State"<sup>14</sup> if she determines the state is out of compliance with any Medicaid requirement, continues to be valid *except* as applied to the ACA Medicaid expansion program.<sup>15</sup> Then, the Court found

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<sup>9</sup> Section 1104 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1304, states that "[t]he right to alter, amend, or repeal any provision of this Act is hereby reserved to the Congress."

<sup>10</sup> NFIB at 51.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 57.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 55.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 56.

<sup>14</sup> Section 1904 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1396c.

<sup>15</sup> That application was "severed" under a general severability provision, present in the original 1935 Social Security Act, which (continued...)

that, even without a specific severability provision in ACA, Congress intended the rest of ACA to remain intact even if withholding all federal funds if states do not cover the new adult population in 2014 is unconstitutional. Chief Justice Roberts said the Court was “confident” that “Congress would have wanted the rest of the Act to stand, had it known that States would have a genuine choice whether to participate in the new Medicaid expansion.”<sup>16</sup>

This means that if a state declines to expand its Medicaid program to cover the new expansion group, the “new program,” the state will forgo only the federal funds (initially 100 percent federal matching payment rate) that would have paid for medical assistance for “newly eligible” individuals in that group. However, all other provisions of the Medicaid statute, both current and in ACA, are “severed” from this remedy, and so remain “fully operative” as provided in law, and should “function in a way consistent with Congress’ basic objectives in enacting the statute.”<sup>17</sup> New program or not, if a state participates in the ACA Medicaid expansion, that part of its program should essentially look the same as it would have before this Supreme Court decision.<sup>18</sup>

## Issues Related to States’ “Genuine Choice” Regarding ACA Medicaid Expansion

As noted above, only three Justices joined with Chief Justice Roberts for his “new program” analysis. Nevertheless, this analysis is important for questions about Medicaid provisions in ACA that have some relation to, or effect upon, the ACA Medicaid expansion, but which arguably are not part of the expansion itself.

### Medicaid Expansion as a “New Program”

As discussed above, a majority of the Justices agreed that Congress cannot compel states to expand Medicaid by threatening to withhold all federal money under the current Medicaid program. In the words of the Chief Justice, “[t]he threatened loss of over 10 percent of a State’s overall budget, in contrast, is economic dragooning that leaves the states with no real option but to acquiesce in the Medicaid expansion.”<sup>19</sup>

The Chief Justice, in his opinion, reached this conclusion in part by viewing the current Medicaid program as distinct from the ACA Medicaid expansion, which he found to be a “new program” under ACA. However, the Chief Justice did not state as precisely as some might wish what the ACA Medicaid expansion includes and does not include. A good argument may be made that his opinion, taken as a whole, provides sufficient guidance to determine what he meant by the term “Medicaid expansion” for purposes of his “new program” constitutional analysis under the Spending Clause. At the beginning of

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states “If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.” Section 1103 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1303.

<sup>16</sup> NFIB at 57.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 58.

<sup>18</sup> This assumes Congress does not make any legislative changes to current law, and the Secretary does not invoke any of her discretionary authorities, such as waiver authorities, to make allowable changes in how a state complies with the statute.

<sup>19</sup> NFIB at 52.

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this part of his opinion, he cites Section 2001(a)(1) of ACA<sup>20</sup> which defines the new category of coverage under the Medicaid expansion as “all individuals under the age of 65 with incomes below 133% of the federal poverty line.”<sup>21</sup> The Chief Justice goes on to contrast this “expansion in coverage mandated by the Act” with the current Medicaid program, noting that “the manner in which the expansion is structured indicates that while Congress may have styled the ACA expansion a mere alteration of existing Medicaid, it recognized it was enlisting the States in a new health care program.”<sup>22</sup> This “structure” included “a separate funding provision to cover the costs of providing services to any person made newly eligible by the expansion,”<sup>23</sup> and the different benefits package for this new group, *i.e.*, “a level of coverage that is less comprehensive than the traditional Medicaid benefit package.”<sup>24</sup> It seems clear that the ACA Medicaid expansion, which the Chief Justice determines to be a “new program,” is the extension of Medicaid coverage to the new ACA 133 percent expansion group for which the federal government will provide enhanced federal matching funds beginning January 1, 2014.

Having determined that the ACA Medicaid expansion and the current Medicaid programs are separate and distinct programs, the Chief Justice ruled that conditioning continued receipt of all federal Medicaid funds on agreeing to the new policy changes to Medicaid that would result from the ACA Medicaid expansion was unconstitutionally coercive: “When, for example, such conditions take the form of threats to terminate other significant independent grants, the conditions are properly viewed as a means of pressuring the States to accept policy changes.”<sup>25</sup>

## **Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Provisions**

Following the Supreme Court’s decision in *NFIB*, some have argued that the states are no longer required to comply with the ACA maintenance of effort provision (MOE), and the modified adjusted gross income provision (MAGI) because these requirements should be considered part of the ACA Medicaid expansion which the Court determined was a “new program.” The states have a choice whether or not to accept the Medicaid expansion funds, so if these provisions are part of that “new program,” these requirements would be voluntary. A careful reading of the Court’s holding supports the conclusion that these two provisions are unaffected by the Supreme Court’s ruling, and are enforceable under the current Medicaid statute.

Section 2001(b) of ACA, entitled “Maintenance of Medicaid Income Eligibility,” amends Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act,<sup>26</sup> to provide that states with Medicaid programs in effect on March 23, 2010, the date of enactment of the Affordable Care Act, must maintain their programs with the same eligibility standards, methodologies, and procedures until the Secretary of HHS determines that the state’s insurance exchange is operational. The Medicaid and State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) MOE for children up to age 19 continues until September 30, 2019. Failure to comply with the MOE requirements means a state risks losing all of its federal Medicaid matching funds. The MOE provision does not prohibit states from cutting Medicaid in other ways, such as by reducing provider reimbursement

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<sup>20</sup> 42 U.S.C. §1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).

<sup>21</sup> *Id.* at 45.

<sup>22</sup> *NFIB* at 54.

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* at 54.

<sup>24</sup> *Id.*

<sup>25</sup> *NFIB* at 50.

<sup>26</sup> 42 U.S.C. §1396a.

rates or by eliminating optional benefits. Neither are states prohibited from expanding Medicaid coverage during the MOE period.<sup>27</sup>

The Supreme Court in *NFIB* gave no indication it considered this provision to be part of the “new Medicaid expansion program” for which the states must have a “genuine choice.” Arguably, the MOE provision is not part of the “new program” because it is not a requirement that is attached to the new ACA expansion funds that a state has a choice to accept, or not; it is a requirement, already in effect, pertaining to a state’s current Medicaid population, attached to current Medicaid funds, not future ACA expansion funds. While one may argue that the MOE requirement is related to the Medicaid expansion, it would be difficult to view this requirement as an integral part of the ACA expansion program itself, particularly since the MOE requirement is linked to the date the state’s insurance exchange becomes fully operational, which is not necessarily the same date as the ACA Medicaid expansion begins.<sup>28</sup>

The Supreme Court’s decision does not make changes to the current Medicaid program. This point was made clear in the Court’s severability analysis when it said that “Congress would have wanted the rest of the Act to stand, had it known that States would have a genuine choice whether to participate in the new ACA Medicaid expansion.”<sup>29</sup> This supports the interpretation that the MOE requirement and its enforcement by the potential loss of all current federal Medicaid matching funds “stands,” remaining untouched by the Court’s ruling.<sup>30</sup>

On July 10, 2012, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, sent a letter to the nation’s governors indicating that while the Supreme Court limited enforcement of the states’ rejection of the ACA Medicaid expansion provisions, the Court did not change any other ACA or Medicaid provisions. “The Supreme Court held that, if a state chooses not to participate in this expansion of Medicaid eligibility for low-income adults, the state may not, as a consequence, lose federal funding for its existing Medicaid program. The Court’s decision did not affect other provisions of the law.”<sup>31</sup>

A similar line of reasoning applies to the MAGI provision. Section 2002 of ACA, entitled “Income Eligibility for Nonelderly Determined Using Modified Gross Income,” amends Section 1902(e) of the Social Security Act<sup>32</sup> to provide that, starting January 1, 2014, eligibility for Medicaid for most

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<sup>27</sup> Section 2001(b)(3) of ACA provides for an exemption to this MOE requirement for states that have, or are projected to have, a budget deficit, but only for non-pregnant, non-disabled adults who are eligible for medical assistance under a state plan or waiver of a state plan, and whose income exceeds 133 percent of the federal poverty level. For more information on the ACA MOE provision, see CRS Report R41835, *Medicaid and CHIP Maintenance of Effort (MOE): Requirements and Responses*, by Evelyne P. Baumrucker.

<sup>28</sup> Section 2001(b)(1) of ACA.

<sup>29</sup> *NFIB* at 57. Justice Roberts’ opinion does not take specific note of the many other provisions in ACA that either make structural changes to the Medicaid program or are related in some way to the Medicaid expansion coverage group. This may not be surprising since the Chief Justice made it clear that the Court’s limitation on “coercing” a state into covering the new Medicaid expansion population did not affect any other provisions of Medicaid or ACA.

<sup>30</sup> A completely different analysis would be required if the MOE provision were challenged as an unconstitutional condition under the precedent of *NFIB*. The narrow holding of *NFIB* suggests this provision might be found constitutional by the courts, particularly since states are required to maintain their current Medicaid programs, not expand them, and, arguably, the MOE requirement does not accomplish a “transformation” of the Medicaid program that states could not have anticipated. See CRS Report WSLG117, *Conditioning Federal Grants after NFIB v. Sebelius: Carrots, Sticks, and New Programs*, by Kathleen S. Swendiman.

<sup>31</sup> See Letter from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, to Governors (July 10, 2012), available at <http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Secretary-Sebelius-Letter-to-the-Governors-071012.pdf>.

<sup>32</sup> 42 U.S.C. §1396a(e).

individuals, as well as for CHIP, will be determined using methodologies that are based on modified adjusted gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. Eligibility for advance payments of premium tax credits for the purchase of private insurance coverage through state insurance exchanges will also be based on MAGI.<sup>33</sup>

Following the Supreme Court's decision in *NFIB*, if states choose to participate in the ACA Medicaid expansion, it appears they will have to comply with all conditions that come with that choice, including compliance with MAGI standards for determining income eligibility for the ACA expansion population, as well as certain other existing Medicaid eligibility categories.<sup>34</sup> If a participating state does not comply with MAGI standards for the ACA expansion population, ACA expansion funds could be withheld. As Justice Roberts stated in *NFIB*, "Nor does [this holding] affect the Secretary's ability to withdraw funds provided under the Affordable Care Act if a State that has chosen to participate in the ACA expansion fails to comply with the requirements of that Act."<sup>35</sup>

If states choose not to participate in the Medicaid expansion, given the Court's severability analysis, the MAGI standards would still be applicable to other parts of the state's Medicaid program, CHIP program and for determining an individual's eligibility for federal subsidies toward the purchase of private health coverage through the state exchanges. As discussed above, all Medicaid and ACA provisions are "severed" from the remedy the Court fashioned to address the unconstitutional threat of the loss of all federal Medicaid funds if the states do not accept the ACA expansion funds and attached conditions.

## Issues Related to ACA Medicaid Expansion Program Going Forward

The Supreme Court upheld ACA's Medicaid expansion provisions, limiting only the possible remedy for states that forgo accepting the new expansion funds and the requirements that come with those funds. "The Court today limits the financial pressure the Secretary may apply to induce the States to accept the terms of the ACA Medicaid expansion. As a practical matter, that means States may now choose to reject the expansion; that is the whole point."<sup>36</sup> The Court did not address any of a number of practical issues that may arise going forward.

### States' Ability to Opt In or Out of the Medicaid Expansion

The states now have a "genuine choice whether to participate in the new ACA Medicaid expansion."<sup>37</sup> The Secretary cannot penalize states that refuse to comply with the expansion requirements by taking away their existing federal Medicaid funding, so a state may continue its Medicaid program without

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<sup>33</sup> Section 2002(a) of ACA, 42 U.S.C. §1396a(e)(a). CMS regulations, effective in 2014, apply the MAGI methodology and related eligibility streamlining requirements to all populations that are not MAGI-exempt, including children, parents, adults, and pregnant women. See Medicaid Eligibility Final Rule at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-23/html/2012-6560.htm>.

<sup>34</sup> CMS is currently seeking input on whether states should adopt one methodology for converting existing Medicaid and CHIP income eligibility standards into equivalent MAGI standards under ACA, or if states should be able to choose from two or more alternatives with CMS approval, according to a notice the agency released June 21, 2012, available at <http://www.medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/Events-and-Announcements/Downloads/MAGI-income-conversion.pdf>.

<sup>35</sup> *NFIB* at 56.

<sup>36</sup> *Id.* at 57.

<sup>37</sup> *Id.*

expanding its coverage to the ACA expansion group without any federal financial penalty.<sup>38</sup> The initial choice to opt in or opt out is clear under the Court's ruling in *NFIB*.

However, the Court did not address such matters as whether a state that chooses to expand its Medicaid coverage may later decide to "opt out" of that choice and of the expansion requirements; and, whether, now that a state has a "choice," it must exercise that choice by January 1, 2014, or opt in later if it wishes. First and foremost, these practical ramifications of the Court's ruling in *NFIB*, will need to be addressed by the Secretary of HHS, who has overall authority to implement the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, taking into consideration the Supreme Court's decision.

While the Court's holding did not specifically address these and other issues, one may find guidance in the Court's opinion for the question whether a state that chooses to "opt in" to the ACA Medicaid expansion may, at a later time, choose to "opt out." If a state stops providing medical services to the ACA Medicaid expansion population, it would no longer be in compliance with the conditions for receiving the new expansion funds, and those funds could be withheld or terminated by the Secretary. The Chief Justice stated that the Court's holding does not "affect the Secretary's ability to withdraw funds provided under the Affordable Care Act if a State that has chosen to participate in the ACA expansion fails to comply with the requirements of that Act."<sup>39</sup> It would appear that, under *NFIB*, the Secretary could not also withhold federal matching funds under the rest of a state's Medicaid program. Conceivably, then, a state may leave or "opt out" of the ACA Medicaid expansion by refusing the expansion funds, without also losing federal funds under the rest of a state's Medicaid program.

In general, states always have the ability to end their participation in federal grant programs by refusing the federal funds offered, thus ending their obligation to comply with the conditions attached to those federal funds. What is unique in this case is the fact that the Chief Justice, for purposes of deciding a constitutional issue, essentially separated the ACA Medicaid expansion from the current Medicaid program for enforcement purposes. As noted above, only a plurality of Justices agreed to this "new program" analysis, so it remains to be seen how much it will be used, or how far it will go, in future court decisions. However, there was a majority on board for the actual remedy to limit the Secretary's enforcement of the Medicaid expansion program requirements, and the Court's opinion set out clear parameters for application of that remedy.

In addition, the Secretary might take the position that, while the states have a choice whether to participate in the ACA expansion or not, compliance must begin January 1, 2014, as stated in the statute, and opting in at a later time is not an option. On the other hand, if a state does not participate in the ACA expansion by that date, and later amends its state plan to meet the ACA Medicaid expansion requirements, a state might argue that the Secretary must approve the state plan amendment at that time. In other words, does the language "beginning January 1, 2014" mean the state's choice must be made by that date, or that the new Medicaid expansion requirements begin on that date, and when the state chooses to amend its state plan to meet those requirements it is eligible for the federal funding? As the Chief Justice said, "[i]t is fair to say that Congress assumed that every State would participate in the ACA Medicaid expansion, given that States had no real choice but to do so."<sup>40</sup> These new questions arise because of the interaction

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<sup>38</sup> Other expansion requirements, such as the required expansion of Medicaid eligibility for children ages 6-18 in Section 2001(a)(5)(B) of ACA, are still in effect after *NFIB*. This provision is distinct from the provision extending Medicaid eligibility to certain other adult groups in Section 2001(a)(1), initially funded at a 100 percent federal matching rate, which was the focus of the court's majority opinion.

<sup>39</sup> *Id.* at 56.

<sup>40</sup> *NFIB* at 57.

of the Supreme Court's decision with a provision Congress thought was simply a modification to the existing Medicaid program, not a "new program."

### Authority of Secretary to Make Changes to the Medicaid Expansion Program

In general, whatever authorities the Secretary has under the Medicaid statute and other statutes, such as waiver authorities, are unaffected by the Court's decision in *NFIB*. The Secretary's broad authority under such provisions as "Section 1115"<sup>41</sup> continues and may be used by the Secretary in accordance with the authorizing statute and her discretion. It may be expected that the Secretary might use her administrative authority and possibly also waiver authorities to provide flexibility and appropriate guidance for implementing the Affordable Care Act in view of the Court's decision. Federal agencies have considerable discretion to interpret the authorizing statutes of federal programs directed to them for implementation. In appropriate cases, the courts will defer to a federal agency's interpretation of an authorizing statute, unless the interpretation is "arbitrary, capricious or manifestly contrary to the statute."<sup>42</sup> In the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *NFIB*, the Secretary retains considerable discretion to interpret the Affordable Care Act.

For example, the Affordable Care Act includes a deadline for a state to decide whether or not to establish a state insurance exchange, but the law didn't contemplate states being allowed to opt out of the ACA Medicaid expansion without also opting out of their entire Medicaid program, so there is no deadline in the statute for that decision. The Secretary may provide guidance which might include "practical" deadlines, taking into consideration state legislative processes which may need to be involved in the decision to participate or not, and the time needed to meet the 2014 deadline if a state chooses to participate in the expansion.

It is unclear at this point whether states might be able to expand the new ACA expansion partially, for example only up to 100 percent of FPL.<sup>43</sup> On this point, it is noted that the Supreme Court's severability analysis clearly states that the Court's ruling does not change any Affordable Care Act provisions including those that describe the coverage group, funding levels, or timing for the ACA's Medicaid expansion. As currently written, those provisions appear to be mandatory; they do not, by their terms, contemplate a phased-in approach to expansion of the newly eligible population. Presumably, in exchange for the 100 percent matching rate, Congress wanted the entire ACA expansion group covered as of 2014. The statute provides: "A State plan for medical assistance *must* . . . **provide** . . . for making medical assistance available . . . to . . . **all individuals** . . . who are under 65 years of age, not pregnant, not entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits . . . , and whose income . . . does not exceed 133% of the poverty line." (emphasis added). Since the statute is very specific that "all individuals" meeting the statutory qualifications must be covered, it may be argued that coverage is an all-or-nothing proposition for the states.

Whether the Secretary might be able to use her waiver authority to provide some flexibility on this issue if a state does not opt into the Medicaid expansion, such as allowing a state to expand Medicaid coverage to adults only up to 100 percent of FPL, is an open question, and some possible legal and administrative

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<sup>41</sup> 42 U.S.C. §1315(a)(1).

<sup>42</sup> *Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 467 U.S. 837, 844 (1984). "The power of an administrative agency to administer a congressionally created . . . program necessarily requires the formulation of policy and the making of rules to fill any gap left, implicitly or explicitly, by Congress." *Morton v. Ruiz*, 415 U.S. 199, 231 (1974).

<sup>43</sup> These options might appeal to some states as a way to reduce the ACA expansion population for whom the state will eventually have partial financial obligations, and perhaps to avoid current or future state budget constraints.

issues come to mind that would have to be addressed. The Secretary may, under her Section 1115 demonstration authority, waive the requirements of specific sections of Social Security Act programs, including the Medicaid state plan requirements in Section 1902 of the Social Security Act,<sup>44</sup> for any “experimental, pilot or demonstration project which, in the judgment of the Secretary, is likely to assist in promoting the objectives of title... XIX of this chapter... in a state or states.”<sup>45</sup> The Secretary may waive the specified provisions “to the extent and for the period he finds necessary to enable such State or States to carry out such project.” The Secretary may also use the Section 1115 waiver authority to pay for costs that are not otherwise matchable under Section 1903 of the Social Security Act.

Since the requirement that a state cover all individuals up to 133 percent of FPL is in Section 1902, that requirement is theoretically waivable, so long as the resulting demonstration project “is likely to assist in promoting the objectives” of the Medicaid program. However, it is not clear that a waiver for a partial Medicaid expansion could include continued access to the enhanced federal matching rate.<sup>46</sup> Section 1115(a)(2) stipulates that expenditures under a waiver are eligible for federal matching under Section 1903 of the Social Security Act, which describes the conditions under which federal financial participation is available. However, the enhanced payment rate is in a different provision, Section 1905.<sup>47</sup> In addition, longstanding administrative guidance that requires waiver costs to be budget neutral to the federal government over the life of the waiver program would need to be considered.<sup>48</sup>

## Conclusion

The Supreme Court’s decision in *NFIB v. Sebelius* marks the first time the High Court has struck down conditions on federal grants to states that it determined “cross the line from enticement to coercion.”<sup>49</sup> In a divided and complex decision, the Court held that Congress cannot threaten the states with the loss of all federal Medicaid funding if the states decline to expand Medicaid coverage as mandated by the Affordable Care Act. For purposes of the ACA Medicaid expansion program going forward, the most important aspect of the Court’s holding beyond its limitation on the Secretary’s ability to withhold all federal Medicaid matching funds if a state does not participate in the ACA expansion, is that the Court left all the other provisions of ACA intact and fully operative. While this aspect of the Court’s ruling helps to clarify some issues regarding implementation of the ACA Medicaid expansion by the states, other complex legal and practical questions are not easily addressed this early on.

When drafting the Affordable Care Act, Congress did not envision that states would have a choice to refuse the ACA Medicaid expansion requirements without opting out of the entire Medicaid program. Consequently, the Administration is faced with unanticipated implementation challenges and unforeseen consequences stemming from the Court’s ruling less than three weeks ago. It is expected that the Secretary will use her statutory and administrative authorities to provide appropriate flexibility and interpretive guidance for implementing the Affordable Care Act in view of the Court’s decision. Congress,

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<sup>44</sup> 42 U.S.C. §1396a.

<sup>45</sup> Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1315(a).

<sup>46</sup> States may view coverage up to 100 percent FPL as critical since premium credits are only available for those individuals whose MAGI is at or above 100 percent FPL up to 400 percent FPL. Section 1401 of ACA, as amended, 26 U.S.C. §36B(c).

<sup>47</sup> 42 U.S.C. §1396d(y).

<sup>48</sup> Medicaid Program, “Demonstration Proposals Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act Policies and Procedures,” 59 Fed. Reg. 49249 (September 27, 1994).

<sup>49</sup> *NFIB* at 58.

also, may decide to direct implementation or change current statutory provisions through the legislative and appropriations process.

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On Wednesday, the Administration released a brief report claiming to take success for expanding access to coverage through SCHIP. The Administration's talking point regarding the [report](#) was that 1.2 million previously uninsured children gained coverage through the government-run program. However, a Washington Post [story](#) on the report included this interesting fact, which the official HHS report conveniently omitted:

In addition to the 1.2 million newly insured children, 3 million children who formerly had private insurance were picked up by [S]CHIP or Medicaid over the same period.

In other words, **for every child who obtained new coverage through the SCHIP program, an additional 2.5 children DROPPED their private coverage to obtain subsidized insurance courtesy of federal taxpayers.** This sky-high "crowd-out" effect – in which individuals drop private coverage to enroll in a government-funded plan – shows just how attractive Obamacare's lucrative insurance subsidies likely will be to both employees and employers beginning in 2014.

But the same Administration that just released a report showing that **only two in seven of the newly enrolled in SCHIP were previously uninsured** continues to assert that employers will not drop coverage *en masse*. They maintain this position despite the numerous [studies](#), [papers](#), [briefs](#), [reports](#), [employer questionnaires](#), [consultant presentations](#), [surveys](#), [op-eds](#), [interviews](#), [quotes](#), and [comments from other prominent Democrats](#) suggesting that employers will drop coverage in numbers far greater than the White House lets on. However, this week's report – or, more specifically, the crowd-out numbers that HHS decided to omit from the report – reveal the inconvenient truth this Administration has yet to admit: Employers WILL drop coverage, and the cost of Obamacare will explode as a result.

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The Washington Post is [reporting](#) that the Administration “will allow religious organizations a one-year delay” before complying with a new Obamacare mandate to offer contraceptive coverage – “but the rule itself and the employers covered by it remain unchanged.” This rule requires organizations like religious schools and Catholic hospitals to offer contraceptive coverage to employees covered by their health plans – even if doing so violates the tenets of their faith.

The rule, and the Administration’s broader dealings with the Catholic church, have generated much controversy. Some have [written](#) that “a part of [the Obama] Administration is at war with Catholic leaders and Catholic belief.” Moreover, an Administration that claimed to end the “[war on science](#)” has on [multiple occasions](#) related to contraceptive issues manipulated the process, and/or overridden the recommendations of non-partisan experts, to achieve political victories for its liberal allies.

The bottom line: **This decision looks suspiciously like yet another political stunt designed to delay the controversy by another year, until after the President’s re-election campaign.** Make no mistake however – this ruling forces religious organizations to violate the fundamental tenets of their faith, or stop offering health insurance coverage to their employees. Time will tell whether those institutions choose the former or the latter course – but neither option should be necessary, if the Administration had not taken such an unbending approach to appease its liberal base.

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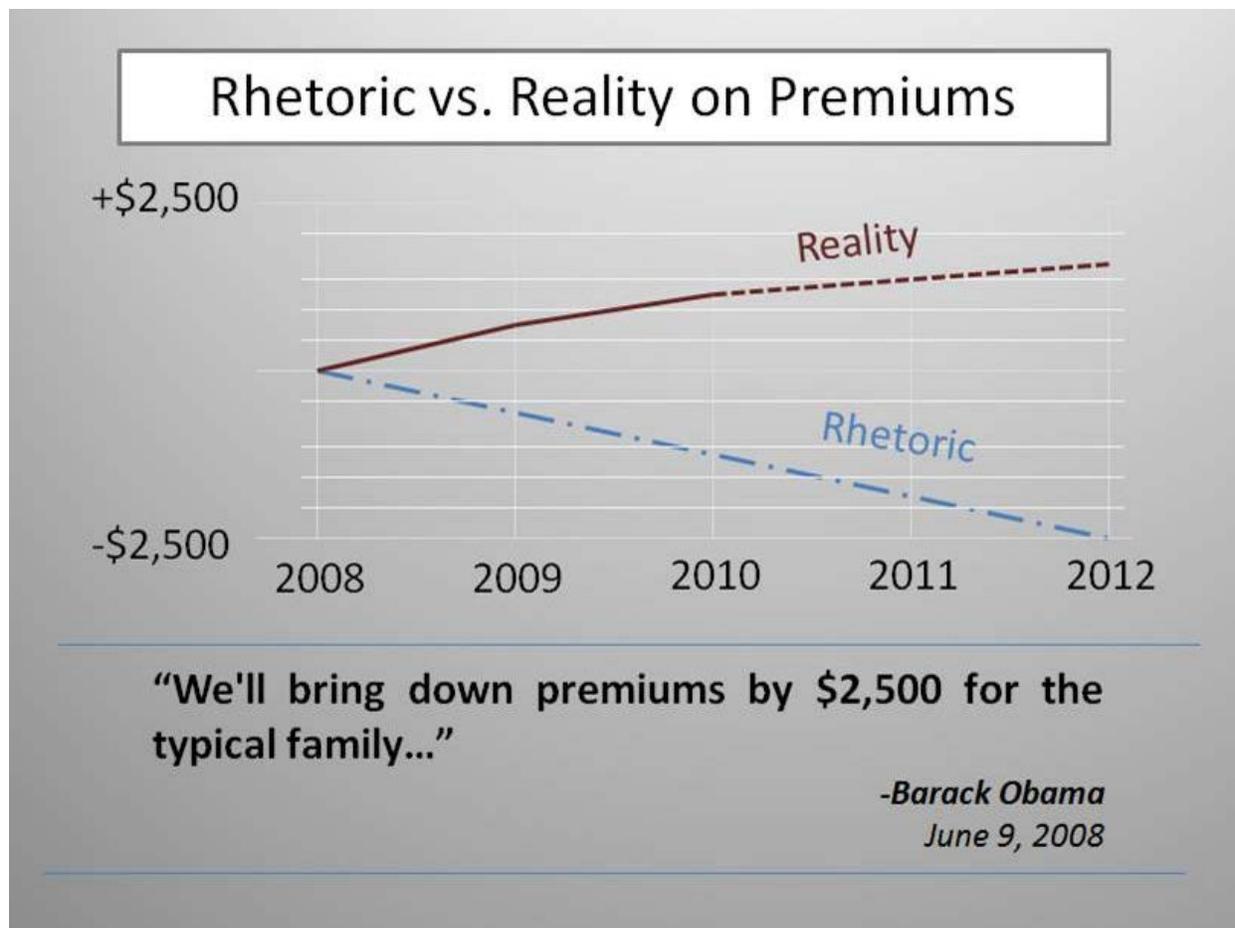
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Testifying before the HELP Committee, Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight Director Steve Larsen just claimed not to recall all the details of the CBO analysis of health insurance premium increases under Obamacare, but alleged that the impact on premiums would be "minimal." Seeing as how Director Larsen didn't know all the details, here's what CBO said on page 6 of its [November 2009 analysis](#) of Obamacare's impact on premiums:

Average premiums per policy in the nongroup market in 2016 would be roughly \$5,800 for single policies and \$15,200 for family policies under the proposal. **compared with roughly \$5,500 for single policies and \$13,100 for family policies under current law.**

That amounts to a \$2,100 per year increase for a family buying individual insurance, thanks to Obamacare – and a \$4,600 per family difference between the increases due to the law President Obama signed and the [\\$2,500 per-family premium reduction candidate Obama repeatedly promised](#). Given that the Administration's policy is costing a whopping \$4,600 per family more than candidate Obama's political rhetoric, is it any wonder that the Administration would claim not to remember how much Obamacare will raise premiums on struggling American families?

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## **Making Effective Connections: With or without Health Benefits Exchanges (draft)**

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The version of health benefits exchanges envisioned in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a classic example of a limited, but potentially good, idea mutating into a politically driven gateway to overregulation, income redistribution, and greater federal government control of health care decisions. The more benign concept of exchanges envisioned them as mechanisms to help coordinate a common marketplace in which willing insurance buyers and sellers might choose to reach private agreements. Exchanges could expand the range of limited choices available to most workers employed by smaller firms, as well as to individuals seeking coverage outside the workplace. They might serve as impartial clearinghouses for information comparing the features and performance of various health insurance plans in a particular market area. Finally, they could help connect individuals with taxpayer subsidies available for their insurance choices and even consolidate multiple sources of financial contributions for someone's coverage (multiple employers, public subsidies, personal funds) into a single payment platform.

The original case for establishing health insurance exchanges pointed to clear problems of affordability, access, and choice in current private insurance markets for individuals and small businesses. Although individual insurance markets could not possibly perform as badly as the health policy elites (who recoil from them like vampires avoid garlic) commonly believed, their customers have been burdened by high loading costs for marketing and administration by insurers. The limited role of individual insurance as a residual market product for customers lacking better options elsewhere in the pre-ACA insurance world also strained its ability to pool and manage risk consistently. The small-group insurance market was, and still is, whipsawed by counterproductive state-government regulation, a shrinking base of overburdened small-employer customers, and a shortage of competitive insurance choices.

Health insurance exchanges are not new ideas. Various types have been proposed for years as intermediaries to manage the relationship between insurers and their customers and perhaps to better organize insurance markets. However, finding consensus in identifying problems is not the same as agreeing on the actual terms of sustainable solutions. Exchanges can be dialed up or down the regulatory spectrum. At one end, they might simply provide some standardized comparative information on the benefits, premiums, and service quality offered by insurers in a particular market. A little further up the scale, they might distribute private payments and public subsidies, simplify insurance purchasing and enrollment, and reduce transaction costs. At the other end, they could become the exclusive engineers charged with redesigning and overseeing most, if not all, insurance sales and purchases.

The policy parameters involving the role and power of an insurance exchange include whether it is voluntary or mandatory. Does it have an exclusive franchise, or must it compete for customers? Over what geographic territory and for which market segments does it operate? Does it exercise substantial market power as a purchaser or even more political power as a regulator? Does it try to pool similar risks or cross-subsidize very different ones? Does it limit or expand

choices of carriers, plans, and benefits? The more you want to try to do, the more regulatory complexity you have. You risk overloading each decision with another more sweeping one down the road until the exchange starts looking like a public utility commission.

The ACA designed its version of state exchanges to play a much greater, and more controversial, role. Their duties include

- Ensuring compliance with tighter federal regulation of health insurance;
- Expanding state Medicaid programs;
- Enforcing the individual coverage mandate;
- Administering the new health law's income-based subsidies;
- Policing insurers' premium prices; and
- Eventually controlling a much larger share of the private insurance market.

In just about every case under the ACA, the decision was made to go for more rather than less, under the assumption that state-run or federally run exchanges would not be able to adequately "reform" the insurance marketplace if they left too many stray sheep outside their fences. The ACA rules interpreted a level playing field and common rules regarding pricing and benefit design as requiring the rest of the private insurance market to conform to the exchange's politically designated operating rules, rather than the other way around. Competing against what is most commonly done in the rest of the marketplace and leaving consumers to choose what they prefer apparently would be too hard and fail to deliver the desired political outcome. Of course, whether any resulting selection by consumers is called "adverse" depends on whether the criterion used is political or personal.

The ACA's statutory text and subsequent regulatory guidance are full of limits and specifications for the range of the required "essential" and other permitted tiers of qualified benefits, along with tight restrictions on cost sharing. The main factor in setting some eligibility limits (individuals without offers of employer coverage or participating small firms with no more than 100 employees) was budgetary. The on-budget costs to taxpayers for moving even more millions of Americans into new, more heavily subsidized, exchange-based coverage on a faster timetable would be too transparently unaffordable, administratively daunting, and politically disruptive.<sup>1</sup> In any case, the ACA's rules for guaranteed-issue and not-so-adjusted community rating will be applied nationwide, even to fully insured (if not yet self-insured) private plans operating outside the ACA's exchanges.

The ACA exchanges initially were marketed as a means to provide new choices to those largely shut out of the traditional employer-sponsored group health insurance market, as well as to smaller businesses struggling to offer or maintain group coverage for their workers. But the law authorizes states to expand offers of exchange-based coverage to businesses with more than 100 employees, starting in 2017. Critics of the expanding role of federal regulation, mandates, and subsidies under the ACA regime would argue that this would open the door wider for Washington's dominant market share and more complete regulatory control in whatever remains of "private" insurance markets later this decade. When combined with narrow grandfathering and grace periods for many existing insurance benefits plans (temporarily protecting them from the newer ACA requirements for fully insured health plans)<sup>2</sup> that are biased toward an early

expiration date, the real goal of the federally directed exchanges appears to be to construct a roach motel of centralized regulation, where private plans and their enrollees might check in but are not allowed to check out.

It turns out that to control one thing, and then another thing, and then more and more unanticipated things, many congressional legislators and their designated bureaucrats believe they will have to control almost everything.

Not surprisingly, many state officials balked at participating in the ACA's model for "state-run" exchanges, which appeared to be part of a top-down bureaucratic approach for taking control of state insurance markets under the guise of implementing the new health law, rather than offering a more decentralized, market-driven alternative. Several dozen state governors and state legislatures either opposed outright the creation of ACA-compliant exchanges or urged a cautious, go-slow approach to further implementation until more details were provided (or the Supreme Court decided to overturn the health law as unconstitutional).

At this point, it appears that a large majority of states will not meet the ACA's initial deadline of January 1, 2013, for federal certification that their state-based exchanges will be ready to operate one year later, when the law's expansion of exchange-based health insurance coverage is supposed to begin. HHS has proposed several alternative ways to establish health exchanges by that date, including state-federal partnerships (in which states perform at least some of the required exchange functions) and federally facilitated exchanges (mostly a new name for federally run exchanges).<sup>3</sup> However, any of those approaches to developing functional health benefits exchanges under the ACA faces major obstacles:

1. Most states will either refuse to set up their own exchanges or prove unable to do so for political or technical reasons.
2. The administrative challenges in orchestrating necessary data streams from multiple sources (to determine applicants' eligibility for federal subsidies), creating essentially "new" insurance markets, and handling a potential surge in demand for such coverage remain daunting and unprecedented.
3. Serious legal questions about the actual statutory authority of federally run exchanges to administer premium subsidies remain unresolved, and they are likely to dilute the power of any arguments that states must set up their own exchanges to avoid losing control over a federally run exchange in their state.<sup>4</sup>

What should states do? One option is to simply stand back and hope that federally run exchanges will be unsuccessful and collapse for a combination of political, legal, and administrative reasons. This is politically appealing in states where opposition to this part of the ACA runs strong, although it leaves unaddressed what other sorts of health insurance reforms may still be needed within states.

Another option is to approve initial versions of their own state-based exchanges that operate under very different and more market-friendly rules not likely to comply with current

Obama administration regulatory guidance.<sup>5</sup> 5 For example, such state-run exchanges would be likely to adopt an “any willing seller” approach to insurer eligibility, rather than operate as an active, exclusive purchaser that prescreens participating insurers to gain bargaining leverage and ensure their compliance with standardized coverage benefits and premium rate limits. They would operate more like a market facilitator of new coverage options (for state residents seeking individual coverage and for small businesses looking for alternatives to traditional group coverage), rather than as administrators of an expanded “public” insurance program similar to Medicaid. Flexibility, choice, and open competition would be more important than standardization, selective contracting, and compulsion.

Such exchange-like mechanisms would involve willing consumers, private providers, and employer sponsors as partners rather than as subjects. Administrators would focus on normal oversight to ensure compliance with existing state and federal laws, without trying to expand them further. Exchange rules would be adopted to mesh with current state rules for the rest of the state-regulated market, rather than the opposite. Health benefits guarantees would be kept to a minimum, with a broad interpretation of rough actuarial equivalence ensuring opportunities for innovation and preference-sensitive variation.

Such state exchanges would rely much more on developing and disseminating consumer-empowering, impartial information about coverage options, rather than on enacting and enforcing choice-limiting regulation. Once a state sets the very basic parameters for insurance plans, it would allow carriers to innovate and differentiate their products, as long as they adequately inform potential consumers at the point of purchase. State administrators would focus on enhancing consumer education, engagement, and empowerment with information tools. They would contractually outsource most of the technical operations to private vendors and maintain the difference between providing a single shopping point for convenience and requiring an exclusive destination for political control.

Nevertheless, political suspicion remains widespread in many states that the temptation for regulatory overreach in exchange-like mechanisms cannot be kept in check, given the ACA’s underlying plan to use them primarily as an enforcement arm for its insurance rules and a distribution channel for its income-based premium subsidies. Quite simply, any state officials involved in establishing a state-run exchange in jurisdictions opposed to most of the ACA’s mandates and regulations will be seen as aiding and abetting the latter, rather than vigorously resisting them.

Hence, many states wanting to improve their insurance markets for individuals and small firms will need to consider establishing a different type of mechanism. It would operate primarily to ensure that beneficiaries can be connected seamlessly with taxpayer subsidies for health insurance and useful information for making their coverage choices. To avoid the pitfalls of setting up an exclusive political franchise, states should provide these subsidy connectors only as a competitive option within the larger insurance marketplace. They may also encourage the further growth of nonexclusive private exchanges as either competitors or replacements for state-sponsored ones. If any such nonexchange exchanges serve a useful role and provide competitive advantages, consumers will choose voluntarily to purchase insurance through them. Their market

share would be determined by the decisions of willing buyers, rather than the designs of political brokers. Consumers can redesign their local insurance markets by voting with their own money.

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<sup>1</sup> As the Obama administration's principles for health reform were converted into legislative language, the White House had to master a difficult political balancing act. This involved reassuring many Americans anxious about disruptions to their current health coverage and care arrangements or about mounting federal budget deficits, while offering more generously subsidized health benefits to lower-income constituents. The reassurance component necessitated reaching an initial truce with employer-sponsored insurance plans. Keeping employers' "private" money on the table also helped limit the net budget cost of the first installment of insurance coverage growth. Relying on expanded Medicaid eligibility as a less expensive way to accomplish about half of the total targeted coverage expansion allowed federal dollars to be stretched further, given Medicaid's very low reimbursement rates for providers. The public-plan option was politically radioactive to highly energized grassroots opponents, who feared that the legislation would quickly lead to a single-payer system. Moreover, the combination of vastly expanded "public plan" Medicaid coverage and much tighter political regulation of "private" insurers in subsidized health insurance exchanges accomplished most of the larger political objective of increasing dependency on politically brokered health care, with fewer of the red lights signaling a more direct and expensive expansion of Medicare-like coverage to displace private insurance intermediaries. The final law relied on ambiguity, deferred decision making, and administrative complexity to dampen political concerns about a federal takeover of traditionally private spheres of health care decision making. However, gaining permanent regulatory authority over a vast expanse of health care operations and decisions—regardless of how many blanks needed to be filled in later—fulfilled a crucial political imperative for Democratic party leaders. It also facilitated the continued, less-threatening appearance of private operation of most current health care arrangements, albeit under tighter—and potentially expanding—political management. See Thomas P. Miller, "Health Reform: Only a Cease-Fire in a Political Hundred Years' War," *Health Affairs* 29, no. 6 (2010): 1–5.

<sup>2</sup> Annie L. Mach and Bernadette Fernandez, "Private Health Insurance Market Reforms in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," Congressional Research Service, November 1, 2011. See Appendix B, "Applicability of Market Reforms to Health Plans" (19).

<sup>3</sup> Health and Human Services Department, *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans; Exchange Standards for Employers* (Final Rule March 27, 2012), [www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/27/2012-6125/patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-establishment-of-exchanges-and-qualified-health-plans](http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/27/2012-6125/patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-establishment-of-exchanges-and-qualified-health-plans).

<sup>4</sup> Critics of an Internal Revenue Service final rule issued in May 2012 argue that it directly contradicts the actual statutory language of the Affordable Care Act for exchange-based health insurance. See Jonathan H. Adler and Michael F. Cannon, "Taxation without Representation: The Illegal IRS Rule to Expand Tax Credits under the PPACA" (Case Research Paper Series in Legal Studies Working Paper 2012-27, July 2012), [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2106789](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2106789); *State of Oklahoma ex rel Scott E. Pruitt v. Kathleen Sebelius and Timothy Geithner* (Case No. CIV-11-030-RAW, Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief), [www.healthreformgps.org/wp-content/uploads/Amended\\_complaint.pdf](http://www.healthreformgps.org/wp-content/uploads/Amended_complaint.pdf); and James F. Blumstein, Testimony before House Committee on Ways and Means, Health Subcommittee, September 12, 2012, [http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/house\\_ways\\_and\\_means\\_testimony92112.pdf](http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/house_ways_and_means_testimony92112.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> Scott Gottlieb and Tom Miller, "How to Reform ObamaCare Starting Now," *Wall Street Journal* October 14, 2010.

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Good morning,

As you may remember, *The Commonwealth Fund* released a report comparing the Romney and Obama Health care plans concluding that Obamacare would significantly outperform Romney care. Please follow link to review it again:  
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However, *The American Action Forum* released a report today, that shows a state by state impact of the top ten most expensive ACA regulations. Please follow link to read:  
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All:

Please find the updated Amicus Brief documents. A summary and initial draft is attached.

This will be discussed by Martin Kent, COS to Gov. McDonnell on today's Chief of Staff RGPPC COS call at 3 PM EDT.

To confirm on process, the goal is for RGPPC to be named as joining the amicus, as will Governor McDonnell individually. Duncan Getchell of the VA AG office will sign as a SCOTUS admitted attorney. The case will be styled as shown in the attached summary.

**What we need from you:**

1. **Legal teams and General Counsels:** Sign off that a majority of our governors are comfortable with RGPPC being named as joining the amicus. Questions or concerns regarding the legal brief should be directed to *Martin Kent, COS to Gov Bob McDonnell*, or *Matt Conrad, Deputy COS to Gov McDonnell*. **Please respond to Marie at [REDACTED] once you are comfortable from your state.**

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2. **Healthcare advisors and Action Officers:** We need additional data. Please find attached a document summarizing state mandates and burdens from PPACA. Additional thoughts are welcome and data is encouraged. You may send that information to Marie to be incorporated at [REDACTED].g.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter. About twice a year we have an important issue we need to turn around quickly—this is one of them. We appreciate your patience.

Best,  
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All of us at the Galen Institute send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and all the blessings of this beautiful season. We will be back in the new year with more reports as we enter this hugely consequential and decisive year over the future of our health sector and our freedom.

And we commend to you this excellent review that we were delighted to find this morning in *The American Spectator* by David Hogberg, economics correspondent for *Investor's Business Daily*.

David's advice: "If you need a last minute gift for that health-care policy wonk on your Christmas list, you cannot go wrong with *Why ObamaCare Is Wrong for America* by Grace-Marie Turner, James C. Capretta, Thomas P. Miller, and Robert E. Moffit. The book is written in such a lucid, down-to-earth style that it makes an excellent gift even for the person who is only marginally interested in health care."

All blessings to you and your family.



## The Gift That Keeps on Taking

*The American Spectator*

By David Hogberg

December 21, 2011

If you need a last minute gift for that health-care policy wonk on your Christmas list, you cannot go wrong with *Why ObamaCare Is Wrong for America* by Grace-Marie Turner, James C. Capretta, Thomas P. Miller, and Robert E. Moffit. The book is written in such a lucid, down-to-earth style that it makes an excellent gift even for the person who is only marginally interested in health care.

Turner, Capretta, Miller, and Moffit were vigorous participants in the debate over Obamacare, and had the powers that be listened to them we wouldn't be facing the burgeoning mess that we are. As Obamacare inevitably results in one disaster after another, having *Why ObamaCare Is Wrong for America* on your bookshelf will serve as an excellent reference for understanding why the disasters unfold the way they do.

While the whole book is well worth reading, two chapters stand out.

The first is "Impact on...Taxpayers," which recounts not only how Obamacare will burden taxpayers but also the accounting ruses used to give the appearance that it won't bust the budget. There are at least two cases in Obamacare of "bracket creep," where inflation pushes incomes into higher tax brackets. Starting in 2018, Obamacare levies a tax on "Cadillac" health plans costing over \$18,000

annually. While the tax is adjusted each year for inflation, health insurance almost always rises at a rate higher than inflation, meaning that over time more and more families will see their health plans subject to the tax. The second is a surtax on annual incomes for individuals making over \$200,000 annually and \$250,000 for families. The surtax amounts to 0.9% on wages and 3.8% on non-wage income. Yet the tax rate is not adjusted for inflation, so each year more and more taxpayers will be ensnared by it.

But those are only the taxes that are actually in the law. As the authors note:

ObamaCare is going to push government spending up even more than [the] best-case scenario numbers show, and the result will be to force even higher taxes on future generations of Americans. That becomes clear only when all of the gimmicks and unlikely assumptions that are hiding ObamaCare's true costs are stripped away.

The first gimmick entailed keeping the "10-year cost" of Obamacare to about \$1 trillion. To achieve this, the law contained 10 years of taxes with six-years of costs. That is, while the taxes for Obamacare began in 2010, the cost of supplying subsidies for insurance does not begin until 2014. It was this dishonesty that enabled supporters of the law to espouse the canard that it reduced the deficit by \$118 billion. The truth is the first 10 years of supplying insurance subsidies, 2014-2023, will leave taxpayers with a \$2.3 trillion bill.

Another gimmick is "double counting." Obamacare does this at least twice. It cuts Medicare benefits about \$450 billion over a decade to help pay for the insurance subsidies. But the Obama administration and Democrats also claimed that the savings would replenish the Medicare trust fund. That proved too much even for a Congressional Budget Office that, at the time, was in a Congress still controlled by Democrats. In a December 2009 report, the CBO "let it be known that the Medicare cuts couldn't be double-counted. Either they will pay for a new entitlement, or they will short up Medicare. But not both."

Obamacare pulled the same trick with the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports program, aka the "CLASS Act." The CLASS Act was intended to be a program that provided long-term care insurance. It was supposed to collect \$70 billion in premiums before any benefits were paid out. But "ObamaCare's authors could not resist the temptation to double dip. They set aside the premiums to pay for long-term care insurance claims, but they also counted the premiums to pay for ObamaCare's overall insurance expansion." In the end, there will be no \$70 billion for either purpose. The CLASS Act proved to be such a Ponzi scheme that Obama's Department of Health and Human Services eventually admitted that there was no way to make the program work.

The chapter "What You Can Do to Put the Brakes on ObamaCare" provides citizens with useful tools to keep the debate going into the 2012 election. President Obama and the Democrats will hope that Obamacare drops off the political radar next year. The chapter offers ways that people who are not politicians or pundits can prevent that from happening, such as calling in to talk-radio programs, writing letters to the editor, or starting a Facebook page dedicated to discussing the problems of Obamacare. And for the very ambitious, the chapter urges you to consider running for office. Of course, you can't go into the debate unarmed, so the chapter offers ten basic facts about Obamacare that you can memorize.

And if you need more, well, that's what the rest of the book is for.

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FYI- in WSJ. Daniels' op-ed on exchanges. Nice work, Debbie. An ObamaCare Appeal From the States Twenty-one governors representing more than 115 million Americans have written to Kathleen Sebelius asking for more flexibility on health-care reform. By MITCH DANIELS Unless you're in favor of a fully nationalized health-care system, the president's health-care reform law is a massive mistake. It will amplify all the big drivers of overconsumption and excessive pricing: "Why not, it's free?" reimbursement; "The more I do, the more I get" provider payment; and all the defensive medicine the trial bar's ingenuity can generate. All claims made for it were false. It will add trillions to the federal deficit. It will lead to a de facto government takeover of health care faster than most people realize, and as millions of Americans are added to the Medicaid rolls and millions more employees (including, watch for this, workers of bankrupt state governments) are dumped into the new exchanges. Many of us governors are hoping for either a judicial or legislative rescue from this impending disaster, and recent court decisions suggest there's a chance of that. But we can't count on a miracle—that's only permitted in Washington policy making. We have no choice but to prepare for the very real possibility that the law takes effect in 2014. For state governments, the bill presents huge new costs, as we are required to enroll 15 million to 20 million more people in our Medicaid systems. In Indiana, our independent actuaries have pegged the price to state taxpayers at \$2.6 billion to \$3 billion over the next 10 years. This is a huge burden for our state, and yet another incremental expenditure the law's authors declined to account for truthfully. Perhaps worse, the law expects to conscript the states as its agents in its takeover of health care. It assumes that we will set up and operate its new insurance "exchanges" for it, using our current welfare apparatuses to do the numbingly complex work of figuring out who is eligible for its subsidies, how much each person or family is eligible for, redetermining this eligibility regularly, and more. Then, we are supposed to oversee all the insurance plans in the exchanges for compliance with Washington's dictates about terms and prices. The default option if any state declines to participate is for the federal government to operate an exchange directly. Which got me thinking: If the new law is not repealed by 2013, what could be done to

reshape it in the direction of freedom and genuine cost control?

I have written to Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Services (HHS), saying that if her department wants Indiana to run its program for it, we will do so under the following conditions:

- We are given the flexibility to decide which insurers are permitted to offer their products.
- All the law's expensive benefit mandates are waived, so that our citizens aren't forced to buy benefits they don't need and have a range of choice that includes more affordable plans.
- The law's provisions discriminating against consumer-driven plans, such as health savings accounts, are waived.
- We are given the freedom to move Medicaid beneficiaries into the exchange, or to utilize new approaches to the traditional program, instead of herding hundreds of thousands more people into today's broken Medicaid system.
- Our state is reimbursed the true, full cost of the administrative burden to be imposed upon us, based on the estimate of an auditor independent of HHS.
- A trustworthy projection is commissioned, by a research organization independent of the department, of how many people are likely to wind up in the exchange, given the large incentives for employers to save money by off-loading their workers.

Obviously, this is a very different system than the one the legislation intends. Health care would be much more affordable, minus all the mandates, and plus the consumer consciousness that comes with health savings accounts and their kin. Enhanced by the state's ability to allow more insurers to participate and offer consumer-driven plans. Through greater flexibility in the management of Medicaid, the state might be able to reduce substantially the hidden tax increase that forced expansion of the program will impose.

Most fundamentally, the system we are proposing requires Washington to abandon most of the command-and-control aspects of the law as written. It steers away from nanny-state paternalism by assuming, recognizing and reinforcing the dignity of all our citizens and their right to make health care's highly personal decisions for themselves.

So why would Ms. Sebelius and HHS agree to this de facto rewrite of their treasured accomplishment? A glance at the recent fiasco of high-risk pools provides the answer. When a majority of states, including Indiana, declined to participate in setting up these pools, which cover those with high-cost, existing conditions, the task fell to HHS. As widely reported, it went poorly, with costs far above predictions and only a tiny fraction of the expected population signing up.

If the feds can't manage this little project, what should we expect if they attempt it on a scale hundreds of times larger and more complex? If it were only Indiana asking, I have no doubt that HHS would ignore us. But Indiana is not alone. So far, 21 states—including Pennsylvania, Texas and Louisiana—have signed the same letter. We represent more than 115 million Americans. Washington's attempt to set up eligibility and exchange bureaucracies in all these places would invite a first-rate operational catastrophe.

If there's to be a train wreck, we governors would rather be spectators than conductors. But if the federal government is willing to reroute the train to a different, more productive track, we are here to help.

Mr. Daniels, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## Another Day, Another Doomed ObamaCare PR Blitz Paid For By You, The Taxpayer

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“[A multipronged assault led by Republicans](#)” to repeal the job-crushing health care law has the Democrats who run Washington scrambling to try and repackage ObamaCare for its [first anniversary](#).

“[White House Seeks to Boost Public Support for Health Bill](#),” reads the headline in [today's Wall Street Journal](#). \*NOTE: Please do not confuse that headline with [this one](#) from January (“*Democrats Seek Right Message to Boost Health Care Law*,”) [this one](#) from June of last year (“*White House Mounts PR Blitz for Health Care Reform*,”) or [this one](#) from August ... of 2009 (“*White House Rethinks How It Sells Health Overhaul*.”)\*

Sure enough, much like its predecessors, this re-packaging is off to a rocky start:

- According to a new national survey out today, [barely one in four Americans](#) think their families will be better off under ObamaCare – a record low. The survey also shows **the share of Americans who say that both the cost and the quality of their health care will get worse under ObamaCare has reached new highs.**
- Much like when the Obama Administration's top economist admitted in October 2009 that the ill-fated 'stimulus' [had run its course](#), lawmakers admit many of the most “consumer-oriented

changes” in the health care law [have already kicked in](#). As a result, Administration officials will “fan out across the country” to try and sell things they admit have failed to win over the American people.

- “To help counter Republican criticism,” the Obama Administration is trying to signal “more flexibility” for states, yet the Health & Human Services Secretary “is showing [no signs she will bend the rules when it comes to states’ biggest concerns](#).” Of course, [more than 1,000 exceptions](#) have been made for employers and unions, but who’s counting?
- Several House Democratic leaders [didn’t even show up for a press conference](#) yesterday marking the anniversary. (Perhaps they were off fretting over “[losing the messaging battle over spending](#),” too.)

Whether it’s the spending binge in Washington or ObamaCare, Democrats’ core problem isn’t bad messaging: it’s continuing to support bad policies that ignore the will of the people and make it harder to them to find and create jobs.

[Instead of spending taxpayer dollars trying to resell ObamaCare, why not save money \(and jobs\) by repealing the law and replacing it with common-sense reforms that lower costs and protect jobs?](#) Since January, the new House majority has voted to fully [repeal the \\$2.6 trillion health care law](#); to [defund the law](#) as part of H.R. 1; and to repeal the job-destroying [1099 small business mandate](#). This week, Speaker Boehner announced the House will soon vote to [eliminate mandatory spending slush funds](#) in ObamaCare. What’s more, [a majority of states](#) are challenging the law in court.

While Democrats are still trying to hit the reset button on ObamaCare, Republicans are looking forward and setting the table for an honest dialogue about the need for action on the job-crushing spending binge in Washington. This dialogue will include the explosive growth of autopilot entitlement spending – which ObamaCare has only exacerbated.

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## Appendix: Questions

1. If a state assumes the responsibility of overseeing plan management and consumer enrollment assistance in the Partnership Exchange, to what degree will the Federal government revert a portion of the user fees back to that state?
2. What type of flexibility do states have when building and deploying IT infrastructure to support seamless information exchange between their Medicaid programs and Exchanges?
3. How can states find information on approved RFPs or bids from states that have completed steps toward building a State Exchange?
4. Will HHS/CMS be able to extend deadlines to accommodate additional time states are seeking to complete the IT procurement process?
5. To what degree should there be alignment between qualified health plans (QHPs) operating in the Exchange and those operating outside of the Exchange (e.g. network adequacy, coverage effective days, performance standards etc.)?
6. What would the governance structures for the Federally-facilitated Exchange and Partnership Exchange look like? To what extent will states have representation on the governance board?
7. What does the required MOU agreement look like and what is the timeline for creating that agreement with states that will be participating in a Federal Exchange?
8. What are the potential costs to states who participate in the Federal Exchange and how are they calculated?
9. Is there a list of services that HHS would be willing to subcontract to states (i.e. patient navigators) that participate in the Federal Exchange?
10. Will states that expand Medicaid coverage up to a level below 133 percent of the federal poverty limit (FPL), for example up to 100 percent FPL, still receive the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available for “newly covered” populations?
11. Can states phase in expansion of newly covered populations over several years? If states do expand Medicaid coverage, can they scale back the expansion in the future as fiscal conditions change?
12. When will HHS issue the regulations and methodology for reductions in Disproportionate Share allotments? Two, for a state that does not see a decrease in its uninsured population, will the remaining state absorb the full reduction? In addition, can a state implement a new DSH Diversion program as part of the optional expansion? Can a state implement new DSH Diversion programs for services to the uninsured/uncompensated care services?
13. What are the effects of continuing uncompensated care if Medicaid not expanded
14. What will the increase in demand for health care do to prices for everyone?

15. What are the macro-economic effects on state economies by, for example, expanding employment?
16. What additional health care workers will be needed to create adequate access?
17. What incentives will employers have to move workers into expanded Medicaid
18. What incentives will states have to move beneficiaries into the exchanges?
19. Will states be able to pay exchange premiums for beneficiaries if they do not expand Medicaid?
20. What is the cost to the state of programs/services that would be paid under expanded Medicaid; e.g., community mental health?
21. Will states that previously expanded coverage to the childless adult group be eligible for enhanced FFP even if they decide not to proceed with further expansion to the optional adult group?
22. What is the formal process for exercising the option to expand? Is it a submission for approval to expand or a submission to opt of the expansion?

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**Alex Azar, II**, President, Lilly USA, Eli Lilly and Company

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Dear Dr. Splinter:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducts evaluations to improve the integrity of HHS programs. OIG is conducting an evaluation to determine the extent to which States are prepared to implement the streamlined eligibility and enrollment requirements of Section 1413 (attached) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) by January 1, 2014. This evaluation will also determine the extent to which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) guidance assists States in implementing the streamlined eligibility and enrollment requirements of the ACA.

In order to conduct this evaluation, we will request that each State complete a brief survey regarding the steps the State has taken or plans to take to implement Section 1413, the challenges the State anticipates with regard to implementing Section 1413, and the helpfulness of the CMS guidance the State has received regarding Section 1413. Please provide us with the name(s) of the staff who should respond to this survey for your State. The respondent(s) should be the staff who are most knowledgeable about the steps the State has taken or plans to take with regard to implementing the requirements of Section 1413, as well as the guidance received from CMS regarding streamlined eligibility and enrollment. There may be multiple respondents. The respondent(s) may be employed by the Medicaid agency or another agency in your State. If they are employed by the Medicaid agency, please provide their contact information, including name, address, telephone number, and email address. If they are employed by another agency in your State, please provide us with information for the appropriate point of contact at that agency. Please email the contact information to [michala.walker@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:michala.walker@oig.hhs.gov) by Friday, January 13, 2012.

One of the goals of this evaluation is to provide information to CMS on what information and guidance States still need to implement the requirements of Section 1413. Prompt responses to both the request for a contact person, and to the forthcoming online survey will ensure OIG provides timely information to CMS on this issue. The Inspector General Act [5 U.S.C. App 3, section 6(a)(1)] authorizes our access to this information. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact my office at 816-426-5959 and ask for a member of the State Readiness team.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Pattison  
Regional Inspector General  
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Attachment

*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*  
*Section 1413*

Eligibility and Enrollment Systems

- The Secretary of HHS must establish a system in which residents of each State may apply for enrollment, receive a determination of eligibility, and participate in applicable State health subsidy programs.\*
  - Eligibility and enrollment systems must ensure that individuals applying for any of these State health subsidy programs are enrolled in the correct program.
- \* Section 2201 of ACA requires States to participate and comply with this requirement; we expect that most, if not all, States will establish their own eligibility and enrollment systems.

Application Forms

- Each State must use a single streamlined application form that may be:
  - used to apply for enrollment in all of its State health subsidy programs;
  - filed online, in person, or by mail, telephone, or facsimile;
  - filed with any of its State health subsidy programs; and
  - easily completed by applicants.

Data Sharing and Data Matching

- Each State must develop a secure electronic interface that allows sharing of eligibility data between all of its State health subsidy programs in order to coordinate and verify information regarding an applicant's eligibility.
- To the maximum extent practicable, each State health subsidy program shall establish, verify, and update eligibility using data matching arrangements, and determine applicant eligibility on the basis of reliable third party data.
- States must establish data sharing agreements with the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Homeland Security.

December 22, 2011

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Dear Dr. Splinter:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires many changes to Medicaid and other state health subsidy programs over the next few years. Both the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) are conducting studies of changes to Medicaid eligibility required by ACA. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of two requests related to our respective studies that you and your staff will be receiving in the coming weeks. While OIG and GAO are coordinating our data collection activities for these two studies so as to avoid duplication to the greatest extent possible, they are separate projects and require separate responses. Please respond to each request as you receive them.

Within OIG, the Office of Evaluation and Inspections is conducting an evaluation to determine the extent to which states are prepared to implement the streamlined eligibility and enrollment requirements of Section 1413 of the ACA by January 1, 2014. This evaluation will also determine the extent to which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) guidance assists states in implementing the streamlined eligibility and enrollment requirements of the ACA. For this evaluation, you will receive a request to identify a contact person knowledgeable about your state's preparations to implement Section 1413, and the guidance you have received regarding Section 1413. Then that contact person will receive a request to complete an online survey regarding those preparations and guidance.

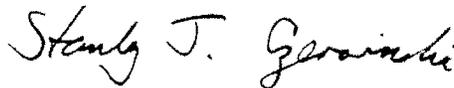
GAO is an independent, nonpartisan, federal agency that assists the U.S. Congress in evaluating federal programs. Congress has asked GAO to assess the status of states' efforts to implement Medicaid Expansion and establish American Health Benefit Exchanges by January 1, 2014. As part of this assessment, GAO will conduct a series of structured telephone interviews with Medicaid Directors in a number of selected states to discuss Medicaid expansion efforts. At the same time, GAO will administer an on-line survey to a designated budget representative in each of the 50 states to evaluate the implications of implementing Medicaid expansion and establishing health benefit exchanges on state budget planning efforts.

If you have questions regarding the OIG evaluation, please contact the office at 816-426-5959 and ask for a member of the state readiness team; if you have questions regarding the GAO study, please contact Brenda Rabinowitz, Assistant Director at 202-512-8706.

Sincerely,



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All- for today's staff call at 4:30 PM EST—please find attached:

1. Agenda
2. Medicaid overview
3. Medicaid overview from Politico, attached and <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0612/77945.html>

More information will be provided as we complete analysis.

Reminder, our governors will discuss all of this on their governors-only call on 7/3. Information was forwarded earlier this week to you and your schedulers.

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All: Quick update on the Medicaid opinion.

1. **CALL SCHEDULED FOR TODAY:** We will host a call at 4:30 EST today to discuss moving parts with a team of experts. [REDACTED] access code [REDACTED]

2. **PRESS:** We realize many of you are torn with what to say regarding the Medicaid expansion piece in your public states. We request that you continue indicate that your state is studying the opinion. We will discuss this today on the call. We will discuss Medicaid expansion, MOEs, healthcare exchanges and a number of other questions you might have. While the expansion piece is voluntary, Medicaid is still a regulatory mess and other pieces of PPACA for states appear to be intact.

Thanks,  
Marie

More:

<http://www.scotusblog.com/2012/06/court-holds-that-states-have-choice-whether-to-join-medicaid-expansion/>

## Court holds that states have choice whether to join medicaid expansion

The Court's decision on the constitutionality of the Medicaid expansion is divided and complicated. The bottom line is that: (1) Congress acted constitutionally in offering states funds to expand coverage to millions of new individuals; (2) So states can agree to expand coverage in exchange for those new funds; (3) If the state accepts the expansion funds, it must obey by the new rules and expand coverage; (4) but a state can refuse to participate in the expansion without losing *all* of its Medicaid funds; instead the state will have the option of continue the its current, unexpanded plan as is.

The votes for this outcome are divided among several opinions. Three Justices – the Chief, Justice Kagan, and Justice Breyer – took the position that depriving a state of *all* of its Medicaid funding for refusing to agree to the new expansion would exceed Congress's power under the Spending Clause. Although Congress may attach conditions to federal funds, they concluded, it may not coerce states into accepting those conditions. And in this case, taking away all the states' funds for the entirety of its Medicaid program just because it disagreed with a piece of the program would be coercive. But the remedy for that constitutional violation is not to declare the expansion unconstitutional – such that even states that want to participate would not have the option. Instead, the plurality held that the provision of the statute that authorized the Government to cut off all funds for non-compliance with the expansion was unconstitutional. The result is that states can choose to participate in the expansion, must comply with the conditions attached to the new expansion funds if they take that new money, but states can also choose to continue to participate only in the

unexpanded version of the program if they want.

Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor would have held the entire expansion program constitutional, even the provision threatening to cut off all funding unless states agreed to the expansion. Their votes created a majority for the proposition that the overall expansion was constitutional, and that states could choose to participate in the expansion and would have to comply with the expansion conditions if they did.

But there was still no majority about what to do about the states that do not want to participate in the expansion – the Chief Justice's 3-Justice plurality voted to strike down the provision allowing the Government to withhold all funds from states that reject the expansion; Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor voted to uphold it.

The deadlock was broken by the dissenters. Justice Scalia – writing on behalf of himself, and Justices Kennedy, Thomas, and Alito – agreed with the Chief's plurality that the threat to withhold all funds was unconstitutionally coercive. But they would have held that the consequence is that the entire expansion program should be stricken. The result would have been that even states that wanted to participate in the program could not. The plurality's approach of simply striking down the provision that allowed withholding *all* funds if the state refused the expansion was, in the dissenters' view, tantamount to rewriting the statute.

At this point, that meant that there were 2 votes to uphold the expansion in its entirety, 4 votes to strike the entire expansion down, and 3 votes to strike down only the provision withholding all funds for non-compliance with the expansion mandate. So where does that leave things?

Fortunately (for the sake of clarity at least), Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor resolved the ambiguity by voting with the plurality on the remedy question. That is, these Justices voted that *if* the statute was unconstitutionally coercive, then the remedy would be only to strike down the all-or-nothing sanction.

The consequence was a bottom line of 7 Justices – the Chief, Breyer, Kagan and the four dissenters – finding the expansion unconstitutional. But a different majority – the Chief, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan – held that the remedy for the violation was to strike down only the provision allowing the federal government to withhold *all* Medicaid funds unless a state agrees to the expansion.

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**Subject:** Attachments: SCOTUS Medicaid decision: call today at 4:30 EST  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:14:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012\\_06\\_28\\_Medicaid\\_Conf\\_Call\\_agenda.docx](#)  
[2012\\_06\\_28\\_Medicaid\\_Scotus\\_Highlights.docx](#)  
[2012\\_06\\_28\\_Politico\\_Overview\\_of\\_Medicaid.pdf](#)

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All- for today's staff call at 4:30 PM EST—please find attached:

1. Agenda
2. Medicaid overview
3. Medicaid overview from Politico, attached and <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0612/77945.html>

More information will be provided as we complete analysis.

Reminder, our governors will discuss all of this on their governors-only call on 7/3. Information was forwarded earlier this week to you and your schedulers.

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All: Quick update on the Medicaid opinion.

1. **CALL SCHEDULED FOR TODAY:** We will host a call at 4:30 EST today to discuss moving parts with a team of experts. [REDACTED] access code [REDACTED]

2. **PRESS:** We realize many of you are torn with what to say regarding the Medicaid expansion piece in your public states. We request that you continue indicate that your state is studying the opinion. We will discuss this today on the call. We will discuss Medicaid expansion, MOEs, healthcare exchanges and a number of other questions you might have. While the expansion piece is voluntary, Medicaid is still a regulatory mess and other pieces of PPACA for states appear to be intact.

Thanks,  
Marie

More:

<http://www.scotusblog.com/2012/06/court-holds-that-states-have-choice-whether-to-join-medicaid-expansion/>

## Court holds that states have choice whether to join medicaid expansion

The Court's decision on the constitutionality of the Medicaid expansion is divided and complicated. The bottom line is that: (1) Congress acted constitutionally in offering states funds to expand coverage to millions of new individuals; (2) So states can agree to expand coverage in exchange for those new funds; (3) If the state accepts the expansion funds, it must obey by the new rules and expand coverage; (4) but a state can refuse to participate in the expansion without losing *all* of its Medicaid funds; instead the state will have the option of continue the its current, unexpanded plan as is.

The votes for this outcome are divided among several opinions. Three Justices – the Chief, Justice Kagan, and Justice Breyer – took the position that depriving a state of *all* of its Medicaid funding for refusing to agree to the new expansion would exceed Congress's power under the Spending Clause. Although Congress may attach conditions to federal funds, they concluded, it may not coerce states into accepting those conditions. And in this case, taking away all the states' funds for the entirety of its Medicaid program just because it disagreed with a piece of the program would be coercive. But the remedy for that constitutional violation is not to declare the expansion unconstitutional – such that even states that want to participate would not have the option. Instead, the plurality held that the provision of the statute that authorized the Government to cut off all funds for non-compliance with the expansion was unconstitutional. The result is that states can choose to participate in the expansion, must comply with the conditions attached to the new expansion funds if they take that new money, but states can also choose to continue to participate only in the

unexpanded version of the program if they want.

Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor would have held the entire expansion program constitutional, even the provision threatening to cut off all funding unless states agreed to the expansion. Their votes created a majority for the proposition that the overall expansion was constitutional, and that states could choose to participate in the expansion and would have to comply with the expansion conditions if they did.

But there was still no majority about what to do about the states that do not want to participate in the expansion – the Chief Justice's 3-Justice plurality voted to strike down the provision allowing the Government to withhold all funds from states that reject the expansion; Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor voted to uphold it.

The deadlock was broken by the dissenters. Justice Scalia – writing on behalf of himself, and Justices Kennedy, Thomas, and Alito – agreed with the Chief's plurality that the threat to withhold all funds was unconstitutionally coercive. But they would have held that the consequence is that the entire expansion program should be stricken. The result would have been that even states that wanted to participate in the program could not. The plurality's approach of simply striking down the provision that allowed withholding *all* funds if the state refused the expansion was, in the dissenters' view, tantamount to rewriting the statute.

At this point, that meant that there were 2 votes to uphold the expansion in its entirety, 4 votes to strike the entire expansion down, and 3 votes to strike down only the provision withholding all funds for non-compliance with the expansion mandate. So where does that leave things?

Fortunately (for the sake of clarity at least), Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor resolved the ambiguity by voting with the plurality on the remedy question. That is, these Justices voted that *if* the statute was unconstitutionally coercive, then the remedy would be only to strike down the all-or-nothing sanction.

The consequence was a bottom line of 7 Justices – the Chief, Breyer, Kagan and the four dissenters – finding the expansion unconstitutional. But a different majority – the Chief, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan – held that the remedy for the violation was to strike down only the provision allowing the federal government to withhold *all* Medicaid funds unless a state agrees to the expansion.

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## FFIS Weekly Update – August 28, 2012

### GENERAL

**August 27, 2012: OMB Publishes Updated Sequester Report for FY 2013** The Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA, P.L. 112-25) reinstated the limits on discretionary spending. As such, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to issue a report on the overall status of discretionary legislation by August 20<sup>th</sup> of each year. The report provides OMB's current estimates of the spending limits set forth in the BCA and its scoring of pending appropriations legislation against those limits. Click here for the report: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative\\_reports/sequestration](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative_reports/sequestration)

### AGRICULTURE

**August 24, 2012: USDA Announces \$26 Million in Conservation Innovation Grants** The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) awarded \$26 million in Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to 59 entities across 47 states to support projects that test and prove innovative approaches to conserving private lands. More information on the new CIG awards can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/96bb8k8>

**August 22, 2012: USDA Announces New Rural Economic Development Funding for Six States** USDA announced that six states—Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and South Dakota—will receive grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program to help spur economic development and create jobs. To read more about the new grants, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/8gmfwue>

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**August 27, 2012: SAMHSA Announces Statewide Family Network Program Grants** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded six new grants, totaling \$1.1 million, to enhance state capacity and infrastructure under the Statewide Family Network Program. More information on the program and grantees can be found at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1208271827.aspx>

**August 27, 2012: GAO Issues Report on Medicaid Long-Term Care** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted a study on states' requirements and practices for assessing the financial eligibility of applicants for Medicaid long-term care coverage. It found that states varied in the extent to which they obtained information to verify applicants' assets. The full report can be accessed at: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-749>

**August 24, 2012: CMS Provides Additional Information on Managing Psychotropic Medications for Vulnerable Populations** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published an informational bulletin to inform states about additional opportunities and resources to address the use

of psychotropic drugs in vulnerable populations: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/CIB-08-24-12.pdf>

**August 24, 2012: GAO Releases Report on Home Energy Assistance for Low-Income Occupants of Manufactured Homes** GAO released the following study that examines whether the federal government could save Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds by improving the energy efficiency of older manufactured homes or replacing them with newer, more energy efficient models: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-848R>

**August 23, 2012: ACF Revises Notification Process for Refugee Social Services and Targeted Assistance Formula Grant Allocations** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced that it will no longer publish an annual funding opportunity announcement for these refugee assistance programs. Instead, it will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* as well as post detailed allocation tables on its website. More information is available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-23/pdf/2012-20798.pdf>

**August 23, 2012: ACF Updates TANF Question and Answer Document** ACF posted new information related to an inquiry about the use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for the purchase or lease of a trailer or modular unit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/polquest/usefunds.htm>

**August 22, 2012: ACF's Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) Requests Comments on New System** OCSE is seeking comment on its proposal for a new application, the Child Support Document Exchange System (CSDS), designed to collect and maintain child-support case information. Click here for details: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-22/pdf/2012-20565.pdf>

**August 21, 2012: ACF Seeks Feedback on CSBG and LIHEAP** ACF's Office of Community Services (OCS) is administering a customer service survey on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and LIHEAP. It released the following letter to encourage grantees to respond: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/dearcolleagues/CFI\\_Feedback.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/dearcolleagues/CFI_Feedback.html)

**August 6, 2012: LIHEAP Program Integrity Group Releases Final Report** The LIHEAP Program Integrity Working Group released the following report outlining recommendations for improving program integrity: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/dearcolleagues/2012\\_dear\\_collegague\\_pwig\\_report.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/dearcolleagues/2012_dear_collegague_pwig_report.html)

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

**August 24, 2012: CMS Extends Deadline for State Innovation Models Applications** CMS extended the deadline to September 24, 2012, for its new competitive funding opportunity for states to design and test multi-payer payment and delivery models: <http://www.innovations.cms.gov/>

**August 24, 2012: HHS Announces New Health Care Standards, Delays New Coding** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a final rule to establish a unique health plan identifier, in an effort to simplify the billing process. In addition, the rule makes final a one-year delay, from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014, in the compliance date for use of new codes that classify diseases and health problems. For more details, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/08/20120824e.html>

**August 24, 2012: New Consumer Assistance Program Grants Awarded** The Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) announced \$20 million in new funding for 24 states and

territories under the Consumer Assistance Program. For a list of awardees as well as how each jurisdiction will use the new resources, click here:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2010/10/cap-grants.html>

**August 23, 2012: HHS Announces New Exchange Establishment Grants** HHS announced that eight states (California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Nevada, New York, and Vermont) have received new grants to help support the establishment of the health insurance exchanges:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/08/20120823a.html>

**August 23, 2012: HHS Releases New Requirements for Electronic Health Records** HHS issued the stage 2 final requirements that hospitals and providers must meet to qualify for Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments as well as the criteria that electronic health records must meet to achieve certification: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/08/20120823b.html>

**August 22, 2012: CMS Innovation Center Announces 500 Practices to Participate in Primary Care Initiative** The CMS Innovation Center announced that it has tapped 500 practices in seven states and regions to participate in a new public-private partnership as part of the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative: <http://www.innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/Comprehensive-Primary-Care-Initiative/index.html>

## HOUSING

**HUD Announces Finalists in Choice Neighborhoods Grant Competition** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that nine applicants are finalists to compete for approximately \$110 million in FY 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grants to transform public and other HUD-assisted housing in targeted neighborhoods. HUD anticipates naming four to five grant recipients later this year. Click here for more information:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2012/HUDNo.12-134](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2012/HUDNo.12-134)

## INTERIOR

**August 23, 2012: DOI Announces \$5.7 Million in State Wildlife Conservation Competitive Grants** The Department of Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) awarded more than \$5.7 million in grants to seven state fish and wildlife agencies to help conserve and recover imperiled species and habitats through the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Competitive Program. Further information on the grants and a list of awardees can be found here: <http://onlinepressroom.net/fws/>

## LABOR

**August 21, 2012: DOL Issues Guidance on Improving Overpayment Detection and Recovery Efforts** The Department of Labor (DOL) provided guidance to states about their ongoing responsibilities for preventing, detecting, and recovering improper payments of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC), Extended Benefits (EB), and Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) programs. The guidance also informs states of a new management information measure to capture states' progress in conducting and improving their program integrity activities related to these programs. To view DOL's guidance, click here: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL\\_29\\_12.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_29_12.pdf)

**August 21, 2012: DOL Announces \$11.5 Million in Veterans' Workforce Investment Grants** DOL awarded grants totaling \$11.53 million to organizations in 11 states through the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program. DOL's announcement can be accessed here: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/vets/VETS20121738.htm>

**August 20, 2012: DOL Announces Supplemental Funding for UI Integrity Center of Excellence** DOL notified states of the opportunity to apply for funds to become the lead state in establishing a national Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Center of Excellence. The center will develop and promote innovative UI program integrity strategies to reduce improper payments and prevent and detect fraud. More information on the new funding opportunity can be found here: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL\\_28-12.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_28-12.pdf)

## **NUTRITION**

**August 24, 2012: FNS Issues Guidance on Medical Loss Ratio** USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued guidance to states on how to treat medical loss ratio rebates received by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households. The Affordable Care Act (ACA, P.L. 111-148) mandates that insurance carriers must reimburse consumers if less than 80% of premiums are spent on medical care. The complete guidance can be accessed here: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Regulations/pdfs/082412.pdf>

**August 23, 2012: FNS Issues Final Rule on FDPIR** FNS issued a final rule on the requirements for the allocation of administrative funds under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and the Food Distribution Program for Indian Households in Oklahoma (FDPIR). The final rule updates the current regulations to insure that administrative funding is allocated in a fair and equitable manner and revises FDPIR regulations to clarify current program requirements relative to the distribution of administrative funds to Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and state agencies. A copy of the final rule can be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-23/pdf/2012-20377.pdf>

**August 23, 2012: FNS Awards Child Nutrition Administrative Review and Training Grants** FNS awarded grants to two states—Alaska and Massachusetts—under the Child Nutrition Administrative Review and Training Grant Program. These grants will help the states improve their operational accuracy in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. To read more about the grants, click here: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/PressReleases/2012/FNS-5.htm>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**August 27, 2012: DOT Announces More Than \$1.5 Million in State Pipeline Safety Grants** The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced more than \$1.5 million in grants to 22 states for pipeline damage prevention programs. Click here for details: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/phmsa2212.html>

**August 23, 2012: DOT Announces Creation of Freight Policy Council** DOT announced the launch of the Freight Policy Council, which will focus on improving the condition and performance of the national freight network. The council will develop a national, intermodal plan for improving the efficiency of freight movement and will work with states to develop a state freight strategy. The Freight Policy Council will implement the freight provisions of the recently enacted transportation reauthorization legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). Click here for more information: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/dot9812.html>

**August 23, 2012: DOT Requests Comments on New FHWA Research and Development Website** DOT's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is requesting comments from stakeholders on a new Research, Development, and Technology Agenda website, intended to ensure that federal research, development, and technology (RD&T) activities are addressing the most critical national challenges. Click here for more information: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-23/pdf/2012-20679.pdf>

**August 22, 2012: DOT Announces New Grant Program to Fight Distracted Driving** DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced a new grant program that will provide approximately \$17.5 million to states that have laws banning distracted driving in FY 2013. DOT's press release is here: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/nhtsa3612.html>

The *Federal Register* notice is available here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-24/pdf/2012-20926.pdf>



## Oklahoma City is Quickly Becoming the Medical Tourism Destination for Oncology Treatment

Oklahoma City Market Overview Now Available from HealthLeaders-InterStudy



Press Release Source: HealthLeaders-InterStudy On Tuesday May 3, 2011, 10:00 am EDT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- HealthLeaders-InterStudy, a leading provider of managed care market intelligence, reports that Oklahoma City is quickly becoming the medical tourism destination for oncology care in the United States. According to the recent *Oklahoma City Market Overview*, health systems in Oklahoma City are offering proton therapy treatments that are only available in a handful of locations nationwide, and the focus on this specialty radiation treatment in this area will generate additional research funding.

OU Medicine will open a cancer center offering proton therapy in late 2011, positioning itself to compete with market leaders INTEGRIS Health/ProCure Proton Therapy Center. Patients from 23 states, as well as international patients, have already sought treatment at INTEGRIS. While two proton therapy centers will make this location a hot spot, officials maintain that supply will continue to exceed demand. Other health systems in the area will need to amp up their cancer services in order to compete for market share, such as Mercy Health System of Oklahoma, which has already hired 11 oncologists to compete with the two largest system's cancer programs.

"Health systems in the Oklahoma City market are really carving out a name for themselves in cancer care, thanks to the focus on proton therapy oncology treatment," said HealthLeaders-InterStudy Market Analyst Jenny Kerr. "As the city becomes a destination for cancer care, the pharmaceutical industry may find more clinical trials and pharmacy opportunities across the entire state."

In addition to providing detailed analysis of oncology care expansion in the Oklahoma City market, *the Oklahoma City Market Overview* provides local-level insights about:

- The movement by providers toward programs such as medical homes
- Cities across the state that have become hot spots for facility expansions
- Proposed hospital fees and how it would affect the amount of federal matching funds the state receives to run its Medicaid program

### Why Pharmaceutical Sales Representatives Need Market Overviews

*Market Overviews* provide a detailed analysis of local healthcare market drivers in 87 of the nation's most dynamic metro areas. Market Overviews are updated throughout the year based on market events, allowing sales reps to be more nimble in their sales efforts.

### About HealthLeaders-InterStudy

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## **"Need surgery? Try the heartland.**

By Anne Kates Smith  
Kiplinger's Personal Finance  
Sunday, January 4, 2009; Page F03

You've heard of medical patients traveling abroad to save on everything from hip replacements to nose jobs. But how about heading to Wichita or Oklahoma City? More Americans are discovering medical tourism right here in the United States.

In 2007, Thomas Van Buskirk, 64, a chiropractor in Oakland, Calif., had a blocked carotid artery and no insurance. He'd have paid \$70,000 to have surgery at a Bay Area hospital, and \$12,000 plus travel expenses to do it in India. Then he found Oklahoma Heart Hospital, which did the surgery for just \$15,000.

"The hospital was new, all-digital, with good food, and the doctor had done hundreds of these surgeries," he says.

Brokers such as Vancouver-based North American Surgery, which helped Van Buskirk, and traditional medical-tourism outfits, such as Healthbase, in Boston, are connecting patients with U.S. hospitals willing to compete on price with providers overseas and across town.

Galichia Heart Hospital, in Wichita, recently lowered its price for a coronary bypass to a flat \$10,000. The hospital discounts a number of procedures for patients willing to pay cash upfront, including a hip replacement for \$12,000 -- about one-third of the going U.S. rate. Discounts stem in part from a building boom that is now putting pressure on administrators to fill new facilities.

For now, many domestic medical tourists are uninsured. But Towers Perrin consultant Michael Taylor says interest has picked up among employers. And Healthplace America markets a travel-for-care benefit directly to health plans that promises discounts, including travel and lodging, on surgeries performed in 10 U.S. cities"

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forum/oklahoma-city/528439-medical-tourism-okc-oklahoma-city-thomas.html#ixzz1O40dUfOH>

# Travel Market Report

## Tips & Trends

### HUNGARY, TURKEY, OKLAHOMA SEE GAINS IN MEDICAL TRAVEL

by Nick Verrastro

May 19, 2011

#### Oklahoma City Attracting Oncology Patients

Oklahoma City is becoming a leading destination for oncology care in the U.S., according to HealthLeaders-InterStudy, which provides managed care market intelligence to the pharmaceutical industry. Health systems in Oklahoma City are offering proton therapy treatments that are only available in a handful of locations nationwide, HealthLeaders' recent Oklahoma City Market Overview reported.

OU Medicine will open a cancer center offering proton therapy later this year, positioning itself to compete with the Integris Health/ProCure Proton Therapy Center in Oklahoma City, according to the report. Patients from 23 states, as well as international patients, have already sought treatment at Integris. Other Oklahoma City health systems are likely to beef up their cancer services to compete for market share, according to HealthLeaders. Mercy Health System of Oklahoma has already hired 11 additional oncologists.

#### Regional Medical Tourism Will Drive Growth

Regional medical tourism will drive the industry's growth in the future, according to Ian Youngman, a writer and researcher specializing in insurance and health care issues. In a recent blogpost on the International Medical Travel Journal site, Youngman makes the case that rising travel costs due to increased gas prices, and the political/cultural influences shaping national health delivery systems, and other factors are changing the direction of medical travel. Europeans will stay in or near Europe, North Americans will travel for medical care to Central and South America, and Asian, African and Middle Eastern medical travelers will seek local treatment, he said. The U.K. based Youngman was a co-founder of The General Insurance Market Research Association in Britain.

Youngman sees an emerging opportunity for medical tourism in a shift of the costs of preventative medicine to individuals. "Doctors are now openly arguing something they would not have discussed a few years ago - whether people should be forced to pay for self-imposed health problems from obesity, smoking, failure to exercise etc. - and the state withdraw help," he wrote. "This is where medical tourism can take over from state healthcare, as individuals are forced/encouraged to look after their bodies. People service their cars regularly and pay for repairs and improvements, leaving insurance only to pay for accident damage. So the logic is that state healthcare should pay for the unexpected, but not for the annual service, running repairs, cosmetic improvements or damage brought on by areas that people can control (smoking, obesity, lack of exercise, children)."

## Particle Therapy Cooperative Group

### Particle therapy facilities in operation (incl. patient statistics):

| WHO, WHERE                 | COUNTRY      | PARTICLE | MAX. CLINICAL ENERGY (MeV) | BEAM DIRECTION     | START OF TREATMENT | TOTAL PATIENTS TREATED | DATE OF TOTAL |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| ITEP, Moscow               | Russia       | p        | 250                        | 1 horiz.           | 1969               | 4246                   | Dec-10        |
| St.Petersburg              | Russia       | p        | 1000                       | 1 horiz.           | 1975               | 1362                   | Dec-10        |
| PSI, Villigen              | Switzerland  | p        | 72                         | 1 horiz.           | 1984               | 5458                   | Oct-10        |
| Dubna                      | Russia       | p        | 200****                    | horiz.             | 1999               | 720                    | Dec-10        |
| Uppsala                    | Sweden       | p        | 200                        | 1 horiz.           | 1989               | 1000                   | Dec-10        |
| Clatterbridge              | England      | p        | 62                         | 1 horiz.           | 1989               | 2021                   | Dec-10        |
| Loma Linda                 | CA.,USA      | p        | 250                        | 3 gantry, 1 horiz. | 1990               | 15000                  | Jan-11        |
| Nice                       | France       | p        | 65                         | 1 horiz.           | 1991               | 4209                   | Dec-10        |
| Orsay                      | France       | p*****   | 230                        | 1 gantry, 1 horiz. | 1991               | 5216                   | Dec-10        |
| iThemba Labs               | South Africa | p        | 200                        | 1 horiz.           | 1993               | 511                    | Dec-09        |
| IU Health PTC, Bloomington | IN.,USA      | p        | 200                        | 2 gantry, 1 horiz. | 2004               | 1145                   | Dec-10        |
| UCSF                       | CA.,USA      | p        | 60                         | 1 horiz.           | 1994               | 1285                   | Dec-10        |
| HIMAC, Chiba               | Japan        | C-ion    | 800/u                      | horiz.,vertical    | 1994               | 5497                   | Aug-10        |
| TRIUMF, Vancouver          | Canada       | p        | 72                         | 1 horiz.           | 1995               | 152                    | Dec-10        |
| PSI, Villigen              | Switzerland  | p**      | 250*                       | 1 gantry, 1 horiz. | 1996               | 772                    | Dec-10        |
| G.S.I. Darmstadt           | Germany      | C-ion**  | 430/u                      | 1 horiz.           | 1997               | 440                    | Nov-09        |
| HZB (HMI), Berlin          | Germany      | p        | 72                         | 1 horiz.           | 1998               | 1660                   | Dec-10        |
| NCC, Kashiwa               | Japan        | p        | 235                        | 2 gantry           | 1998               | 772                    | Dec-10        |
| HIBMC,Hyogo                | Japan        | p        | 230                        | 1 gantry           | 2001               | 2382                   | Nov-09        |
| HIBMC,Hyogo                | Japan        | C-ion    | 320                        | horiz.,vertical    | 2002               | 638                    | Nov-09        |
| PMRC(2), Tsukuba           | Japan        | p        | 250                        | gantry             | 2001               | 1849                   | Dec-10        |
| NPTC, MGH Boston           | MA.,USA      | p        | 235                        | 2 gantry, 1 horiz. | 2001               | 4967                   | Dec-10        |
| INFN-LNS, Catania          | Italy        | p        | 60                         | 1 horiz.           | 2002               | 174                    | Mar-09        |
| Shizuoka                   | Japan        | p        | 235                        | gantry, horiz.     | 2003               | 986                    | Dec-10        |
| WERC, Tsuruga              | Japan        | p        | 200                        | 1 horiz.,vertical  | 2002               | 62                     | Dec-09        |
| WPTC, Zibo                 | China        | p        | 230                        | 2 gantry, 1 horiz. | 2004               | 1078                   | Dec-10        |

## Particle Therapy Cooperative Group

### Particle therapy facilities in operation (incl. patient statistics):

|                                    |             |         |       |                                    |      |                   |        |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------|
| MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston | TX.,USA     | p***    | 250   | 3 gantry, 1 horiz.                 | 2006 | 2700              | Apr-11 |
| UFPTI, Jacksonville                | FL.,USA     | p       | 230   | 3 gantry, 1 horiz.                 | 2006 | 2679              | Dec-10 |
| NCC, Ilsan                         | South Korea | p       | 230   | 2 gantry, 1 horiz.                 | 2007 | 648               | Dec-10 |
| RPTC, Munich                       | Germany     | p**     | 250   | 4 gantry, 1 horiz.                 | 2009 | 446               | Dec-10 |
| ProCure PTC, Oklahoma City         | OK.,USA     | p       | 230   | 1 gantry, 1 horiz, 2 horiz/60 deg. | 2009 | 21                | Dec-09 |
| HIT, Heidelberg                    | Germany     | p**     | 250   | 2 horiz.                           | 2009 | treatment started | Nov-09 |
| HIT, Heidelberg                    | Germany     | C-ion** | 430/u | 2 horiz.                           | 2009 | treatment started | Nov-09 |
| UPenn, Philadelphia                | PA.,USA     | p       | 230   | 4 gantry, 1 horiz.                 | 2010 | 150               | Dec-10 |
| GHMC, Gunma                        | Japan       | C-ion   | 400/u | 3 horiz., vertical                 | 2010 | treatment started | Mar-10 |
| IMPCAS, Lanzhou                    | China       | C-ion   | 400/u | 1 horiz.                           | 2006 | 126               | Dec-10 |
| CDH Proton Center, Warrenville     | IL.,USA     | p       | 230   | 1 gantry, 1 horiz, 2 horiz/60 deg. | 2010 | treatment started | Oct-10 |
| IFJ PAN, Krakow                    | Poland      | p       | 60    | 1 horiz.                           | 2011 | 9                 | Apr-11 |

\* degraded beam from 1996 to 2006; dedicated 250 MeV cyclotron since 2007; OPTIS2 patients incl. (since Nov 2010)

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\*\*\* with spread beam and beam scanning (MD Anderson, since 2008)

\*\*\*\* degraded beam

\*\*\*\*\* new cyclotron with fixed beam operational since July 2010; the gantry operational since Oct 2010

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# Medical tourism offers novel way to reduce health care costs

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Think of a trip out of town, with a package that includes air fare, a hotel stay for two — and a visit to a hospital.

Domestic medical tourism, or sending patients out of town for common procedures, is just starting to take hold in the United States. And one local insurance carrier already is on board.

Overland Park-based Allied National Inc. is one of 20 insurance carriers contracting with a nationwide network of hospitals that perform back surgeries, hip replacements and other common, nonemergency procedures.

The small-group benefits company started its contract with the 35-hospital BridgeHealth Medical Inc. network in January 2010. Since then, it has sent two members from Amarillo, Texas, for knee replacement surgery in Oklahoma City.

The insurance company saved about \$11,000 on each procedure — even after travel, food and lodging costs. Average cost savings range from 20 to 45 percent, said **Vic Lazzaro**, CEO of BridgeHealth Medical.

Lazzaro said another benefit is that the hospitals in the network rate among the tops in their specialties, increasing the likelihood of a good outcome.

The network's hospitals offer higher discounts — reaching into the 65 percent range — to attract patients they otherwise wouldn't see, Allied CEO **Bill Ashley** said. Those savings, coupled with savings from better outcomes, more than offset the cost of travel for the patient and a caregiver and can help reduce premiums.

Allied is unique among its Kansas peers in offering the concept. Larger benefits companies say domestic medical tourism has yet to catch the eye of area employers, which deem it an aggressive cost-cutting tool that still has a short track record.

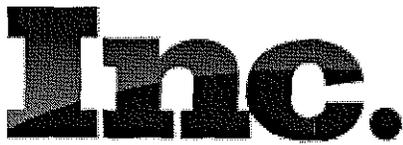
"Most of my clients here have a wait-and-see attitude toward medical tourism," said **Mark Whiting**, a principal in Mercer's Kansas City office. "A lot of people are looking at it and thinking about it for down the road, but for the time being, there's not a lot of activity."

But for smaller carriers, the concept presents a good opportunity, Ashley said.

"Part of how we compete against the major carriers out there is by being innovative and flexible," he said.



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## Domestic Medical Tourism

**How one company is saving businesses big bucks on employee medical treatments**

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**What can be** done about soaring health care costs? There's no single answer, of course. But BridgeHealth Medical seems to be providing at least one piece of the complex puzzle: domestic medical tourism.

Launched in 2007, the 20-employee company, based in Greenwood Village, Colorado, negotiates discounted rates with hospitals and extends those rates to businesses, which in turn encourage their employees to travel around the U.S. for treatment. BridgeHealth started as an international medical tourism company but turned to the domestic market in 2010. "The feedback we were getting from employers was, 'I'm not sure I want to send my employees on an airplane for 10 hours. But two hours, that's OK,'" says CEO Vic Lazzaro, a former UnitedHealthcare executive.

BridgeHealth won't discuss its revenue, but the company says sales are up 25 percent since it shifted its attention to the domestic market, and domestic sales now account for more than 80 percent of the company's business. BridgeHealth partners with about 20 insurance companies that administer health benefits for self-insured employers. Thanks to those partnerships, BridgeHealth has struck deals with 30 hospitals and medical centers around the country and sells its services to more than 200 businesses. "It's just a good benefit," says Cindy Meyers, benefits manager for Stephens Media, a Las Vegas-based company that saved \$70,000 in its first year with BridgeHealth. "It was a benefit that could be a cost savings to our employees and our medical plan."

Domestic medical tourism is still a tiny market. BridgeHealth's largest competitor is an 11-employee company called Surgical Trip, based in Boca Raton, Florida. It works with 10 employers and three insurance carriers. Still, Paul Keckley, executive director of the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions, predicts that "this is where the health care industry is going to migrate." He says domestic medical tourism could easily surpass the \$2.1 billion that Americans spend outside the U.S. on health care.

Propelling BridgeHealth's growth is a three-way agreement in which all sides seem to come out ahead. Companies with self-funded insurance plans benefit with, typically, 20 percent to 40 percent savings on such surgeries as knee replacements and heart bypasses. Patients willing to get on a plane benefit, too. Because employers save so much, they encourage their employees to use the BridgeHealth plan by waiving copayments and deductibles. And hospitals get access to patients they would otherwise not have, allowing them to fill empty beds.

Katharine Anderson, a network analyst at United Utilities, a telecommunications company in Anchorage, Alaska, chose a clinic in La Jolla, California, for surgery to fix a bone spur in her shoulder. BridgeHealth negotiated the terms and United paid for Anderson's surgery, hotel room, meals, and other costs and flew her back to Anchorage, first class, a week later.

Even with those expenses and BridgeHealth's 15 percent fee on United's savings, the company spent just \$16,000, less than half the \$39,000 it would have cost to do the procedure in a local hospital. Anderson saved as well. Had she had the surgery in Alaska, her plan would have required her to shell out \$1,500 to cover her deductible and copayment. "I looked into the BridgeHealth plan, and I thought, That's the only way I'll be able to afford this," Anderson says.

Traveling to distant states for major surgery, though, can have downsides for patients, says Judy Dugan, a health care researcher at Consumer Watchdog. She worries about sending sick people on a plane, because flying increases the risk of blood clots, even in healthy people. She also notes that a procedure may require postoperative care in the patient's hometown, but many doctors are reluctant to see someone else's patient.

Those drawbacks aside, proponents argue that the practice of medical travel will ultimately make for a better health care system. "Competition is good, especially if you're competing on the basis of quality and price, not either-or," Keckley says. BridgeHealth works only with top-quartile providers, as rated by CareChex, a hospital-rating division of the Delta Group, and Keckley believes that will be the norm as the industry grows. "There's liability involved if you refer someone to a place with inferior quality," he says. "So these companies will have to say, 'We can offer a better outcome, and, oh, by the way, you can also save a lot of money.' That's a pretty great position to be in."

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Senator Hatch and Members of the Committee, thank you for the privilege of being a part of this important hearing on Medicaid. Governors have unique and valuable perspectives on this complex entitlement program, and we appreciate your taking the time to discuss this effort during the Senate recess.

As debt reduction talks continue in Washington, it is fiscally irresponsible to add hundreds of billions in new costs to a Medicaid program that is already overburdened and unsustainable. We must address meaningful health care reform. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has created widespread uncertainty.

Medicaid is strangling state budgets now and causing business owners to halt job creation and investment because they can't know their costs or obligations for PPACA employee health care. The job numbers last week emphasized it. The June unemployment rate stands at 9.2 percent, and the economy only created 18,000 jobs last month and 25,000 for the month before. Labor market recovery once again has not happened this summer, with job creation essentially flat for the second straight month.

States went into their budget seasons facing a combined shortfall of \$86 billion, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The stimulus funding cliff and Medicaid mandates forced states to choose healthcare spending over other state priorities like education and public safety. On July 7, 2011, a chart in the Wall Street Journal indicated Medicaid comprises an average 22 percent of state budgets, followed by K-12 education (21 percent) and higher education (10 percent). A second chart demonstrated that K-12 and higher education each bore more than twice as many budget cuts as Medicaid during mid-year budget cuts in the last fiscal year, even though Medicaid comprises a larger share of the average state's budget.

Governors, in bipartisan fashion, have asked Congress for relief from onerous Maintenance of Effort requirements both in January and as recently this past Saturday. On July 9, Governors Gregoire and Heineman wrote on behalf of the nation's governors, "Budget challenges have driven many states to implement reductions in Medicaid programs and the severe limitations on further reductions posed by federal maintenance-of-effort requirements and the proposed access regulations, are causing state Medicaid spending to rise even faster without increased flexibility for governors to administer the program to best meet the needs of their individual states."

As Congress considers tightening its belt and reducing federal spending for Medicaid, remember to grant the flexibility states need to provide health care to the poor without overburdening taxpayers. Otherwise, states will be forced now to increase state taxes or reduce funding for education, transportation and public safety. If federal Medicaid spending is reduced — and flexibility from Washington's rules is not granted, the most likely, if not the only permissible, source of savings would be additional reductions in payments to doctors and hospitals. This

option would force states to run afoul of the proposed PPACA requirements regarding physician access. Washington is setting states up for failure.

Exacerbating the problem, CMS has failed to provide reliable guidance and direction on just about all of the PPACA changes. The most recent proposed regulations on exchanges is full of holes. The Administration needs to be honest with states and the American people about the federal government's own readiness to meet the requirements of PPACA.

In addition, recent information from CMS about setting Medicaid rates and access will burden states. What states need is freedom from Washington to focus on patients – not new mandates from Washington to fill out more paperwork. In addition, the delays in guidance about Health Information Technology initiatives hinder states' ability to begin the program. In fact, states are required to implement some mandates within weeks after CMS issues final regulations. This is unrealistic.

On May 23, 2011, Senator Hatch and Chairman Upton wrote the nation's governors and requested our input to modernize the Medicaid program. Senator Hatch, you wrote — and I quote, “We are concerned that the program is failing patients; is a target for waste, fraud, and abuse; and is bankrupting both state and federal governments.” I agree. The program is broken and must be fixed.

Governors appreciate your reaching out to discuss needed health care reform. Such discussions never occurred during the debate of the PPACA despite multiple requests from governors to be included in discussions. In fact, as you might remember, governors from both parties were excluded from a White House-arranged meeting on February 25, 2010, at the Blair House to discuss health care reform. This meeting was pitched as a bipartisan, open and honest discussion about needed reform, yet governors, critical stakeholders in this infamous reform, were not present.

Unlike the bipartisan Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, or welfare reform of the 1990s, where governors and states were part of the solution, PPACA was an exclusive, partisan effort that expanded a broken system while placing billions of taxpayer dollars at risk every year. Americans are no closer to affordable health care with the passage of PPACA than they were before the debate began.

You and your colleagues here today have taken a different approach. In May, you requested governors' feedback on our challenges and sought ideas to make Medicaid better. As you suggested, Republican governors representing 29 states and 55.4 percent of the population submitted written recommendations on June 13. I appreciate the opportunity to share with you the challenges states face in implementing this complex program. Each governor faces a unique set of problems regarding Medicaid, making a one-size-fits-all solution impossible.

To that end, I am here today to discuss the Republican governors' seven guiding principles included in our June 13 response to you and Chairman Upton. We continue to believe that Governors must have the flexibility to make program adjustments in a timely manner, given our ever-changing economy. Governors are ready to work with Congress and the Administration to develop a better path, one that gives states greater leeway in determining how to provide safety net health care while allowing states to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

**First, states and territories are best able to make decisions about the design of their health care systems based on their respective needs, cultures and values.**

PPACA will add \$26 billion in new administrative costs alone to Medicaid over the next decade. The high price tag will be split almost evenly with \$14 billion to be paid by the federal government and \$12 billion to be paid by the states. By 2019, administration costs are expected to reach \$30.5 billion and continue growing at an annual rate of 5.2 percent. Such expensive red tape is not only onerous but unnecessary. Through greater flexibility in the management of Medicaid, states might be able to reduce substantially the hidden tax increase that forced expansion of the program will impose.

More simply and directly put: what works in Vermont, may not work in Mississippi; and what works in Arizona, may not work in Florida. We are all very different, both culturally and demographically, and should have the flexibility to deal with the health of our people.

The federal government's efforts to tie our hands do not account for state-specific needs, nor does it improve care. It simply imposes extra expense on taxpayers.

**Second, states and territories also should have the opportunity to innovate by using flexible, accountable financing mechanisms that are transparent and hold states accountable for efficiency and quality health care. Such mechanisms may include a block grant, a capped allotment outside of a waiver, or other accountable and transparent financing approaches.**

The FY2012 House Budget proposal recommends a federal block grant. As a governor, I appreciate the House putting this concept on the table. As Congress works to get federal spending under control, I understand that cuts must be made. Governors would be willing to accept cuts to their Medicaid programs if Congress would give us the flexibility to run our programs efficiently. We believe that we can run a quality Medicaid program at a lesser cost-saving the federal and state government's money.

In 2009, Rhode Island entered into a historic agreement with the Bush Administration where the State agreed to cap Medicaid spending for a five-year period (thus giving the federal government budget certainty) in return for the federal government granting substantially greater flexibility than Medicaid rules traditionally allow.

Rhode Island collapsed 11 different waiver programs under a single Global Waiver. That empowered state policy makers to create a consumer-centered health care delivery system that assures beneficiaries have access to services and supports more appropriate and most needed care in the least restrictive and most cost-effective setting.

Contrary to what some in Washington think, state lawmakers and policy makers are capable of making informed decisions. Rhode Island used the flexibility to begin rebalancing its long-term care system by offering more home- and community-based options for seniors and the disabled, mandated care coordination management to achieve better health outcomes and integrate service, and institute value-based purchasing approaches program-wide to ensure quality and access at a price taxpayers can afford. And Rhode Island managed to accomplish all of this, save approximately \$100 million in two fiscal years without changing eligibility guidelines.

In return for total flexibility in managing my Medicaid program, I would agree to a block grant-type funding mechanism of the FMAP to Mississippi capped at, say, two or three percent per annual increase, or at one half of the average national increase, saving the federal government more than \$100 million a year compared to the average increase in federal Medicaid costs nationally. I emphasize "total flexibility" to run our program, but note, since my state is about one percent of the nation, that deal nationally would save about \$10 billion a year in federal spending. Since every state is different, states will have different opinions regarding the implementation of block grants, but such flexibility is critical, and the conversation regarding block grants needs to occur between Congress and Governors. What worked in Rhode Island may not be the solution in Mississippi, but it should be left to state policy makers -- who balance budgets and actually manage the Medicaid program -- to decide.

The status quo must be changed. The current process, which states are required to follow in order to make changes to their programs (either via a state plan amendment or a waiver), is time consuming, costly and challenging to navigate. States should not have to kowtow to CMS to request permission to do what is right for their unique situations. From a bureaucratic standpoint, CMS's process moves at a snail's pace. A state may wait months or years for CMS to approve or deny program changes for immediate needs.

The renewal of the Healthier Mississippi Demonstration Waiver is a good example of CMS's lethargic response to states' seeking to tailor their programs to meet the needs of their people. The Healthier Mississippi Waiver provides coverage for a segment of the aged and disabled population with incomes at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who are not eligible for Medicare and do not otherwise qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid began submitting its renewal documents in July 2009 and did not receive final approval until October 2010, 15 months later. And this was for renewal of an already successful program providing care to the elderly and disabled that only required minor adjustments to the original waiver.

My colleagues in other states have experienced similar interaction with CMS.

Texas's 1115 concept paper was submitted in April 2008 and negotiations broke down more than a year ago because CMS wanted them to spend more money and expand eligibility. Texas wanted to provide care for more low-income individuals in the private market.

One of the most visible and humorous examples of this bureaucracy is from my friend, Governor Hebert. After working with CMS for 9 months on a waiver and hearing no response, Utah received an email denying their request. Governor Herbert did not receive resolution until he personally lobbied the President back in February when the governors visited the White House. Should states have to go through such hurdles to manage their programs?

The nation has lost the benefits of innovation in the past few years. Look back to the creation of the state Children's Health Insurance Program. No one knows its history better than you, Senator Hatch. And no one deserves more credit for its creation than you. But SCHIP at the federal level was preceded by innovation by states--Florida, New York, and Pennsylvania. SCHIP is an overwhelmingly bipartisan and popular endorsement of state flexibility and capped federal allotments. Some of us dare to call this model for what it is--a block grant.

After the creation of SCHIP, the creativity of states was unleashed during the Bush years. Call the roll across the country and you will find innovation in states as diverse as Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Iowa, and Idaho. These were states led by Democrats and Republicans alike. Ask former governor, now Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack about his ideas on basic health insurance coverage. Ask Phil Bredeesen how important flexibility granted by the Bush Administration was to his Administration. Now try to name states that have been granted innovative, comprehensive waivers during the current Administration,

Look at the expansion of home and community-based services during the Bush years. States accelerated the shift from institutional care to community based care because they were allowed to do so in their own way at their own pace.

**Third, Medicaid should be focused on quality, value-based and patient-centered programs that work in concert to improve the health of our states' citizens and drive value over volume, quality over quantity, and, at the same time contain costs.**

The Medicaid Program is broken from both a budget and health outcomes perspective. The growth in federal Medicaid medical service spending is unsustainable, increasing almost 8 percent annually during the past 10 years. In Mississippi, the PPACA will result in a massive expansion of Medicaid, which is projected to cost Mississippi taxpayers up to an additional \$1.7 billion over the next decade despite little spending during the first four of those years. This increase will add 390,000 to 400,000 new individuals to Mississippi's Medicaid rolls, a two-thirds increase, meaning one-in-three Mississippians will be on the state's Medicaid program. With full implementation by 2020, PPACA will cost Mississippi's taxpayers \$443 million a year, increasing our state Medicaid cost by half and far outpacing the growth of our revenues. The cost will only rise in subsequent years and the collective impact to states will be \$118 billion through 2023.

In Mississippi we offer every Medicaid beneficiary a free annual physical exam. Very few accept our offer, and federal law prohibits us from requiring them to do so. In my state, we have some of the highest incidences of obesity, heart disease, diabetes and cancer. If we could require Medicaid beneficiaries to have an annual exam, it would allow for early detection and proper treatment, improving the quality of life for thousands of Mississippians. We also believe it would save money within a year or two. Preventive care is obviously important, so we are currently partnering with the Mississippi Healthcare Alliance, a physician-led organization that is helping us promote screenings and physical exams through community outreach and meetings with physicians. However, Medicaid programs should have the flexibility to require beneficiaries to get an annual exam to ensure our goal of promoting the use of primary and preventive care. As it stands, we cannot provide incentives to Medicaid recipients to encourage healthier behaviors without going through the infamous waiver process. States want to focus on patients and improve their programs. The problem is that Washington gets in the way.

**Fourth, states and territories must be allowed to streamline and simplify the eligibility process to ensure coverage for those most in need, and states must be able to enforce reasonable cost sharing for those able to pay.**

States should invest in technology and improved capabilities to determine eligibility; however, states should set their own eligibility thresholds. The dramatic expansion of states' Medicaid populations in 2014 will greatly worsen an already costly challenge: Tracking individuals and families.

For example, after I became Governor, Mississippi began requiring face-to-face redetermination of eligibility for most Medicaid beneficiaries. The face-to-face meeting allows Medicaid a one-on-one interview to educate and assist eligible beneficiaries with enrollment in programs. During the in-person interview, discussions take place with other household members and if they qualify for Medicaid services, they are enrolled. For example, a beneficiary may be offered information on our Mississippi Cool Kids Program, or, as you might know it, the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program, which provides a comprehensive array of medically necessary services.

The state allows exceptions to the face-to-face redetermination for nursing home residents, foster care children, disabled children living at home and anyone home bound, such as an elderly adult in a home- and-community based waiver program. As a whole, this process has proven very successful. Mississippi has a 0.1 percent eligibility error rate, the third lowest in the country, compared to the national average at 6.74 percent. Taxpayers are paying an average of more than \$6,000 for each person on Medicaid in Mississippi for a plan that is more generous than most private plans. I believe an annual review to ensure those receiving Medicaid benefits are truly eligible is in the best interest of both beneficiaries and taxpayers. We think it is important to provide the right services to the people, but note that the Maintenance of Effort provisions get in the way of other states implementing this policy at this time. Allowing states to implement what Mississippi has done ensures that care gets to those who truly need it. If the eligibility error rate fell from 6.74 percent to 1.74 percent, far above Mississippi's .1 percent, federal and state governments would save a combined \$20 billion a year.

Secretary Sebelius noted in a February 23, 2011, letter that Congress gave states additional flexibility to impose cost sharing in Medicaid in the form of co-payments, deductibles, coinsurance and other similar charges without requiring states to seek federal approval or a waiver. However, this option is available only for the population above 133 percent FPL, or the optional population, not the mandatory population. Further, these federal regulations do not allow a provider to deny services to an individual on the basis of the individual's ability to pay. No cost-sharing measures can be imposed on the bulk of Medicaid enrollees.

The federal government should give states the flexibility to increase enrollee cost sharing and permit cost sharing for all enrollees. For example, more than half of Mississippi Medicaid recipients are children. When the federal government ties states' hands by not allowing cost sharing for children's care and guarantees service regardless of payment, cost-sharing measures become pointless.

Enforceable co-pays and steeper tiers of co-pays for all enrollees are examples of how Medicaid could incentivize beneficiaries to choose an equivalent service at a lower cost. It is important for consumers to have some personal responsibility for their own health care. For example, if a Medicaid enrollee wants a certain drug advertised on television that costs 10 times as much as a generic brand, which is its molecular twin, a state should be able to charge a \$20 or \$50 co-pay for the brand name drug and \$1 co-pay for the generic drug, unless a doctor gives a medically necessary reason why the generic is unacceptable. A patient or a parent will choose the \$1 route almost every time, resulting in the same quality of health care but at much lower costs for the taxpayer. This is done for Americans with private insurance every day.

Other states are working to shift their programs to more a preventative care mode. Utah has submitted a waiver which would allow them to increase copays for beneficiaries and move providers away from fee-for-service payment model. Louisiana is working on one waiver to create a coordinated care system (Coordinated Care Networks) and another waiver to combine care for at-risk children that includes Medicaid, Juvenile Justice and Education. My other neighbor, Alabama, has a state-of-the-art Maternity Care program that coordinates care for pregnant women. This program has saved Alabama taxpayers money and improved care. Governors could do much more with improved flexibility and better tools in our toolbox.

Senator Hatch, please remind your colleagues that the majority of Medicaid spending occurs because states have expanded eligibility and services beyond the federal entitlement. In response to state pleas for flexibility as states were confronted with their funding crises, CMS basically told states they can cut certain optional eligibility groups and optional benefits. That is true from a legal perspective but far from helpful. Prescription drugs are an optional benefit under federal law. Home and community based services are optional. To tell states that we can entirely remove optional eligibility groups but we cannot re-determine eligibility more frequently or be trusted with figuring out how much of a co-payment to charge to encourage use of generics rather than brand name drugs is misguided and short-sighted. We applaud your efforts to secure relief from the MOE. The statutory provision is difficult enough but the CMS interpretation which is even more restrictive than the law undermines the Administration's credibility when federal officials talk about flexibility.

**Fifth, states and territories can provide Medicaid recipients a choice in their health care coverage plans, just as many have in the private market, if they are able to leverage the existing insurance marketplace through innovative support mechanisms.**

States should have the ability to reward individuals for participating in health promotion or disease prevention activities without having to go through a third-party contractor, and we should look for ways to provide easier access to private insurance for Medicaid clients who would prefer to access the commercial market in lieu of Medicaid. Policy makers could consider allowing vouchers for Medicaid recipients.

The federal government doesn't need to tell states how to leverage the existing marketplace; they need to give us the tools and allow us the flexibility to design systems to enhance the private market through innovative support mechanisms - which may look different in all 50 states.

In Mississippi, I have supported a conservative, market-based health insurance exchange that does not include subsidies or an individual mandate, much like that of Utah. We have more than 135,000 small businesses employees who could be served through such a mechanism, covering more people and providing a means for private coverage to follow the person, not the job.

Mississippi also has one of the most successful risk pools in the country, covering 3,600 individuals. Before PPACA passed, thirty-five states, including Mississippi, already operated high-risk pools covering more than 200,000 Americans. The federal government decided state risk pools weren't enough and through PPACA, allocated \$5 billion and required new duplicated risk pools to be established. That subsidized program in theory would allow more people to switch to a less-expensive option. CBO predicted 200,000 people, who had been denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions, would be covered by the new federal risk pool between 2011 and 2013. They were wrong. As of April 30, 2011, there are a total of 21,454 individuals utilizing the federal high-risk pool and 75 of them are Mississippians.

**Sixth, territories must be ensured full integration into the federal health care system so they can provide health care coverage to those in need with the flexibility afforded to the states.**

Currently, Puerto Rico's federal share is only thirty five percent, putting a strain on the local budget that limits Puerto Rico's ability to offer the range of services States offer. Governor Fortuno tells me that Puerto Rico is also the only jurisdiction in the United States in which seniors are not automatically enrolled in Part B of Medicare, causing many seniors to opt into the program after the enrollment period ends, at which point they must also pay substantial late enrollment penalties. Puerto Ricans have a distinguished history of serving in the Armed Forces, but they are denied coverage in Tricare Premium, the best health policy for our men and women in uniform.

There is no justification for these disparities. The 3.8 million natural born US citizens in Puerto Rico deserve the right to have the same benefits of our national health care program, including having the flexibility to adequately implement a state health care program.

**Seventh, states must have greater flexibility in eligibility, financing and service delivery in order to provide long-term services and support that keep pace with the people Medicaid serves. New federal requirements threaten to stifle state innovation and investment. In addition, since dual eligibles now constitute 39 percent of Medicaid spending, Medicare policies that shift costs to the states must be reversed and the innovative power of states should be rewarded by a shared-savings program that allows full flexibility to target and deliver services, which are cost effective for both state and federal taxpayers.**

One way Mississippi wants to improve long-term care is a specialty-skilled nursing facility for children. There is a need in Mississippi for a specialty-skilled nursing facility for the care of medically complex and fragile children. The state wanted to use Civil Money Penalty Funds (CMP) as start-up money for the development of this specialty-skilled nursing facility for children. Prior to PPACA, states were not required to seek CMS approval to use CMP funds. With the passage of PPACA, the use of CMPs were expanded, but utilizing the funds now

requires CMS approval. Mississippi petitioned CMS to use the CMP funds for the specialty-skilled facility and the request was denied.

We know what we need, and we have a plan to get children who require ventilation services out of a hospital into a more home-like setting, but CMS is preventing us from getting there even though the money is in the CMP account to pay for it . This is just another example of CMS not allowing states to be innovative or granting the necessary flexibility to make each Medicaid program meet individual states' needs.

Another example of how the cost of the Medicare program is being shifted to states is in the Medicare Part D 'clawback'. States must pay a share of this Medicare benefit in addition to being required to pay for some drugs not covered in this program for those dual eligibles. In addition, Medicare only covers nursing home services if skilled care, such as active therapy, is needed and only for 100 days, not if the person just simply needs 24/7 care. The burden of nursing home care after the 100 days is borne by the state's Medicaid program.

Secretary Sebelius has opined that flexibility is at the states' disposal to control costs. Although there are avenues states currently can utilize to try to make changes to their programs, making these changes is often lengthy, time consuming and burdensome to states. CMS continuously tells states to be creative and flexible in developing new programs and implementing changes to existing programs to provide smarter care choices. However, all of these things require CMS approval. They shouldn't.

On Friday, July 8, Secretary Sebelius announced a demonstration project with states to address the challenge of serving our citizens who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, the so-called "dual eligibles." At the state level, we know a great deal about the dual eligibles, we know they are among the most medically complex and poorest among us. The costs to provide them with the health care they need are no doubt expensive because it is not unusual to find they have 5, 10, even 15 different medical conditions. But they are also costly because no one is managing their care. They are typically on their own and face difficulties in navigating through the health care complex by themselves. "FFS" typically means fee-for-service. But it also means "fend for self." These are the least capable to fend for self. In addition to complex medical needs, when you look at the characteristics of the dual eligibles, 54 percent have no high school diploma compared to 22 percent of non-duals.

Changes to Medicare policies impact Medicaid as well because Medicaid fills the gaps in Medicare coverage by paying for premiums, cost-sharing, and additional benefits, most especially long-term care that Medicare does not cover. When Medicare acts, there is a reaction within Medicaid. The so-called "doc fix" that seems to perpetually vex the Congress has a spill over effect onto Medicaid. The proposal to raise the age of Medicare eligibility will keep millions on full Medicaid for a longer period of time. Washington needs to stop masking the full costs of its decisions by passing costs onto states.

The demagoguery of proposals to reform Medicare must stop as well. We know that Medicare meets only about 60 percent of a beneficiary's health care expenses which is why more than 90 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have some type of supplemental coverage, either through retiree benefits, private medi-gap insurance, or, all too often, Medicaid.

States and the federal government need to start a serious discussion about how best to serve the dual eligibles at the best value to the taxpayers.

Although the new Medi-Medi project is intended to address fraud and abuse by sharing data between Medicare and Medicaid, having the duals lends itself to abuse for providers to bill both Medicare and Medicaid for services. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) just recently highlighted the missed opportunities to combat waste, fraud, and abuse because no one is looking at Medicare and Medicaid data simultaneously. Once payment is made and out the door, you will never fully recover the taxpayers' money. If Congress is at all serious about significantly lowering the loss of funds due to improper payments, give us the Medicare data for the dual eligibles on a real time basis.

As a condition of eligibility, individuals should be required to apply for all Medicare benefits. This is commonsense. Medicaid is supposed to be the payer of last resort so individuals should be expected to make use of all other resources before turning to Medicaid. Mississippi does this now; it is in our state plan. However, it would be easier if this did not require federal approval.

### **CONCLUSION:**

There are three primary factors that drive Medicaid costs for states -- eligibility, provider rates and utilization of services. Recent federal actions, the MOE restrictions in PPACA and the proposed access regulations regarding provider rates, prohibit states from exercising any real ability to control two of the three factors. States have limited control over utilization through the prior authorization process, but I know every Governor here does not want to sacrifice an individual's health to ensure the solvency of the program. In addition, the Obama Administration is proposing a blended rate to fund the federal share and, in effect, the state share, of the Medicaid program. States will suffer under this plan because it simply shifts more costs to the states without giving states any flexibility to design their own programs. It is unrealistic and unfair to think that states can manage their Medicaid programs when the federal government permits the states no flexibility in designing and no flexibility in administering their programs while continuing to push the ever-growing costs for the program down to the states. At the end of the day, states will be saddled with a Medicaid program that is significantly different than the one states signed up for 40 years ago. States will be forced to pay higher rates to providers, states will be forced to enroll individuals who are significantly above the poverty thresholds, states will have less federal financial support and states will have no flexibility to control their own costs. In short, Mr. Chairman, the Administration's constraints regarding eligibility and provider rates at the expense of economy, efficiency and flexibility will lock states into an unaffordable and unsustainable health care system that is destined to fail.

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## Appeals Court Dismisses Virginia's Challenge to ObamaCare

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/09/08/appeals-court-dismisses-virginias-challenge-to-obamacare>

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FILE: In this Dec. 13, 2010 photo, Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli speaks about the ruling from U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who decided in favor of the attorney general's claim that the individual mandate in the health care law is unconstitutional.

A federal appeals court on Thursday rejected Virginia's challenge to President Obama's health care law, saying in a [ruling](#) that the state doesn't have a right to bring a lawsuit.

The unanimous decision from the three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturns a lower court's decision to declare the law unconstitutional and is the second appellate court ruling in favor of the government's right to require individuals to buy health insurance or pay a penalty.

But the court on Thursday stopped short of ruling whether the individual mandate in the health care law is constitutional; it strictly examined Virginia's right to sue.

The Supreme Court will likely have the final say on the health care law after more than 30 lawsuits were filed and contradictory rulings were issued from appellate courts in other parts of the country. Last month, an appeals court in Atlanta ruled against the law, saying the provision to buy health care insurance is unconstitutional. But an

appeals court in Cincinnati has upheld the law.

Virginia filed its lawsuit in March 2010, the same day that Obama signed the legislation. The following day, the state passed its own law known as the Virginia Health Care Freedom Act (VHCFA), declaring that individuals cannot be forced to buy health insurance and sued on that basis.

But the court ruled Thursday that the VHCFA does not create the kind of conflict that allows for a challenge in federal court.

"The individual mandate in the health care law does not affect Virginia's ability to enforce VHCFA," the court opined. "Rather, the Constitution itself withholds from Virginia the power to enforce VHCFA against the federal government."

All three judges on the Virginia panel were appointed by Democratic presidents -- two by Obama and one by Bill Clinton.

Stephen Presser, a law professor at Northwestern University, called the ruling a "highly technical decision."

"This decision might well be questionable, but the court did not that important constitutional issues were involved, and even the court conceded that those issues should be resolved in an appropriate forum," he said.

"This is a further indication that the United States Supreme Court should soon resolve this issue, now that both the district courts and the court of appeals have issued contradictory decisions both on the standing and substantive issues," he said.

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## **National Journal**

### **Breaking News**

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#### **HHS Releases Exchange Regulations**

The Health and Human Services Department released [long-awaited regulations](#) on Monday to help states set up their own health insurance exchanges -- the marketplaces where people can buy insurance policies under the 2010 health care reform law.

HHS said states will have "substantial flexibility" in operating the exchanges and laid out their functions: Certifying "qualified health plans"; operating a website for comparing plans; running a toll-free hot line for consumer support; providing grants to "Navigators" for consumer assistance; determining eligibility of consumers for enrollment in qualified health plans; and helping them enroll.

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Action Officers/Healthcare Advisors:

Per our conversation this morning on the Action Officer call:

CBO expects to release two reports related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) tomorrow, July 24th, around 2 pm EST.

- One report will present updated projections of the budgetary effects of the coverage provisions of the PPACA to reflect the Supreme Court's recent decision.
- The other report will present a cost estimate for the repeal of the PPACA that passed the House of Representatives on July 11th.

We will provide this material to you—and any analysis we receive- as soon as we can.

You may wish to notify your press teams.

Best,  
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[AAF Memo CBO Score of SCOTUS Decision 7-24-12.pdf](#)

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According to news outlets: The health law update from the Congressional Budget Office on Tuesday found that costs would drop by \$84 billion over 11 years because not all states would opt in to Medicaid expansion. About 6 million fewer people will be covered by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, but about half of them would end up covered in the state-based health insurance exchanges, so about 3 million more people would be uninsured.

<http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/43472-07-24-2012-CoverageEstimates.pdf>

Attached is the American Action Forum's (AAF) modeling to show the impact of the SCOTUS Medicaid decision on the federal budget before the above announcement from CBO. The memos also are available on the Forum's website: <http://bit.ly/OtIpNA>.

We'll be providing you materials regarding the analysis of CBO's announcement as soon as we can.

If you have not finalized or sent us your costs to states information, please forward that to Lindsay at [REDACTED].

Thank you,  
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# Explaining Projected Growth in Federal Spending on Major Health Care Programs and Social Security by 2037

(Percent)

|                                                | Aging | Excess Cost Growth |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| <b>Extended Baseline Scenario</b>              |       |                    |
| Major Health Care Programs and Social Security | 75    | 25                 |
| Major Health Care Programs                     | 60    | 40                 |
| <b>Extended Alternative Fiscal Scenario</b>    |       |                    |
| Major Health Care Programs and Social Security | 68    | 32                 |
| Major Health Care Programs                     | 52    | 48                 |

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

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Since the demise of CLASS, analysts on both sides of the political spectrum have weighed in on whether and how the fiscal disaster that is the CLASS Act has broader implications for Obamacare's sustainability. For instance, last week liberal blogger (and Obamacare apologist) Ezra Klein [said](#) the motto is "trust CBO," and that because CBO says the law will reduce the deficit, it will. (Of course, CBO also [said last year](#) that CLASS would reduce the deficit in its first ten years, so that may not mean much.)

Before looking at the granular details, it's first worth comparing CLASS to Obamacare at a macro level. The HHS [report on CLASS](#) contains the word "uncertain" no fewer than 16 times in a 50-page document – it discusses "[inherently uncertain](#)" CLASS modeling, the "[great uncertainty around the existing estimates](#)," and a "[very high level of uncertainty around assumptions in the actuarial models](#)." Likewise, CBO in its [score of Obamacare](#) said that "[the range of uncertainty](#)" surrounding estimates of the budgetary impact of the legislation "[is quite wide](#)." CBO's most extensive analysis of Obamacare's long-term projections – in [last year's long-term budget outlook](#) – included a whole section regarding uncertainty and sustainability, which I've pasted below my signature. The sum total of the passage would lead one to believe that the uncertainty surrounding implementation of the rest of the law is nearly as great as that surrounding CLASS.

To examine it more closely: The Administration now claims that since CLASS' demise, Obamacare will reduce the deficit by an [estimated \\$124 billion](#) over the next ten years. What does that mean? If...

1. Medicare provider payment reductions that will take Medicare rates [below Medicaid payment levels – and cause up to 40 percent of providers to become unprofitable](#) – are implemented as scheduled; **AND**
2. Medicare Advantage cuts that the Administration already [felt the need to mitigate in the short-term](#) for political reasons can be implemented, causing [millions of seniors to lose their current coverage](#); **AND**
3. Someone finds a spare [\\$370 billion](#) to avert a 30 percent reduction in Medicare physician payment fees scheduled to take effect this coming January; **AND**
4. A future Administration is willing to implement a 40 percent tax on insurance policies so unpopular [unions forced its delay until 2018](#), well after President Obama will have left office; **AND**
5. Democrats are willing to allow a new "high-income" tax not indexed to inflation to become the "new AMT," hitting more and more middle-class families until [nearly 80 percent](#) are being hit with this surcharge; **AND**
6. A scheduled reduction in insurance subsidies in 2019 goes through, despite liberal advocates already [calling for the subsidies to be increased](#); **AND**
7. Employers do not drop coverage *en masse*, despite the numerous [studies, papers, briefs, reports, employer questionnaires, consultant presentations, surveys, op-eds, interviews,](#) and [quotes](#) suggesting that employers will drop coverage in much higher numbers than CBO

first anticipated...

Then the Administration will have reduced the deficit by about \$12 billion a year for the next decade – or less than 1% of the whopping \$1.3 trillion deficit the federal government ran over the past 12 months. In other words, at best the law will “reduce” the deficit by an amount so small some may consider it microscopic. And, as illustrated above, the number of assumptions needed to arrive at that conclusion may be so great as to beggar belief – just as the Medicare actuary [knew from Day One](#) that CLASS wouldn’t work, despite all the Administration’s rhetoric. Their claims notwithstanding, I haven’t seen Ezra Klein or other Obamacare advocates willing to make actual wagers that the law will actually end up reducing the deficit – and given what’s needed to make that prediction come true, with good reason.

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### **Questions About Sustainability**

One challenge that arises in projecting federal outlays for health care over the long term is that the recent legislation either left in place or put into effect a number of procedures that may be difficult to sustain over a long period. For example, the legislation did not alter the sustainable growth rate mechanism used for determining updates to Medicare’s payment rates for physicians; under that mechanism, those rates are scheduled to be reduced by about 21 percent in 2010 and then decline further in subsequent years. Since that mechanism was enacted in 1997, its provisions have usually been modified to avoid scheduled reductions in payment rates, and legislation was just enacted to delay cuts in those payment rates until December 2010 (a development that is not reflected in the projections). At the same time, the legislation includes provisions that will constrain payment rates for other providers of Medicare’s services. In particular, increases in payment rates for many providers will be held below the rate of increase in the average cost of providers’ inputs.

Taking all the provisions of the legislation together, CBO expects that, adjusted for inflation, Medicare spending per beneficiary will increase at an average annual rate of less than 2 percent during the next two decades—compared with a roughly 4 percent annual growth rate during the past two decades (a calculation that excludes the effect of establishing the Medicare prescription drug benefit). It is unclear whether that lower rate of growth can be sustained and, if so, whether it will be accomplished through greater efficiencies in the delivery of health care or will instead reduce access to care or diminish the quality of care (relative to the situation under prior law).

Another provision that may be difficult to sustain will slow the growth of federal subsidies for health insurance purchased through the insurance exchanges. For enrollees who receive subsidies, the amount they will have to pay depends primarily on a formula that determines what share of their income they have to contribute to enroll in a relatively low-cost plan (with the subsidy covering the difference between that contribution and the total premium for that plan). Initially, the percentages of income that enrollees must pay are indexed so that the subsidies will cover roughly the same share of the total premium over time. After 2018, however, an additional indexing factor will probably apply; if so, the shares of income that enrollees have to pay will increase more rapidly, and the shares of the premium that the subsidies cover will decline.

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[Majority Memorandum 033111.pdf](#)  
[Exchanges Counter Points.docx](#)  
[KHN Article.pdf](#)

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Action Officers and Healthcare Advisors:

FYI: From House Energy and Commerce:

Regarding the discussion about the new exchange grants announced by CMS, the House passed Chairman Upton's bill, H.R. 1213, on May 3, 2011 to block the unlimited funding for this purpose. Several other bills to eliminate Obamacare slush funds were passed at about the same time. Unfortunately, these bills are still pending on Harry Reid's Senate Calendar.

Several documents that provide more details on Chairman Upton's state exchange bill are attached. They include:

- 1) A February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 letter from CRS confirming that Section 1311(a) gives the Secretary an unlimited amount of money to spend on state-based grants.
- 2) Our majority memo for the markup of Mr. Upton's Exchange bill. It explains the bill in brief at the end of the memo.
- 3) Some talkers regarding why repealing the fund is a good idea despite claims that exchanges in PPACA provide states flexibility.
- 4) A Kaiser Health News article detailing how this fund could be used for much broader purposes. Donald Berwick pointed to the availability of this fund when asked about the financial burdens of Medicaid imposed on states. Does CMS intend to use this unlimited fund to plug state budgets?

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**Subject:** Clarification of information request re Medicaid waivers and exchanges  
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Re: Information request, clarification

We currently have 2 projects underway that require information from states: 1) a comparison of Medicaid waiver requests to see if there are common elements we can include in our continuing effort to get more flexibility to administer the program.; and, 2) a comparison of state comments filed on proposed regulations for health insurance exchanges that we can embellish with HHS.

For the former, we need your help in identifying the waiver requests pending at CMS and the concept papers that are under discussion.

For the second project, we expect to be able to pull comments from the CMS website when they finish posting them, and should not need to bother you.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

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As previously reported, HHS released their report outlining the reasons for shelving the CLASS Act [Ponzi scheme](#) late Friday (aka "[Take Out the Trash Day.](#)") The report and appendices have been put online and can be found [here](#).

In reading through the report, there are NUMEROUS examples where HHS belatedly – and begrudgingly – admitted truths that others, **including non-partisan career staff within HHS**, had been asserting all along. A partial list of examples and quotes from the report is below. These developments however continue to raise obvious questions: Why did HHS waste two years, and millions of taxpayer dollars, to conclude what was [obvious to the Medicare actuary on Day One](#) – that the program was inherently unworkable? And who will be held to account for allowing this fiscal and bureaucratic disaster to happen in the first place?

|                                                                                    | <b>What Others Said</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>What HHS Finally Admitted</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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Our suggestion is for a Gregg-like amendment that applies to the entire health law and not simply Class. If reality can't match the rhetoric that accompanied the bill—about fiscal responsibility, bending the cost curve, keeping your health care if you like your health care and all the other false promises—then, legally, it should be repealed like Class. Call it a truth-in-advertising clause. ObamaCare would collapse in a heartbeat.

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As previously reported, HHS released their report outlining the reasons for shelving the CLASS Act [Ponzi scheme](#) late Friday (aka "[Take Out the Trash Day.](#)") The report and appendices have been put online and can be found [here](#).

In reading through the report, there are NUMEROUS examples where HHS belatedly – and begrudgingly – admitted truths that others, **including non-partisan career staff within HHS**, had been asserting all along. A partial list of examples and quotes from the report is below. These developments however continue to raise obvious questions: Why did HHS waste two years, and millions of taxpayer dollars, to conclude what was [obvious to the Medicare actuary on Day One](#) – that the program was inherently unworkable? And who will be held to account for allowing this fiscal and bureaucratic disaster to happen in the first place?

|                                                                                    | <b>What Others Said</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>What HHS Finally Admitted</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>High and Unattractive Premiums</b>                                              | “\$100...seems to be the consensus threshold needed to get decent participation and avoid catastrophic adverse selection” (i.e., encourage healthy people to enroll). – HHS career official, in a November 27, 2009 <a href="#">internal e-mail</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | “The average premium...range[d] from \$235/month to \$391/month....” – Actuarial analysis, p. 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>An “Insurance” Benefit Attractive Only to Individuals Likely to Make Claims</b> | “You can get a [private] policy... with a higher benefit, better inflation protection, and lower premium [than CLASS]. I don’t see any reason why anyone would opt for CLASS if they could pass the underwriting. And if you couldn’t make it through underwriting, you could simply enroll in CLASS to cover some of your current or likely future [long-term care] costs. <b>Seems like a recipe for disaster to me...</b> ” – HHS career official, in an October 22, 2009 <a href="#">internal e-mail</a> | “In the current private long-term care insurance market, most buyers choose products that provide...daily benefit amounts that are significantly higher than the \$50/day lifetime benefit....Moreover, premiums for products similar to the CLASS benefit, when they are sold to an underwritten population in the private market, would cost much less than the estimated premiums above.” – Actuarial analysis, p. 22 |

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| <p><b>Low Take-up by Healthy Individuals</b></p>        | <p>“For the sake of illustration, suppose 10 million people qualify for benefits of \$50 per day...About 234 million people, paying premiums of \$65 per month, would be needed to cover this cost (ignoring administrative expenses). The size of the U.S. population aged 20 and over is about 225 million, and about 165 million of these are employed. This rough—but probably not unrealistic—example further calls into question” CLASS’ solvency. – Medicare actuary Rick Foster, in a May 19, 2009 <a href="#">internal e-mail</a></p> | <p>“Most discussion of this...plan suggested that the assumed take-up rates used to compute premiums could not be achieved and were not plausible.” – Actuarial analysis, p. 22</p>                                                                                |
| <p><b>HHS’ Lack of Authority to Fix the Program</b></p> | <p>“Republicans are pointing to a new Congressional Research Service (CRS) <a href="#">report</a> that questions just how much power Sebelius has to make changes to the voluntary program. The CRS report said a court may find the sweeping healthcare reform law does not provide the HHS secretary with the authority” to fix CLASS. – <a href="#">The Hill</a>, March 28, 2011</p>                                                                                                                                                        | <p>“There is concern regarding the legal authority for some of the plan features expected to increase solvency, and the more of those features that are incorporated into the plan, the greater the legal risk.” – <a href="#">Memo</a> introducing the report</p> |
| <p><b>Necessity of a Federal Bailout</b></p>            | <p>“Thirty-six years of actuarial experience lead me to believe that this program would collapse in short order and require significant federal subsidies to continue.” – Medicare actuary Rick Foster, in a July 9, 2009 <a href="#">internal e-mail</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>If the program becomes insolvent, “an argument can be made that, insofar as the government contracts to provide individuals with benefits in exchange for premium payments, it may not unilaterally repeal the contract.” – Legal analysis, p. 45</p>           |

**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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Healthcare Advisors

CC: Action Officers

I wanted to make you aware of the following letter that is being drafted on Capitol Hill to governors asking them not to implement state exchanges. I've asked this group to provide rgppc with a copy as soon as it is ready so none of you- or your bosses- are blindsighted. Please see text below.

-MTS

Congresswoman Bachmann and Congressman Jordan will be sending a letter (found below) to the National Governors Association urging each governor not to implement the state exchanges found in ObamaCare. Senator DeMint is spearheading the exact same letter in the Senate and we will be sending the House and Senate version together today (current co-signers in the Senate: DeMint, Lee, Ron Johnson, Graham, Cornyn, Coburn, Sessions, Thune, Vitter, Paul).

June 29, 2012

National Governors Association  
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Dear Governors:

The Supreme Court has ruled significant parts of the Medicaid expansion of the President's health care law unconstitutional as well as ruling that the individual mandate violated the Commerce Clause and will therefore be implemented as a punitive tax on the middle class. This presents us with a critical choice: Do we allow this reprehensible law to move forward or do we fully repeal it and start over with commonsense solutions? The American people have made it clear that they want us to throw this law out in its entirety.

As members of the U.S. Congress, we are dedicated to the full repeal of this government takeover of healthcare and we ask you to join us to oppose its implementation.

Most importantly, we encourage you to oppose any creation of a state health care exchange mandated under the President's discredited health care law.

These expensive, complex, and intrusive exchanges impose a threat to the financial stability of our already-fragile state economies with no certainty of a limit to total enrollment numbers. Resisting the implementation of exchanges is good for hiring and investment. The law's employer mandate assesses penalties - up to \$3,000 per employee - only to businesses who don't satisfy federally-approved health insurance standards and whose employees receive "premium assistance" *through the exchanges*. The clear language of the statute only permits federal premium assistance to citizens of states who create a state-based exchange. However, the IRS recently finalized a regulation that contradicts the law by allowing the federal government to provide premium assistance to citizens in those states that have not created exchanges. The IRS had no authority to finalize such a regulation. **By refusing to create an exchange, you will assist us in Congress to repeal this violation which will help lower the costs of doing business in your state**, relative to other states that keep these financially draining

exchanges in place.

State-run exchanges are subject to all of the same coverage mandates and rules as the federally-run exchange. Clearing the hurdles of crafting an exchange that complies with the 600 plus pages of federal exchange regulations will only result in wasted state resources and higher premiums for your constituents.

**Implementation of this law is not inevitable and considering more than half of the American people oppose the law, it is improbable.** Join us in resisting a centralized government approach to health care reform and instead focus on solutions that make health care more affordable and accessible for every American. Let's work to create a health care system of, for, and by the people, not government or special interests.

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Here's where things stand:

- Congress is set to act on a short-term CR that will avoid a government shutdown and cut \$2 billion in spending over the next week. We expect the Senate to bring up HR 1363 (the troop funding bill), amend it accordingly, send it to the House for a vote, and then send the bill to the President for his signature.

- The short-term CR provides enough time for Congress to enact a long-term CR through the rest of the fiscal year that will cut \$38.5B in federal spending – the largest spending cut in American history, just months after the President asked Congress for a “spending freeze” that would mean zero cuts.

- The agreement will also cut hundreds of billions of dollars from the Federal budget over the next decade - - and clears the way for congressional action on House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan’s budget, The Path to Prosperity, which cuts trillions in spending and offers a long-term blueprint for American job creation.

- The agreement reached with Senate Democrats guarantees a Senate debate and vote on legislation that would repeal President Obama’s government takeover of health care in its entirety. The House passed such legislation in January as part of the Pledge to America. The agreement also will generate new tools for the fight to repeal Obamacare by requiring numerous studies that will force the Obama Administration to reveal the true impact of the law’s mandates, including a study of how individuals and families will see increased premiums as a result of certain Obamacare mandates; a full audit of the waivers that the Obama Administration has given to firms and

organizations – including unions – who can't meet the new annual coverage limits; a full audit of what's happening with the comparative effectiveness research funding that was in Obamacare and the president's failed "stimulus" spending bill; and, a report on all of the contractors who have been hired to implement the law and the costs to taxpayers of such contracts.

- The agreement with Senate Democrats guarantees a Senate debate and vote on legislation that would end federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

- The agreement includes a complete ban on federal funding of abortion in the District of Columbia, applying the pro-life principles of the Hyde Amendment ("D.C. Hyde").

- The agreement subjects the so-called Consumer Financial Protection Bureau created by the job-destroying Dodd-Frank law to yearly audits by both the private sector and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to monitor its impact on the economy, including its impact on jobs, by examining whether sound cost-benefit analyses are being used with rulemakings.

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GREG BELL  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

July 18, 2011

Dear Governor,

The ongoing division among our nation's leaders concerning the debt ceiling reflects a tremendous need for individual states to assume a leadership role on this important issue. In an effort to promote fiscal responsibility and prudence at the federal level, I, along with Governors Perry, Scott, Haley and Parnell, recently signed the Cut, Cap and Balance pledge.

Washington, D.C., does not have a debt problem. It has a spending problem! The Cut, Cap and Balance pledge addresses core issues calling for three important measures: 1) Make substantial cuts in spending to reduce the deficit; 2) Design enforceable caps on federal spending; and 3) Congressional passage (not mere support) of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but only if it includes both a spending limitation and a super-majority for raising taxes, in addition to balancing revenues and expenses.

Utah is leading the nation out of the recession with steady economic growth and job creation because we have consistently made tough decisions, kept our taxes low, lived within our means and balanced the budget every year. Many other states are taking similar fiscally conservative actions. My message to Washington is to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor



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April 14, 2011

**H.R. 1473, Department of Defense and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011**

**Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY)**

HR 1473 provides appropriations for the Department of Defense and all other federal agencies through the remainder of fiscal year 2011. The bill implements the agreement between the House, Senate and the Administration for completing action on all FY 2011 appropriations.

Total non-emergency discretionary budget authority for Fiscal Year 2011, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office will be \$1 050 trillion. This is \$38 billion below the level provided in the continuing resolution enacted by the Democrats at the end of last year. It includes \$13 billion in reductions already enacted into law since March 4, 2011, plus nearly \$27 billion in additional new spending cuts. Total Budget Authority will be \$78.5 billion below President Obama's discretionary budget request for Fiscal Year 2011. The Congressional Budget Office score for the bill is available here: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12140/hr1473.pdf>

HR 1473 turns around the trajectory of Washington's unsustainable spending binge best symbolized by the Democrats' failed stimulus bill of 2009. By demonstrating that our political system is capable of reining in uncontrolled spending, it sends a signal to job creators in the private sector that government will not continue to grow at a rate crowding out private investment and making tax increases inevitable. It also sets the table for reducing spending in the future. Removing nearly \$40 billion in spending from the federal ledger in FY 2011 compounds to \$315 billion in savings over the next decade compared to CBO's baseline projections for discretionary spending, according to the Republican staff of the Senate Budget Committee.

At the account level, the bill challenges the notion that government programs are immortal by terminating more than 55 of them, including 40 ineffective programs at the Department of Education. The bill cuts spending at the Environmental Protection Agency by 16 percent, and reduces spending on Congressional staff and office expenses in the House of Representatives by 5 percent. The bill cuts \$2.9 billion from high-speed rail projects. Other cuts include \$377 million from the U.S. contribution to the United Nations and other international organizations, and a \$130 million cut to international banks and financial institutions. A list of all the cuts may be viewed here: <http://appropriations.house.gov/files/41211ProgramCutsListFinalFY2011CR.pdf>

In addition to these important savings, the bill also ensures that our troops will be paid. The bill provides base funding for the Department of Defense of \$513 billion, a \$5 billion increase over last year's level. The bill also provides \$157.8 billion in emergency funding for the Global War on Terror, supporting our operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places where American troops are facing hostile fire.

Important policy provisions will also be enacted under HR 1473. The Administration will be blocked from closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and from bringing any of the detainees there to the Continental United States. The District of Columbia will be prevented from using any congressionally appropriated funds (no matter what the original source) to pay for abortions, and the Senate and House will hold separate votes on ending federal funding for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates.

The bill begins to repeal elements of Obamacare, rescinding \$2.2 billion of the \$6 billion in startup funds provided to the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program that some observers have characterized as "a back door to a public plan flying under a different flag." The bill also repeals section 10108 "free choice" vouchers subsidizing insurance purchases on government-created health care exchanges for persons with incomes up to 400% of poverty. It also blocks increased hiring by the IRS requested by the President to enforce Obamacare's individual mandate and other revenue provisions. In addition, the House and Senate will also take a separate vote on defunding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) and the health care provisions of the related reconciliation act, PL 111-152.

Adoption of HR 1473 will demonstrate that elections have consequences, and that our government is finally listening to the American people. Members are urged to support HR 1473.

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## Speaker Boehner Talks \$315 Billion Spending Cut With Sean Hannity

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House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) spoke with Sean Hannity about today's vote on legislation that [cuts \\$315 billion over the next ten years](#), eliminates dozens of federal programs, and [undermines the job-crushing health care law](#). Boehner says the legislation isn't perfect, but it clears the way for action on Chairman Paul Ryan's budget – [The Path to Prosperity](#) – which cuts trillions of dollars in spending to create a better environment for private sector job growth. Below is a link to the full audio and several excerpts from the interview.

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**[Boehner on Cutting \\$315 Billion Over 10 Years & Taking the Next Step with the Path to Prosperity:](#)**

“Let’s start with the facts. This agreement will cut \$78.5 billion from what the president wanted to spend this fiscal year. And if Republicans had not won the election in the House last November, I’ll guarantee you they would have spent \$78.5 billion more. We cut \$38.5 to \$39 billion below last year fiscal 2010 numbers. And ... we’ll save \$315 billion over the next decade. Now this also includes a \$5 billion increase in spending on defense. And so when you look at the numbers, we actually cut \$44 billion out of this. This is the largest cut to the federal government since World War II. Now you haven’t seen me out there celebrating this because frankly this is a small step in the right direction. But this was a worthwhile step because while we’re talking about billions this part of the week, at the end of the week we’ll be talking about trillions of dollars when we deal with Paul Ryan’s Path to Prosperity.”

**Boehner on Changing the Debate from “No Cuts” to the Largest Cut Since WWII:**

“Remember what the president said at the beginning of the year: no cuts. No cuts. And now he’s going to sign into law the largest [spending] cuts since WWII. I’ve got to tell you, these are real cuts. ... We eliminate funding for four of their czars. There are no earmarks in this bill. You know, a year ago when the president signed the omnibus appropriations bill there were 9,000 earmarks. There’s not one earmark in this bill. And there are hundreds of programs where the funding has either been eliminated or reduced.”

**Boehner on Republicans Controlling Only One Half of One Branch of the Federal Government:**

“I’m not jumping up and down, thrilled to death with this deal. But it’s the best we could get considering the Democrats control the Senate and the Democrats control the White House, and they don’t want to cut anything. ... The only way we succeed is if the president signs a bill passed by the House and Senate into law. And if it’s not signed into law, guess what: we get nothing. No cuts. What I’m trying to do here is do the responsible thing by keeping the government open and get the largest spending cuts that we can get. And getting \$78.5 billion out of the \$100 billion we wanted to save is a damn good first step.”

Also, be sure to check out these links for more information on the spending cut agreement:

- [By The Numbers: The Largest Spending Cut Since World War II](#)
- [MYTH VS. FACT: The Bipartisan Agreement to Cut Spending to Support Job Creation](#)
- [President Who Began 2011 Saying “No Cuts” Now Poised to Sign Largest Spending Cut Since WWII](#)
- [Six Ways Spending Cut Agreement Undermines ObamaCare](#)
- [Strong Support For Pro-Life Protections in Spending Cut Agreement](#)
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### **Change direction of federal spending**

By Rep. John A. Boehner  
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Six months ago, shortly before the election, the Democrats who run Washington were preparing an “omnibus” spending bill loaded with earmarks and job-crushing tax hikes on small businesses. Today, the people’s House is due to vote on a bill that cuts \$315 billion from the federal budget over the next 10 years — the largest non-defense spending cut in our history, earmark-free and with zero tax hikes. These are real cuts.

It isn’t cause for celebration or back-patting. It’s what happens when the American people speak out. It’s what government should be doing.

This agreement isn’t perfect. But it is exactly what we need to pave the way for the “Path to Prosperity” budget offered by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), which moves the debate from cutting billions of dollars to cutting trillions. It also cleans up the budget mess left by the last Congress — sending a signal to job creators nationwide that we have begun to end Washington’s spending binge.

“This first step,” the Stanford economist John B. Taylor wrote, “helps establish the credibility needed for the budget strategy to increase economic growth and encourage private investment.”

Specifically, House Republicans – up against a Democratic-run Senate and Democratic-controlled White House – forced an agreement that cuts nearly \$40 billion, compared to FY 2010 spending levels. This means the federal government will spend \$78.5 billion less this year than President Barack Obama proposed.

The total spending cut would have been even higher – nearly \$45 billion – had we not fought for and secured a \$5 billion increase in defense spending. This ensures that our troops have the tools they need to accomplish their multiple missions.

The American people are concerned not just about how much we’re spending, but how we’re spending it. One Obamacare program is eliminated altogether in this agreement; a second is cut nearly in half.

Four of the Obama administration’s controversial “czars” are eliminated – and the president is prohibited from replacing them. These include the “czars” charged with overseeing his government takeover of health care and tasked with implementing the president’s job-crushing national energy tax. They’re gone. The administration is signaling it will challenge the constitutionality of these provisions. We say: Bring it on.

The agreement also secures Senate votes and debates on de-funding two of the president’s top priorities – his job-crushing health care law and Planned Parenthood. It saves the successful D.C. school choice program that Democrats have been trying to eliminate for years.

The Environmental Protection Agency, considered a prime source of government overregulation, is to have its budget cut by 16 percent. Students will no longer be able to draw two Pell Grant awards at the same time — saving taxpayers \$35 billion over the next 10 years.

More than 40 other ineffective Department of Education programs will also be eliminated — including Educational Technology State Grants, Even Start, Advanced Credentialing, Mental Health Integration, Exchanges with Historic Whaling Partners, Women’s Educational Equity, Tech-Prep Education State Grants, Smaller Learning Communities, Legal Assistance Loan Repayment Program, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Scholarships and B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships.

This is all happening just months after the president and his Democratic allies called for zero cuts – and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

Liberals like the economist Paul Krugman have slammed the president for the agreement — noting it means the White House has, in effect, admitted the “stimulus” spending binge is over.

They’re right. No matter how imperfect the agreement may be, we’re poised to make historic cuts to both discretionary and mandatory “autopilot” spending. For anyone who believes Washington

should be spending more, taxing more and borrowing more — this is a defeat.

It's true that many of the cuts in the agreement were proposed in the president's budget — but those cuts were used by the president to offset additional or new spending elsewhere. Now those cuts are real cuts. We're chopping billions of dollars off the baseline rather than allowing the Obama administration simply to shift the savings toward other spending.

Think of it this way: You have \$100 in your wallet that you were going to use to buy new clothes. You haven't spent it yet, because you haven't found shirts you like or decided you didn't need them. Then someone comes along and takes away your \$100.

Now you can't spend it — not on clothes or anything else you were considering. The money's gone — your budget's been cut. We're taking away tens of billions of taxpayer dollars from the Obama administration.

The new Republican majority began this Congress armed with a pledge: to create a better environment for private sector job growth by cutting spending and removing barriers that make it harder for small businesses to hire new workers.

That's exactly what we're doing, one step at a time. The spending cut agreement to be voted on today isn't perfect — not by a long shot. But it's an important step toward getting Washington spending under control and eliminating some of the barriers that are hurting job growth. There are many more steps, more cuts, and more reforms to come.

### **Say Yes to the CR Mess**

*Don't be distracted from the main fight.*

By William Kristol

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Let's assume for the purpose of argument that our friends at National Review <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/264599/strike-one-editors> are at least partly right in their analysis of the deal on the continuing resolution (CR) that's to be voted on today in the House of Representatives (but see John McCormack's post [http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/budget-confusion\\_557395.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/budget-confusion_557395.html) for some context). In their recommendation of a No vote, they seem to me misguided.

Even if the savings from the CR are a "pittance," and the deal is "shot through with gimmicks and one-time savings;" even if it's "a dog's breakfast of budgetary legerdemain" that was "oversold and dependent on classic Washington budget trickery" and that embodies "business as usual"--even so, NR is wrong, I think, to conclude, "We'd vote 'no,' even if we understand the impulse to move on to more important matters and to avoid a leap into the dark that might include a politically damaging shutdown."

I'd vote yes.

The CR may well be a mess. It's certainly a sideshow. Perhaps John Boehner could have gotten a better deal, but it wouldn't have made much difference in the big-picture budget fight anyway. That fight is now underway, and the 2011 CR will be little noted, nor long remembered--unless the squabble over the CR fractures Republicans, and unless it prevents them from being able to focus the nation on what NR admits are "more important matters." The fact is the only way the 2011 CR will end up making much difference is if the deal is defeated in the Republican House, and the rejection leads to NR's "politically damaging shutdown" which then endangers future conservative prospects this year, and next.

So don't let the CR make a difference. Pass it. Don't risk a shutdown for a trifle. Forget about sniping at John Boehner. Help defeat Barack Obama in the major struggle that's now been joined on the budget <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnNOX-fi5ds> --and the future. Focus on Obama's unbelievable irresponsibility, not Boehner's alleged negotiating deficiencies. Figure out what big things (Medicaid reform?) can be added to the upcoming debt limit vote. Educate the public so as to improve the current only slightly better than even split in public opinion <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2011/images/04/12/rel6d.pdf> on the GOP budget.

Conservatives who seek to govern this country will have a better chance of success if we behave as adults working towards victory in an important cause, rather than reveling in our incorruptible purity over on stage right, while neglecting what's happening at center stage.

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## MYTH VS. FACT: The Bipartisan Agreement to Cut Spending to Support Job Creation

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*MYTH: "Most of the cuts in the agreement aren't real cuts. Many are cuts that were already scheduled to happen, and were proposed in the president's budget."*

The spending cuts in the legislation are real cuts that help to clear a path for Chairman Paul Ryan's landmark Path to Prosperity budget. The agreement includes a gross spending cut of nearly \$45 billion – a net spending cut of nearly \$40 billion, as a result of the \$5 billion increase for the Defense Department that Speaker Boehner fought for and won. Democrats accurately note that some of the spending cuts in the agreement were proposed in the president's budget, but disingenuously fail to note that many of those cuts were used in the president's budget to offset additional or new spending elsewhere. In the context of the agreement, those cuts are now real cuts – chopping billions of dollars off the baseline, rather than being used to offset other Washington spending sought by the administration. As Chairman Ryan said Tuesday, the agreement "[secures] tens of billions of dollars in spending cuts, forcing the President and his party's leaders to retreat from their reckless spending spree. The historic spending cut turns the page from Washington's pervasive culture of spending, sending a welcome signal to job creators and cleaning up the unprecedented budget mess left by the last Congress."

*MYTH: "President Obama got most of what he wanted."*

The agreement is imperfect, but it's hardly a "win" for President Obama or the Democratic Party agenda of bigger government and increased spending. As a result of the agreement, the federal government will spend \$78.5 billion less than President Obama proposed spending this year. The agreement eliminates one Obamacare program, cuts a second nearly in half, and eliminates four of the Obama Administration's controversial "czars" – including the president's health czar charged with overseeing his government takeover of health care, his auto czar responsible for managing the federal government's takeover of U.S. auto manufacturers, and his climate change czar tasked with implementing the president's job-crushing national energy tax. The agreement secures Senate votes and debate on de-funding of two presidential priorities – Obamacare and Planned Parenthood – while saving the successful D.C. school choice program Democrats have been trying to eliminate for years.

*MYTH: "The cuts in the agreement will have no impact on the long-term trajectory of government spending."*

The agreement will chop an estimated \$315 billion out of the federal budget over the next 10 years, setting the table for Chairman Paul Ryan's Path to Prosperity budget, which cuts trillions. The notion that cuts in mandatory spending are not "real" cuts is a potentially lethal misconception for conservatives to accept. Dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory ("autopilot") spending are essential to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth, and the agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

*MYTH: "The agreement is just more of the same. It doesn't really signal any kind of shift in the direction of our government."*

While imperfect, the agreement marks the beginning of a major shift in economic policy – a shift that defined clearly by the GOP budget for which it sets the table, Chairman Ryan's Path to Prosperity. As late as a few months ago, President Obama was calling for zero spending cuts, clinging to his trademark Keynesian arguments and insisting that spending cuts would hurt the economy. With the agreement, the White House has unceremoniously abandoned that "stimulus" argument. Liberals have slammed President Obama for the agreement, noting it means the White House has, in effect, admitted the "stimulus" spending binge is over. "Princeton University professor Paul Krugman noted that by agreeing to this level of budget cuts, Obama had accepted the premise that the economy has recovered enough to withstand the withdrawal of federal spending. Despite the fragile economic recovery, the economy is still not strong enough, Krugman argued," according to [Politico](#). And it's notable that the agreement includes zero earmarks – a stark contrast to two years ago, when President Obama accommodated a Democratic House and Senate and signed into law a massive omnibus spending bill containing an estimated 9,000 earmarks.

*MYTH: "The agreement really only cuts about \$14 billion in spending. Most of the cuts are from non-discretionary spending, which doesn't change the baseline."*

Discretionary spending cuts account for more than half of the nearly \$45 billion in gross spending cuts that are made in the agreement. As previously noted, the agreement will chop an estimated \$315 billion out of the federal budget over the next 10 years, setting the table for Chairman Paul Ryan's Path to Prosperity budget, which cuts trillions. The notion that cuts in mandatory spending are not "real" cuts is a potentially lethal misconception for anyone to accept. Dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory ("autopilot") spending are essential to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth, and the agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

*MYTH: "The provisions eliminating President Obama's 'czars' for health care, climate change and other topics are meaningless. The administration has already vacated these posts or scheduled them for elimination."*

The agreement means these posts won't be coming back – good news for Americans discomfited by

the Obama Administration's agenda of government takeovers and bailouts. And perhaps more importantly, the provisions establish a precedent that Congress can deny the president funding for such positions -- effectively challenging their constitutionality.

*MYTH: "The agreement is a win for President Obama because it includes a mix of discretionary spending cuts and mandatory spending cuts, rather than just discretionary spending cuts."*

The bill passed by the House in February, H.R. 1, also included mandatory spending cuts. Like H.R. 1, the agreement makes real cuts in discretionary spending and includes no tax increases. After initially opposing any spending cuts, the White House and Congressional Democrats abandoned that position during negotiations and tried to cut their losses by demanding tax increases and trying to prevent virtually any cuts to discretionary spending. Republican negotiators rebuffed this gambit and forced the White House to accept an agreement with a mix of cuts from both discretionary and mandatory spending programs, and zero tax hikes. As noted previously, dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory spending are needed to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth. The agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

*MYTH: "The agreement just nicks a few programs; it doesn't actually eliminate anything."*

The agreement terminates more than 40 ineffective programs at the U.S. Department of Education alone, including Educational Technology State Grants, Even Start, Advanced Credentialing, Mental Health Integration, Exchanges with Historic Whaling Partners, Women's Educational Equity, Tech-Prep Education State Grants, Smaller Learning Communities, Legal Assistance Loan Repayment Program, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Scholarships, and B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships. For a full list of federal programs that are cut or eliminated by the agreement, go [here](#). The bill also eliminates the ability of students to draw down two Pell Grant awards at the same time, saving an additional \$35 billion over the next 10 years.

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President Who Began 2011 Saying "No Cuts" Now Poised to Sign Largest Spending Cut Since WWII

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White House spin merchants are in overdrive this week, contending that their boss – who just months ago called for a spending freeze that would result in no cuts to federal spending levels – will be getting most of what he asked for from Congress when he signs into law the largest non-defense spending cut in American history. The White House-spun yarn goes something like this: "Despite his January call for zero spending cuts, the president has actually always been in favor of spending cuts, as long as they are cuts in mandatory spending. And since the final agreement contains significant cuts in mandatory spending along with significant cuts in discretionary spending, it means the president won."

Here are the facts:

- \* Republicans believe dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory ("autopilot") spending are essential to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth, and the agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

- \* Democrats note that some of the spending cuts in the agreement were proposed in the president's budget, but disingenuously fail to note that many of those cuts were used in the president's budget to offset additional or new spending elsewhere. In the context of the agreement, those cuts are now real cuts – chopping billions of dollars off the baseline, rather than being used to offset other Washington spending sought by the administration.

\* As Chairman Paul Ryan said Tuesday, the agreement "[secures] tens of billions of dollars in spending cuts, forcing the President and his party's leaders to retreat from their reckless spending spree. The historic spending cut turns the page from Washington's pervasive culture of spending, sending a welcome signal to job creators and cleaning up the unprecedented budget mess left by the last Congress."

\* The agreement cuts nearly \$40 billion compared to FY 2010 spending levels (nearly \$38 billion compared to the March 4 continuing resolution) – the largest non-defense spending cut in American history – and will cut \$315 billion from the federal budget over the next decade, clearing a path for the landmark Path to Prosperity budget offered by Chairman Ryan, which cuts trillions more over the next decade. The bill also eliminates the ability of students to draw down two Pell Grant awards at the same time, saving an additional \$35 billion over the next 10 years.

\* The gross spending cut in the bill is nearly \$45 billion. The total spending cut would be nearly \$45 billion had the Speaker not fought for – and won – a \$5 billion increase in defense spending, which is included in the agreement.

\* As a result of the agreement, the federal government will spend \$78.5 billion less than President Obama proposed spending this year.

\* The agreement eliminates one Obamacare program, cuts a second nearly in half, and eliminates four of the Obama Administration's controversial "czars" – including the president's health czar charged with overseeing his government takeover of health care, his auto czar responsible for managing the federal government's takeover of U.S. auto manufacturers, and his climate change czar tasked with implementing the president's job-crushing national energy tax.

\* The agreement secures Senate votes and debate on de-funding of two presidential priorities – Obamacare and Planned Parenthood – while saving the successful D.C. school choice program Democrats have been trying to eliminate for years.

\* The agreement includes zero earmarks – a stark contrast to two years ago, when President Obama accommodated a Democratic House and Senate and signed into law a massive omnibus spending bill containing an estimated 9,000 earmarks.

\* The agreement makes real cuts in discretionary spending and includes no tax increases. After initially opposing any spending cuts, the White House and Congressional Democrats abandoned that position during negotiations and tried to cut their losses by demanding tax increases and trying to prevent virtually any cuts to discretionary spending. Republican negotiators rebuffed this gambit and forced the White House to accept an agreement with a mix of cuts from both discretionary and mandatory spending programs, and zero tax hikes.

\* The agreement terminates more than 40 ineffective programs at the U.S. Department of Education alone, including Educational Technology State Grants, Even Start, Advanced Credentialing, Mental Health Integration, Exchanges with Historic Whaling Partners, Women's Educational Equity, Tech-Prep Education State Grants, Smaller Learning Communities, Legal Assistance Loan Repayment Program, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Scholarships, and B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships.

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For a full list of federal programs that are cut or eliminated by the agreement, click here <<http://speaker.gov/Components/Redirect/r.aspx?ID=129875-3477662>>.

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## Six Ways Spending Cut Agreement Undermines ObamaCare

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The [spending cut agreement](#) announced last week undermines the job-crushing health care law in at least six ways as Republicans continue to fight for its full repeal:

1. The spending cut agreement **forces the Democratic-led Senate to hold an up-or-down vote on repealing the job-crushing health care law**. This vote, observers say, "[forces Democrats to defend the massive government expansion of control yet again](#)." The Senate vote is also being hailed as a "[pro-life victory](#)," along with other pro-life protections included in the agreement.
2. The agreement **requires the Government Accountability Office, Congress's investigative watchdog, to conduct "a series of studies" regarding the job-crushing health care law's impact on the economy**, starting with [an audit of the controversial waivers the Obama Administration has provided to unions and businesses](#). That audit will be due within 60 days once the agreement becomes law. Other audits will examine: (1) the premium impacts for individuals and families as a result of certain ObamaCare mandates; (2) what's happening with the comparative effectiveness research funding in ObamaCare and the failed 'stimulus'; and (3) all of the contractors who have been hired to implement the law and the costs to taxpayers of such contracts.

3. **The Internal Revenue Service will have its budget frozen** under the agreement, severely hampering its ability to enforce the job-crushing health care law. Right before Congress forced ObamaCare through last year, [it was discovered](#) that the IRS would need to undergo its largest expansion since World War II - including the addition of 16,500 new agents – in order to enforce the law’s tax hikes and mandates.
4. The agreement **restricts the use of a controversial ObamaCare slush fund**, the “Prevention and Public Health Fund,” which the Energy & Commerce Committee [set its sights on](#) after discovering that taxpayer dollars were being used at the sole discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
5. The agreement **eliminates ObamaCare’s “Free Choice Vouchers” program**, which employers and job creators opposed, [according to The Hill](#), “out of concern that it could lead young, healthy workers to opt out of the employer plan, driving up costs for everybody else.”
6. The agreement **slashes start-up funding for ObamaCare’s “Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan” (CO-OP) program**, which has been called a “[stealth public plan](#).” The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office [warned that the co-ops wouldn’t work](#), saying they had “very little effect on the estimates of total enrollment in the exchanges or federal costs.”

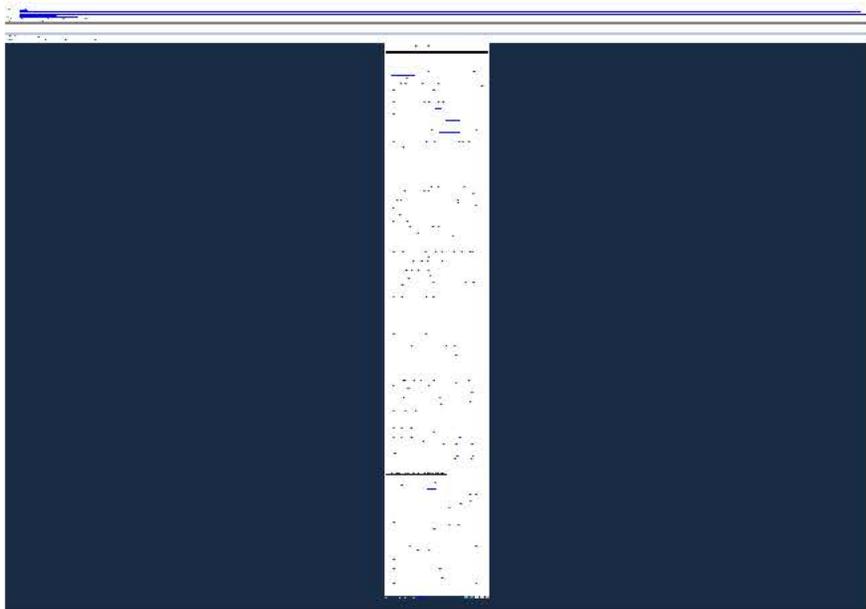
**BONUS.** The spending cut agreement paves the way for **Chairman Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) FY 2012 budget**, “[The Path to Prosperity](#),” which repeals the entire job-crushing health care law so we can replace it with common-sense reforms that lower costs and protect jobs.

With public support for ObamaCare [dropping to its lowest level](#) yet, this would be the second time in as many weeks Congress has chipped away at the job-crushing law: last week, the Senate passed H.R. 4, [Pledge to America](#) legislation repealing its 1099 small business mandate. As Speaker Boehner [has said](#), “**if the Senate won’t join us in passing a bill that repeals ObamaCare all at once, we will work to repeal it step-by-step.**” The spending cut agreement continues this work. Read the full text of the spending cut legislation online [here](#) and learn more about it [here](#).

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## FFIS Weekly Update – December 4, 2012

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **December 4, 2012: President and the House Release Deficit Reduction Proposals; Negotiations**

**Continue this Week** Last Thursday, the administration began floating a \$4 trillion deficit-reduction plan that calls for at least \$1.6 trillion in additional tax revenues over 10 years through the year-end expiration of the 2001/2003 tax cuts on income over \$250,000, taxing dividends as normal income, and raising the estate tax to 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption. The rest of the tax increases and the entitlement savings would come next year, through congressional revisions to the tax code and retirement programs. The plan would postpone for one year the automatic spending cuts scheduled for January 2, 2013, under sequestration, cut \$400 billion from federal health and entitlement programs, renew extended unemployment compensation, and extend the “patch” for the alternative minimum tax. The plan also includes \$50 billion for a new infrastructure bank, home mortgage refinancing, and a permanent end to congressional control over statutory borrowing limits (e.g. giving the president discretionary authority to lift the debt ceiling, instead of requiring legislation).

Republicans have criticized the plan and stated that little progress has been made through recent “fiscal cliff” negotiations. On Monday, the speaker of the House released a \$2.2 trillion deficit-reduction counter offer to the president that would raise tax revenues by \$800 billion over 10 years through base broadening, cut \$600 billion from federal health and entitlement programs, institute an additional \$300 billion in mandatory savings and \$300 billion in discretionary cuts, and save \$200 billion by applying a less generous measure of inflation to all federal programs, including Social Security benefits.

Negotiations will continue this week, but White House officials and congressional leaders will probably need to at least agree on some basic principles of an eventual agreement if they hope to pass deficit-reduction legislation before the new year.

**December 4, 2012: Some Appropriations Bills Could Advance Before Year’s End** House and Senate appropriators have agreed on several spending bills for FY 2013, but there is no plan yet for advancing these bills through the lame duck session. However, the House appropriations chairman has said that “four or five” may be moved in a single package, while work continues on the remaining FY 2013 appropriations bills.

### EDUCATION

**December 3, 2012: ED Seeks Comments on Education Jobs Report** The Department of Education (ED) is seeking comments from states on the annual Education Jobs Report. The report summarizes a state’s use of Education Jobs Fund allocations and the impact of those funds on education and other areas in the state. More details on the agency’s request can be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-12-03/pdf/2012-29108.pdf>

**November 26, 2012: Education Releases Graduation Rate Statistics** ED recently released data detailing state four-year high school graduation rates in school year (SY) 2010-2011. This is the first year for which all states used a common measure. Using the new metric, 26 states reported lower graduation rates than the previous school year, while 24 states reported no change or an increase in graduation rates. However, ED notes that some of the variation is due to the change in reporting metric. More details can be found in ED's press release: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/states-report-new-high-school-graduation-rates-using-more-accurate-common-measur>

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**December 3, 2012: ACF Publishes Memorandums for Head Start Grantees** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released guidance to Head Start grantees on the disposition of older modular units and payment options available to participants in the E-Rate program. To access the new guidance, go to: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/IMs/2012>

**November 30, 2012: HHS Publishes FY 2014 FMAPs** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (FMAPs) and enhanced FMAPs for FY 2014. HHS determined that Louisiana qualified for the disaster-recovery FMAP adjustment in FY 2014. To view the notice click here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-30/pdf/2012-29035.pdf>

The final FMAPs match FFIS calculations in [Issue Brief 12-36](#).

**November 30, 2012: CMS Announces Provider Enrollment Fee** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a notice in the *Federal Register* to announce a \$532 calendar year (CY) 2013 application fee for institutional providers that are initially enrolling in the Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP): <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-30/pdf/2012-29003.pdf>

**November 28, 2012: CMCS Issues Guidance on Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Individuals Under Age 21** The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) released the following bulletin to clarify and describe flexibility available to states to ensure the provision of medically necessary Medicaid services to children in inpatient psychiatric facilities: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/CIB-11-28-12.pdf>

**November 28, 2012: ACF Releases FAQ on Child Care Report** ACF issued the following FAQ document on the recent changes, focused on quality-related information, made to the child care monthly data report (ACF-801): <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/frequently-asked-questions-new-elements-in-the-acf-801-report>

#### **HEALTH CARE REFORM**

**November 30, 2012: OPM Releases Proposed Regulations for Multi-State Plans** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to implement the Multi-State Plan Program (MSPP). The rule outlines the process by which OPM will establish the MSPP to offer private insurance products on the exchanges, as well as to establish standards and requirements for MSPP issuers and Multi-State plans (MSPs). Under the proposed rule, health insurance issuers will offer at least two MSPs on each of the Affordable Insurance Exchanges through contract with OPM. OPM will administer the MSPP consistent with state insurance laws and in coordination and cooperation with states. Comments are due January 4, 2013. OPM intends to publish a final rule early in 2013. For more information, go to: <http://www.opm.gov/insure/mspp/index.asp>

**November 30, 2012: CCIIO Announces Additional Application Date for Exchange Establishment Grants**

The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) announced an additional application deadline of December 28, 2012, for Level I and Level II grants for supporting the establishment of health insurance exchanges. More details can be found at:

<http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/fundingopportunities/index.html#peg>

**November 30, 2012: CCIIO Updates Fact Sheet on Exchange** CCIIO updated its fact sheet on federally facilitated exchanges, which outlines recent progress and provides a timeline of major events:

<http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/FFE%20Progress%20fact%20sheet.pdf>

## HOUSING

**November 30, 2012: HUD Grants Regulatory and Administrative Waivers for Public and Indian Housing Programs in Storm Disaster Areas**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has advised the public of regulations and administrative requirements governing programs that have been waived as a result of Superstorm Sandy. Entities that administer certain programs and are located in a federal disaster area as a result of the storm may defer compliance with the regulations and other requirements listed in this notice for an initial period of 12 months. Those not located within a federal disaster area, but assisting with Superstorm Sandy recovery and relief, may request to defer compliance with these regulations and other requirements for the same period of time. Click here for details:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-30/pdf/2012-29038.pdf>

**November 27, 2012: HUD Details Requirements, Waivers Under Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

HUD released a notice describing closeout requirements and additional regulations waived for grantees receiving funds under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding. Click here to access the notice:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-27/pdf/2012-28642.pdf>

## INTERIOR

**November 30, 2012: Interior Issues States' Decisions on Accounting and Auditing Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Marginal Properties**

The Department of Interior's (DOI) Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) released states' decisions regarding accounting and auditing relief for federal oil and gas properties. In 2004, ONRR provided two types of accounting and auditing relief for federal onshore or outer continental shelf lease production. States that received a portion of federal royalties decided whether to participate in one or both relief options. ONRR's current notice provides affected states' decisions for 2013. To view the decisions, click here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-30/pdf/2012-28935.pdf>

## JUSTICE

**November 28, 2012: OJJDP Posts FY 2012 Award Data** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has posted data on its FY 2012 awards. The information can be sorted by solicitation, grantee, award amount, and state. Click here to access the information:

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/12juvjust/121128.html>

## LABOR

**November 29, 2012: ETA Updates UI Data Validation Operations Guide** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued an updated Data Validation Operations Guide for state unemployment insurance (UI). The updated guide reflects recent modifications to the data validation state software. The new guide can be accessed here:

[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL\\_1\\_11\\_Change2.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_1_11_Change2.pdf)

**November 29, 2012: ETA Issues Guidance on RES and REAs for EUC Recipients** ETA issued guidance to states on the new Reemployment Services (RES) and Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) requirements for recipients of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC). More details can be found in the guidance document: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_20-11\\_Chg1.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_20-11_Chg1.pdf)

**November 27, 2012: ETA Releases Updated PY 2011/FY 2012 Performance Reporting and Data Validation Timelines** ETA released revised performance reporting requirements and timelines for the following programs: National Emergency Grants, Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service, Local Veterans' Employment Representative, Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program, and Trade Adjustment Assistance. To view the updated materials, click here: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_28-11\\_change1.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_28-11_change1.pdf)

#### **NUTRITION**

**November 30, 2012: FNS Releases Guidance on Computer Matching Regulation** The Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provided a Q&A document to states on the requirements for state verification of death and prisoner status under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The guidance deals with issues arising from FNS's final rule issued on August 13, 2012. A copy of the Q&A can be accessed here: <http://aphsa.org/Home/Doc/eDRS-Reg-8-13-12-QAs.pdf>

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

**November 30, 2012: TSA Announces Two New Agency Information Collections under BASE Program** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has announced two new Information Collection Requests (ICR) regarding the Highway Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement (BASE) Program. These voluntary information collections will allow TSA to conduct transportation security-related assessments during site visits with security and operating officials of [surface transportation entities](#) and [transit agencies](#).

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## Dems Toast ObamaCare's Broken Promises, While Americans Live Them: Fewer Jobs, Higher Costs, and Reduced Coverage

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House Democrats this morning will come together to toast the one-year anniversary of their job-crushing health care law, and all its fewer jobs, higher costs, and reduced coverage. According to tradition, the first anniversary is considered the 'paper anniversary.' With that in mind, here are some items we're happy to offer up for this morning's celebration:

- A [letter signed by 200 economists and experts](#) stating that ObamaCare's maze of mandates, tax hikes, and penalties "**create major barriers to stronger job growth**." The letter also highlights the devastating impact ObamaCare will have on the nation's already-precarious fiscal health, adding more than \$500 billion to the deficit during the first ten years, and nearly \$1.5 trillion in the following decade.
- A [transcript of testimony](#) from Congressional Budget Office director Douglas Elmendorf, who verified that **the health care law will reduce the number of full-time jobs by 800,000**. ([There's video too.](#))
- This [Associated Press article](#) summing up the recent testimony of Richard Foster, Medicare's independent economic expert, who told Congress that "two central promises" of ObamaCare –

lower costs and letting people keep their current coverage – “are unlikely to be fulfilled.” We’d staple to that [an independent report](#) showing that **as many as 35 million Americans could lose their employer-based health insurance** on account of the burdens ObamaCare places on businesses large and small alike.

- The [results of a new national survey](#) showing that **support for repeal of the job-crushing law “has reached its highest level since May of last year.”** It was the president’s pollster who said last March that ObamaCare would [“win over public support”](#) after becoming law.
- The [full list of the more than 1,000 waivers](#) the Obama Administration has granted to employers and unions seeking protection from the health care law’s job-crushing requirements. The waivers have been called a [“liability for the White House”](#) and yet another “rallying cry” for repeal.
- A [joint congressional report](#) released by House Energy & Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Senate Finance Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-UT) that details how the massive Medicaid expansion in ObamaCare will cost \$118 billion, roughly double what Congress’ independent budget score keeper, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), originally estimated.
- This [colorful chart](#) put together by Joint Economic Committee Republicans detailing ObamaCare’s bewildering arrangement of new government agencies, regulations and mandates.

For good measure, we offer a [printable copy of the Pledge to America](#), which lays out Republicans’ commitment to repealing ObamaCare and replacing it with common-sense reforms that lower costs and protect American jobs. Since January, the new House majority has voted to fully [repeal the \\$2.6 trillion health care law](#); to [defund the law](#) as part of H.R. 1; and to repeal the job-destroying [1099 small business mandate](#). This week, Speaker Boehner announced the House will soon vote to [eliminate mandatory spending slush funds](#) in ObamaCare. Hearings to uncover the full truth about ObamaCare continue as well.

\*In case you’re wondering, the second anniversary is the ‘cotton anniversary.’ Of course, if the Democrats who run Washington finally listen to the American people, the job-crushing health care law won’t make it that far.

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NGA Health and Human Services Reps Meeting  
June 8, 2011  
Exchanges Overview and Update

### Discussion Items

- Exchange legislation overview
  - Decision points and trends
  - View from Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)
  - Issues being raised from state perspective
  - Other observations
  - Recent headlines
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### Exchange legislation overview

#### **States that have passed legislation:**

Republican governors: North Dakota (intent), Virginia (Intent)  
Democratic governors: California, Colorado (split legislature), Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Oregon (split legislature), Vermont (split legislature), Washington, West Virginia

#### **No legislation introduced:**

Republican governors: Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin  
Democratic governors: Delaware, Kentucky (split legislature), New York, Massachusetts

#### **Alternate paths:**

Governors using executive authority to move process along: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana  
Interim study group legislation: Mississippi, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming

#### **Among Democratic governors:**

Passed: 9 states  
Pending: 3 states  
Failed/expired: 3 states  
Not introduced yet/other circumstances: 4 states (e.g. Massachusetts, New York)

#### **Republican governors:**

Passed: (2 states with intent legislation)  
Pending: 7 states  
Failed/expired: 12 states  
Not introduced/other: 9 states

\* Rhode Island has legislation pending

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### Decision points and trends

- Whether to spell everything out in legislation
  - Trending towards leaving policy details to be determined later/next session
- Where in the government to establish the exchange (nonprofit/agency/quasi-governmental)

- Trending towards quasi-governmental agency (less strict hiring and procurement rules, easier rules for negotiating with third parties)
  - Whether to combine the individual and small group insurance exchanges
    - Trending towards keeping them separate
  - How to finance the exchange
    - Trending towards assessing fees on health plans
  - The role of agents and brokers
    - Trending towards bringing them into the fold and giving them a role
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#### View from Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

(Lead office within HHS on exchanges)

Areas of emphasis for states:

- Setting a vision: Partnerships between state/federal, private insurance market/Medicaid, and government/private sector
  - Consumer experience: “No wrong door,” seamless experience, real-time eligibility determinations where possible, maximize online usability
    - Bringing together necessary data streams to make this possible; upgrade eligibility systems and integrate with other state programs
  - Cross-agency collaboration within states; bring everyone to the table
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#### Issues being raised from state perspective

- Extremely aggressive timeline; information and guidance not flowing from HHS fast enough
    - Several game-changing unknowns, i.e. essential benefits package;
  - Concerns over ultimate level of access to necessary data, i.e. synching state/federal tax information;
  - Cost allocation and budgeting; difficult to set budgets with uncertain funding streams; (especially challenging to incorporate Medicaid into budgets);
  - Ensuring that health plans will participate, balancing tradeoffs of setting “active purchasing” and reporting requirements so high as to deter plan participation; and
  - Navigating governance and conflict of interest issues.
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#### Other observations

- States officials are beginning to step up dialogue to ask for more information, more guidance, faster review
- HHS is beginning to step up conversation, push for action (report out of Montana that they will assess states who have not taken action on 1/1/12).

### Recent Headlines:

- HHS awarded **Rhode Island, Washington, and Indiana** “Establishment Grants” to provide continued funding for the IT infrastructure development of state exchanges. Indiana and Rhode Island received roughly \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively. Washington received \$22 million to assist with IT as well as to help the state develop policy options.
- **Alabama** Governor Bentley signed an executive order creating the Alabama Health Insurance Exchange Study Commission.
- **Colorado** Governor John Hickenlooper signed legislation passed in early May creating an exchange.
- The **Connecticut** House voted Saturday on a bill to establish a quasi-public agency to oversee the exchange – It heads to the governor now.
- **Georgia** Governor Nathan Deal has signed an executive order creating a panel to determine whether to establish a state-based exchange.
- **Oregon** legislation was passed a final vote this week, and is headed to Governor Kitzhaber for signing.

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Per our staff-only meeting yesterday at the Healthcare summit, attached is a discussion document prepared by IN and several other states to continue our debate of healthcare exchanges.

We will have a healthcare task force meeting on Thursday at 5 PM EDT to build off our staff-only discussion. Another notice and agenda will be distributed tomorrow re that RGPPC healthcare task force call.

Best,  
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Good Afternoon Health Policy Advisors:

I wanted to write to introduce myself and update you on several regulations from CMS.

First, I am the new Director of the Health Division in the Center for Best Practices at the National Governors Association. I have attached my bio and e-card. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of any assistance. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. If any of you plan to attend the NGA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, please let me know and I will try to look you up.

Second, we expect a number of important regulatory announcements from CMS over the next few weeks and months. As these occur, we will provide you with information as quickly as possible. We plan to send you analysis of the implications of the insurance exchange regulations (see below) and host briefings via conference calls to give you all an opportunity to discuss and analyze the regulations.

### **CMS Announcement on Dual Eligibles**

Today, CMS made an announcement today regarding dual eligibles. Summarized below are the three initiatives, including the testing of two shared savings models. The first model is a capitated approach to integration for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees and the second is a managed fee-for-service (FFS) approach to integration. CMS will also implement a demonstration to improve health outcomes in for nursing facility residents and a CMS will launch a technical assistance resource center to assist all states in coordinating care to high-need, high-cost beneficiaries. Attached is the letter sent to State Medicaid Directors regarding the new initiatives.

#### *Demonstration Program to Test Financial Models for Improved Care Coordination*

The CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation will test two financial models to determine whether they save money while preserving or enhancing the quality of care. Interested states can send a letter of intent and work with CMS to determine whether they meet established standards and conditions. The Innovation Center will approve qualifying States that collectively serve up to 1 to 2 million dual eligibles.

[CMS Fact Sheet: Testing Financial Models to Support State Efforts to Coordinate Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees](#)

#### *Demonstration to Improve Care Quality for Nursing Facility Residents*

CMS will competitively select and partner with independent organizations that will provide enhanced clinical services to people in approximately 150 nursing homes. Initiatives should be targeted to improve health outcomes and reduce preventable hospitalizations.

[CMS Fact Sheet: Demonstration to Improve Care Quality for Nursing Facility Residents](#)

*Technical Assistance Resource Center Available to States*

CMS announced it has created a resource center to assist states in delivering coordinated health care to high-cost beneficiaries. This resource center will focus on helping states in promoting coordinated care and reducing costs.

[CMS Fact Sheet: Technical Assistance Resource Center Available to States](#)

**CMS Announcement on Health Insurance Exchanges**

CMS will be releasing a series of regulations on Health Insurance Exchanges, the first of which is expected to be released on Monday morning and cover the operations of Exchanges, including the requirements for the establishment and operation of an Exchange and requirements for certifying health plans for participation. Also included will be information about navigators and SHOP Exchanges. Subsequent regulations will include tax eligibility and enrollment requirements and risk adjustment.

Thank you.

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**Health and Human Services Commission**  
**Office of Social Services (OSS) - Policy Strategy, Analysis, and Development**  
August, 2012

**Topic: Eligibility Changes as a result of the Affordable Care Act**

**Background**

Effective January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires states to:

- Use modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodologies for most eligibility determinations for Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the health benefit Exchange (Exchange). MAGI methodologies use tax definitions of household income to determine eligibility.
- Coordinate eligibility determinations between Medicaid, CHIP and the Exchange.

Implementing these requirements will result in significant changes to eligibility policy, operations, and systems. OSS is coordinating with HHSC Information Technology (IT) to plan for implementation of these changes. A summary follows of the impact of the ACA requirements.

**Medicaid Eligibility Groups**

- ACA creates four MAGI Groups for Medicaid and CHIP: (1) children; (2) pregnant women; (3) parents and caretakers; and (4) optional adult expansion group.<sup>1</sup>
- Some Medicaid groups are exempt from using MAGI methodologies to determine eligibility. In Texas, this includes Medicaid for the elderly and people with disabilities.

**Income Eligibility Standards**

*Household Income*

For MAGI groups, the ACA changes the rules for counting household income based on the rules used for federal income taxes, and prohibits assets tests and most income disregards.

*Income Conversion*

The ACA requires states to convert current income eligibility limits to MAGI-equivalent limits. The one-time income conversion establishes the maximum income eligibility limits for MAGI groups. States are required to submit an income conversion plan for federal approval.

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<sup>1</sup> The Supreme Court ruling on the ACA provides states with the option to cover the adult expansion group. This is an option for legislative consideration. In addition, states have requested federal guidance on the impact of the ruling on applying MAGI to existing Medicaid groups and maintenance of effort requirements.

### *Maintenance of Effort (MOE)*

ACA MOE requirements prohibit states from implementing more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for adults in Medicaid until January 1, 2014 and for children in Medicaid or CHIP through September 30, 2019.

## **Eligibility Determinations**

### *Applications & Renewals*

- Federal law requires a single, streamlined application for Medicaid, CHIP and the Exchange. States may have separate applications for MAGI-exempt groups and for integrated programs (such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)). States may use the single streamlined application developed by the federal government or an alternative application developed by the state with federal approval.
- The ACA requires an automatic renewal for MAGI groups. To the extent possible, states must use available information to make eligibility redeterminations without requesting information from clients.
- For MAGI groups, the ACA requires a redetermination of eligibility every 12 months and when a change in circumstance is received that may affect eligibility.

### *Verifications*

The ACA requires the use of electronic verifications for eligibility determinations for MAGI groups to the extent possible. The federal government plans to establish an electronic service (known as the federal data hub) to facilitate electronic verifications. States are required to develop plans describing verification policies and procedures to be submitted to the federal government upon request.

### *Performance Standards*

States must establish timeliness and performance standards for making eligibility determinations promptly and without undue delay. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) indicates that “real-time” eligibility determinations are possible in most cases.

## **Coordinating Medicaid, CHIP, and Exchange Eligibility Determinations**

State Medicaid and CHIP programs must establish an interface with the Exchange to coordinate eligibility determinations, and have the option of delegating eligibility determinations to the Exchange. HHSC assumes that it will continue to make Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determinations.

### **Current Status**

Currently, OSS is working on policy development and coordinating with IT on ACA systems changes. OSS also participates in monthly technical assistance calls with CMS.

### **Outstanding Issues**

To make the required ACA eligibility changes, OSS must:

- Continue to develop the policy and process for establishing income eligibility standards, determining eligibility, and coordinating Medicaid, CHIP, and Exchange eligibility.
- Develop and submit an income conversion plan for federal approval.
  - CMS plans to issue guidance on income conversion this year.
- Determine the single, streamed application for the state.
  - CMS indicates it will release application examples by the end of the summer.
- Develop a verification plan to be submitted to the federal government upon request.
- Establish performance standards based on new policy and process.
- Develop and implement training and communications for eligibility field staff

CMS has not issued final guidance for many ACA required eligibility changes. HHSC requires federal guidance regarding the: (1) MAGI methodology; (2) federal data hub; (3) timeliness and performance standards; (4) methodology for claiming federal funds and (5) MOE requirements.

### **Key Decision To Be Made**

As policy and process is developed, OSS will provide briefings and request direction as needed.

### **Time Sensitivity**

System changes for ACA eligibility requirements are scheduled to be released in August and December 2013. HHSC has indicated to CMS that it would need complete federal guidance by August 2012 to develop policy for the systems changes. Given the outstanding issues, HHSC assumes that CMS will not issue complete guidance on ACA eligibility changes by this time.

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As a follow-up to today's meeting, we are providing you with the eligibility criteria for exchange establishment grants.

As per the grant announcement, there are two application categories for this funding opportunity:

1. *Level One Establishment* is open to States that received exchange planning grants. — "Early Innovator" States are also eligible to apply. These cooperative agreements provide up to one year of funding to states that have made some progress under their exchange planning grant but are not yet able to meet the eligibility requirements of *Level Two Establishment*, defined below.
2. *Level Two Establishment* is open to states that received exchange planning grants. — "Early Innovator" States are also eligible to apply. Level Two Establishment awards will provide funding through December 31, 2014. This category is designed to provide funding to applicants that are further along in the establishment of an exchange and that can demonstrate achievement of specific eligibility criteria outlined below. *Level One Establishment* grantees are eligible to apply for *Level Two Establishment* after making sufficient progress in *Level One* and once they are able to meet the *Level Two* eligibility criteria defined below:
  - A. Has the necessary legal authority to establish and operate an exchange that complies with federal requirements available at the time of the application.
  - B. Has established a governance structure for the exchange.
  - C. 1) Submits a complete budget through 2014; 2) Submits an initial plan discussing financial sustainability by 2015; and 3) Submits a plan outlining steps to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.
  - D. Submits a plan describing how capacity for providing assistance to individuals and small businesses in the state will be created, continued, and/or expanded, including provision for a call center.

The complete grant announcement is available at

[http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/fundingopportunities/foa\\_exchange\\_establishment.pdf](http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/fundingopportunities/foa_exchange_establishment.pdf).

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**From:** Jacobs, Chris (RPC) [mailto:Chris\_Jacobs@rpc.senate.gov]  
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**Subject:** Enrolling Resolution De-Funding Obamacare

The House has introduced an enrolling resolution (H.Con.Res. 35) that would add provisions to the continuing resolution (H.R. 1473) prohibiting any of its funds from being used to implement Obamacare. Text is available [here](#). Timing of a Senate vote on the enrolling resolution is unclear, but the resolution is expected to require a 60-vote affirmative threshold for adoption. Background material on Obamacare implementation activities follows my signature.

#### Summary:

The resolution would direct the Clerk to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1473, so that the text of the continuing resolution would prohibit funding in the continuing resolution "or any previous Act" from being used to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, P.L. 111-148) or the health care provisions of the reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152). **The wording of the enrolling resolution WOULD de-fund mandatory as well as discretionary spending for Obamacare implementation, but WOULD NOT de-fund the education and student loan provisions included in last year's reconciliation measure.**

#### Considerations:

- At a time when the federal government is running record budget deficits, as well as significant unfunded liabilities within Medicare and Medicaid, many may object to the creation of a \$2.6

trillion new entitlement program.

- Obamacare as enacted broke many of candidate Obama's campaign promises – that health “reform” would allow individuals to keep their current coverage, save families \$2500 from their health insurance premiums, not raise taxes on the middle class, and lower costs. Taxpayers should not be forced to fund a measure that so dramatically deviates from the President's promised goals on health care.
- With the American economy still suffering from tepid growth and millions of individuals still unemployed, continuing to implement a law that experts agree will both raise taxes and reduce the net labor supply for the American economy represents a poor policy choice.

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## **De-Funding Obamacare Means Federal Tax Dollars Will NOT Be Spent On:**

**Raising Premiums:** While candidate Obama [repeatedly promised](#) that he would cut premiums by \$2500 per family, the Congressional Budget Office [estimated](#) that due to the new mandates in the law, individual insurance premiums would rise by \$2100 per family. [Multiple stories](#) in recent months have highlighted how premiums are not only going up despite the health care overhaul, in many instances they have risen BECAUSE of it.

**Taking Away Coverage:** According to the Administration's own estimates, [half of all businesses](#) will lose their current coverage within two years – subjecting them to Obamacare's costly insurance mandates. Moreover, the Medicare actuary [estimates](#) that the health care law will reduce projected enrollment in Medicare Advantage by half, and further [testified](#) the promise that the promise that individuals would keep their current coverage is “not true in all cases.”

**Writing New Regulations:** The Administration has released 6,578 pages of regulations and related notices in the Federal Register since the health care law passed last year – a mere down payment on the tens of thousands of pages of Washington mandates likely to be handed down over the coming years, even decades. Even a potential government shutdown didn't prevent HHS from wanting to write more regulations; the Department's [contingency operations plan](#) in the event of a lapse in funding classified those writing new Washington insurance mandates as “essential.” The mandates produced by these unelected bureaucrats will raise burdens on businesses, particularly small businesses, at a time when firms are still struggling economically.

**Discouraging Workers:** The non-partisan head of the Congressional Budget Office previously [testified](#) that the health care law will reduce the total labor supply by about 800,000 jobs. CBO [found](#) that the health law “will effectively increase marginal tax rates,” which will “encourage some people to work fewer hours or to withdraw from the labor market” altogether.

**Raising Costs:** President Obama [promised](#) that “If any bill arrives from Congress that is not controlling costs, that's not a bill I can support.” However, the Medicare actuary previously [noted](#) that the health care law will RAISE total health spending by \$310,800,000,000 in its first ten years

alone, and further [testified](#) the promise that the health care law would lower costs was “false, more so than true.” The Congressional Budget Office also [noted](#) that the law will RAISE the federal budgetary commitment to health care by \$464 billion.

**Raising Taxes:** At a time when the American economy faces continued sluggish job growth, the health care law imposes more than a [half-trillion dollars](#) of destructive tax increases – many of which will hurt middle-class families. For instance, one tax alone could [raise insurance premiums](#) on families by \$5,000 during the law’s first ten years.

**A “Feudal” Bureaucracy:** An [article](#) in this morning’s Wall Street Journal discussed “a series of increasingly intense feuds” between federal bureaucrats aiming to protect their regulatory turf. As the article notes, much of the controversy among regulators involves who will be responsible for antitrust enforcement of the accountable care organizations created by Obamacare.

**Extravagant Leases:** The New York Times [reported](#) in December that “in Bethesda, [Maryland,] health care officials are leasing more than 70,000 square feet of space on three floors of an office building for about 230 employees to work on rule-making and other duties. ***The government agreed to pay \$51.41 per usable square foot of space, compared with an average of \$27 in Bethesda***, because it wanted to get the operation running in July, officials said.” [That’s an overpayment of more than \\$1.7 million of taxpayers’ dollars in one year alone – just for a single office lease.](#)

**Misleading Mailings:** Last May, the Administration spent [\\$18 million](#) to send a [mailing](#) to seniors purportedly touting the “benefits” of the health care law to seniors. The Government Accountability Office [found](#) that the mailer – which was NOT reviewed or approved by the non-partisan Medicare actuary for its accuracy – “overstates some of [the law’s] benefits” and “presents a picture of [the law] that is not universally shared.”

**Ads with “Weasel Words”:** The Administration also spent [millions more](#) in taxpayer funds to run an ad campaign in which Andy Griffith [took on the role](#) of “pitching President Barack Obama’s health care law to seniors.” The non-partisan [factcheck.org](#) concluded that the ads used “weasel words” to mislead seniors about the impact of the health care law.

**Propaganda Postcards:** The Internal Revenue Service spent taxpayer funds to mail out [4 million postcards](#) advertising the health care law’s “benefits,” in the form of a scaled-back small business tax credit. Yet the IRS has not shown a similar inclination to send out postcards warning the American people of the more than [half-trillion dollars](#) of destructive tax increases included as part of the law.

**PR Agents:** The public affairs office at the Department of Health and Human Services recently [requested a 315% increase](#) in its budget for the coming fiscal year; that office is “tasked with selling the health care reform law.”

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**To:** Oklahomans Free Market Health Solutions coalition  
**From:** Matt Robison  
**Date:** December 19, 2011  
**Re:** Essential Health Benefits Bulletin

Below please find information provided by the U.S. Department of Health late Friday regarding the *Essential Health Benefits* required under the federal health care law. As stated on their bulletin: "On December 16, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a bulletin outlining proposed policies that will give States more flexibility and freedom to implement the Affordable Care Act. This bulletin describes a comprehensive, affordable and flexible proposal and informs the public about the approach that HHS intends to pursue in rulemaking to define essential health benefits."

Comments are due by January 31, 2012.

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For a fact sheet on the essential health benefits bulletin, visit: <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/12/essential-health-benefits12162011a.html>

For a summary of individual market coverage as it relates to essential health benefits, visit: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2011/IndividualMarket/ib.shtml>

For information comparing benefits in small group products and state and Federal employee plans, visit: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2011/MarketComparison/rb.shtml>

Public input on this proposal is encouraged. Comments are due by Jan 31, 2012 and can be sent to: [EssentialHealthBenefits@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:EssentialHealthBenefits@cms.hhs.gov).

## Essential Health Benefits: HHS Informational Bulletin

On December 16, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a bulletin outlining proposed policies that will give States more flexibility and freedom to implement the Affordable Care Act. This bulletin describes a comprehensive, affordable and flexible proposal and informs the public about the approach that HHS intends to pursue in rulemaking to define essential health benefits.

HHS is releasing this intended approach to give consumers, states, employers and issuers timely information as they work towards establishing Affordable Insurance Exchanges and making decisions for 2014. This approach was developed with significant input from the American people, as well as reports from the Department of Labor, the Institute of Medicine, and research conducted by HHS.

## Essential Health Benefits

The Affordable Care Act ensures Americans have access to quality, affordable health insurance. To achieve this goal, the law ensures health plans offered in the individual and small group markets, both inside and outside of the Affordable Insurance Exchanges (Exchanges), offer a comprehensive package of items and services, known as "essential health benefits." Essential health benefits must include items and services within at least the following 10 categories:

1. Ambulatory patient services
2. Emergency services
3. Hospitalization
4. Maternity and newborn care
5. Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment
6. Prescription drugs
7. Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
8. Laboratory services
9. Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, and
10. Pediatric services, including oral and vision care

## Intended Approach: Comprehensive and Flexible

HHS intends to propose that essential health benefits are defined using a benchmark approach. Under the Department's intended approach announced today, states would have the flexibility to select a benchmark plan that reflects the scope of services offered by a "typical employer plan." This approach would give states the flexibility to select a plan that would best meet the needs of their citizens.

States would choose one of the following benchmark health insurance plans:

- One of the three largest small group plans in the state by enrollment;
- One of the three largest state employee health plans by enrollment;
- One of the three largest federal employee health plan options by enrollment;
- The largest HMO plan offered in the state's commercial market by enrollment.

If states choose not to select a benchmark, HHS intends to propose that the default benchmark will be the small group plan with the largest enrollment in the state.

The benefits and services included in the benchmark health insurance plan selected by the state would be the essential health benefits package. Plans could modify coverage within a benefit category so long as they do not reduce the value of coverage.

To prevent federal dollars going to state benefit mandates, the health reform law requires states to defray the cost of benefits required by state law in excess of essential health benefits for individuals enrolled in any plan offered through an Exchange. However, as a transition in 2014 and 2015, some of the benchmark options will include health plans in the state's small group market and state employee health benefit plans.

These benchmarks are generally regulated by the state and would be subject to state mandates applicable to the small group market. Thus, those mandates would be included in the state essential health benefits package if the state elected one of the three largest small group plans in that state as its benchmark.

This approach would provide maximum flexibility to states, employers and issuers while providing quality, comprehensive, coverage for consumers.

## Coverage

Essential health benefits must include coverage of services and items in all 10 statutory categories. Based on our research, we believe that these benchmarks will cover most of the essential health benefits outlined by the Affordable Care Act. These categories include preventive care, emergency services, maternity care, hospital and physician services, and prescription drugs. If a state selects a benchmark plan that does not cover all 10 categories of care, the state will have the option to examine other insurance plans, including the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan, to determine the type of benefits that must be included in the essential health benefits package.

## Allowing Plans Flexibility to Innovate and Consumers Greater Choice

To meet the EHB coverage standard, HHS intends to require that a health plan offer benefits that are “substantially equal” to the benchmark plan selected by the state and modified as necessary to reflect the 10 coverage categories. Health plans also would have flexibility to adjust benefits, including both the specific services covered and any quantitative limits, provided they continue to offer coverage for all 10 statutory EHB categories and the coverage has the same value. Permitting flexibility will provide greater choice to consumers, promoting plan innovation through coverage and design options, while ensuring that plans providing EHBs offer a certain level of benefits.

## Updating the Approach

The department intends to propose that benchmarks will be updated in the future, and that state mandates outside the definition of essential health benefits may not be included in future years. The Bulletin also notes that updating the benchmark will allow benefits to reflect the most up-to-date medical and market practices.

## How We Got Here: The Process

While the law calls on the department to provide details regarding essential health benefits, this has been a team effort.

As required by the Affordable Care Act, in April, the Department of Labor provided a report to HHS on employer-sponsored health insurance coverage. [This report](#) (PDF - 362 KB) detailed the benefits typically covered by employers. At the request of HHS, the Institute of Medicine provided [its recommendations](#) on a process for defining and updating the benefits that should be included in the essential health benefits package.

HHS also conducted a series of listening sessions to collect public comment and hear directly from the American people, doctors, nurses, Members of Congress and all interested stakeholders.

It is important to note that the Affordable Care Act distinguishes between a health plan’s covered services, and the plan’s cost-sharing features, such as deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance. The cost-sharing features will be addressed in separate rules and will determine the actuarial value of the plan, expressed as a “metal level” as specified in statute: bronze at 60% actuarial value, silver at 70% actuarial value, gold at 80% actuarial value, and platinum at 90% actuarial value.

Although this paper represents only the intended regulatory approach, public input on this paper is encouraged—comments can be sent on essential health benefits, are due by January 31, 2012, and can be sent to: [EssentialHealthBenefits@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:EssentialHealthBenefits@cms.hhs.gov)

FYI:

## Thursday December 15, 2011

Welcome to another edition of the State Exchange Update. We hope this will be a useful tool. Your comments and questions are welcome. Please send them to [sandra.escobar1@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:sandra.escobar1@cms.hhs.gov).

Please note, in the event of a government shutdown the calls and events listed in this newsletter will continue.

### Special events

➤ Please join representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Friday, December 16th, 2011 at 3:30pm EST for an **important announcement about the Affordable Care Act**.

**Date:** Friday, December 16th, 2011

**Time:** 3:30 pm EST

**Call-In Number:** [REDACTED] and **ID:** [REDACTED]

Questions or Concerns? Email [HHSIEA@hhs.gov](mailto:HHSIEA@hhs.gov)

➤ November 29, 2011 CMS released a set of State Exchange Implementation Questions and Answers followed by a brief call with States to discuss the material. CCIO would like to invite States for a further discussion on the **State Exchange Implementation Questions and Answers and any further questions in regards to the important announcement made on Friday December 16, 2011**.

**Date:** Monday December 19, 2011

**Time:** 1-2 pm EST

**Call-In Number:** 877-267-1577 **ID:** 9222

Please find the complete list of Q&As at the end of this newsletter, including a clarification to Q4, or on-line at [http://ccio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/11282011/exchange\\_q\\_and\\_a.pdf.pdf](http://ccio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/11282011/exchange_q_and_a.pdf.pdf)

### Coming attractions

#### User Groups

#### Financial Management (FM) Operations

**Date:** Friday, December 16, 2011

**Time:** 2:00-3:00pm EST

**Call-In Number:** [REDACTED] and **ID:** [REDACTED]

Please submit questions you would like addressed during the User Group call to Lisa Marie Gomez ([lisamarie.gomez@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lisamarie.gomez@cms.hhs.gov)) by Wednesday, December 14 COB.

#### Tribal Consultation

**Date:** Monday, December 19, 2011

**Time:** 3:00-4:00pm EST

**Call-In Number:** [REDACTED] and **ID:** [REDACTED]

This User Group will provide states with additional information and examples of tribal consultation processes/policies that Exchanges may utilize; and connect states with resources that will assist states with building relationships with tribes and developing a tribal consultation process/policy. Also, the Tribal Consultation User Group will provide states with the opportunity to learn from one another and discuss components relating to the successes and challenges of addressing this FOA requirement.

For questions, please contact Lisa Marie Gomez ([lisamarie.gomez@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lisamarie.gomez@cms.hhs.gov)).

#### Webinars

#### Webinar Demonstration of CMS Health Plan Management System (HPMS)

**Date:** Tuesday, December 20, 2011

**Time:** 12:30 to 2:00 EST

**Call-In Number:** [REDACTED] and **ID:** [REDACTED]

Please log into <http://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/swalters> as a guest at the time of the webinar.

This webinar will provide States with a demonstration of the CMS Health Plan Management System, which is used for health insurance issuers participating in the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs, and a discussion of the functional capabilities of an Exchange plan management system. This is an opportunity for States to see CMS's current system functionality in Medicare. After the demonstration, there will be a Q&A with CCIO. States are welcome to invite technical team members and other relevant staff. Please limit the use of conference lines to maximize participation.

For questions please contact Claire Hutchinson at [Claire.Hutchinson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Claire.Hutchinson@cms.hhs.gov).

### In other news...

#### Clarification

We have been informed that some of you have been contacted by a vendor claiming HHS/CCIO endorsement of their product – and that some recent media also suggest endorsement. This is not the case. CCIO has not endorsed Consumer Checkbook.

## Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes

The CCIO State team has been in the process for many months of trying to add additional staff to support States in their Exchange development. We are pleased to announce that several new and eminently qualified State Officers have joined CCIO and we hope to announce that more will be coming in early 2012. These new State Officers will be taking the reins of States shortly, which means some States will have a change in their main point-of-contact. New State officers will be paired with more experienced State officers to ensure States that do have a switch will have continuity in their relationship with CCIO.

## State Exchange Implementation Q&As

Date: November 29, 2011

Subject: State Exchange Implementation Questions and Answers

### Cost to States

Q1: What funding is available to assist States in the establishment of an Exchange under a fully State-based Exchange a Partnership Exchange and a Federally-facilitated Exchange?

A1: The Affordable Care Act provides funding for States establishing an Exchange through grants described in section 1311. Such grants are available for establishing a State-based Exchange to build functions that a State elects to operate under a Partnership Exchange and to support State activities to build interfaces with a Federally-facilitated Exchange. Grants may be awarded through the end of 2014 and grant funds are available for approved and permissible establishment activities.

The process of "establishing" an Exchange may extend beyond the first date of operation and may include improvements and enhancements to key functions over a limited period of time. Generally grants can be used to establish Exchange functions and operating systems and to test and improve systems and processes. We have determined that a State that does not have a fully certified State-based Exchange on January 1 2013 can continue to qualify for and receive a grant award subject to the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) eligibility criteria. A State can also use grant funds to build and test interfaces with HHS to support certain functions of a Federally-facilitated Exchange such as information needed for certification of qualified health plans. As such HHS anticipates modifying and extending the schedule for States to apply for establishments grants in future guidance to accommodate this schedule.

Q2: What costs are States expected to assume in establishing an Exchange and can these costs be covered by grant funding?

A2: Under the Affordable Care Act States must ensure that their Exchanges are self-sustaining by January 1 2015. Therefore the costs to States for implementing a State-based Exchange and testing Exchange operations during 2014 may be allowed under section 1311(a). Additionally grants under section 1311 may be awarded until December 31 2014 for approved establishment activities after that date. Therefore it is also permissible that under a Partnership Exchange a State may receive a grant for activities to establish and test functions that the State performs in support of a Federally-facilitated Exchange.

Q3: Will States be charged for administrative expenses when a Federally-facilitated Exchange makes a Medicaid eligibility determination?

A3: State Medicaid and CHIP programs will not be required to contribute to the costs associated with the Federally-facilitated Exchange including the costs associated with a Federally-facilitated Exchange making a Medicaid or CHIP determination. However State Medicaid and CHIP programs will have to transfer information and cases to and accept information and cases from the Federally-facilitated Exchange the costs of establishing testing and maintaining those interfaces will be shared between the State Medicaid and CHIP programs and the Federally-facilitated Exchange consistent with current cost allocation rules.

HHS has provided additional help to States to build and maintain a shared eligibility service that allows for the Exchange the Medicaid agency and the CHIP agency to share common components technologies and processes to evaluate applications for insurance affordability programs. This includes enhanced funding under Medicaid and opportunities for other State programs to reuse the information technology (IT) infrastructure without having to contribute funding for development costs related to shared services. This additional help is available to defray State costs related to establishing an efficient and effective shared eligibility service regardless of whether a Federally-facilitated Exchange or a State-based Exchange is operating in a State.

### Use of Data Services Hub

Q4: Will CMS charge States for use of the data services hub?

A4: CMS is establishing a Federally-managed data services hub to support information exchanges between States (Exchanges Medicaid and CHIP agencies) and relevant Federal agencies. In many cases Federal agencies other than CMS will be providing information through the hub. Additional information about the services available through the hub and the terms for accessing those services is under development. While the agency is considering the treatment of charges for fiscal year 2014 we do not anticipate charging fully State-based Exchanges for the use of the hub.

*Clarification: All CMS has determined at this point is that the agency does not anticipate that State-based Exchanges will be charged for use of the data services hub in 2014. CMS is still exploring how this will work in other situations.*

### Basic Health Program Funding

Q5: Under what circumstances may Exchange planning grant dollars or the Exchange establishment grant dollars be used by a State exploring or establishing a Basic Health Program under section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act?

A5: *Planning grants:* Planning grant funds may be used to support research and explore health insurance coverage options permitted under the Affordable Care Act including the option of a Basic Health Program.

*Establishment grants:* Establishment grant funds may be used for Exchange establishment activities that would coordinate or overlap with activities undertaken pursuant to the establishment of an optional Basic Health Program. For example a call center may provide

consumer information on a range of coverage options including the Basic Health Program and could therefore be funded through Establishment grant funds. However funding under the Establishment grants cannot be used to support operations of the Basic Health Program or to investigate the feasibility of the Basic Health Program.

*Other funding sources:* States electing to establish a Basic Health Program may opt to fund administrative or establishment activities for the Basic Health Program through user fees or other State funding.

#### Federally-facilitated Exchange and State Department of Insurance Responsibilities

Q6: How will the Federally-facilitated Exchange coordinate with State insurance departments?

A6: A Federally-facilitated Exchange will operate in States electing not to pursue a State-based Exchange. To the greatest extent possible HHS intends to work with States to preserve the traditional responsibilities of State insurance departments when establishing a Federally-facilitated Exchange. Additionally HHS will seek to harmonize Exchange policy with existing State programs and laws wherever possible.

For example qualified health plans (QHP) that will be offered in the Federally-facilitated Exchange must meet State licensure and solvency requirements and be in good standing in the State (section 1301(a)(1)(C) of the Affordable Care Act). Accordingly States continue to maintain an important responsibility with respect to health plans licensed and offered in their State regardless of whether the Exchange is Federally-facilitated or fully State-based.

With respect to review of network adequacy which is commonly a responsibility of State insurance departments or State health agencies in consultation with State insurance departments HHS would rely on the State for advice and recommendations regarding network adequacy standards where HHS is operating a Federally-facilitated Exchange. Network adequacy standards must ensure enrollees a sufficient choice of providers consistent with HHS regulations. We expect that if a State has not adopted such a standard HHS would develop it for the purposes of the Federally-facilitated Exchange using a commonly recognized and accepted standard such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Network Adequacy Model Act.

Similarly HHS is also currently working to determine the extent to which activities like the review of rates and benefit packages are already conducted by State insurance departments and how these responsibilities could be recognized as part of the certification of QHPs by a Federally-facilitated Exchange. For example most States currently have an effective rate review program in place and HHS will rely on such processes to the extent practicable and where legally permissible.

In States with a Federally-facilitated Exchange HHS will also apply existing State standards on marketing materials assuming issuers will be required to convey information about premiums benefits and cost sharing that flow from data used for plan approval and HHS will work with States to harmonize procedures for responding to consumer complaints. We recognize that most State insurance departments already have procedures in place for addressing consumer complaints and we will work with States to utilize existing processes for consumer complaints as efficiently as possible to the extent practicable.

Pursuant to our goal to preserve the traditional responsibilities of State insurance departments when establishing a Federally-facilitated Exchange we are planning to establish one or more working groups with representatives from State insurance departments to start working through issues related to plan management functions in the coming weeks.

Successful operation of the Federally-facilitated Exchange will depend on successfully harmonizing State and HHS workflows so that the annual QHP certification process can be effectively completed in time to adequately support open enrollment including preparation and release of an insurance web portal. We look forward to conversations with and suggestions from States in pursuit of this harmonization.

#### Eligibility under a Federally-facilitated Exchange or a State-based Exchange

Q7: The Affordable Care Act prescribes a seamless streamlined eligibility process for consumers to submit a single application and receive an eligibility determination for enrollment in a qualified health plan (QHP) through the Exchange advance payments of the premium tax credit cost-sharing reductions Medicaid CHIP and the Basic Health Program if applicable.

- Under a Federally-facilitated Exchange can a State retain authority over Medicaid eligibility determinations?
- Under a State-based Exchange can the Federal government perform activities related to advance payments of the premium tax credit and cost-sharing reductions including the verification of employer-sponsored minimum essential coverage? Can the Federal government perform the eligibility process for exemptions from the individual responsibility requirement for State-based Exchanges?

A7: Section 155.305 of the proposed rule on Exchange Functions in the Individual Market: Eligibility Determinations Exchange Standards for Employers (Exchange Eligibility NPRM available here) proposes that the Exchange will make eligibility determinations for advance payments of the premium tax credit cost-sharing reductions Medicaid CHIP and the Basic Health Program where applicable based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). The Exchange Eligibility NPRM does not distinguish between a State-based Exchange and a Federally-facilitated Exchange in this regard. Based on comments to the Exchange Eligibility NPRM however we intend to modify this original proposal in the final rule to permit additional options for determining eligibility under a State-based and Federally-facilitated Exchange.

#### *Federally-facilitated Exchange*

In response to comments to the Exchange Eligibility NPRM we are planning to revise the options that are available for the responsibility for the determination of eligibility under a Federally-facilitated Exchange to include the following:

1. The Federally-facilitated Exchange will conduct initial assessments of applicants for Medicaid and CHIP eligibility based on MAGI as part of the determination of eligibility for advance payments of the premium tax credit and cost-sharing reductions. However the State Medicaid and CHIP agencies make final Medicaid and CHIP determinations under this option. In order to ensure an optimal consumer experience a State electing this option would agree to make these determinations consistent with general guidelines and the terms of an agreement established between the State and the Federally-facilitated Exchange to ensure that applicants are not required to submit redundant documentation and that timeliness standards are met.

2. Alternatively if a State does not choose to retain Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determinations as set out in paragraph 1 above the Federally-facilitated Exchange may determine Medicaid and CHIP eligibility using State eligibility rules and standards in conjunction with determining eligibility for advance payments of the premium tax credit and cost-sharing reductions.

#### *State-based Exchange*

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Similarly States that operate a State-based Exchange but do not wish to operate all eligibility functions as described in the Exchange Eligibility NPRM would have additional options under our intended revisions:

1. A State-based Exchange could be approved if it conducted all eligibility functions.
2. Alternatively a State-based Exchange could be approved if it uses Federally-managed services to make determinations for advance payments of the premium tax credit cost-sharing reductions and exemptions from the individual responsibility requirement.

In all cases a State could decide to have the Medicaid and CHIP agencies support the eligibility process by executing some or all functions under an agreement with the Exchange. Certification as an Exchange would also require that procedures and systems are in place to ensure a simplified seamless consumer experience. In addition for States that are interested in determining eligibility for all programs under the Affordable Care Act we are exploring how the Federal government could manage services for verification of employer-sponsored minimum essential coverage.

Under these flexible options to ensure a strong consumer experience to applicants and enrollees and to minimize administrative burden and costs it will be critical for States and the Federal government to work closely together.

#### IRS elements to which States will have access

Q8: What data will IRS provide to support the eligibility verification process?

A8: Section 6103(l)(21) of the Internal Revenue Code as added by section 1414(a)(1) of the Affordable Care Act permits the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose the following taxpayer information – with taxpayer consent – to support eligibility determinations for insurance affordability programs: “ (i) taxpayer identity information with respect to such taxpayer (ii) the filing status of such taxpayer (iii) the number of individuals for whom a deduction is allowed under section 151 with respect to the taxpayer (including the taxpayer and the taxpayer’s spouse) (iv) the modified adjusted gross income (as defined in section 36B) of such taxpayer and each of the other individuals included under clause (iii) who are required to file a return of tax imposed by chapter 1 for the taxable year (v) such other information as prescribed by the Secretary by regulation to indicate whether the taxpayer is eligible for such credit or reduction (and the amount thereof) and (vi) the taxable year with respect to which the preceding information relates or if applicable the fact that such information is not available.”

The IRS will provide modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) for the parents or other head of household and for certain dependents who had enough income to have been required to file a tax return. Modified adjusted gross income is the adjusted gross income shown on the Form 1040 with additional amounts added: any tax-exempt interest on State or local bonds social security benefits that are excluded from gross income and any amounts earned abroad that are otherwise excluded from adjusted gross income. This information will be taken from the return that was last due to be filed. For example during open enrollment in the last quarter of 2013 income information will be provided from 2012 income tax returns.

The IRS will also provide information about the size of the household shown on the returns that were filed and coding to help the Exchange understand the information being provided and instances in which information may not be available. Where there has been a change in circumstance the applicant will work with the Exchange to establish what changes should be reflected in household income. Similarly where there is no prior year tax return data on file for example in the case of individuals with very low or no income who had not previously been required to file the applicant will work with the Exchange to establish household income through alternate means.

#### Multi-State Plans

Q9: To what extent should multi-State plans contracting with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) adhere to State-based standards including State insurance standards (e.g. solvency prompt payment market conduct) as well as Exchange-specific qualified health plan certification standards in a State (e.g. network adequacy standards)?

A9: While the proposed rule on Establishment of Exchange and Qualified Health Plans deems OPM-approved multi-State plans as certified by an Exchange we recognize States’ concerns about the need to apply State insurance requirements and State-specific certification standards to multi-State plans. We also note that Section 1324 requires a level playing field in connection with certain State and Federal legal requirements for health plans.

We seek to ensure that implementation of section 1324 does not disrupt existing markets both inside and outside the Exchanges in the States. HHS and OPM will work with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to address these questions. We will explore this issue by further identifying existing State standards as well as specific issues of greatest concern for multi-State plans and States including reduction of adverse risk selection the risks to multi-State plans and States and potential alternatives.

#### Risk Adjustment Data Collection

Q10: Could HHS collect encounter data and let States perform risk adjustment?

A10: The Affordable Care Act calls for a risk adjustment program to reduce incentives for health insurance plans to avoid covering people with pre-existing conditions or those in poor health. Risk adjustment ensures that health insurance plans have a financial incentive to provide services to the people who need them most by adjusting premiums to provide more funds to plans enrolling a higher proportion of people with high health costs. This mechanism ensures that insurance plans compete on the basis of quality and service and not on the basis of avoiding sick high-cost people.

HHS issued a proposed rule on Standards Related to Reinsurance Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment (published on July 15 2011). HHS did not propose and will not implement any proposal that calls for States or the Federal government to collect personal data such as name social security number or address for the risk adjustment program. Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of an individual’s personal health information continues to be among HHS’s highest priorities. HHS will not require States to collect medical record or information that identifies an individual’s doctor nor would the Federal government collect this information.

#### Quality Certification Requirements

Q11: What quality activities must States engage in to meet Exchange approval and certification requirements?

A11: The Exchange establishment grant funding opportunity announcement indicates that State-based Exchanges must develop and report a quality rating for QHPs however the current expectation is that further guidance will be released before Exchanges are required to implement the quality rating system. At this time States should focus on developing and establishing other Exchange operational capacities. When focusing on quality States should consider their strategy for using quality information to certify QHPs including when to require issuer accreditation and how to assess the quality of plans seeking to participate in Exchanges. States will

also need to determine what quality information or metrics the Exchange will display to consumers and build capacity in the development of Exchange systems to accept this quality data and report it on the website. States should also consider how the Exchange will monitor QHP quality during the plan year including performance monitoring of complaints, appeals and network adequacy. HHS intends to propose a phased approach to the quality rating provisions in which quality ratings in 2014 would be predicated on generally available and collected metrics and measures transitioning to a QHP-specific rating in 2016.

#### Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit in the Federally-facilitated Exchange

Q12: Will individuals who are enrolled in coverage through a Federally-facilitated Exchange have access to premium tax credits as well as the advance payments of tax credits that will be authorized by Exchanges?

A12: Yes. The proposed regulations issued by the Treasury Department and the related proposed regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services are clear on this point and supported by the statute. Individuals enrolled in coverage through either a State-based Exchange or a Federally-facilitated Exchange may be eligible for tax credits including advance payments. Additionally, neither the Congressional Budget Office score nor the Joint Committee on Taxation technical explanation discussed limiting the credit to those enrolled through a State-based Exchange.

#### Program Integrity

Q13: How will HHS ensure that States that adopt procedures consistent with Federal policy and rulemaking to streamline Medicaid and CHIP eligibility and perform real-time determinations will not be penalized as a result of subsequent audits or error-reduction programs?

A13: In 2010, CMS issued new regulations establishing the principle that in applying the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) program to Medicaid and CHIP, PERM reviews should measure the extent to which State policies and procedures are consistent with Federal policy and regulations. As long as Federally-approved State procedures are followed, PERM classifies the case as an accurate determination. For example, where States rely on self-attestation to establish certain facts regarding eligibility, PERM audits also rely on those self-attestations to establish those facts. If Federally-approved State policies require additional verifications and data collection, auditors will review cases against those standards.

We will review and analyze all of our error rate measurement programs to ensure consistent application of this principle. While we are still evaluating how we will apply the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act in the case of eligibility determinations involving advance payments of the premium tax credit, our intention is to follow the same general principle.

## Technical Manifesto to CCIIO

Draft: October 4, 2011

Following up on our conversations with CCIIO, CMCS and Treasury staff at the CCIIO exchange grantee meeting in Crystal City on September 19-20, 2011, we wanted to share with you the items of most pressing concern to our states. Based on our experience in both Medicaid and in our individual and small group markets, we are convinced that CCIIO, CMCS, and the IRS must address the following concerns. Failure to deal with these issues will make it impossible to successfully implement state-operated exchanges in our (or any) jurisdictions.

**1. Multi-state plans must be subject to state standards.** Multi-state plans must comply with all QHPs established by a state-run exchange – even if they are not subject to the state-run exchange’s formal certification process. Otherwise, multi-state plans would have an unfair competitive advantage over domestic insurers, leading to distortions in the private marketplace. Exempting multi-state plans from the state-specific requirements would substantially degrade the ability of state-run exchange and regulatory officials to ensure market competition and underlying stability. Exemptions are highly unlikely to induce additional multi-state plans to enter a market, and the risks above far outweigh any perceived efficiencies that would accrue to the multi-state plans.

**2. New, inflexible operational standards will destabilize our markets.** To minimize the operational challenges with implementation, state-run exchanges need to rely on existing market rules and protocols. For this reason, the federal government must defer to state-run exchanges with respect to administrative issues such as dates for open enrollment in the individual market, participation rates in the SHOP exchange, effective dates of coverage, and the definitions of premium tiers in both. Otherwise, plans are highly likely to make system changes that lead to unanticipated errors or interruptions in process flows, which, given the ambitious implementation timeframe, we are unlikely to discover until go-live.

**3. Federal-state partnerships should reflect the needs of both partners.** Toward the goal of a constructive federal-state partnership, we suggest that the federal government (or its agent) offer to provide the following services for state-operated exchanges: (1) determination of individual mandate exemptions; (2) rating system of plan quality/cost metrics; (3) enrollee satisfaction tools/measurements with plans; and (4) determination of affordability and minimum value of employer-sponsored insurance. Some states are also interested in having the federal government determine eligibility for premium tax credits. Federal provision of these services could offer substantial value in terms of economies of scale, uniformity across states, and reduced administrative/reporting burden on employers. However, any model that necessarily displaces the central state role in Medicaid eligibility determinations is not viable. Likewise, federal-state partnerships are simply not viable for most states if CCIIO categorizes these to be “federally-administered” insurance exchanges.

**4. We need an operational protocol, not a State Plan.** The rules imply that the Medicaid State Plan and related amendment process would be applicable to the exchange. We view this to be inefficient, ineffective, and inappropriate – particularly given the absence of federal financial participation in the exchange following 2014. Rather than specify operational details in an inflexible, unwieldy regulation-State Plan construct, we urge the federal government to instead create a template of operational protocols in which the federal government specifies default values for specific fields (e.g., number of days for advance notice, contents of notices, effective dates of coverage, determination of the beginning of special enrollment periods, minimum participation rates, enrollment window for new employees, QHP recertification deadlines, requirements for QHPs in SHOP exchange to offer dependent coverage, etc.). State-run exchanges could then modify the defaults as appropriate and explain their policy rationale for doing so. We view the alternative of the State Plan approach described in the rule as simply unworkable. Particularly because the federal government lacks an enforcement mechanism for noncompliance after 2014, federal officials should engage the states on an approach that may better address our respective needs and concerns.

**5. Continued delay on issuing federal rules will render them irrelevant or impossible to implement.** In order to offer a comprehensible, meaningful choice of high quality health plans via an

exchange, states must now begin to write final business rules, IT specifications, and QHP requirements for the myriad of procurements. States face the real risk that they may need to go to market with our RFPs prior to the releases of essential health benefits package, the actuarial value parameters, and the quality rating system. As a result, contractors will necessarily price in a degree of uncertainty, which will increase the total costs to the federal government. Likewise, amendments and change orders following the (late) release of federal guidance will complicate implementation and exponentially increase risks of large component failures during implementation (e.g., because of the lack of time to complete comprehensive testing prior to go-live). To the extent that the federal government will insist on any “hard-and-fast” requirements for any of the key items above, then federal officials must release the appropriate (and final) rules and guidance by the end of 2011 – or simply defer to the states.

**6. The continued absence of eligibility process guidance will limit the ability of exchanges to make real-time eligibility determinations.** The federal government has yet to clarify available data content on the federal hub, the requirements for resolving conflicts in income data, and whether IRS data will be available in real-time for eligibility purposes. Likewise, the federal government has not clarified whether it or state-run exchanges will be required to make employer-sponsored insurance “affordability” determinations. As a result, states are unable to plan and procure vendor assistance with eligibility systems, which directly imperils the realization of the mutual federal-state objective of expedited eligibility determinations. We ask that CCIIO and CMS issue such guidance immediately – or acknowledge and accept the inevitable variation in state approaches.

**7. The termination for non-payment of premium provisions will be abused.** We are concerned that the wording of the rules would allow someone to remit partial payments (e.g., of \$1) and continue in arrears status indefinitely. Thus, issuers will have to compensate for their estimate of delinquent or foregone premiums from such enrollees during these grace periods by increasing the base premium rates for all enrollees. Accordingly, state-run exchanges and QHPs must be allowed to restrict services for individuals in delinquent pay status, and the exchange must be allowed to exclude any applicant from switching plans or (re-)enrolling for a tax credit if the applicant has a premium balance in arrears within the previous 12 months. That said, we recognize that nonpayment may be an indicator of a change in household circumstances or income, and we remain committed to pro-active, outbound outreach to such households to ensure that we redetermine eligibility and adjust consumer premium amounts as appropriate.

**8. Medicaid bridge options should not affect determination of second lowest cost silver or “benchmark” plans.** As Brian Haile of Tennessee explained in our email to Amanda Cowley (CCIIO), Cindy Mann (CMCS) and Jason Levitis (Treasury) dated September 14, 2011 (see below), the determination of the second lowest cost silver plan or “benchmark” plan should be determined without including any Medicaid “bridge” options. Otherwise, the federal government will substantially undermine the ability of any state to fulfill a goal of “one family, one card.” To enable the “one family, one card” solution, the federal government must defer to the states to determine the benchmark plan for each metallic tier for each age group in each rating area.

**9. Federal rules must distinguish the definition of “small group” for risk adjustment and SHOP purposes.** In order to reduce market instability, many of us may need to conform the definition of small group in 2014-15 to that closest to our existing state statutory definition. However, given the imminent expansion of the upper limit, we need to be able to make risk adjustment payments to groups of size 51-100 throughout the process. In the interest of market stability, states must be able to make risk adjustment payments to groups with 51-100, regardless of how the state defines small group pursuant to PPACA Section 1304(b)(3). We assume that most issuers will continue to experience-rate groups of 51-100 if the state excludes such groups from the definition of “small group,” which may make risk adjustment unnecessary. However, we would far prefer to have this flexibility and leave it unused than to find ourselves without this tool to stabilize the markets.

**10. The federal government must reconcile outreach goals with the fact that state-run exchanges will not have operating funds prior to 2014 to award Navigator grants.** We note with approval that CCIIO has funded five offices across Mississippi prior to exchange implementation to provide outreach

and referral information (i.e., to serve as precursors to Navigators). Additionally, CCIIO is working with several states to fund robust marketing/communications efforts, which complement Navigator activities but are not Navigator functions *per se*. We believe that these types of arrangements are realistic ways to address these issues. We encourage CCIIO to provide a menu of such options to other states that are now beginning to confront these issues. The release of guidance clarifying the availability of Medicaid FFP for Navigator activities allocated to that program should be considered, but additional and immediate work here is necessary. Otherwise, outreach activities will be limited due to obvious fiscal pressures.

**11. In the absence of explicit federal funding for Navigator activities, we must be creative about Navigator resources.** Working with our stakeholders, we tried to develop a way to “repurpose” existing assets in a way that might induce enrollment among eligible individuals. At least one idea merits specific mention: health care providers could voluntarily “forgive” medical debt (which they are highly likely to write off) in exchange for an uninsured person becoming/remaining insured for 2014. Programmatically, the provider could forgive the debt after the individual proved enrollment for a specified period (e.g., with a letter of creditable coverage). To make this work, the IRS must expressly exclude this type of medical debt forgiveness from the definition of personal income -- at least for the 2014 and 2015 tax years. In this way, the individual would not incur an income tax liability for the forgiveness of medical debt. Likewise, CMS may also need to make changes in various policies so that providers wouldn't be penalized in some unintended way (e.g., with respect to DSH, CPE and other funding).

As you requested, we included the items above in our respective comments. However, we wanted to bring these issues to your attention to stress a growing consensus among states on these matters.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these items. Of course, we would be happy to discuss at your convenience in a conference call with the appropriate parties.

Sincerely,

[Staff Signatories, State Affiliation]

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Per your request, I am following up on our conversation in Atlanta regarding the "one family, one card" idea that we discussed. As I mentioned, we have explored various possibilities -- and we are interested in the possibility of allowing Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) to offer a product in the insurance exchange. Either because of their own business strategy or agreements with health care providers, the MCOs may wish to limit the availability of the product only to persons who have a dependent in their immediate family that is enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP or has been enrolled in either program within the last six or 12 months. Thus, the product may be available only to a subset of individuals of a particular age in a given rating area (depending on the issuer's preference).

This approach would be consistent with the "one family, one card" ideal. The MCOs would provide a single card for use by the entire family while a dependent was enrolled in the Medicaid/CHIP programs and for a defined period thereafter. In this way, the system would reduce discontinuities/ disruptions in insurance coverage owing to different eligibility groups and periodic income changes. For your reference, I am attaching an analysis that we wrote back in June that describes this in greater detail. In the attached

memo, we refer to the option described above as the "special silver level product"; elsewhere, this has also been called a Medicaid "bridge" product. [Note: This attachment is available; please email [brian.haile@tn.gov](mailto:brian.haile@tn.gov).]

To be clear, this is not a proposal, nor is it Tennessee's position that we should or even would allow such a program in our market. Rather, we would simply like to have this as an option.

As we discussed, the precise of wording of the proposed rules for the tax credit eligibility standards\* gives us cause for concern. Specifically, the preamble at 76 Fed. Reg. 50931-49, 50936 (August 17, 2011) and the proposed rules at § 1.36B-3(f) could be interpreted in a way that would require the State to include a "special silver level product" when determining the benchmark or second lowest cost silver plan. If this were the case, a state-operated exchange would run the risk that the special silver level product could lower the value of the benchmark plan -- thereby reducing the value of the tax credit for the individual. Consequently, a state-operated exchange would be highly unlikely to allow special silver level/Medicaid bridge products. In a perverse sense, then, the tax credit rules could inhibit our ability to achieve the "one family, one card" goal.

We would argue that the rules should be clarified so as to allow state-operated exchanges to consider only those silver plans available to all persons in an age group in a particular area when determining the benchmark plan. Because the special silver level/Medicaid bridge products are available only to subset of individuals of a particular age group, then the state-operated exchange could exclude such products when determining the benchmark plan. While seemingly technical in nature, this clarification could vastly improve our ability to provide consistent, uninterrupted insurance coverage to low-income families.

I would note in passing that proposed rules at 26 CFR 1.36B-5 require state-run exchanges to report the applicable benchmark plans. Presumably, a state-operated exchange could exercise some degree of interpretive latitude and determine the benchmark plan using the approach that I describe above. However, it would be far better for the federal government to revise the proposed rules and expressly permit this approach.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this suggestion. We would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
Brian

\* Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit, 76 Fed. Reg. 50931-49 (August 17, 2011), available online at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-08-17/pdf/2011-20728.pdf>.

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In case you missed this.

FYI on the attached blueprint letter HHS just sent (a formal one will be sent to Governor Walker – this is the template language). HHS is extending the deadline for state-based Exchange blueprint applications until December 14. They will still be reviewed by January 1.

The deadline for State Partnership Exchanges have also been extended.

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Katie,

Please find attached the two grant applications. One for the approved planning grant and the other one for the pending early innovator grant. Also, I just want to reconfirm that the Governor has the authority to make any changes to the principals of either grant and there is a process available through CMS to make those changes.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thanks,  
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Thanks,  
Marie

**Analysis: 20 states will run their health-law exchanges ([The Hill](#))**

*In their choices, Republican governors face a balancing act — not going too far to embrace the law, which remains divisive with the public and anathema to conservatives, but also not skipping a chance to wrest authority from the federal government.*

**Feds will run Virginia's health exchange at outset ([Daily Press](#))**

*McDonnell conceded that Virginia would not meet the Nov. 16 deadline for a blueprint for the state-run exchange and would default instead to a federally run insurance exchange. "The only logical decision is to choose the federal option," he said. "I don't have the answers for Virginia. They're telling us we have two years to build an exchange. It's expensive....I don't want to buy a pig-in-a-poke for Virginia taxpayers."*

**Ohio iffy on health-insurance exchange ([Columbus Dispatch](#))**

*"Our concern is (that) the flexibility to design the exchange in an Ohio-specific way really is limited," Moody said. "If it's a federal program, it would be most appropriate for the federal government to administer."*

**Federal gov't to create health exchange in Kansas ([KWCH](#))**

*Kansans feel Obamacare is an overreach by Washington and have rejected the state's participation in this federal program. My administration will not partner with the federal government to create a state-federal partnership insurance exchange because we will not benefit from it and implementing it could cost Kansas taxpayers millions of dollars.*

**Gov suggests Ga. unlikely to run health exchange ([CBS News](#))**

*Deal told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he wouldn't disclose his decision until notifying federal authorities. But he noted that the state stopped planning an exchange once federal agencies wrote regulations that he says restrict Georgia's ability to design its own program.*

### **Haslam still studying health exchange in wake of election ([Memphis Business Journal](#))**

*Haslam, who has previously said he favors a state-run exchange, said Wednesday that's still his thinking, but that he's awaiting additional information from the federal government. The deadline for the state to declare its intentions is Nov. 16.*

### **Nixon: Missouri won't run health insurance exchange by 2014 ([AP](#))**

*Gov. Jay Nixon said Thursday his administration will inform the federal government that it won't be running a state-based health insurance exchange when they're due to begin under the federal health care law. That means that the federal government will step in to create an insurance exchange in Missouri.*

### **What Does the Election Mean for Obamacare? ([Heritage Morning Bell](#))**

*Two of the largest elements of the health care law—the massive Medicaid expansion and the costly subsidies scheme funneled through government exchanges—are heavily dependent on state compliance. But the June Supreme Court decision reaffirmed that states are not at the mercy of the federal government. Many state officials realize that there is little upside to joining forces with Washington in implementing this disastrous endeavor, thus further eroding the long-term viability of Obamacare.*

### **Obamacare: America's Last Entitlement ([Forbes](#))**

*America's unsustainable fiscal situation means that Obamacare is destined to be the last major entitlement enacted by the United States. Indeed, Obamacare's victory sets off a stiff competition for taxpayer dollars between Obamacare, Medicaid, and Medicare. It's a battle that the elderly, in particular, are likely to lose.*

### **Republican governors scramble over next Obamacare steps ([Washington Post](#))**

*States are working on a tight timeline: After the Nov. 16 deadline, they face another checkpoint on Jan. 1, when they have to demonstrate that their marketplace is on track to begin enrolling people in one year. "If were a governor, I'd be less concerned about the November deadline," Leavitt's Smith said. "I would be focused on the actual deadline, in January, to show you can make this work." With benchmarks looming, and the election barely hitting rearview mirror, many Republican governors seem to be in the middle of weighing the best next steps.*

### **With Obama Re-Elected, States Scramble Over Health Law ([NYT](#))**

*Much depends on the states as they decide in the coming weeks and months whether to build online marketplaces known as insurance exchanges, where individuals and small businesses can shop for health plans, and whether to expand their Medicaid programs to reach many more low-income people.*

### **Obamacare Is Here To Stay, But In What Form? ([NPR](#))**

*So far, according to Weil, only 13 states and Washington, D.C., have said they plan to set up their own exchanges. If states decide not to set up their own exchanges, the federal government will step in and do it instead. But federal officials still haven't spelled out exactly how that will work.*

# HHS Expected to Give States More Time on Exchange Decisions

By Rebecca Adams, CQ HealthBeat Associate Editor

The federal government is likely to extend the Nov. 16 deadline for states to decide whether they will run their own health insurance exchanges, according to several state officials.

State officials were supposed to notify the Department of Health and Human Services by that date about whether they plan to run the insurance exchanges that will launch in 2014, create a state-federal partnership or let the federal government operate the exchange in their area. Instead, HHS officials are expected to set a new deadline for states that want to operate the marketplaces alone but have a rolling deadline with ongoing discussions for states that are interested in a partnership.

A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services spokesman declined to comment.

The additional time will be a relief for many state officials who are trying to determine whether there is enough political will, technical knowledge and time for them to set up their own new health benefit marketplaces.

Although many governors, especially critics of the 2010 health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)), were not ready to commit to a state-run or state-federal hybrid exchange before the election because they did not want it to be interpreted as a show of support for the statute, many may be interested in exerting some control over an exchange in their jurisdictions since the alternative would be one run by Washington.

Before the election, nine states were expected to let the federal government operate an exchange. On Tuesday, Missouri voters in a ballot initiative also banned the state government from creating a state exchange, bringing the total of states refusing to run a state-administered exchange to 10. (See [related story](#), CQ HealthBeat, Nov. 7, 2012)

Sixteen states have indicated that they would like to proceed with their own state-run exchange and 14 of them have sent official letters to CMS officials that are posted on the agency's website.

The decision about how to run an exchange is complicated and in many cases, governors who would like to go ahead will have to win the support of state legislators. On Wednesday, Tennessee Republican Gov. Bill Haslam said he would prefer to have the state run its own insurance exchange program than leave it to federal officials. But state legislators in his party chimed in with criticism, saying that the legislature would not go along with the creation of a state-based exchange. Governors in many states will have to navigate similar political climates.

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Thanks,  
Marie

**Analysis: 20 states will run their health-law exchanges ([The Hill](#))**

*In their choices, Republican governors face a balancing act — not going too far to embrace the law, which remains divisive with the public and anathema to conservatives, but also not skipping a chance to wrest authority from the federal government.*

**Feds will run Virginia's health exchange at outset ([Daily Press](#))**

*McDonnell conceded that Virginia would not meet the Nov. 16 deadline for a blueprint for the state-run exchange and would default instead to a federally run insurance exchange. "The only logical decision is to choose the federal option," he said. "I don't have the answers for Virginia. They're telling us we have two years to build an exchange. It's expensive....I don't want to buy a pig-in-a-poke for Virginia taxpayers."*

**Ohio iffy on health-insurance exchange ([Columbus Dispatch](#))**

*"Our concern is (that) the flexibility to design the exchange in an Ohio-specific way really is limited," Moody said. "If it's a federal program, it would be most appropriate for the federal government to administer."*

**Federal gov't to create health exchange in Kansas ([KWCH](#))**

*Kansans feel Obamacare is an overreach by Washington and have rejected the state's participation in this federal program. My administration will not partner with the federal government to create a state-federal partnership insurance exchange because we will not benefit from it and implementing it could cost Kansas taxpayers millions of dollars.*

**Gov suggests Ga. unlikely to run health exchange ([CBS News](#))**

*Deal told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he wouldn't disclose his decision until notifying federal authorities. But he noted that the state stopped planning an exchange once federal agencies wrote regulations that he says restrict Georgia's ability to design its own program.*

### **Haslam still studying health exchange in wake of election ([Memphis Business Journal](#))**

*Haslam, who has previously said he favors a state-run exchange, said Wednesday that's still his thinking, but that he's awaiting additional information from the federal government. The deadline for the state to declare its intentions is Nov. 16.*

### **Nixon: Missouri won't run health insurance exchange by 2014 ([AP](#))**

*Gov. Jay Nixon said Thursday his administration will inform the federal government that it won't be running a state-based health insurance exchange when they're due to begin under the federal health care law. That means that the federal government will step in to create an insurance exchange in Missouri.*

### **What Does the Election Mean for Obamacare? ([Heritage Morning Bell](#))**

*Two of the largest elements of the health care law—the massive Medicaid expansion and the costly subsidies scheme funneled through government exchanges—are heavily dependent on state compliance. But the June Supreme Court decision reaffirmed that states are not at the mercy of the federal government. Many state officials realize that there is little upside to joining forces with Washington in implementing this disastrous endeavor, thus further eroding the long-term viability of Obamacare.*

### **Obamacare: America's Last Entitlement ([Forbes](#))**

*America's unsustainable fiscal situation means that Obamacare is destined to be the last major entitlement enacted by the United States. Indeed, Obamacare's victory sets off a stiff competition for taxpayer dollars between Obamacare, Medicaid, and Medicare. It's a battle that the elderly, in particular, are likely to lose.*

### **Republican governors scramble over next Obamacare steps ([Washington Post](#))**

*States are working on a tight timeline: After the Nov. 16 deadline, they face another checkpoint on Jan. 1, when they have to demonstrate that their marketplace is on track to begin enrolling people in one year. "If were a governor, I'd be less concerned about the November deadline," Leavitt's Smith said. "I would be focused on the actual deadline, in January, to show you can make this work." With benchmarks looming, and the election barely hitting rearview mirror, many Republican governors seem to be in the middle of weighing the best next steps.*

### **With Obama Re-Elected, States Scramble Over Health Law ([NYT](#))**

*Much depends on the states as they decide in the coming weeks and months whether to build online marketplaces known as insurance exchanges, where individuals and small businesses can shop for health plans, and whether to expand their Medicaid programs to reach many more low-income people.*

### **Obamacare Is Here To Stay, But In What Form? ([NPR](#))**

*So far, according to Weil, only 13 states and Washington, D.C., have said they plan to set up their own exchanges. If states decide not to set up their own exchanges, the federal government will step in and do it instead. But federal officials still haven't spelled out exactly how that will work.*

# HHS Expected to Give States More Time on Exchange Decisions

By Rebecca Adams, CQ HealthBeat Associate Editor

The federal government is likely to extend the Nov. 16 deadline for states to decide whether they will run their own health insurance exchanges, according to several state officials.

State officials were supposed to notify the Department of Health and Human Services by that date about whether they plan to run the insurance exchanges that will launch in 2014, create a state-federal partnership or let the federal government operate the exchange in their area. Instead, HHS officials are expected to set a new deadline for states that want to operate the marketplaces alone but have a rolling deadline with ongoing discussions for states that are interested in a partnership.

A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services spokesman declined to comment.

The additional time will be a relief for many state officials who are trying to determine whether there is enough political will, technical knowledge and time for them to set up their own new health benefit marketplaces.

Although many governors, especially critics of the 2010 health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)), were not ready to commit to a state-run or state-federal hybrid exchange before the election because they did not want it to be interpreted as a show of support for the statute, many may be interested in exerting some control over an exchange in their jurisdictions since the alternative would be one run by Washington.

Before the election, nine states were expected to let the federal government operate an exchange. On Tuesday, Missouri voters in a ballot initiative also banned the state government from creating a state exchange, bringing the total of states refusing to run a state-administered exchange to 10. (See [related story](#), CQ HealthBeat, Nov. 7, 2012)

Sixteen states have indicated that they would like to proceed with their own state-run exchange and 14 of them have sent official letters to CMS officials that are posted on the agency's website.

The decision about how to run an exchange is complicated and in many cases, governors who would like to go ahead will have to win the support of state legislators. On Wednesday, Tennessee Republican Gov. Bill Haslam said he would prefer to have the state run its own insurance exchange program than leave it to federal officials. But state legislators in his party chimed in with criticism, saying that the legislature would not go along with the creation of a state-based exchange. Governors in many states will have to navigate similar political climates.

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# Health Insurance Exchange Legislation in the States

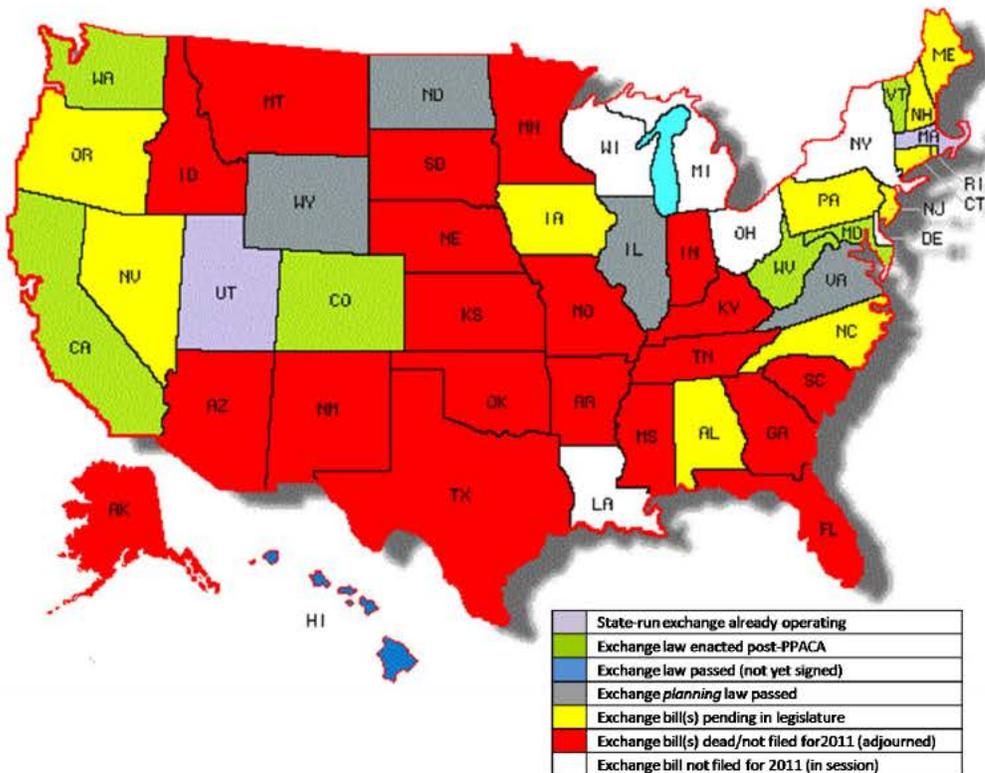
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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires states to establish both an American Health Benefits Exchange (AHBE) and a Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Exchange. The former is expected to primarily serve uninsured, lower-income individuals earning between 133-400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, who will be able to access sliding-scale tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies toward the purchase of coverage through the AHBE. The SHOP Exchange will be a marketplace where small businesses can offer a range of health insurance options to their employees. States face a deadline of January 1, 2013 (or sooner, at the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services) to demonstrate that they have made sufficient progress toward establishing these portals or see the federal government do so on their behalf by 2014. Below are details on the status of state legislation establishing exchanges.

## Exchange Scorecard (as of June 3, 2011)

|                                                   |                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| State-run exchange operating (pre-PPACA):         | MA, UT                                                                     |
| Exchange established by law (post-PPACA):         | CA, CO, MD, VT, WA, WV                                                     |
| Exchange law passed -- awaiting Gov's signature:  | HI                                                                         |
| Passed both houses -- vetoed by Gov. (adjourned): | NM                                                                         |
| Exchange analysis/planning law passed:            | IL, ND, VA, WY                                                             |
| Passed house of origin/ pending in other house:   | IA, NC, NV, OR, RI                                                         |
| In committee in house of origin:                  | AL, CT, ME, NH, NJ, PA                                                     |
| Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned):            | AK, AR, AZ, FL, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX |
| No exchange legislation introduced (in session):  | DE, LA, MI, NY, OH, WI                                                     |



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## Exchange Legislation Status

(All bills would establish state exchange, with exception of NE, VA and WY, which call for studies/recommendations)

**Bold text = Passage by House or Senate; Signing or veto by Governor**

| State                                           | Bill Number                                                                           | Status                                                                                                                                      | Approximate Legislative Adjournment | Status of Exchange Legislation                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Yellow shading indicates status update in state |                                                                                       | Legislatures in states shaded in gray have adjourned for 2011                                                                               |                                     |                                                       |
| AK                                              | SB70                                                                                  | Referred to Finance Committee (3.23.11).                                                                                                    | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/17/2011       | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                 |
| AL                                              | HB 401                                                                                | Pending Health Committee Action in House of origin (3.31.11).                                                                               | 6/1/2011                            | In committee in house of origin                       |
| AR1                                             | SB880                                                                                 | Referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare & Labor (3.7.11).                                                                    | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/27/2011       | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                 |
| AR2                                             | HB2138                                                                                | <b>Engrossed in House 3.21.11.</b> Sent to Interim Joint Study Committee on Insurance & Commerce (3.31.11).                                 | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/27/2011       | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                 |
| AZ1                                             | HB2666                                                                                | Passed Banking and Insurance Committee (2.9.11). House Second Reading (2.10.11)                                                             | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/20/2011       | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                 |
| AZ2                                             | SB1524                                                                                | Referred to Committees on Banking & Insurance and Rules (2.2.11).                                                                           | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/20/2011       | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                 |
| CA                                              | Legislation establishing CA Health Benefits Exchange signed into law in October 2010. |                                                                                                                                             | 9/9/2011                            | Exchange established by law ( <i>post-PPACA</i> )     |
| CO                                              | SB200                                                                                 | <b>Passed Senate (4.27.11). Amended version passed House (5.4.11). House-passed version passed by Senate and sent to Governor (5.5.11).</b> | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/11/2011       | Exchange established by law ( <i>post-PPACA</i> )     |
| CT1                                             | SB1204                                                                                | Passed Joint Committee on Health (3.31.11)                                                                                                  | 6/8/2011                            | In committee in house of origin                       |
| CT2                                             | SB921                                                                                 | Referred to House and Senate Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (3.29.11). <b>Passed as amended, 23-13 (5.31.11).</b>               | 6/8/2011                            | Passed in house of origin/In committee in other house |
| DE                                              | N/A                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             | 6/30/2011                           | No exchange legislation introduced thus far           |
| FL                                              | N/A                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/7/2011        | No exchange legislation introduced during session     |
| GA                                              | HB476                                                                                 | House Committee favorable reported (3.10.11). House withdrawn, recommitted to the Rules Committee (3.16.11).                                | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/14/2011       | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                 |

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| HI  | SB1348            | <b>Passed Senate as amended. (3.8.11). Passed House as amended (4.12.11). Conference committee report passed House and Senate and sent to Governor (5.3.11).</b> | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/5/2011  | Passed both houses. Awaiting governor's signature.                      |
| IA1 | SF235             | Introduced, referred to Commerce (2.16.11). Subcommittee (2.17.11).                                                                                              | Mid-May 2011                  | In committee in house of origin                                         |
| IA2 | SF480             | <b>Passed Senate (3.21.11).</b> Referred to House Comm. on Human Resources (3.22.11). In Subcommittee (3.24.11).                                                 | Mid-May 2011                  | Passed in house of origin/In committee in other house                   |
| ID  | N/A               |                                                                                                                                                                  | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/8/2011  | No exchange legislation introduced this session (legislature adjourned) |
| IL  | HB1577            | <b>Passed House 108-8 (3.30.11). Passed Senate (5.29.11).</b> Study committee report and legislative recommendations due by 12.31.11.                            | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/30/2011 | Passed both houses. Awaiting governor's signature.                      |
| IN  | SB580             | Referred to Committee on Health & Provider Services (1.20.11).                                                                                                   | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/29/2011 | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                   |
| KS  | N/A               |                                                                                                                                                                  | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/13/2011 | No exchange legislation introduced (legislature adjourned)              |
| KY  | N/A               |                                                                                                                                                                  | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 3/9/2011  | No exchange legislation introduced this session (legislature adjourned) |
| LA  | N/A               |                                                                                                                                                                  | 6/23/2011                     | No exchange legislation introduced thus far                             |
| MA  | N/A               |                                                                                                                                                                  | 12/31/2011                    | Already operating state-run exchange (pre-PPACA)                        |
| MD  | SB182             | <b>Passed Senate, 34-11 (3.28.11); Passed House, 106-29 (4.6.11). Signed by Governor (4.12.11)</b>                                                               | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/11/2011 | Exchange established by law ( <i>post-PPACA</i> )                       |
| ME  | HP 1098 (LD 1497) | Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.                                                                                                   | 6/15/2011                     | In committee in house of origin                                         |
| MI  | N/A               |                                                                                                                                                                  | 12/31/2011                    | No exchange legislation introduced thus far                             |
| MN1 | HF497             | Referred to Health & Human Services Reform Committee (2.14.11).                                                                                                  | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/23/2011 | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                   |
| MN2 | SF917/HF1204      | Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee (3.21.11).                                                                                                | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/23/2011 | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                   |
| MO  | HB609             | Voted and reported do pass by Rules Comm. (4.4.11).                                                                                                              | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/13/2011 | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                   |
| MS  | H1220             | <b>Passed House 82-36 (2.7.11); Passed Senate as amended 49-0 (3.2.11).</b> Died in conference (3.28.11).                                                        | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/7/2011  | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                   |

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| MT  | HB124  | Business & Labor Committee Hearing (2.1.11); Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (2.24.11).                                                                                                                                     | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/28/11   | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                          |
| NC  | HB115  | Appropriations Comm. reported favorable Com. substitute (3.30.11). Re-referred to Comm. on Insurance (3.30.11). <b>Passed House, 83-34 (5.25.11).</b>                                                                                    | 8/1/2011                      | Passed in house of origin/In committee in other house                          |
| ND  | HB1126 | <b>Passed House, 91-3 (2.22.11). Amended and passed by Senate 36-10 (4.6.11). Conference committee report passed by House 90-0 (4.22.11). Conference committee report passed by Senate 31-15 (4.25.11). Signed by Governor (5.9.11).</b> | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/28/11   | Exchange implementation analysis/plan required by 2011 law                     |
| NE  | LB240  | Referred to Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee (1.13.11). Notice of hearing for 2.14.11. (PLANNING LAW ONLY)                                                                                                                        | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/20/2011 | In committee in house of origin                                                |
| NH  | SB163  | Rereferred in Senate Commerce Committee (3.9.11).                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6/30/2011                     | In committee in house of origin                                                |
| NJ1 | A3561  | Introduced, referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee (12.6.10). <i>Identical to bill S1288.</i>                                                                                                                         | 1/12/2012                     | In committee in house of origin                                                |
| NJ2 | A1930  | Reported from Assembly Committee as a substitute; 2nd reading (12.6.10). Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee (2.8.11). <i>Identical to S2553.</i>                                                                  | 1/12/2012                     | In committee in house of origin                                                |
| NM  | SB38   | <b>Passed Senate, 36-3 (3.2.11); Passed House, 34-31 (3.19.11). Vetoed by Governor (4.8.11)</b>                                                                                                                                          | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 3/19/2011 | Passed both houses, vetoed by governor. Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned). |
| NV  | SB440  | Rereferred to Committee on Finance. (4.7.11). <b>Passed Senate, 23-0 (5.30.11).</b>                                                                                                                                                      | 6/6/2011                      | Passed in house of origin/In committee in other house                          |
| NY  | N/A    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12/31/2011                    | No exchange legislation introduced thus far                                    |
| OH  | N/A    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12/31/2011                    | No exchange legislation introduced thus far                                    |
| OK1 | SB971  | Introduced (4.27.22). Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget (5.2.11)                                                                                                                                                  | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/27/2011 | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                                          |

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| OK2 | HB2130  | <b>House engrossed, 51-34 (3.21.11).</b> 1st & 2nd reading in Senate - referred to Retirement & Insurance Committee (3.23.11). <i>Interim study committee named to develop recommendations on exchange establishment.</i>                                             | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/27/2011 | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                      |
| OR  | S99     | Public hearings held (2.17-2.24-3.3-3.10). <b>Passed Senate 24-5 (4.25.11).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6/30/2011                     | Passed in house of origin/In committee in other house      |
| PA  | H627    | Referred to Insurance Committee (2.14.11).                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12/31/2011                    | In committee in house of origin                            |
| RI  | S87     | <b>Senate passed as amended (4.5.11).</b> House Health, Education & Welfare Comm. Hearing schedule (4.13.11).                                                                                                                                                         | 6/30/2011                     | Passed in house of origin/In committee in other house      |
| SC  | H. 3738 | Referred to Committee on Ways & Means (2.24.11).                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6/2/2011                      | Dead for 2011 (legislature adjourned)                      |
| SD  | N/A     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 3/28/2011 | No exchange legislation introduced (legislature adjourned) |
| TN  | N/A     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/21/2011 | No exchange legislation introduced thus far                |
| TX1 | SB1586  | Introduced (3.11.11). Referred to Finance Committee (3.23.11).                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/30/2011 | In committee in house of origin                            |
| TX2 | H636    | Considered in public hearing; committee substitute considered; testimony taken; left pending in committee (3.1.11).                                                                                                                                                   | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/30/2011 | In committee in house of origin                            |
| UT  | N/A     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 3/10/2011 | Already operating state-run exchange (pre-PPACA)           |
| VA  | HB2434  | <b>Passed House, 95-Y 3-N (2.3.11); Passed Senate, 37-Y 1-N (2.17.11); Governor's recommendation adopted (4.6.11).</b> <i>Task force report due by October 1, 2011.</i>                                                                                               | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 2/27/2011 | Exchange implementation analysis/plan required by 2011 law |
| VT  | H202    | <b>Passed House with amendments, sent to Senate (3.24.11). Amended version passed Senate (4.29.11). Conference committee report adopted 21-9 in Senate (5.3.11). Report adopted 94-49 in House. Sent to Governor (5.5.11). Signed into law by Governor (5.26.11).</b> | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 5/6/2011  | Exchange established by law, post-PPACA                    |

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| WA | S5445 | <b>Passed Senate, 27-22 (3.2.11). Passed House as amended, 75-22. Senate passed House version. Sent to Governor (4.18.11). Signed into law by Governor (5.11.11)</b> | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 4/24/2011. | Exchange established by law, post-PPACA                    |
| WI | N/A   |                                                                                                                                                                      | 12/31/2011                     | No exchange legislation introduced thus far                |
| WV | SB408 | <b>Passed Senate (2.28.11); Passed House, 63-35 (3.12.11). Approved by Governor (4.4.11).</b>                                                                        | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 3/12/2011  | Exchange established by law, post-PPACA                    |
| WY | HB50  | <b>Passed House and Senate (3.3.11). Signed by Governor (3.10.11). Task force report due by December 1, 2011.</b>                                                    | ADJOURNED FOR 2011, 3/3/2011   | Exchange implementation analysis/plan required by 2011 law |

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**Side-by-Side on State Exchange Implementation**

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| <p><b>Complete and timely guidance.</b></p>                                               | <p>Increase timeliness, scope and flexibility of federal guidance.</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>States can only make suitable decisions if provided with complete and timely information.</p>                                              | <p>In anticipation of state legislative sessions beginning in January 2012, HHS released a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) on November 29, 2011.</p> <p>The FAQs are intended to provide states with increased flexibility as states make progress towards the 2014 goal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Simplify details on each exchange model.</b></p>                                    | <p>Increase clarity about the policy issues and operational details involved in creating a state-run insurance exchange, pursuing a hybrid or "partnership" model, or accepting a federal exchange.</p> | <p>No comparable provision.</p>                                                                                                               | <p>In anticipation of ongoing regulatory development, the FAQs are intended to provide guidance on a set of issues related to state policy development for exchanges.</p> <p>Additional clarity and details are anticipated through the regulatory process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Improve deadlines for planning, establishment and approval of the exchange.</b></p> | <p>Improve deadlines and guidance necessary to establish exchanges and obtain required federal approvals.</p>                                                                                           | <p>No comparable provision.</p>                                                                                                               | <p><b>Establishment grants availability.</b> Grants under section 1311 may be awarded until December 31, 2014, for approved establishment activities after that date. Grants can be used to build a state exchange that is operational after 2014.</p> <p>To accommodate state legislative sessions and to give states more time to apply, HHS also announced a six-month extension for level one establishment grant applications; applications now will be accepted until June 29, 2012 (the original deadline was December 30, 2011).</p> <p><b>Exchange implementation deadline.</b> By January 1, 2013, HHS must determine whether is state-based exchange is or will be functional by January 1, 2014. If a state-based exchange is not, a federally-facilitated exchange must be established in the state.</p> <p>State-based exchanges must be self-sustaining by January 1, 2015.</p> |

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| <p><b>Enhance information about state costs for each exchange model.</b></p> | <p>Delineate the short and long-term costs of exchanges under the various scenarios.</p>                                                 | <p>States must know the costs associated with choosing a state-based exchange versus a partnership or federal model.</p>                      | <p><b>State-based exchange.</b> The costs to states for implementing a state-based exchange and testing exchange operations may be allowed under section 1311(a).</p> <p>Also, state-based exchanges will not be charged for accessing federal data needed to run a state-based exchange in 2014.</p> <p><b>Partnership exchange.</b> It is permissible that under a partnership exchange, a state may receive a grant under section 1311(a) for activities to establish and test functions that the state performs in support of a federally-facilitated exchange.</p> <p><b>Federally-facilitated exchange.</b> Grants are available to support state activities to build interfaces with a federally-facilitated exchange and to support certain functions of a federally-facilitated exchange, such as information needed for certification of qualified health plans (QHPs).</p> <p>State Medicaid and CHIP programs will not be required to contribute to the costs associated with the federally-facilitated exchange, including the costs associated with a federally-facilitated exchange making a Medicaid or CHIP eligibility determination.</p> <p>However, state Medicaid and CHIP programs will need to share the cost of establishing, testing and maintaining those interfaces with the federally-facilitated exchange, consistent with current cost allocation rules.</p> <p><b>Long-term costs.</b> The long-term costs of exchanges are not addressed.</p> |

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| <p><b>Retain current authority over traditional functions and improve discretion in exchange design.</b></p> | <p>Delegate discretion to the states in all areas involving exchange design and in interpretation of the statute.</p>                    | <p>States should retain authority over functions that traditionally have been handled at the state level, such as Medicaid eligibility.</p>                                                                                                                  | <p>CMS intends to modify its original proposal to provide states with additional options for eligibility determination under both the state-based and federally-facilitated exchanges. Under this plan, states could decide to have their Medicaid and CHIP agencies execute some or all functions under an agreement, including Medicaid and CHIP eligibility, through the use of federally-managed services.</p> <p>HHS intends to work with states to preserve the traditional responsibilities of state insurance departments when establishing a federally-facilitated exchange. Therefore, state insurance rules and operations will continue even if the federal government is facilitating an exchange in the state.</p> <p>Ultimately, HHS intends to harmonize exchange policy with existing state programs and laws wherever possible.</p>                                     |
| <p><b>Improve and simplify federal assistance.</b></p>                                                       | <p>No comparable provision.</p>                                                                                                          | <p>States should have the option of receiving federal assistance for functions where states have little or no current operational role and for pre-certifying and identifying information technology products and services that meet PPACA requirements.</p> | <p><b>Eligibility determination.</b> States may opt to assign certain functions of eligibility determination to the federal government. State-based exchanges may use federally-managed services to make determinations for advance payments of the premium tax credit, cost-sharing reductions and exemptions from the individual responsibility requirement.</p> <p>Under the federally-facilitated exchange, a state may either make final Medicaid and CHIP determinations or allow the federally-facilitated exchange to make Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determinations using its state eligibility standards.</p> <p><b>Enhanced information technology funding.</b> Enhanced funding is available to states for developing Medicaid IT infrastructure and to defray state costs related to establishing an efficient and effective shared eligibility service regardless of</p> |

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|                                                               |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                       | <p>whether a federally-facilitated exchange or a state-based exchange is operating in a state.</p> <p><b>Federally-managed data services hub.</b> CMS is establishing a Federally-managed data services hub to support information exchanges between states (exchanges, Medicaid and CHIP agencies) and relevant Federal agencies. In many cases, federal agencies other than CMS will be providing information through the hub. Additional information about the services available through the hub and the terms for accessing those services is under development. While the agency is considering the treatment of charges for fiscal year 2014, we do not anticipate charging fully state-based exchanges for the use of the hub.</p> |
| <b>Improve funding timelines for establishment functions.</b> | No comparable provision.                                                                            | States interested in exchanges should be able to obtain funding to establish new state exchange functions after 2012. | <p>CMS has determined that a state that does not have a fully certified state-based exchange on January 1, 2013 can continue to qualify for and receive a grant award, subject to the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) eligibility criteria.</p> <p>State-based exchanges may obtain funding until December 31, 2014 for approved and permissible activities after that date to establish a state-based exchange, to build functions that a state elects to operate under a partnership exchange, and to support state activities to build interfaces with a federally-facilitated exchange</p>                                                                                                                                      |



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October 17, 2011

Dear Governors:

As you know, states must make many decisions within a short period of time regarding the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Severely strained budgets, tight deadlines and workforce shortages further complicate implementation in nearly every state.

Regardless of whether your state is considering a state-based health insurance exchange, a federal exchange, or a partnership with the federal government, a wide range of cross-agency planning and discussion must take place to meet the 2013 deadline established by the ACA.

The National Governors Association (NGA) seeks to assist states in a variety of ways to help determine the best course for your state. To that end, we hosted a health insurance exchange workshop in early September to allow states to work together on difficult issues, and communicate their needs to the federal government. We have also published two issue briefs aimed at further understanding the challenges associated with implementing exchanges.

NGA is now offering technical assistance to help further develop the strategy and tasks related to the planning and implementation of your chosen path. Teams from up to six states will be selected to work with two nationally-recognized experts in exchanges and Medicaid in a customized day-long retreat that will take place in your home state. Joel Ario, former insurance commissioner from Pennsylvania and Oregon, and former Director of Health Insurance Exchanges at the Office of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight will serve as a resource on exchange planning. Deborah Bachrach, Medicaid expert from Manatt Health Solutions, will assist with the Medicaid aspects of the discussion.

Attached is the Request for Proposals for this technical assistance opportunity. Applications are due to NGA on November 1, 2011.

We hope you will consider this opportunity as you move forward in your consideration of implementation of the ACA. Questions and requests for additional information should be addressed to Maria Schiff at (202) 624-5395 or [Mschiff@nga.org](mailto:Mschiff@nga.org). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Final letter attached on exchanges attached for your files.

Again, Debbie, thanks for all your hard work.

-Marie

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FYI- in WSJ. Daniels' op-ed on exchanges. Nice work, Debbie. An ObamaCare Appeal From the StatesTwenty-one governors representing more than 115 million Americans have written to Kathleen Sebelius asking for more flexibility on health-care reform.By MITCH DANIELSUnless you're in favor of a fully nationalized health-care system, the president's health-care reform law is a massive mistake. It will amplify all the big drivers of overconsumption and excessive pricing: "Why not, it's free?" reimbursement; "The more I do, the more I get" provider payment; and all the defensive medicine the trial bar's ingenuity can generate. All claims made for it were false. It will add trillions to the federal deficit. It will lead to a de facto government takeover of health care faster than most people realize, and as millions of Americans are added to the Medicaid rolls and millions more employees (including, watch for this, workers of bankrupt state governments) are dumped into the new exchanges.

Many of us governors are hoping for either a judicial or legislative rescue from this impending disaster, and recent court decisions suggest

there's a chance of that. But we can't count on a miracle—that's only permitted in Washington policy making. We have no choice but to prepare for the very real possibility that the law takes effect in 2014.

For state governments, the bill presents huge new costs, as we are required to enroll 15 million to 20 million more people in our Medicaid systems. In Indiana, our independent actuaries have pegged the price to state taxpayers at \$2.6 billion to \$3 billion over the next 10 years.

This is a huge burden for our state, and yet another incremental expenditure the law's authors declined to account for truthfully.

Perhaps worse, the law expects to conscript the states as its agents in its takeover of health care. It assumes that we will set up and operate its new insurance "exchanges" for it, using our current welfare apparatuses to do the numbingly complex work of figuring out who is eligible for its subsidies, how much each person or family is eligible for, redetermining this eligibility regularly, and more. Then, we are supposed to oversee all the insurance plans in the exchanges for compliance with Washington's dictates about terms and prices.

The default option if any state declines to participate is for the federal government to operate an exchange directly. Which got me thinking: If the new law is not repealed by 2013, what could be done to reshape it in the direction of freedom and genuine cost control?

I have written to Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Services (HHS), saying that if her department wants Indiana to run its program for it, we will do so under the following conditions:

- We are given the flexibility to decide which insurers are permitted to offer their products.
- All the law's expensive benefit mandates are waived, so that our citizens aren't forced to buy benefits they don't need and have a range of choice that includes more affordable plans.
- The law's provisions discriminating against consumer-driven plans, such as health savings accounts, are waived.
- We are given the freedom to move Medicaid beneficiaries into the exchange, or to utilize new approaches to the traditional program, instead of herding hundreds of thousands more people into today's broken Medicaid system.
- Our state is reimbursed the true, full cost of the administrative burden to be imposed upon us, based on the estimate of an auditor independent of HHS.
- A trustworthy projection is commissioned, by a research organization independent of the department in the exchange, given the large incentives for employers to save money by off-loading their workers.

Obviously, this is a very different system than the one the legislation intends. Health care would be much more affordable, minus all the mandates, and plus the consumer consciousness that comes with health savings accounts and their kin. Customer choice would be dramatically enhanced by the state's ability to allow more insurers to participate and offer consumer-driven plans. Through greater flexibility in the management of Medicaid, the state might be able to reduce substantially the hidden tax increase that forced expansion of the program will impose.

Most fundamentally, the system we are proposing requires Washington to abandon most of the command-and-control aspects of the law as written. It steers away from nanny-state paternalism by assuming, recognizing and reinforcing the dignity of all our citizens and their right to make health care's highly personal decisions for themselves.

So why would Ms. Sebelius and HHS agree to this de facto rewrite of their treasured accomplishment? A glance at the recent fiasco of high-risk pools provides the answer. When a majority of states, including Indiana, declined to participate in setting up these pools, which cover those with high-cost, existing conditions, the task fell to

HHS. As widely reported, it went poorly, with costs far above predictions and only a tiny fraction of the expected population signing up.

If the feds can't manage this little project, what should we expect if they attempt it on a scale hundreds of times larger and more complex? If it were only Indiana asking, I have no doubt that HHS would ignore us. But Indiana is not alone. So far, 21 states—including Pennsylvania, Texas and Louisiana—have signed the same letter. We represent more than 115 million Americans. Washington's attempt to set up eligibility and exchange bureaucracies in all these places would invite a first-rate operational catastrophe.

If there's to be a train wreck, we governors would rather be spectators than conductors. But if the federal government is willing to reroute the train to a different, more productive track, we are here to help.

Mr. Daniels, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.

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Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As you know, on March 23, 2011, the State of Louisiana announced that it would not assume the risk of building a health insurance Exchange as outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Given the fact that deadlines established in the guidance issued in the August 13, 2012 request of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are not legally binding, the State of Louisiana will not be submitting a Declaration Letter; however, this letter serves as the state of Louisiana's position regarding critical components of the PPACA.

Since the PPACA was signed into law, the State of Louisiana has repeatedly stated that the law has severe legal problems, is bad policy, and is unworkable. Those beliefs remain unchanged. With the Supreme Court's decision in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, the Court agreed with the State of Louisiana that at least one of the over 450 provisions of the PPACA is unconstitutional and the provision requiring all individuals to have insurance coverage can only be upheld as a tax. Even after the Supreme Court's decision, there remain many questions about the legality of the PPACA involving issues fundamental to all Americans, including religious freedom and unjust taxation.

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#### The PPACA's Legality

Louisiana was one of 26 States that filed suit against the federal government concerning the legality of the PPACA, specifically focusing on two parts: § 1501 (the individual mandate) and Title II (the mandatory expansion of the Medicaid eligible population to 133 percent of the federal poverty level). In June of this year, the Supreme Court agreed that the mandatory Medicaid expansion was unconstitutional. They also ruled that the individual mandate was unconstitutional under Congress's Commerce power, but upheld this provision as an example of Congress's taxing power, admitting that the purported penalty is actually a tax.

While the Supreme Court effectively rewrote the PPACA to uphold the individual mandate, they did not rule on the legality of the remainder of the law. In fact, the Supreme Court is aware that future challenges are likely to occur by its recent actions. With continuing questions about the PPACA's legality, we believe it is prudent to wait until these challenges are completely resolved. Provisions that the Court did not rule on that are still being challenged include:

#### The Employer Mandate

- The PPACA requires that all employers with fifty or more full-time employees provide adequate health care coverage to their employees. (§ 1513, §1514, and §10106). If they do not, these employers could face a tax of \$2,000 or \$3,000.

### Federally-Facilitated Exchange Subsidy

- In the PPACA, State-based health Exchanges are authorized to provide premium assistance subsidies to individuals from 100% to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. However, the PPACA does not expressly authorize Federally-facilitated Exchanges to do the same. Subsequent regulations from the Internal Revenue Service have interpreted the law so that all Exchanges are able to provide premium assistance. The legality of these regulations is currently being challenged.

### Preventative Care Mandate

- Section 2713 of the PPACA allows for the Secretary to define preventive care services to be provided cost-free by all non-grandfathered insurance plans. In August 2011, the Secretary released a regulation that included contraceptive and some abortifacient services as preventative care. The regulation has been challenged by numerous groups and individuals (in over 35 lawsuits) who have religious objections to paying for health insurance that includes coverage for contraception and some abortifacient services.

### Maintenance of Effort

- The Supreme Court's decision invalidated the provision of the PPACA which coerced States to expand their Medicaid program by threatening existing Medicaid funding. Questions remain whether this applies to the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, requiring States to maintain their existing Medicaid eligibility until 2014.

### Origination Clause

- The Supreme Court decision made it clear that the individual mandate is a tax, not a penalty as claimed by the administration. The PPACA originated in the Senate. The Constitution (Article I, Section 7, Clause 1) is clear that all taxes are to originate in the House, and thus the individual mandate has been contested as an unconstitutional tax.

### Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)

- Sections 3403 and 10320 of the PPACA created this 15-member federal board that is granted the authority to make payment changes for the Medicare program without approval from Congress. There are also no administrative or judicial reviews of these decisions.

### Legality of Rulemaking/Guidance

- With many of the provisions of the PPACA, formal rules and regulations have been delayed or even non-existent. There are serious questions about the legality of this procedure in light of the Administrative Procedures Act.

### Bad Policy

While HHS has repeatedly said that the States serve as incubators of innovation, the PPACA robs States of this ability by limiting their opportunities to enact meaningful state-led health care reform. For example, the concept for an Exchange originated as a free market idea meant to lower the cost of health insurance for those who decide to purchase such insurance. In theory, an increased pool for those deciding to purchase health insurance is a good idea. It provides individuals the ability to select the insurance coverage that they want at a lower cost. If this were truly the framework for the Exchange model outlined in PPACA, the State of Louisiana would be glad to evaluate it as an option, adopting it to our State's needs. However, the PPACA Exchange is only masquerading as free market idea, and instead creates a vehicle for the Federal government to tightly control the coverage options available to

consumers, raising costs and limiting choice. Many employers will drop the health insurance coverage they currently provide to employees, leaving individual health care needs to the federal government. Specifically, the consequences of the PPACA Exchange and associated insurance changes include:

#### Lack of Consumer Choice

- When the PPACA was proposed, the President promised that if individuals liked their current health care insurance, they could keep it. However, the PPACA model will actually force individuals into the broken, government-run Medicaid system and into heavily-regulated, government-run health care plans (deemed "minimal essential coverage" by the Federal government).

Individuals should have the right to select what health care plan is best for them, and not be limited to a one-size-fits-all product that a political process deems is "essential". By mandating that certain benefits be provided in all insurance plans, the price of premiums will increase, leaving individuals unable to continue the coverage they like and a price they can afford

#### Increased Taxes

- The PPACA requires that all Exchanges be financially self-sufficient by 2015. This will require the Exchange to generate revenue, either by instituting user fees in the Exchange market or in the entire insurance market- essentially a tax on all insurance plans purchased. This will only further drive up the costs of premiums in the Exchange market for consumers and for individuals who will have to pay the premium assistance through their taxes.

- The PPACA also includes a tax on insurance premiums which are proposed to be paid for by "the industry." It is troubling that these same taxes will affect managed care organizations, proven mechanisms for more effectively controlling cost for Medicaid and Medicare, especially needed for States with limited financial resources.

#### Impact on Employers and Employees

- The employer mandate, a tax on employers with fifty or more employees who decide not to provide "adequate" health insurance coverage to their employees, is a disincentive to provide coverage. Already, businesses are attempting to modify their business structure to avoid the law's mandates (either by laying off employees or reducing the number of hours these employees work). Even those employers who provide coverage can be taxed an additional \$3,000 if that employee is eligible and enrolls in coverage on the health insurance Exchange. So instead of building upon the existing insurance market, the PPACA is undermining it.

#### Unworkable

The deadline for all Exchanges (both State and federally-facilitated) to be ready for open enrollment is October 1, 2013. However, it is likely many exchanges will not be ready by that point, even in those States that are supportive of the PPACA. The guidance received from the Federal government is often delayed or non-existent. For a project as large and complicated as health care reform, this is an insurmountable hurdle for the States to overcome. There are numerous unanswered questions and major problems remaining about Exchanges and the provisions of the PPACA entangled with them. Continuing issues include:

#### Exchanges in General

- In order for an Exchange to be ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013, it must be approved or conditionally approved by January 1, 2013. However, there have

been no formal regulations regarding what guidelines HHS will use to determine if an Exchange is conditionally approved or not.

- It has been continuously promised by officials at HHS that there will be cost comparisons between the Federally-facilitated Exchange, the State-based Exchange, and the partnership Exchanges. These cost estimates have not yet been made public.

#### Federally-facilitated Exchanges

- To date, in addition to the incomplete final rule for health insurance Exchanges, there has been no rulemaking regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and their interactions with the respective States' eligibility systems. Promised in the March 2012 final Exchange regulation was further guidance regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchange. Since that point, only a questions and answers document has been released.

- Numerous contracts have been signed for the development of the Federally-facilitated Exchange, but these documents have not been made public. The State of Louisiana filed a Freedom of Information Act request within the last month for these contracts and has still not received these documents. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah requested similar documents in his role as Ranking Member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance and has not received a response. It is necessary for these documents to be made public so that States can make informed decisions concerning Exchanges.

#### Partnership Exchange

- A partnership Exchange will be a Federally-facilitated Exchange with certain functions run by the State. It is an option first introduced by a power point presentation and further expanded by a document entitled "General Guidance on Federally-facilitated Exchanges," but has yet to be defined in federal regulations. The final Exchange rule proposed no regulations regarding this option.

- There has been no answer from the Federal government concerning whether the Federal government or the States will be responsible to pay for the state-run functions of a partnership Exchange.

#### The Workings of an Exchange

- The Exchange is required to provide premium tax credits to those between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty line. Originally projected to cost the federal government \$462 billion between 2012 and 2019, these subsidies are now projected to be \$574 billion during the same period by the Congressional Budget Office. Already, Medicare funding will be cut by \$700 billion to pay for these premium tax credits. There is discussion that because these levels of subsidies are unsustainable, the number of Americans eligible for premium assistance subsidies will be reduced in number.

#### Essential Health Benefits and Actuarial Values

- All plans in the individual and small group markets (including plans sold on the respective State Exchanges) must meet "essential health benefits," benefits not yet defined by the Secretary of HHS in formal rulemaking. Initial informal guidance suggests that these benefits will be based off of the most popular small group plans in each State in addition to benefits specified by the PPPACA. The States, insurance companies, and other stakeholders are awaiting formal regulations about essential health benefits.

- The States are awaiting a promised "actuarial value calculator" to accurately determine actuarial values for plans sold on the Exchange. This still has not been delivered and numerous questions remain about how actuarial value of health insurance plans will be determined.

### Reforms Needed

It is most disappointing that the PPACA failed to offer sustainable reform of the nation's health care system. Instead of strengthening the market to lower costs and increase consumer choice, the PPACA created a big government "solution"- the type of solution history tells us will only create debt and worry for future generations of Americans. Health care reform should focus on improving the value of health care in America by bringing down costs and improving quality.

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## **Extending and Expanding Opportunities for Job Creation and Investment**

### **OVERVIEW**

- The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act extends expensing (sometimes called 100 percent bonus depreciation) through 2012 to make it easier for employers, small and large, to invest now in new machinery and equipment, grow their businesses, and create jobs.

### **EXTENDING AND EXPANDING EXPENSING**

- The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act extends for an additional year, through 2012, the 100 percent depreciation allowance that is currently in effect for 2011.
- Additionally, the Act expands the current expensing provision in two ways.
  1. For 2012, the Act makes it easier for companies to claim AMT credits in lieu of bonus depreciation.
  2. For 2012, taxpayers that use the “percentage of completion method” of accounting can, for certain property, take into account the cost of the property, rather than the higher bonus depreciation amount.

### **BACKGROUND**

In general, business taxpayers must depreciate the cost of capital assets over several years, with the exact period depending on the asset. In December 2010, as part of tax legislation that extended the 2001/2003 tax relief laws, Congress provided for expensing (100 percent bonus depreciation) for qualifying property purchased (and generally placed in service) between September 8, 2010, and December 31, 2011.

Also under current law, a corporation may elect to forgo bonus depreciation and instead claim unused AMT credits from tax years before January 1, 2006. However, several provisions limit the amount of unused AMT credits that may be claimed in any tax year. Finally, a taxpayer that uses the “percentage of completion” method of accounting generally must take into account income associated with a deduction at the time the deduction is taken.

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Good idea...if you share with Katie she can tell me over the phone...

Even just the ones who have actually announced, we don't have to have the unannounced ones...

On Nov 15, 2012, at 12:36 PM, "Marie Sanderson" [REDACTED] > wrote:

I have it but purposefully have not sent it around because I don't want some lobbyist to get it. If I send it to you, will you hold it really close?

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Chiefs, Action Officers, and Healthcare Advisors:

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Thanks,  
Marie

SC: See letter attached

NE: See remarks attached

NM: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-11-15/new-mexico-moves-ahead-with-health-exchange>

LA: See link and letter below.

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2694>

Louisiana:

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
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November 16, 2012

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As you know, on March 23, 2011, the State of Louisiana announced that it would not assume the risk of building a health insurance Exchange as outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Given the fact that deadlines established in the guidance issued in the August 13, 2012 request of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are not legally binding, the State of Louisiana will not be submitting a Declaration Letter; however, this letter serves as the state of Louisiana's position regarding critical components of the PPACA.

Since the PPACA was signed into law, the State of Louisiana has repeatedly stated that the law has severe legal problems, is bad policy, and is unworkable. Those beliefs remain unchanged. With the Supreme Court's decision in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, the Court agreed with the State of Louisiana that at least one of the over 450 provisions of the PPACA is unconstitutional and the provision requiring all individuals to have insurance coverage can only be upheld as a tax. Even after the Supreme Court's decision, there remain many questions about the legality of the PPACA involving issues fundamental to all Americans, including religious freedom and unjust taxation.

While the Supreme Court ruled on the Constitutionality of some parts of the PPACA, it was not an endorsement of its policy merits. In fact, Chief Justice Roberts underscored this fact when he wrote, "Members of this Court are vested with the authority to interpret the law; we possess neither the expertise nor the prerogative to make policy judgments." The PPACA remains a flawed piece of legislation that fails to fix the fundamental existing problems in the United States health care system, particularly the unsustainable rising costs faced by American families and small businesses. Instead, we are faced with a more tightly controlled federal-run health insurance

market that will increase costs, undermine the private health care marketplace, and weaken private sector job creation.

The Supreme Court's decision also fails to resolve the fact that the PPACA is simply an unworkable piece of legislation. With incomplete regulations and unrealistic deadlines, States and the Federal government will struggle to have a health insurance Exchange ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013 that is not beset with major complications for the insurance market and the respective residents of the States. The full extent of damage the PPACA causes to small businesses, the nation's economy, and the American health care system will only be revealed with time. The State of Louisiana has no interest in being a party to this failure by implementing a state based exchange.

#### The PPACA's Legality

Louisiana was one of 26 States that filed suit against the federal government concerning the legality of the PPACA, specifically focusing on two parts: § 1501 (the individual mandate) and Title II (the mandatory expansion of the Medicaid eligible population to 133 percent of the federal poverty level). In June of this year, the Supreme Court agreed that the mandatory Medicaid expansion was unconstitutional. They also ruled that the individual mandate was unconstitutional under Congress's Commerce power, but upheld this provision as an example of Congress's taxing power, admitting that the purported penalty is actually a tax.

While the Supreme Court effectively rewrote the PPACA to uphold the individual mandate, they did not rule on the legality of the remainder of the law. In fact, the Supreme Court is aware that future challenges are likely to occur by its recent actions. With continuing questions about the PPACA's legality, we believe it is prudent to wait until these challenges are completely resolved. Provisions that the Court did not rule on that are still being challenged include:

#### The Employer Mandate

- The PPACA requires that all employers with fifty or more full-time employees provide adequate health care coverage to their employees. (§ 1513, §1514, and §10106). If they do not, these employers could face a tax of \$2,000 or \$3,000.

#### Federally-Facilitated Exchange Subsidy

- In the PPACA, State-based health Exchanges are authorized to provide premium assistance subsidies to individuals from 100% to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. However, the PPACA does not expressly authorize Federally-facilitated Exchanges to do the same. Subsequent regulations from the Internal Revenue Service have interpreted the law so that all Exchanges are able to provide premium assistance. The

legality of these regulations is currently being challenged.

#### Preventative Care Mandate

- Section 2713 of the PPACA allows for the Secretary to define preventive care services to be provided cost-free by all non-grandfathered insurance plans. In August 2011, the Secretary released a regulation that included contraceptive and some abortifacient services as preventative care. The regulation has been challenged by numerous groups and individuals (in over 35 lawsuits) who have religious objections to paying for health insurance that includes coverage for contraception and some abortifacient services.

#### Maintenance of Effort

- The Supreme Court's decision invalidated the provision of the PPACA which coerced States to expand their Medicaid program by threatening existing Medicaid funding. Questions remain whether this applies to the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, requiring States to maintain their existing Medicaid eligibility until 2014.

#### Origination Clause

- The Supreme Court decision made it clear that the individual mandate is a tax, not a penalty as claimed by the administration. The PPACA originated in the Senate. The Constitution (Article I, Section 7, Clause 1) is clear that all taxes are to originate in the House, and thus the individual mandate has been contested as an unconstitutional tax.

#### Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)

- Sections 3403 and 10320 of the PPACA created this 15-member federal board that is granted the authority to make payment changes for the Medicare program without approval from Congress. There are also no administrative or judicial reviews of these decisions.

#### Legality of Rulemaking/Guidance

- With many of the provisions of the PPACA, formal rules and regulations have been delayed or even non-existent. There are serious questions about the legality of this procedure in light of the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### Bad Policy

While HHS has repeatedly said that the States serve as incubators of innovation, the PPACA robs States of this ability by limiting their opportunities to enact meaningful state-led health care reform. For example, the concept for an Exchange originated as a free market idea meant to lower the cost of health insurance for those who decide to purchase such insurance. In theory, an increased pool for those deciding to purchase health insurance is a good idea. It provides individuals the ability to select the insurance coverage that they want at a lower cost. If this were truly the framework for the

Exchange model outlined in PPACA, the State of Louisiana would be glad to evaluate it as an option, adopting it to our State's needs. However, the PPACA Exchange is only masquerading as free market idea, and instead creates a vehicle for the Federal government to tightly control the coverage options available to consumers, raising costs and limiting choice. Many employers will drop the health insurance coverage they currently provide to employees, leaving individual health care needs to the federal government. Specifically, the consequences of the PPACA Exchange and associated insurance changes include:

#### Lack of Consumer Choice

- When the PPACA was proposed, the President promised that if individuals liked their current health care insurance, they could keep it. However, the PPACA model will actually force individuals into the broken, government-run Medicaid system and into heavily-regulated, government-run health care plans (deemed "minimal essential coverage" by the Federal government).

Individuals should have the right to select what health care plan is best for them, and not be limited to a one-size-fits-all product that a political process deems is "essential". By mandating that certain benefits be provided in all insurance plans, the price of premiums will increase, leaving individuals unable to continue the coverage they like and a price they can afford

#### Increased Taxes

- The PPACA requires that all Exchanges be financially self-sufficient by 2015. This will require the Exchange to generate revenue, either by instituting user fees in the Exchange market or in the entire insurance market- essentially a tax on all insurance plans purchased. This will only further drive up the costs of premiums in the Exchange market for consumers and for individuals who will have to pay the premium assistance through their taxes.

- The PPACA also includes a tax on insurance premiums which are proposed to be paid for by "the industry." It is troubling that these same taxes will affect managed care organizations, proven mechanisms for more effectively controlling cost for Medicaid and Medicare, especially needed for States with limited financial resources.

#### Impact on Employers and Employees

- The employer mandate, a tax on employers with fifty or more employees who decide not to provide "adequate" health insurance coverage to their employees, is a disincentive to provide coverage. Already, businesses are attempting to modify their business structure to avoid the law's mandates (either by laying off employees or reducing the number of

hours these employees work). Even those employers who provide coverage can be taxed an additional \$3,000 if that employee is eligible and enrolls in coverage on the health insurance Exchange. So instead of building upon the existing insurance market, the PPACA is undermining it.

#### Unworkable

The deadline for all Exchanges (both State and federally-facilitated) to be ready for open enrollment is October 1, 2013. However, it is likely many exchanges will not be ready by that point, even in those States that are supportive of the PPACA. The guidance received from the Federal government is often delayed or non-existent. For a project as large and complicated as health care reform, this is an insurmountable hurdle for the States to overcome. There are numerous unanswered questions and major problems remaining about Exchanges and the provisions of the PPACA entangled with them. Continuing issues include:

#### Exchanges in General

- In order for an Exchange to be ready for open enrollment on October 1, 2013, it must be approved or conditionally approved by January 1, 2013. However, there have been no formal regulations regarding what guidelines HHS will use to determine if an Exchange is conditionally approved or not.
- It has been continuously promised by officials at HHS that there will be cost comparisons between the Federally-facilitated Exchange, the State-based Exchange, and the partnership Exchanges. These cost estimates have not yet been made public.

#### Federally-facilitated Exchanges

- To date, in addition to the incomplete final rule for health insurance Exchanges, there has been no rulemaking regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and their interactions with the respective States' eligibility systems. Promised in the March 2012 final Exchange regulation was further guidance regarding the Federally-facilitated Exchange. Since that point, only a questions and answers document has been released.
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#### Partnership Exchange

- A partnership Exchange will be a Federally-facilitated Exchange with certain functions run by the State. It is an option first introduced by a power point presentation and further expanded by a document entitled "General Guidance on Federally-facilitated Exchanges," but has yet to be defined in federal regulations. The final Exchange rule proposed no regulations regarding this option.
- There has been no answer from the Federal government concerning whether the Federal government or the States will be responsible to pay for the state-run functions of a partnership Exchange.

#### The Workings of an Exchange

- The Exchange is required to provide premium tax credits to those between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty line. Originally projected to cost the federal government \$462 billion between 2012 and 2019, these subsidies are now projected to be \$574 billion during the same period by the Congressional Budget Office. Already, Medicare funding will be cut by \$700 billion to pay for these premium tax credits. There is discussion that because these levels of subsidies are unsustainable, the number of Americans eligible for premium assistance subsidies will be reduced in number.

#### Essential Health Benefits and Actuarial Values

- All plans in the individual and small group markets (including plans sold on the respective State Exchanges) must meet "essential health benefits," benefits not yet defined by the Secretary of HHS in formal rulemaking. Initial informal guidance suggests that these benefits will be based off of the most popular small group plans in each State in addition to benefits specified by the PPACA. The States, insurance companies, and other stakeholders are awaiting formal regulations about essential health benefits.
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#### Reforms Needed

It is most disappointing that the PPACA failed to offer sustainable reform of the nation's health care system. Instead of strengthening the market to lower costs and increase consumer choice, the PPACA created a big government "solution"- the type of solution history tells us will only create debt and worry for future generations of Americans. Health care reform should focus on improving the value of health care in America by bringing down costs and improving quality.

There are several ways to do this. Transparency in health care

is essential for individuals to be better consumers of care. The cost and success rates of different procedures can be made publically available to help individuals make decisions about their care. Increased competition through individuals being allowed to purchase insurance across State lines can create greater competition and lower costs.

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<SC Gov Nikki Haley Letter to HHS Secretary.PDF>  
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President Obama has won reelection, and his administration has asked state officials to decide by Friday, November 16, whether their state will create one of Obamacare's health-insurance "exchanges." States also have to decide whether to implement the law's massive expansion of Medicaid. The correct answer to both questions remains a resounding no.

State-created exchanges mean higher taxes, fewer jobs, and less protection of religious freedom. States are better off defaulting to a federal exchange. The Medicaid expansion is likewise too costly and risky a proposition. Republican Governors Association chairman Bob McDonnell (R., Va.) agrees, and has announced that Virginia will implement neither provision.

There are many arguments against creating exchanges.

First, states are under no obligation to create one.

Second, operating an Obamacare exchange would be illegal in 14 states. Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia have enacted either statutes or constitutional amendments (or both) forbidding state employees to participate in an essential exchange function: implementing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates.

Third, each exchange would cost its state an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million per year, necessitating tax increases.

Fourth, the November 16 deadline is no more real than the "deadlines" for implementing REAL ID, which have been pushed back repeatedly since 2008.

Fifth, states can always create an exchange later if they choose.

Sixth, a state-created exchange is not a state-controlled exchange. All exchanges will be controlled by Washington.

Seventh, Congress authorized no funds for federal “fallback” exchanges. So Washington may not be able to impose Exchanges on states at all.

Eighth, the Obama administration has yet to provide crucial information that states need before they can make an informed decision.

Ninth, creating an exchange sets state officials up to take the blame when Obamacare increases insurance premiums and denies care to the sick. State officials won't want their names on this disastrous mess.

Tenth, creating an exchange would be assisting in the creation of a “public option” that would drive domestic health-insurance carriers out of business through unfair competition.

Eleventh, Obamacare remains unpopular. The latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that only 38 percent of the public supports it.

Twelfth, defaulting to a federal exchange exempts a state's employers from the employer mandate — a tax of \$2,000 per worker per year (the tax applies to companies with more than 59 employees, but for such companies that tax applies after the 30th employee, not the 59th). If all states did so, that would exempt 18 million Americans from the individual mandate's tax of \$2,085 per family of four. Avoiding those taxes improves a state's prospects for job creation, and protects the conscience rights of employers and individuals whom the Obama administration is forcing to purchase contraceptives coverage.

Finally, rejecting an exchange reduces the federal deficit. Obamacare offers its deficit-financed subsidies to private health insurers only through state-created exchanges. If all states declined, federal deficits would fall by roughly \$700 billion over ten years.

For similar reasons, states should decline to implement Obamacare's Medicaid expansion. The Supreme Court gave states that option. All states should exercise it.

Medicaid is rife with waste and fraud. It increases the cost of private health care and insurance, crowds out private health insurance and long-term-care insurance, and discourages enrollees from climbing the economic ladder. There is scant reliable evidence that Medicaid improves health outcomes, and no evidence that it is a cost-effective way of doing so.

My colleague Jagadeesh Gokhale estimates that expanding Medicaid will cost individual states up to \$53 billion over the first ten years. That's before an emboldened President Obama follows through on his threats to shift more Medicaid costs to states.

Neither the states nor the federal government have the money to expand Medicaid. If all states politely decline, federal deficits will shrink by another \$900 billion.

Now is not the time to go wobbly. Obamacare is still harmful and still unpopular. The presidential election was hardly a referendum, as it pitted the first person to enact Obamacare against the second person to enact it. Since the election, many state officials are reaffirming their opposition to both implementing exchanges and expanding Medicaid.

If enough states do so, Congress will have no choice but to reopen Obamacare. With a GOP-controlled House, opponents will be in a much stronger position than they were when this harmful law was enacted.

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## FFIS Weekly Update – February 28, 2012

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **February 28, 2012: House Leaders to Scale Back Long-Term Surface Transportation Reauthorization**

The House and Senate are both back in session after a week-long recess. However, the House is not expected to move forward with its five-year reauthorization proposal ([H.R. 7](#)). After acknowledging last week that its surface transportation package would be broken into three parts for consideration, House leadership has signaled that it may be interested in pursuing a shorter-term reauthorization. The House is also likely to abandon proposed changes to transit financing, instead maintaining current dedicated transit funding from federal fuel taxes. Meanwhile, the Senate is expected to work through amendments to its two-year surface transportation package this week. The current short-term surface transportation extension expires March 31, 2012.

### EDUCATION

#### **February 24, 2012: ED Publishes Responses to College Access Challenge (CAC) MOE Waiver Requests**

The Department of Education (ED) published its responses to states' requests for waivers from the CAC maintenance-of-effort (MOE) requirements. To view ED's responses, click here:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/cacg/performance.html>

### ENERGY

**February 21, 2012: DOE Releases WAP 2012 Poverty Income Guidelines** The Department of Energy (DOE) published the 2012 Poverty Income Guidelines and definition of income for use in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). To access the new guidance, click here:

[http://waptac.org/data/files/website\\_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn%2012-8.pdf](http://waptac.org/data/files/website_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn%2012-8.pdf)

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**February 24, 2012: HHS Seeks Submissions for Health Care Quality Measures** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published the following notice in the *Federal Register* requesting nominations for measures of children's health care quality for potential inclusion in the Improved Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-24/pdf/2012-4267.pdf>

#### **February 23, 2012: ACF Announces Collection Activity for Performance Measure On-Line Tool**

**(PMOTOOL)** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) seeks comment on a new data collection activity related to the PMOTOOL to be used by grantees of select discretionary programs under the ACF Children's Bureau. For more details, click here:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-23/pdf/2012-4143.pdf>

**February 23, 2012: ACF Implements New SSBG Performance Standard** ACF released an information memorandum to inform states that it is implementing a new Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

performance measure designed to improve states' efficiency in planning for the use of SSBG funding. States will be given an overall performance score reflecting the percentage of all SSBG allocated dollars that were spent as the state had projected. To access the guidance, click here:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/im12-01.html>

**February 23, 2012: ORR Releases Annual Overview of State Programs** The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) released detailed information by state on services and funding in FY 2011:

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/data/state\\_prg\\_annual\\_overview.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/data/state_prg_annual_overview.htm)

**February 23, 2012: ACF Launches New OFA Website** The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) announced its new website and is requesting feedback from users. The old site will be active until fall 2012 and most of the detailed information will remain on that site. To view the new website, go to:

<http://transition.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa>

**February 23, 2012: ACF Announces New Data Collection for Assets for Independence (AFI)** ACF is seeking comments on a new data-collection activity as part of an evaluation of the AFI program. More details are available here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-23/pdf/2012-3946.pdf>

**February 22, 2012: ACF Now Requiring Protection and Advocacy Voting Access Application** ACF revised a previous announcement and is now requesting an application for state payments for Protection and Advocacy under the Help Americans Vote Act. Click here for the new notice:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-22/pdf/2012-3986.pdf>

**February 22, 2012: ACF Requests Comments on Permanency Innovations Initiative** ACF is seeking comments on new data collection for phase 1 of the Permanency Innovations Initiative Evaluation. This initiative is intended to build the evidence base for innovative interventions that enhance well-being and improve permanency outcomes for groups at risk for long-term foster care and those that experience significant barriers to permanency. The *Federal Register* notice is available at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-22/pdf/2012-4051.pdf>

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

**February 24, 2012: HHS Publishes Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) Update** HHS published a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing an increase to the maximum contingency fee that may be paid to RACs by state Medicaid programs:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-24/pdf/2012-4364.pdf>

**February 24, 2012: HHS Releases Proposed Rules for Electronic Health Records (EHR)-Stage 2** HHS announced the next steps for providers using EHR technology and receiving incentive payments from Medicare and Medicaid by releasing two proposed rules. The first specifies the criteria that providers must meet to qualify for incentive payments and makes changes to Stage 1 criteria. The second identifies standards and criteria for the certification of EHR technology. The proposed rules and fact sheets are available at: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/02/20120224a.html>

**February 24, 2012: HHS Awards Additional Health Insurance Exchange Establishment Grants** HHS provided 10 states with a total of \$229 million in grants. To date, 33 states and the District of Columbia have received exchange establishment awards. Click here for a list of grantees:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/05/exchanges05232011a.html>

**February 23, 2012: HHS Releases Annual Report on Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) Program** The annual report includes state-by-state information on the PCIP program including the

number of people enrolled through December 31, 2011, and the proportion of people enrolled by gender and age. Click here to access the report:

<http://www.cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02242012/pcip-annual-report.pdf>

**February 22, 2012: CMCS Releases Information on Section 1115 Demonstrations, Other Updates** The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) released information on the final regulations that establish the review and approval process for Medicaid and CHIP Section 1115 demonstrations. The bulletin also includes information related to the State Innovation Waiver and Health Insurance Exchange Establishment Grants. For more information, see:

<http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/CIB-02-22-12.pdf>

**February 22, 2012: CCIIO Extends Deadline for Exchange Establishment Grants** The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) publicly signaled its intention to extend the deadline for exchange establishment grants (both level one and level two) through the end of 2014. These extensions will afford more states considering or seeking to establish health insurance exchanges additional time to apply for funds.

**February 22, 2012: Supreme Court Sends California Medicaid Case on Provider Reimbursements Back to Ninth Circuit** The U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision sent the case about whether private parties may pursue legal action under the Supremacy Clause back to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The case, *Douglas v. Independent Living Center of Southern California* (No. 09-958, consolidated), involved new California laws that reduced the reimbursement rates paid to Medicaid providers and beneficiaries. Those providers and beneficiaries argued that the California statutes violated federal Medicaid law and secured temporary injunctions blocking implementation. Before the Supreme Court heard the case last October, HHS in an administrative action held that the California statutes did not violate federal Medicaid law. The court's opinion vacated the injunctions and remanded the cases back to the Ninth Circuit for the parties to argue the legality of the California laws subject now to the HHS administrative decision.

**February 17, 2012: CMS Provides Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) Update** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a document showing payments by state/sponsor as of January 19, 2012. According to CMS, the requests for reimbursement exceed the \$5 billion appropriated for the program. CMS is holding in order of receipt those reimbursement requests which exceed the program's appropriation, pending the availability of funds that may become available as a result of overpayment recoupment activities. More details are available at:

[http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02172012/errp-posting\\_feb2012.pdf](http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02172012/errp-posting_feb2012.pdf)

## HOUSING

**February 22, 2012: HUD Announces FY 2011 Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Awards** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced \$5.7 million in funding awards to eight organizations in six states and the District of Columbia under the FY 2011 Community Challenge Planning Grant Program. Click here to see the award recipients:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-22/pdf/2012-3943.pdf>

## LABOR

**February 22, 2012: DOL Announces \$183 Million in H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants** The Department of Labor (DOL) announced \$183 million in grants to 28 states for H-1B Technical Skills Training grants which provide education, training, and job placement assistance related to high-growth fields in which employers are currently using the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program to hire foreign

workers. DOL's announcement can be accessed here:  
<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20120365.htm>

**February 22, 2012: DOL Provides \$12 Million in Grants for Data Quality** DOL announced \$12 million in grants to states through the Workforce Data Quality Initiative, which enables states to build or expand longitudinal databases that link workforce and education data. Click here for DOL's announcement:  
<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20120352.htm>

**February 21, 2012: DOL Announces 2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines** DOL issued a notice informing states of the federal poverty guidelines for 2012. The new guidelines can be accessed here:  
[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/tegl\\_16\\_11.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/tegl_16_11.pdf)

**February 15, 2012: ETA Issues Guidance on UI REA Grants** DOL's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued guidance to states on the FY 2012 unemployment insurance (UI) grants for reemployment and eligibility assessments (REAs). To read ETA's guidance, click here:  
[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/uipl\\_10\\_12.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/uipl_10_12.pdf)

#### **NUTRITION**

**February 24, 2012: FNS Issues Proposed Rule on Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a proposed rule establishing the basic requirements for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program as outlined in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-296). More information on the proposed rule can be accessed here:  
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-24/pdf/2012-4181.pdf>

**February 23, 2012: FNS Publishes Questions and Answers on Nutrition Standards for School Meals** FNS published the questions and answers on FNS's final rule regarding the new nutrition standards for school meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. To read the full document, click here: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2012/SP10-2012osr.pdf>

#### **VETERANS**

**February 23, 2012: VETS Changes Due Date of State Home Construction Grants Application** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VETS) changed the due date for initial applications for State Home Construction Grants from August 15 to April 15 of the year before the fiscal year in which the application is to be considered. To read more on the new due date, click here:  
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-23/pdf/2012-4234.pdf>

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All:

Attached is the committee report from our first Federalism Committee meeting. Below is the Heritage Foundation piece I mentioned on the call (see resolution #1).

Looking forward to working with you all this year.

Best,  
Seth

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# Morning Bell

01/02/2012

## [New Year's Resolutions for Conservatives](#)

Let's be honest: We all know you're not really gonna quit smoking, start exercising, and eat more vegetables as of today. As Emerson wryly [remarked](#): "All promise outruns performance."

The key to keeping your New Year's resolutions is to make them more realistic. Rather than try to drastically change the way you live, why not start with the more modest goal of

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changing the way you speak? And what better place to start for conservatives than with America's Founding principles?

As conservatives continue to rediscover the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, it is important to use words and embrace ideas that are consistent with our Founding principles.

If you're fond of the term "states' rights," have a soft spot for nullification, are tempted by isolationism or are wary of equality, here are four simple resolutions to begin getting right with America's principles. Once you have these down, you can start correcting your friends and move on to other [core concepts](#).

### **1. Speak of Federalism, not "States' Rights"**

States don't have rights. People do.

States have powers. Nowhere in the Constitution are states said to possess rights. Congress has certain powers, clearly enumerated in [Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution](#), and the conservative-favorite [Tenth Amendment](#) makes clear that all the other *powers* are reserved to the states.

Not only is it incorrect to speak of states' rights, but the expression has more baggage than Samsonite and Louis Vuitton combined. In case you didn't know, "states' rights" was the rallying cry of segregationists. Since no right-thinking conservative will keep company with such people, let's just drop the term states' rights once and for all.

If you're concerned about federal encroachments on state sovereignty or the erosion of federalism--as you should be-- then speak of federal encroachments on state sovereignty or the erosion of federalism. Or of the need to restore limited constitutional government, reinvigorate local self-government, decentralize power or check the growth of out-of-control government. With so many great formulations to choose from, why weaken the case for liberty by relying on "states'" rights?

### **2. Resist the Nullification Temptation**

Are you unhappy with the constitutional abomination called Obamacare? Do you think that Congress has no power to

[2011 in Review: Who's Been Naughty, Who's Been Nice?](#)

[Police Union Blames Occupy D.C. for City's Rising Crime Rate](#)

[Voters in Iowa, New Hampshire Say Federal Budget Deficit Is No. 1 Issue](#)

## **QUICK HITS**

Did you hear about Obama's Christmas tree tax? How about how Libya's draft constitution cited Sharia as its 'Principal Source of Legislation'? Those stories were among our [Top 10 Foundry blog posts of 2011](#).

From Obamacare to the economy, federal regulations to poverty, Heritage's experts analyze some of the biggest issues facing America. [Find out our Top 10 Heritage papers of 2011](#).

Last year, we busted gas price myths, interviewed Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, and celebrated Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday. [Watch the 10 most popular Heritage videos of 2011](#).

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Good. Now encourage the repeal of the law or wait and see what mood Justice Anthony Kennedy will be in next June when the Supreme Court rules on the constitutionality of Obamacare.

But please don't start talking about nullification as the magical silver bullet that other conservatives somehow overlooked in their efforts to repeal Obamacare (or any other unconstitutional law, for that matter).

Nullification is blatantly unconstitutional. As James Madison pointed out in [1798](#), [1800](#) and again during the [Nullification Crisis of 1832](#), individual states do not have the power to unilaterally declare federal legislation unconstitutional. They have the power--in fact, the duty--to challenge laws they deem objectionable, but this must be done within the existing constitutional framework. Let us behold a republican remedy, as Madison would say, to this federal overreach.

### **3. Isolationism is un-American**

Unless you're describing the Tokugawa Shogunate in Japan or the hermit kingdom of North Korea, "isolationism" should be eliminated from conservative foreign policy discussions.

As a nation dedicated to the universal truth of human equality, America simply cannot withdraw from the world and be indifferent to the fate of liberty. [American exceptionalism](#) is fundamentally incompatible with isolationism. More so than any other country, we have [a duty to stand for liberty](#).

And no, the Founders were not isolationists. The Heritage Foundation's Marion Smith has written the definitive refutation of this bogus argument in "[The Myth of Isolationism](#)."

So if we're not isolationists, does that mean we're interventionists who want to make the world "[safe for democracy](#)"? Of course not. There is a middle ground between naive isolationism and crusading interventionism: a distinctively American foreign policy, [anchored in the principles of the Founding](#), that secures our interests all the while upholding our commitment to liberty--a commitment which need not necessarily translate into military interventions.

out in [Heritage's Top 10 charts of 2011](#).

The Unions Rule Rule, the Chill the Economy Regulation, and the Plumbing Police Rule were among the Top 10 worst federal rules of 2011. [Find out which others are on the list](#).

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#### 4. Equality is not a four-letter word

Seeing how the Left blathers on incessantly about inequality and dreams of a [Harrison Bergersonesque](#) America, some conservatives are wary of equality. Yet no word is more central to the American tradition which we uphold than equality.

Equality is the first self-evident truth proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence and ours is a country "[dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal](#)." By this, of course, we mean equal natural rights and the equal opportunities afforded by free markets and the rule of law.

The real tragedy of inequality in America is not that some earn more than others--class envy is something that afflicts Europeans, not Americans. Rather, it is that big government breeds what [Paul Ryan](#) calls "a class of bureaucrats and connected crony capitalists trying to rise above the rest of us, call the shots, rig the rules, and preserve their place atop society."

Let us therefore reclaim the mantle of equality from those who've perverted it in the pursuit of [equal outcomes](#).

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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius;

Many of us believe the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) should be repealed by Congress if the courts do not strike it down first. But, with no assurance of either outcome, we face the decision of whether to participate in the bill by operating state exchanges, or to let the federal government take on that task, if the bill remains in effect in 2014.

In addition to its constitutional infringements, we believe the system proposed by the PPACA is seriously flawed, favors dependency over personal responsibility, and will ultimately destroy the private insurance market. Because of this, we do not wish to be the federal government's agents in this policy in its present form.

We wish states had been given more opportunity to provide input when the PPACA was being drafted. We believe in its current form the law will force our health care system down a path sure to lead to higher costs and the disruption or discontinuation of millions of Americans' insurance plans. Though we still have grave concerns with other provisions of the PPACA, we suggest the following improvements:

- Provide states with complete flexibility on operating the exchange, most importantly the freedom to decide which licensed insurers are permitted to offer their products
- Waive the bill's costly mandates and grant states the authority to choose benefit rules that meet the specific needs of their citizens.
- Waive the provisions that discriminate against consumer-driven health plans, such as health savings accounts (HSA's)

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- Provide blanket discretion to individual states if they chose to move non-disabled Medicaid beneficiaries into the exchanges for their insurance coverage without the need of further HHS approval.
- Deliver a comprehensive plan for verifying incomes and subsidy amounts for exchange participants that is not an unfunded mandate but rather fully funded by the federal government and is certified as workable by an independent auditor.
- Commission a new and objective assessment of how many people will end up in the exchanges and on Medicaid in every state as a result of the legislation (including those "offloaded" by employers), and at what potential cost to state governments. The study must be conducted by a neutral third-party research organization agreed to by the states represented in this letter.

We hope the Administration will accommodate our states' individual circumstances and needs, as we believe the PPACA in its current form threatens to destroy our budgets and perpetuate and magnify the most costly aspects of our health care system. While we hope for your endorsement, if you do not agree, we will move forward with our own efforts regardless and HHS should begin making plans to run exchanges under its own auspices.

Sincerely,



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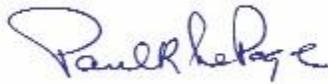
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For those of you waiting on the final brief, please find it attached. Thanks again for your patience and for working with us.

Best,  
Marie

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All:

Please find the press release which was just sent regarding the filing of the amicus brief. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Marie

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**Republican Governors Public Policy Committee Files Amicus Brief in**

## Supreme Court Case Challenging Obamacare

The Republican Governors Association policy arm, the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee, filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court arguing against the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The brief was filed through Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The filing marks the first time that the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee has ever submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court.

“While the amicus focuses on the individual mandate, this case is about far more than just that component,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The Obama administration’s healthcare takeover grants sweeping authority to the federal bureaucracy to dictate to individuals, churches, charities, hospitals, schools, businesses and states how they must operate. This is the opposite of the vision of America set forth by our nation’s founders.”

“At its core, this case is about the future of America, and whether we maintain our identity as a federal republic, or creep ever closer to a centralized government in which all the power flows out of Washington,” McDonnell concluded.

The full brief can be found by clicking [HERE](#), and a summary of its arguments is below:

### SUMMARY

**I. THE PRESUMPTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY ATTACHING TO PPACA IS WEAK OWING TO THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS EMPLOYED IN ITS ENACTMENT.** There is doctrinal and philosophical support for such a presumption resting upon notions of separation of powers, particularly where it appears PPACA was not passed through any process resembling regular order. The United States Senate passed PPACA late on Christmas Eve 2009 as a floor substitute on a straight party line vote. The legislative vehicle was a House tax bill chosen to satisfy the Originating Clause for the taxes in PPACA. PPACA passed the Senate on cloture with considerable minority protest. To the extent that a presumption of constitutionality arises from regular order and a hard look by Congress at the limits of its own power, those conditions are simply not present.

**II. THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HERETOFORE HAS NEVER CLAIMED THE POWER TO REQUIRE A CITIZEN TO PURCHASE A GOOD OR SERVICE FROM ANOTHER CITIZEN TENDS TO NEGATE THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POWER.** In the case of PPACA, the lack of historical precedent was well known to Congress before it acted. At the heart of PPACA is § 1501, which generally requires American citizens to purchase a good or service from other citizens, namely, a health insurance policy. When the Senate Finance Committee asked the Congressional Research Service whether a mandate supported by a penalty would be constitutional, the response was equivocal: "Whether such a requirement would be constitutional under the Commerce Clause is perhaps the most challenging question posed by such a proposal, as it is a novel issue whether Congress may use this clause to require an individual to purchase a good or a service."

**III. THE MANDATE AND PENALTY ARE CONTRARY TO THE TEXT OF THE COMMERCE CLAUSE AND FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS.**

A. **The Mandate and Penalty are Not Supported by the Text of the Commerce Clause.** Noah Webster in 1828 defined commerce as "an interchange or mutual change of goods, wares, productions, or property of any kind, between nations or individuals, either by barter, or by purchase and sale; trade; traffick." This is commerce. Its hallmarks are spontaneity and voluntary activity; not a command to buy something. The claim that commerce means not commercial activity but mere passivity is violently discordant with any normal use of the word commerce at the founding or at any subsequent time.

B. **The Historical Context in which the Commerce Clause was Drafted Makes it Highly Unlikely that it Included a Power to Command a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services From Another Citizen.** The founding generation would have regarded as preposterous any suggestion that Great Britain could have solved its colonial problems by commanding Americans to purchase tea under the generally conceded power of parliament to regulate commerce.

C. **There is No Tradition of Using the Commerce Clause to Require a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services from Another Citizen.** Because this regime viewed the regulation even of economic activity as illegitimate unless that activity harmed or threatened harm to someone else, *Lochner v. New York*, 198 U.S. 45 (1905), it is inconceivable that the Commerce Clause prior to 1938 would have been deemed to validly reach inactivity. The question thus becomes, has the Supreme Court decided any case in the post-*Lochner* era that has extended the Commerce Clause far enough to cover the mandate and penalty?

D. **The Mandate and Penalty are Outside the Existing Outer Limits of the Commerce Clause and Associated Necessary and Proper Clause as Measured by Supreme Court Precedent.** "[E]ven if [an] activity be local and though it may not be regarded as commerce, it may still, whatever its nature, be reached by Congress if it exerts a substantial economic effect on interstate commerce, and this irrespective of whether such effect is what might at some earlier time have been defined as 'direct' or 'indirect.'" *Wickard*, 317 U.S. at 125 (emphasis added). *Wickard* marks the affirmative outer limits of the Commerce Clause.

Since *Wickard*, the Supreme Court has proceeded no further than to hold that Congress can regulate three things under the Commerce Clause: (1) "use of the channels of interstate commerce" (2) "the instrumentalities of interstate commerce," and (3) "activities that substantially affect interstate commerce." *U.S. v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. at 558-59. "[T]he Federal balance is too essential a part of our constitutional structure and plays too vital a role in securing freedom for us to admit inability to intervene when one or the other level of Government has tipped the scales too far." *Id.* at 578.

None of this is changed by an appeal to the Necessary and Proper Clause. This Court elsewhere has emphatically held that the Necessary and Proper Clause is limited by general principles of federalism independent of any direct prohibition. *Alden v. Maine*, 527 U.S. 706 (1999) ("When a 'Law . . . for carrying into Execution' the Commerce Clause violates the principle of state sovereignty reflected in the various constitutional provisions . . . it is not a 'Law . . . proper for carrying into Execution the Commerce Clause,' and is thus, in the words of The Federalist, 'merely [an] act of usurpation' which 'deserves to be treated as such.'") (citing *Printz*, 521 U.S. at 923-24). It simply does not matter how "necessary" the mandate and penalty might be to the congressional scheme if the end being pursued is improper under

the Necessary and Proper Clause.

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As you may have seen, the Senate agreed to a unanimous consent request regarding consideration of the continuing resolution (H.R. 1473) last night. The agreement provides that upon receipt of the papers from the House on the continuing resolution (i.e., immediately following House passage), the Senate will proceed to a series of three stacked roll call votes, ***in the following order***:

1. H.Con.Res. 35, enrolling resolution (de-funding Obamacare);
2. H.Con.Res. 36, enrolling resolution (de-funding Planned Parenthood); and
3. H.R. 1473, the continuing resolution.

All votes will require a 60-vote affirmative threshold for adoption.

Timing of these votes later today is unclear; however, the House expects votes on the CR to take place circa 2:00-3:00 PM, meaning any Senate votes would take place after that time. (The Senate will be in morning business until 2:00 PM.)

We will have more information as it becomes available.

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Hi Katie,

It's great to see you at the meetings. Knowing what is going on from your end is awesome! Last Friday the California Choice Exchange information kit was mailed to you. Hopefully you have received it by now. If not, here is their contact information.

Steve Van Wart  
Vice President  
Exchange Services  
800.511.0001



[www.choiceadmin.com/exchanges](http://www.choiceadmin.com/exchanges)

In the last meeting you mentioned you want comments on PPACA regs by September 28, 2011. Please email these to me and we'll see what we can put together. NAHU, National Association of Health Underwriters, which is one of the national agent associations we represent in the Coalition, is making comment to HHS on all of the regs that come out. I want to make sure that we tap into this resource and share the comments with you as well.

Let me know if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance. See you next Tuesday.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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Good afternoon,

Thank you to those that were able to join the call. We appreciate the conversation and feedback. Below is some background and additional talking points provided to us from the Senate Finance Committee. Hopefully this information will be helpful if your state decides to provide Senator Hatch and Chairmen Camp and Kline with a letter of support. If you need additional information or have questions that this information does not address please contact us.

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### **Policy Background:**

On July 12, 2012 the Department of Health and Human Services issued an “Information Memorandum” wherein they waived the requirements under Section 402 of the Social Security Act that include *definitions of work activities and calculation of participation rates for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF)*.

These work requirements have been an important feature of the bipartisan welfare reform law of 1996. Within 10 years of it being signed into law, it reduced welfare rolls from 12.2 million in 2006 to 4.5 million in 2006.

Furthermore, the Administration argued that since this was an “Information Memorandum” and not a rule, it was not subject to the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

Only July 31, 2012 Senator Hatch sent a joint letter with Chairman Camp to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) seeking a determination on if this memorandum qualified as a “rule” and hence was subject to the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

*On September 4, 2012, the GAO agreed with Senator Hatch and Chairman Camp, that despite being issued as an “Informational Memorandum” this was indeed a rule since it*

was “*designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy with regard to TANF.*” Consequently, it is subject to the CRA.

## **Procedural Background:**

### *What is a CRA?*

- The Congressional Review Act (CRA) was first enacted in 1996 as part of the Contract with America Advancement Act (P.L. 104-121).
- The law requires that any agency promulgating a rule or a regulation must submit a report to the Congress and Comptroller General that contains a copy of the rule, a statement describing the rule and the proposed effective date. A rule cannot be implemented if this report is not submitted.
- *More importantly, the CRA gives Congress an expedited process under which new federal rules and regulations issued by an agency can be overruled via a joint resolution.*

### *How does a CRA Work?*

- Within 60 days after the GAO determines an Administration action is a rule, any Senator can file a Resolution of Disapproval of the rule.
- *If the committee to which the joint resolution is referred to (in this case the Senate Finance Committee) has not reported it in 20 days, then any Senator may get a discharge petition signed by 30 senators to proceed to the resolution.* A vote to proceed to the resolution cannot be filibustered or amended.
- If the motion to proceed is agreed to, it is followed by 10 hours of debate on the Resolution, followed by a vote on final passage.

### *CRA's in the 111<sup>th</sup> and 112<sup>th</sup> Congress*

- S.J. Res 30 – 111<sup>th</sup> Congress – disapproval of the rule submitted by the National Mediation Board (NMB) on election procedures (motion to proceed not agreed to 43-56 on 9/23/10).
- S.J. Res 39 – 111<sup>th</sup> Congress – disapproval of the rule relating to status of grandfathered plans under Obamacare (motion to proceed not agreed to 40-59 on 9/29/10).
- S.J. Res 37 – 112<sup>th</sup> Congress – disapproval of the EPA rule on the mercury and air quality standards also known as the Utility MACT rule (motion to proceed not agreed to 46-53 on 6/20/12).

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### **REMINDER**

RGPPC will host a conference call with Senate Finance and House Ways and Means to discuss **TANF Today, at 1 pm ET**. We'll also discuss essential benefits, per our action officer call on Monday. We expect this to be a quick but informative call to brief you states regarding HILL actions and messaging on TANF this week.

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Let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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California, for example, will spend at least another \$19.4 billion on Medicaid. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has estimated that Texas will be forced to spend another \$27 billion, which is more than the program's entire annual budget today. Kentucky will get hit with \$675 million in news costs to Medicaid and the state of Idaho found that the law would grow its Medicaid program by nearly 50 percent. A copy of the full report can be viewed [HERE](#).

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California, for example, will spend at least another \$19.4 billion on Medicaid. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has estimated that Texas will be forced to spend another \$27 billion, which is more than the program's entire annual budget today. Kentucky will get hit with \$675 million in news costs to Medicaid and the state of Idaho found that the law would grow its Medicaid program by nearly 50 percent. A copy of the full report can be viewed [HERE](#).

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## Medicaid Moment of Truth

*The Supreme Court, the states, and a generational choice.*

In medicine, the treatments known as heroic measures pose grave risks to patients but are performed anyway because the alternative is certain death. That also more or less describes what Chief Justice John Roberts did to save the Affordable Care Act, and now the entitlement faces another challenge, especially in the states.

The first major decision facing the states is whether to accept ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion, which will dump anywhere from 16 million to 20 million more low-income people into the joint state-federal insurance program that was already in crisis. The Supreme Court ruled that this was unconstitutional coercion—"a gun to the head," the 7-2 majority called it—and that states must be given the option of not participating without penalty.

Eight Governors have already said they won't, and that may be the wise play given the new liberal vision for Medicaid. The program was created in 1965 as a bridge to help the most vulnerable members of society emerge from poverty, but now Democrats want to convert it into a permanent price-controlled and Washington-run health system.

Accepting these terms means states will lose the autonomy they had left to make Medicaid decisions in line with their own choices about taxes and spending. Medicaid is already the largest line item for most statehouses, a little under a quarter of the budget on average, and nationwide Medicaid costs are expected to jump by—this is not a typo—20% in 2012. This spending is starting to crowd out other priorities like K-12 and higher education, public safety and building roads.

But the temptation for states—even among the 26 that challenged ObamaCare—will be to accept the expansion. One thing that Governors do really well, regardless of party, is game the open-ended Medicaid funding formula to maximize federal payouts. Only 40 cents of every Medicaid dollar is mandated by the federal government; the balance is spent on optional add-ons that the states created.

ObamaCare attempts to bribe the states by footing 100% of the cost of new Medicaid beneficiaries for two years, and then the federal share will fall to 90%. Supposedly this honeypot is too good an offer to refuse compared to the normal federal matching rate that ranges from 56% to 85%. The hospitals, which want more Medicaid revenue and are especially powerful at the local and state levels, are also aggressively lobbying Governors to accept the "free" money.

Not so fast. One problem is that the 100% matching rate is like a subprime loan with a teaser rate and balloon payment. Once the states accede, Congress will inevitably renege, since the federal fisc is nearly as stressed as state balance sheets. The new subsidies also only apply to the newly coverable, not to the nine million or so people who are already eligible for Medicaid but haven't signed up.

Meanwhile, Medicaid's payments to providers have already been cut to the marrow, while combined state and local health-care spending is now higher than all property tax receipts. The Beltway boys are mocking Governors for worrying about these obligations, but "only" millions of dollars still mean something in regions outside the Northeast and West Coast.

What almost every U.S. Governor wants most of all is more flexibility to manage Medicaid caseloads and reform how the program operates. ObamaCare locked in "maintenance of effort" rules that prevent any changes at all, much less state experimentation. On Tuesday Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius warned states that "The Court's decision does not affect other provisions of the law," which is another way of saying drop dead. States will get no meaningful policy waivers from the Obama crowd.

At the very least the states should delay this generational decision until after the election. Both Mitt Romney and House Republicans support a plan to block-grant Medicaid funding, which has a reasonable chance of becoming law if they win. This policy is less about controlling spending than freeing the states from federal central planning so they can innovate, much like welfare reform in the 1990s.

Rhode Island received a de facto block grant in the last days of the Bush Administration and has cut costs by nearly half compared to historical trend. Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida have also leveraged such waivers to make Medicaid more efficient.

At an American Enterprise Institute forum Wednesday, Gary Alexander—who pioneered the Rhode Island plan and is now at work in Pennsylvania—made an important point: In 1965, there were 17.9 workers for every Pennsylvanian on Medicaid, generally in line with the national trend. Today the ratio has fallen to 2.5 to one—and only 1.9 to one for workers in the private economy.

The Governors would be crazy to strap themselves willingly to this entitlement bomb.

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More to come on this -- but wanted to make sure you all saw the memo (attached and below) that went to Members today regarding the Reconciliation process in the House Budget to address concerns over the impact of sequestration on our military.

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From day one, House Republicans have been focused on job creation. We understand that the debt and deficit have placed a massive burden on our economy and American families. Testimony before Congress and even the President's own Bowles-Simpson Commission demonstrates that the debt has slowed our economy by about one percentage point, which translates into approximately one million unrealized American

jobs. If we do not get the nation's debt under control, our economy and our families will continue to suffer.

That is why one of the many reforms included in the House-passed Budget Resolution is the initiation of a "reconciliation" process, whereby certain House Committees would propose changes to current mandatory spending programs in order to generate a specified amount of savings. The savings generated from these reforms to mandatory programs would first be used to offset the cost (approximately \$78 billion)<sup>[1]</sup> of replacing the automatic across-the-board discretionary spending cuts that are scheduled to occur on January 2, 2013, under what is known as sequestration. The additional savings achieved through reconciliation beyond the \$78 billion (over \$180 billion in the next ten years) would further reduce the deficit.

The six House Committees that received reconciliation instruction under the House-passed Budget Resolution are currently beginning the process of marking up their reconciliation packages which the House will take up as one bill in early May.

This memo will provide you with information on the necessity of replacing sequestration and a summary of the specific savings proposals that we anticipate being part of the final reconciliation bill.

### **Why it is Necessary to Replace the Sequester**

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As a result of political posturing by the Democrats, the "Super Committee" failed to report and Congress failed to enact \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction last December. Thus, current law requires that there be across-the-board cuts, known as a "sequester," imposed on January 2, 2013. The sequester will result in a 10% reduction in Department of Defense programs and an 8% reduction in certain domestic programs, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and border security.

Intended as a mechanism to force action, there is bipartisan agreement that the sequester going into place would undercut key responsibilities of the federal government.

As the Administration makes clear in their own Budget, "By design, the sequester is not good policy and is meant to force Congress to take action: it would lead to significant cuts to critical domestic programs such as education and research and cuts to defense programs that could undermine our national security. ... [C]uts of this magnitude done in an across-the-board fashion would be devastating both to defense and non-defense programs." [[The Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2013](#), p. 24, February 13, 2012]

Of particular concern is the impact sequestration, if allowed to occur, would have on

our national security.

The sequestration cuts would be on top of the savings in discretionary defense spending that were already implemented as part of the debt limit agreement last August.

The House Armed Services Committee has analyzed the impact of the sequestration, and found that if left in place, sequestration would cut the military to its smallest size since before the Second World War – all while we are still a nation at war in Afghanistan, facing increased threats from Iran and North Korea, unrest in the Middle East, and a rising China.

Major consequences include:

- 200,000 soldiers and Marines separated from service, bringing our force well below our pre-9/11 levels;
- Ability to respond to contingencies in North Korea or Iran at jeopardy;
- The smallest ground force since 1940;
- A fleet of fewer than 230 ships, the smallest level since 1915;
- The smallest tactical fighter force in the history of the Air Force;
- Our nuclear triad that has kept the US and 30 of our allies safe for decades will be in jeopardy;
- Reductions of 20 percent in defense civilian personnel; and
- Two BRAC rounds of base closings.

[\[House Armed Services Committee Memo “Assessment of Impacts of Budget Cuts”, 9/22/2011\]](#)

Secretary Panetta and the professional military leadership have also looked at the impact of sequestration and reached similar conclusions:

Secretary Panetta stated, “If the maximum sequestration is triggered, the total cut will rise to about \$1 trillion compared with the FY 2012 plan. The impacts of these cuts would be devastating for the Department... Facing such large reductions, we would have to reduce the size of the military sharply. Rough estimates suggest after ten years of these cuts, we would have the smallest ground force since 1940, the smallest number of ships since 1915, and the smallest Air Force in its history.” [\[Secretary Panetta, Letter to Senator John McCain, 11/14/2011\]](#)

General Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated, “[S]equestration leaves me three places to go to find the additional money: operations, maintenance, and training. That’s the definition of a hollow force.”

The individual branch service chiefs echoed General Dempsey:

- “Cuts of this magnitude would be catastrophic to the military...My assessment is that the nation would incur an unacceptable level of strategic and operational risk.” – General Ray T. Odierno, Chief Of Staff, United States Army
- “A severe and irreversible impact on the Navy’s future,” – Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations
- “A Marine Corps below the end strength that’s necessary to support even one major contingency,” – General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps
- “Even the most thoroughly deliberated strategy may not be able to overcome dire consequences,” – General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

[\[Testimony of Service Chief before House Armed Services Committee, 11/2/2011\]](#)

Armed Services Ranking Member Adam Smith recently gave a speech about the need to reverse sequestration. During a question and answer period after the speech, he stated, “What I am saying is, we are going to have to re-write the sequestration law before January 1, one way or another, in order to make sure i[t] makes sense and can fit. I believe that between now and then we will find \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction somewhere, somehow, and avoid the immediate sequestration. But as the gentleman asked, the problem is now. If we wait until September we will have done great harm to the economy.”

According to an analysis by the House Appropriations Committee, the sequester will also have a significant impact on non-defense discretionary programs, including:

- Automatically reducing Head Start by \$650 million, resulting in 75,000 fewer slots for children in the program;
- Automatically reducing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$2.4 billion, an amount equal to nearly half of total NIH spending on cancer this year; and
- A reduction of approximately 1,870 Border Patrol Agents (a reduction of nearly 9% of the total number of agents).

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### **Democrats Have Failed to Offer a Credible Solution**

While both Republicans and Democrats have warned of the consequences from both immediate sequestration cuts and the looming debt crisis, the President and leading Senate Democrats *refuse* to advance credible solutions:

- The President insists on taking more money from hardworking families and small businesses, a policy that will only exacerbate our current economic problems.

- Just as bad, Senate Democrats have failed to pass a budget in more than 1,000 days, and have chosen to give up on budgeting again this year.

## **Common-Sense Republican Reforms**

- Pursuant to the Budget Resolution, the House will advance a series of reforms that replace across-the-board cuts scheduled in law with common-sense reforms that take steps to address government's autopilot spending.

Six House Committees will advance legislation that will:

- Stop Fraud, by Ensuring that Individuals are Actually Eligible for the Taxpayer Benefits They Receive;
- Eliminate Government Slush Funds and Stop Bailouts;
- Control Runaway, Unchecked Spending;
- Restrain Spending on Government Bureaucracies; and
- Reduce Waste and Duplicative Programs.

The savings from these reforms will *replace* the arbitrary discretionary sequester cuts and lay the groundwork for further efforts to avert the spending-driven economic crisis before us.

- Below is an outline of the reforms being advanced by the four committees (Agriculture, Financial Services, Judiciary, and Ways and Means) that are marking up instructions this week (week of April 16).

This memo will be updated to include the recommendations of the Energy & Commerce Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee once their markups are announced.

### **Stopping Fraud by Ensuring that Individuals are Actually Eligible for the Taxpayer Benefits They Receive**

- Restricting Categorical Eligibility under the SNAP (Food Stamp) Program: Under current law, an individual can automatically qualify for SNAP based on receipt of benefits through other low-income assistance programs, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or state-run General Assistance (GA) programs.

- The Obama Administration has actively encouraged states to implement a policy called "broad-based categorical eligibility," which means states are conveying SNAP eligibility based upon a household receiving a TANF-funded brochure or access to an "800" number hotline.

As of January, there are now 43 jurisdictions – 40 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands – implementing this policy. Of the 43 jurisdictions using broad-based categorical eligibility, 39 currently have no asset test and 27 have a gross income limit above 130% of the federal poverty guidelines.

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The proposal from the House Agriculture Committee would restrict categorical eligibility to only those households receiving cash assistance from SSI, TANF, or a state-run General Assistance program. Receiving a TANF-funded brochure or a referral to an “800” number telephone hotline would no longer automatically make a household SNAP eligible. According to CBO, this proposal would save \$11.7 billion over ten years.

Note: While this change would render some households no longer eligible for SNAP, any household that meets the eligibility requirements in SNAP law will continue receiving its SNAP benefits. This policy change would only affect those who are not truly eligible for the program under SNAP law.

Eliminating the SNAP “Heat and Eat” Loophole: Under current law, low-income households receiving any Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) payments also qualify for the SNAP Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) which automatically increases their SNAP benefits. Approximately 16 states and DC are abusing this interaction (often at the behest of advocacy groups) by sending \$1 or \$5 LIHEAP checks to low-income households so they may automatically take advantage of the SUA. In practice, if a participant receives \$1 in LIHEAP, they can automatically deduct the SUA from their income, so their net income goes down and they receive more SNAP benefits. For example, this can trigger as much as \$130 in additional SNAP benefits per month.

The proposal from the Agriculture Committee would change current law so that a LIHEAP payment no longer automatically triggers the SUA deduction, closing this loophole. This provision in no way prevents those households who are paying their utility bills out-of-pocket from receiving the SNAP SUA. Any household paying their utility bills can still receive this deduction. According to CBO, this proposal would save \$14.3 billion over ten years.

Preventing Abuse in the Refundable Child Tax Credit: Current law provides for a child tax credit in the amount of \$1,000 per child under the age of 17 (\$500 per child beginning in 2013). This credit is partially refundable, meaning that taxpayers may, depending on their income and other tax obligations, receive a government check as a result of this credit. Such checks are considered spending for budget purposes. Under the rules in effect through 2012, the refundable portion of the child tax credit – sometimes referred to as the additional child tax credit (ACTC) – is capped at 15

percent of the taxpayer's earned income above \$3,000.

Also under current law, individuals who are ineligible to work in the United States – and are thus ineligible for a Social Security Number (SSN) – can obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for tax purposes. In 1996, Congress enacted legislation making those without SSNs ineligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a similar refundable tax credit. However, when the refundable portion of the child tax credit was subsequently enacted in 1997, Congress included no similar limitation, and the Treasury Department has taken the position that it lacks the statutory authority to limit the ACTC to those with an SSN. Thus, the refundable portion of the child tax credit currently remains available to individuals who are unable to obtain an SSN because they are ineligible to work in the United States.

The proposal from the House Ways and Means Committee would close this loophole and individuals (or at least one spouse in the case of a joint return) would be required to include their SSN on their tax return in order to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, this proposal would save \$7.6 billion over ten years.

Fully Recapture Exchange Subsidy Overpayments: The Democrats' health care law fails to adequately protect taxpayers from overpayments of health insurance Exchange subsidies, even in the case of fraud. Exchange subsidy eligibility is based on two-year old income tax return data. Because income can change (new job, promotion, spouse returns to the workforce, etc.), the government will conduct an annual review to determine if someone received more taxpayer-funded subsidies than he/she was entitled to.

If an overpayment was made, the recipient is required to repay some or all of the overpayment, subject to certain limits described below. Originally, under the health care law, the maximum amount a subsidy recipient was required to repay was \$250 for an individual or \$400 for a family, even if he/she/they received thousands of dollars in subsidy overpayments. Since the health care law's enactment, two laws have increased the maximum amount of improper Exchange subsidy payments the government can recoup, but in some instances still fails to require full repayment.

The proposal from the Ways and Means Committee would require those who receive Exchange subsidies to which they are not entitled to repay the full amount of overpayments. Individuals and families would still be allowed to keep the subsidies they are entitled to receive under the law. The Joint Committee on Taxation and CBO estimate this provision would reduce the deficit by \$43.9 billion over ten years.

### **Eliminating Government Slush Funds and Stopping Bailouts**

Protecting Taxpayers by Eliminating the Dodd-Frank Bailout Fund: The Dodd-Frank Act granted the FDIC “Orderly Liquidation Authority” that gives government bureaucrats the authority to use taxpayer dollars to bail out the creditors of “too big to fail” institutions and treat similarly situated creditors differently. The Democrats have claimed that they created this new resolution authority to prevent a replay of the 2008 bailouts of Bear Stearns, AIG, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Citigroup, Bank of America, GM and Chrysler. But in reality, Dodd-Frank’s Orderly Liquidation Authority mechanism just perpetuates the very taxpayer-funded bailout regime it claims it to abolish.

The proposal from the House Financial Services Committee would end “too big to fail” by repealing this Dodd-Frank fund that paves the way for future bailouts. Eliminating the bailout fund will, according to CBO, save \$22 billion over ten years for deficit reduction.

Terminate Ineffective Housing Bailouts: The Obama Administration claimed HAMP, its signature foreclosure prevention initiative, would help up to 4 million struggling homeowners. Instead, HAMP has resulted in only 763,000 loans being permanently modified and has been the target of widespread and bipartisan criticism. Of the \$30 billion in TARP funds set aside for HAMP, \$2.54 billion has actually been disbursed. The Special Inspector General for TARP (SIGTARP), the Congressional Oversight Panel, the Government Accountability Office and even *New York Times* editorial page have all reported on the ineffectiveness of HAMP and highlighted how this program has hurt, rather than helped, many struggling homeowners.

The Financial Services Committee approved H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act, on March 9, 2011, and the House voted to pass the bill 252-170 on March 29, 2011, but the Senate has yet to act. Terminating this costly and ineffective program as part of reconciliation will, according to CBO, result in deficit reduction of \$2.8 billion over ten years.

Reforming the National Flood Insurance Program: The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to minimize the economic impact of floods and to provide flood insurance to individuals and businesses. Congress last enacted a long-term NFIP reauthorization and reform bill in 2004. H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act sponsored by Rep. Judy Biggert, includes a five-year reauthorization of the NFIP and will reform the program by encouraging broader participation, increasing financial accountability and eliminating unnecessary rate subsidies. The NFIP has historically failed to charge sufficient rates to cover its risk. H.R. 1309 eliminates unnecessary rate subsidies by including a phase-in of full-risk, actuarial rates for new and certain existing areas designated as “Special Flood Hazard.” This will improve the NFIP’s financial health.

The Financial Services Committee passed H.R. 1309 by a 54-0 vote on May 12, 2011

and the House approved the bill 406-22 on July 12, 2011, but the Senate has yet to act. Reforming this program as part of reconciliation will, according to CBO, result in \$4.9 billion in savings over ten years.

### **Controlling Runaway, Unchecked Spending**

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Eliminate the Indexing on SNAP Nutrition Education: Under current law, states have the option of providing nutrition education to SNAP recipients as part of their program operations; such education is 100% funded by the federal government. Funding for the SNAP nutrition education program is capped at \$375 million but is indexed for inflation so that the amount spent increases each year.

The proposal from the Agriculture Committee eliminates the automatic annual spending increase and, according to CBO, saves \$546 million over ten years.

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Terminate the SNAP Increase from the Stimulus: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) included an across-the-board increase in SNAP benefits effective in April 2009. The ARRA effectively replaced the increase in SNAP benefits that occurs under the Food and Nutrition Act, which is normally based on annual food-price inflation indexing. The ARRA increase was to stay in place until food-price inflation “caught up” so that families did not see a decrease in their monthly SNAP benefit allotment. Therefore, the ARRA benefit increase was originally expected to terminate after FY 2018, when food-price inflation was estimated to “catch up” with the ARRA increase.

Last Congress, when the Democrat majority needed to pay for their other “priorities,” including a teacher’s union bailout and increasing school meal standards, the ARRA SNAP increase was used *twice* to offset other laws. They achieved their savings by moving up the ARRA termination date to October 31, 2013. This proposal from the Agriculture Committee terminates the ARRA increase on July 1, 2012 and would save, according to CBO, \$5.9 billion over ten years.

### **Restrain Spending on Government Bureaucracies**

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Eliminating Automatic Funding of the New Bureaucracies: The centerpiece of the Dodd-Frank Act is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), a large and powerful Federal agency that is – by design – accountable to neither the executive branch nor Congress. Its Director has the unprecedented and sole authority to decide which financial products Americans can and cannot use. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act authorizes the CFPB to fund itself by drawing money directly from the Federal Reserve to whatever extent the CFPB Director deems “necessary” up to \$548 million in FY 2012, \$598 million in FY 2013 and 12 percent of the Fed’s operating expenses each fiscal year thereafter. Not Congress, not the President, not even the Federal Reserve

which provides its funding can oversee how the CFPB Director spends these hundreds of millions of dollars.

To correct this glaring lack of accountability, the Financial Services Committee proposes to make the CFPB subject to the ordinary congressional appropriations process and authorize the appropriation of \$200 million to the agency for FY 2012 and FY 2013. This will ensure proper oversight and accountability, and according to CBO achieve savings of \$5.4 billion over ten years.

### **Reducing Waste and Duplicative Programs**

Repeal of the Social Services Block Grant: The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is a flexible source of Federal funds that states use for a wide variety of social services. Begun in 1956 as a way to match State spending on services to help families leave welfare, the SSBG is now a 100 percent Federal funding stream that can be used to provide almost any service to anyone regardless of their income. Many of the services funded by SSBG are duplicative of other federal programs including the Community Services Block Grant, Head Start, Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, Promoting Safe and Stable Families, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Child Welfare Services, Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, among many others.

Because there are so few strings attached, some of the most common services supported by SSBG funds are:

- **Information and Referral Services:** The most common service supported with SSBG funds is information and referral to other social welfare programs. In other words, a significant amount of SSBG is spent not to provide services, but to provide people with information about and referrals to other services.
- **Case Management Services:** States also use the SSBG to pay for “the arrangement, coordination, and monitoring of services.” In other words, SSBG may be used for administrative costs.
- **Other Services:** Even with a flexible, unaccountable program like SSBG, States frequently report spending on “other” activities and services.

The proposal from the Ways and Means Committee would eliminate the SSBG program saving taxpayers almost \$17 billion over 10 years, according to CBO.

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Eliminate the 50/50 Cost Share for the SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Program: Each fiscal year, USDA provides federal formula grants to state agencies for states to operate a SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program. In addition to this funding, states have the option of providing more funding towards their state E&T program, which USDA is required to match. According to GAO, there are 47 federal

employment training programs and almost all federal employment and training programs overlap with at least one other program in that they provide similar services to similar populations.

The proposal from the Agriculture Committee would maintain the federal formula grants for employment training, but eliminate the 50/50 cost share thus resulting in savings for federal taxpayers and, according to CBO, save \$3.1 billion over ten years.

Eliminate State Performance Bonuses: States are responsible for administering the SNAP program and it is their duty to process applications in a timely manner, ensure households receive the accurate amount of SNAP benefits, and make certain the program is administered in the most effective and efficient manner. Under current law, states can receive a bonus for doing a good job. Annually, these bonuses total \$48 million.

The proposal by the Agriculture Committee eliminates the bonuses that are given to states for essentially doing their job and would, according to CBO, save \$480 million over ten years.

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Reforming the Medical Liability System: Many state supreme courts have judicially nullified reasonable litigation management provisions enacted by state legislatures, many of which sought to address the crisis in medical professional liability that reduces patients' access to health care and increases overall health care costs. Consequently, in such states, passage of federal legislation by Congress may be the only means of addressing the state's current crisis in medical professional liability, restoring patients' access to health care, and controlling unnecessary costs.

To address these issues, the House Judiciary Committee has proposed the HEALTH Act, modeled after California's decades-old and highly successful health care litigation reforms. This reform addresses the current crisis in health care by reigning in unlimited lawsuits and thereby making health care delivery more accessible and cost-effective in the United States. California's Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act ("MICRA"), which was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 1976, has proved immensely successful in increasing access to affordable medical care.

MICRA's reforms, which are included in the HEALTH Act, include:

- A \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages;
- Limits on the contingency fees lawyers can charge;
- Provisions creating a "fair share" rule, by which damages are allocated fairly, in direct proportion to fault;
- Reasonable guidelines – but not caps – on the award of punitive damages; and
- A safe harbor from punitive damages for products that meet applicable FDA

safety requirements.

The HEALTH Act will accomplish reform without in any way limiting compensation for 100% of plaintiffs' economic losses (anything to which a receipt can be attached), including their medical costs, their lost wages, their future lost wages, rehabilitation costs, and any other economic out-of-pocket loss suffered as the result of a health care injury. The HEALTH Act also does not preempt any state law that otherwise caps damages.

According to CBO, "under [the HEALTH Act], premiums for medical malpractice insurance ultimately would be an average of 25 percent to 30 percent below what they would be under current law." Lower health care lawsuit liability premiums would reduce health care costs for everyone and increase the supply of vital doctors by allowing more doctors to continue practicing, including in higher-risk medical fields.

Further, abusive state tort laws drive what is known as "defensive medicine," which occurs when doctors are forced by the threat of lawsuits to conduct tests and prescribe drugs that are not medically required, simply to avoid liability exposure. Defensive medicine practiced in a variety of federal health care programs costs federal taxpayers billions of dollars. CBO pronounced that the legal reforms contained in the HEALTH Act would reduce the federal budget deficit by an estimated \$40 billion over the next ten years.

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<sup>[1]</sup> \$78 billion reflects the remainder of the FY 2013 discretionary sequester after accounting for lowering the FY 2013 discretionary cap from \$1047 to \$1028 as provided for in the House-passed budget Resolution.

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FYI - we expect the House will vote on this tomorrow.

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**From:** GOP Conference  
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**TO: Members, House GOP Chiefs of Staff, Legislative Directors, Communicators, and District Directors**

*(Courtesy of the Ways and Means Committee)*

## Payroll Tax Holiday Agreement

*Protecting Americans from a Tax Increase, Reforming Unemployment and Welfare Programs, and Preventing Cut to Medicare Doctors*

### Payroll Tax Holiday Extended Through 2012

- The payroll tax holiday is extended through December 31, 2012.
- The amount of revenue that is foregone to the Social Security Trust Funds as a result of the payroll tax reduction is fully replaced with savings from Treasury's General Fund.

- Over the course of the year, a typical middle-class worker earning \$50,000 would see his or her take-home pay increase by \$1,000 as a result of this tax holiday.

## **Reforms & Extends the Unemployment Program**

### **Reforms to the unemployment program**

- **Job Search Requirements:** Requires those receiving unemployment benefits at both the state and federal level actually look for a job.
- **Drug Screening & Testing:** Overturns a 1960s-era Department of Labor ban on States' screening and testing UI applicants for illegal drugs. Specifically, the agreement allows every state to drug screen and test anyone who (1) lost their job because they failed or refused an employer drug test, or (2) is seeking a job that generally requires a drug test.
- **Re-employment Programs:** Allows waivers for up to 10 states for innovative re-employment programs like Georgia Works.

### **Reduces the number of weeks to levels typically seen in a recession**

- **Eliminates 20 Weeks of EB:** Effectively eliminates the "Extended Benefits" program, which allowed states to receive an additional 20 weeks of federal benefits.
- **63 weeks vs. 93 Weeks:** Ensures that by the end of the year the vast majority of states (36) receive a maximum of 63 weeks of benefits, compared to 46 states currently receiving 93 weeks of benefits – a reduction of 30 weeks. This is a level comparable to prior recessions.

## **No More Welfare Benefits At Strip Clubs & Liquor Stores**

- **Extends Welfare Benefits:** The agreement extends the nation's primary welfare program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, through Fiscal Year 2012.
- **Closes the "Strip Club" Loophole:** The legislation ensures that welfare funds cannot be accessed at ATMs in strip clubs, liquor stores, and casinos.
- **Data Standardization:** Improves data matching and program integrity by requiring standardized data and Health and Human Services coordination of exchanges across State TANF programs.

## **Protects Seniors & Reforms Certain Medicare Programs**

- **Eliminates 27.4% Cut to Doctors:** The agreement averts a 27.4 percent cut to physician payment rates and ensures seniors and the disabled have continued access to the physicians serving our Medicare beneficiaries.
- **Doc Fix Through End of 2012:** The agreement extends through the end of the year payment rates for Medicare doctors.
- **Eliminates & Reforms Certain Medicare Programs:** The Senate had sought to blindly extend all Medicare extenders. The agreement eliminates two of those programs (mental health add-on payments and an ObamaCare provision that increased payments for bone density scans). The agreement phases-out two programs: Section 508 hospitals and special pathology payments, while providing time for these providers to adapt to these changes. Extends and reforms the therapy cap exception process by requiring greater accountability, which will eliminate wasteful spending.

- **Extends Certain Medicare Programs with Greater Oversight:** Ambulance add-on payments, physician work floor, and outpatient hospital hold harmless payments are all extended, but the agreement requires GAO, MedPAC and CMS to report to Congress on their effectiveness and ways to better protect taxpayer dollars.

**No Tax Increases & Government Spending Is Fully Offset**

**Rejects Senate’s insistence on higher taxes for higher spending**

- No job-killing tax hikes to pay for more government spending.
- All government spending is fully offset with spending cuts and government reforms.

**Unemployment benefits are fully paid for**

- Firmly establishes that extensions of unemployment benefits must be paid for. Democrats added nearly \$200 billion to our nation’s debt by extending an unprecedented level of unemployment benefits.
- The agreement offsets all unemployment program spending through:
  - Spectrum Auctions, which spur innovation, investment and job creation in the high-tech field.
  - Requiring new civilian federal employees and Members of Congress to contribute more towards their defined benefit pension programs.

**Repeals key parts of ObamaCare and includes other health savings**

- Cuts to ObamaCare pay for more than half (\$11.6 billion) of the health spending in the agreement.
- Cuts an ObamaCare slush fund (the Harkin Prevention Fund) by \$5 billion.
- Eliminates an ObamaCare giveaway to Louisiana saving \$2.5 billion.
- Reduces Medicaid spending (DSH rebase) by more than \$4 billion.
- Other health savings total \$9.6 billion and include reductions to Medicare “bad debt” (\$6.9 billion) and clinical laboratory payments (\$2.7 billion).

**Maximum Weeks of Unemployment Benefits**

| <b>Unemployment Rate (States)</b> | <b>Current Law</b> | <b>Conference Agreement (September 2012)</b> | <b>Conference Agreement vs. Current Law</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Under 6%                          | 60                 | 40                                           | -20 weeks                                   |
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| 6.0-6.4%                | 73 | 54 | -19 weeks |
| 6.5-6.9%                | 86 | 54 | -32 weeks |
| 7.0-7.9%                | 86 | 63 | -23 weeks |
| 8.0-8.4% (U.S. AVERAGE) | 93 | 63 | -30 weeks |
| 8.5-8.9%                | 99 | 63 | -36 weeks |
| 9% and above            | 99 | 73 | -26 weeks |

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This survey may be of interest...

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All: this afternoon we are releasing new data that will help shape the debate over the repeal of Obamacare, which the House begins later today. Our full survey results will be made public this Thursday.

Key health care findings:

- Plurality of registered voters supports Republican plans to repeal and replace the health care reform law, 49 to 44 percent (**including 54 to 36 percent among Independents**).
- When given arguments for and against repeal, voters favored the conservative statement 50 to 44 percent (**including 51 to 40 percent among Independents**).
- By 70 to 23 percent, voters believe they should be allowed to **buy health insurance across state lines**.
- Voters **oppose an individual mandate** to purchase health insurance by 56 to 39 percent.
- Voters support **individual ownership** of health insurance so that people would not lose their insurance if they lost their job, 53 to 36 percent.
- They believe **frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits** drive up the cost of health care by 53 to 38 percent.
- They also oppose allowing any **taxpayer dollars to fund abortions** by 52 to 41 percent.

Key point: ***Independents' support of plans to repeal and replace the health care law has remained steady since the mid-term elections.*** This is noteworthy for two reasons:

- Recent public polling has shown a slight increase in Obama's job approval, yet that increase has not closed the gap he faces among Independents on this issue.
- The survey was conducted among registered voters, and the data among these Independents is very similar to what we found last November with Independents who voted in the mid-terms.

**RR documents:** [memo analysis](#) and [survey topline](#)s.

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Below is a "Save the Date" that went to Chiefs of Staff regarding an NGA event on Health Insurance Exchanges. A formal invitation is forthcoming. We hope you can attend, and would very much appreciate your feedback on the topics we should cover.

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RE: **"Save the Date" NGA September Meeting on Exchange Implementation Issues**

Based on guidance from the Executive Committee and widespread interest in Saturday's Health Committee session discussing Exchanges, NGA will convene a working meeting on Exchange implementation options and issues. As discussed on Sunday at the Salt Lake City breakfast meeting of Chiefs of Staff, this advance notice will allow you to identify the appropriate attendees. **NGA will cover travel and related expenses for two officials from your state for the September 8 (Thursday) and 9 (Friday) meeting at the Crystal City Hyatt in Arlington, Virginia.**

Working with a diverse group of experts, we are developing the agenda and background materials to focus the September meeting and maximize its value to States. We'd greatly appreciate any suggestions on topics that should be addressed, takeaways from your experience, or other suggestions.

We currently expect the meeting to focus on:

1. Understanding the various paths forward envisioned by the recently issued HHS proposed regulations regarding Exchanges, which will include timelines, state obligations, and key decisions under differing options;
2. Discussion about key requirements and challenges facing states making similar policy choices or at similar stages of implementation under the different options; and
3. Identifying items needing clarification or areas of common concern arising from the notices of proposed rulemaking.

A more formal information with draft agenda is forthcoming. Please contact Krista Drobac (202-624-7872; [KDrobac@nga.org](mailto:KDrobac@nga.org)) or me (202-624-5340 [slieberman@nga.org](mailto:slieberman@nga.org)) with any questions or suggestions.

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**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: "Source Documents for the State Talking Points on Regulatory Costs and the Impact of Losing Federal Medicaid Support"  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:57:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [PPACA Regulatory Cost Impact by State 3-21-2012.xlsx](#)  
[Measuring the Coerciveness of the PPACA Medicaid Expansion 3-21-2012.xls](#)

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:58 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Cc:** Marie Sanderson  
**Subject:** "Source Documents for the State Talking Points on Regulatory Costs and the Impact of Losing Federal Medicaid Support"

Andrew S.

Here is where that information came from.

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**From:** Michael Ramlet [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lindsay Russell; Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Sam Batkins; Cameron Smith  
**Subject:** Source Documents for the State Regulatory Cost and Medicaid Coercion Estimates

All,

Attached are two documents that substantiate all of the regulatory cost estimates and the Medicaid coercion estimates in the state-by-state talking points. Here's a quick overview of each document. Please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Best,  
Michael

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## **Regulatory Cost Impact by State**

The American Action Forum is fortunate enough to have Sam Batkins as its Director of Regulation. Sam has compiled a [database](#) of every regulation issued by the Obama Administration broken down by total pages, total cost, and paperwork burden hours. He has also broken each regulation down by the type of agencies affected so there is a sub-database for just healthcare regulations.

To derive the attached spread sheet estimating regulatory costs by state, Sam took the largest regulations that impact states and broke down the federal government's estimates proportionately by state to come up with a reasonable estimate of how costly the Affordable Care Act's regulations have already been to the private sector and the public.

Interestingly, Sam has built such an advanced database that we are now able to use it to bracket President during every state visit he makes to talk about jobs. I hope you all check out the database and tell your colleagues because it's a tremendous resource explaining the effect of the Obama Administration's red tape fiasco.

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## **Measuring the Coerciveness of the PPACA Medicaid Expansion**

The Medicaid related estimates come directly from the [American Action Forum's Supreme Court Amicus brief on Medicaid](#), which was signed by over 100 economists including multiple Nobel Prize winners.

**From:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**To:** [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: 11/19 MONDAY RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2012 8:45:17 AM  
**Attachments:** [Pew Report - Impact of the Fiscal Cliff on States \(2\).pdf](#)  
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**To:** Marie Sanderson < [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Deborah Hohlt < [REDACTED] >; Dustin Huffman [REDACTED] >; Seth Levey [REDACTED] >; Katie Altshuler; Kinzel, Will <Will.Kinzel@mail.house.gov>; Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** 11/19 MONDAY RGPPC Conference Call

We will have a brief RGPPC policy call **Monday 11/19 morning at 10:30 AM EST.**

**Agenda and notes below:**

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**Agenda:**

**Roll Call:** Debbie- RGPPC

- a) **RGPPC Education and Workforce Report (Debbie)** Release is being postponed until after the election to improve and add data. Please continue to send us workforce and education examples.
- b) **General Healthcare Update (Debbie):** Baton Rouge meeting is underway. There will be a conference call held to brief states that were unable to attend about healthcare moving parts. An email will be sent for RSVP purposes soon. .
- c) **RGPPC Master Contact List (Debbie)** Last week electronically and at annual meeting, you received a copy of RGPPC's Master State Contact List for your state. If you have not done so, please update and/or add/delete to any areas where our list is inaccurate or incomplete (especially where we are missing personal email address).
- d) **RGPPC Event Survey (Debbie):**  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_Event\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_Event_Survey) . Thanks to those of you who have already responded- feedback is extremely helpful as we plan 2013.
- e) **NGA Update (Katie)**
  - PPACA
  - Marketplace Fairness/Digital Goods
  - Fiscal Cliff/Tax Task force
- f) **General House and Senate update (Will)**

**g) Letter from Gov. Branstad and Gov. Gregoire to Air Force leadership (Doug-Iowa)- see attachment**

**h) RGPPC Subcommittee updates (Marie):**

1. **Energy and Environment:** Report released.
2. **Healthcare:** Efforts in Baton Rouge- TBD
3. **Education/Workforce:** Release is being postponed until after the election.

**i) Other business?**

**j) Attachments: Pew Report: Impact of the Fiscal Cliff on States.** A copy of the report is attached, and the webpage, including *individual state fact sheets*, is here:  
<http://www.pewstates.org/research/reports/the-impact-of-the-fiscal-cliff-on-the-states-85899430339>

**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 6/4 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Monday, June 04, 2012 9:44:33 AM  
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**Subject:** 6/4 RGPPC Conference Call

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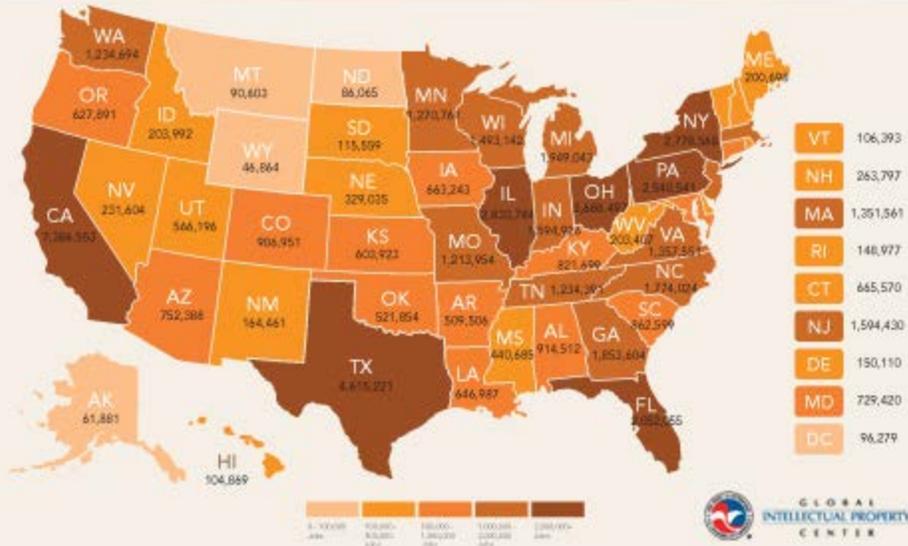
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# Intellectual Property Creates Jobs for America



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**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:15:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012\\_06\\_28\\_Medicaid\\_Conf\\_Call\\_agenda.docx](#)  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 3:18 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Lindsay Russell; Mike Schrimpf; Jon Thompson  
**Subject:** Attachments: SCOTUS Medicaid decision: call today at 4:30 EST

All- for today's staff call at 4:30 PM EST—please find attached:

1. Agenda
2. Medicaid overview
3. Medicaid overview from Politico, attached and <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0612/77945.html>

More information will be provided as we complete analysis.

Reminder, our governors will discuss all of this on their governors-only call on 7/3. Information was forwarded earlier this week to you and your schedulers.

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**Cc:** Lindsay Russell; Mike Schrimpf; Jon Thompson  
**Subject:** SCOTUS Medicaid decision: call today at 4:30 EST  
**Importance:** High

All: Quick update on the Medicaid opinion.

1. **CALL SCHEDULED FOR TODAY:** We will host a call at 4:30 EST today to discuss moving parts with a team of experts. 1 800 653 7913 access code 4341764
2. **PRESS:** We realize many of you are torn with what to say regarding the Medicaid expansion piece in your public states. We request that you continue indicate that your state is studying the opinion. We will discuss this today on the call. We will discuss Medicaid expansion, MOEs, healthcare exchanges and a number of other questions you might have. While the expansion piece is voluntary, Medicaid is still a regulatory mess and other pieces of PPACA for states appear to be intact.

Thanks,  
Marie

More:

<http://www.scotusblog.com/2012/06/court-holds-that-states-have-choice-whether-to-join-medicaid-expansion/>

## Court holds that states have choice whether to join medicaid expansion

The Court's decision on the constitutionality of the Medicaid expansion is divided and complicated. The bottom line is that: (1) Congress acted constitutionally in offering states funds to expand coverage to millions of new individuals; (2) So states can agree to expand coverage in exchange for those new funds; (3) If the state accepts the expansion funds, it must obey by the new rules and expand coverage; (4) but a state can refuse to participate in the expansion without losing *all* of its Medicaid funds; instead the state will have the option of continue the its current, unexpanded plan as is.

The votes for this outcome are divided among several opinions. Three Justices – the Chief, Justice Kagan, and Justice Breyer – took the position that depriving a state of *all* of its Medicaid funding for refusing to agree to the new expansion would exceed Congress's power under the Spending Clause. Although Congress may attach conditions to federal funds, they concluded, it may not coerce states into accepting those conditions. And in this case, taking away all the states' funds for the entirety of its Medicaid program just because it disagreed with a piece of the program would be coercive. But the remedy for that constitutional

violation is not to declare the expansion unconstitutional – such that even states that want to participate would not have the option. Instead, the plurality held that the provision of the statute that authorized the Government to cut off all funds for non-compliance with the expansion was unconstitutional. The result is that states can choose to participate in the expansion, must comply with the conditions attached to the new expansion funds if they take that new money, but states can also choose to continue to participate only in the unexpanded version of the program if they want.

Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor would have held the entire expansion program constitutional, even the provision threatening to cut off all funding unless states agreed to the expansion. Their votes created a majority for the proposition that the overall expansion was constitutional, and that states could choose to participate in the expansion and would have to comply with the expansion conditions if they did.

But there was still no majority about what to do about the states that do not want to participate in the expansion – the Chief Justice's 3-Justice plurality voted to strike down the provision allowing the Government to withhold all funds from states that reject the expansion; Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor voted to uphold it.

The deadlock was broken by the dissenters. Justice Scalia – writing on behalf of himself, and Justices Kennedy, Thomas, and Alito – agreed with the Chief's plurality that the threat to withhold all funds was unconstitutionally coercive. But they would have held that the consequence is that the entire expansion program should be stricken. The result would have been that even states that wanted to participate in the program could not. The plurality's approach of simply striking down the provision that allowed withholding *all* funds if the state refused the expansion was, in the dissenters' view, tantamount to rewriting the statute.

At this point, that meant that there were 2 votes to uphold the expansion in its entirety, 4 votes to strike the entire expansion down, and 3 votes to strike down only the provision withholding all funds for non-compliance with the expansion mandate. So where does that leave things?

Fortunately (for the sake of clarity at least), Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor resolved the ambiguity by voting with the plurality on the remedy question. That is, these Justices voted that *if* the statute was unconstitutionally coercive, then the remedy would be only to strike down the all-or-nothing sanction.

The consequence was a bottom line of 7 Justices – the Chief, Breyer, Kagan and the four dissenters – finding the expansion unconstitutional. But a different majority – the Chief, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan – held that the remedy for the violation was to

strike down only the provision allowing the federal government to withhold *all* Medicaid funds unless a state agrees to the expansion.

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**FYI: New Jersey**

**Christie says Sebelius hasn't answered his administration's questions about exchanges**

Max Pizarro  
[Politicker NJ](#)

NEWARK – New Jersey will comply with the law of the land, the Affordable Healthcare Act, but Gov. Chris Christie does not yet know how New Jersey will comply.

The federal government extended the deadline to Dec. 14 for New Jersey's decision on how it wants to participate in a healthcare exchange.

As part of the president's healthcare reform, a state can set up its own exchange system, partner with the federal government, or rely solely on the feds to operate the exchange.

Christie said he doesn't know yet which of these he favors, in large part because he said his administration's questions to Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius (pictured) have gone unanswered.

"We have sent letters and they have not been answered," Christie told reporters at his press conference today.

He said he thought he was inclined to do a statewide exchange but is worried the feds will saddle New Jersey with more costs and he's unwilling to allow that to happen.

"I need answers from the Obama administration," Christie said. "I hope they don't back us into a decision by not giving me an answer."

If Sibelius doesn't respond, Christie said he's probably likely to select a pure federal implementation of the program so the state doesn't own it without knowing the program's full extent.

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### *Medicaid*

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**Topeka** – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback issued the following statement today after notifying Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger that he would not support her grant application to partner with the federal government to create a state-federal partnership insurance exchange in Kansas.

“Kansans feel Obamacare is an overreach by Washington and have rejected the state's participation in this federal program. My administration will not partner with the federal government to create a state-federal partnership insurance exchange because we will not benefit from it and implementing it could cost Kansas taxpayers millions of dollars.

“Any other elected official who supports implementation of a federal-state partnership exchange should pursue legislation in the 2013 legislative session where lawmakers can debate and vote on the proposal.”

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## Why States Are Reluctant On National Health Care Reform

By Dennis G. Smith | 7/9/2012

Last week's Supreme Court decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) guarantees the debate over health care will continue. Supporters of PPACA want to convince the public that everything is settled and any opposition is just politics.

But opponents are not out to score political points. We believe now, as we did two years ago, that the economic assumptions used in the debate are flawed and the policies are wrong for the nation.

Since the Court's decision, the law's supporters insist that Obama policies are successful because the cost of health care is declining. But that is not the case. Americans know that cost and spending are not the same thing. If the cost of a car is too high, a family won't buy one, which means their spending is lower.

Health care spending has slowed, but for the wrong reason -- the lingering recession. Demand is lower because fewer people now have health insurance than when the President's term of office began. In 2008, 42.7 million individuals were uninsured according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS estimates there will be 48.6 million people without insurance in 2013. It is hard to see how this could be considered an accomplishment.

Even the government's own actuaries say that the slowdown in health spending now and into the future is unrelated to PPACA. PPACA hides and shifts costs; it does not lower them.

Most Americans already believe we are spending too much, not too little, on health care and that is what this debate should be focusing on once again. True health care reform must tackle the root causes of our health care costs and put individuals at the

center of decision-making.

Those who support expanding Medicaid insist that a state cannot pass up "free" federal money or that if we don't expand, the money will go to another state. This is the kind of thinking that got us into the deficit and debt troubles we are in.

First, there is no such thing as "free" federal money. The federal government has no money of its own and it gets the money it spends from the same people the state government does. Regardless of who the tax collector is, the impact on the taxpayer is the same.

Second, Wisconsin won't "lose" Medicaid dollars to other states as some argue because each state gets its share of federal Medicaid funding regardless of what happens in another state. Finally, hospitals, doctors, and other health care professionals would receive higher payments under the new tax credits that will be used to purchase private insurance rather than under Medicaid.

The Court's decision reveals that PPACA is an enormous and regressive tax. The result may well be that lower income individuals pay the tax but won't qualify for either PPACA's new tax credits or for Medicaid. Some groups will press states to fix this inequity, but that burden rests with the authors of PPACA who deliberately chose a Medicaid expansion because it would be cheaper for the federal government.

PPACA took a layer cake approach to health care and stratified Americans according to income levels. But Americans should not be required to live their lives according to poorly designed federal government programs and rules. The best way to expand health insurance coverage is to get the economy moving again and Americans back to work.

PPACA was flawed from the start. The American people rightfully expect a new beginning to the health care debate.

*Dennis Smith is Wisconsin's secretary of health services.*

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Good summary of info, ICYMI.

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Yesterday the Administration released a blog post <<http://1.usa.gov/v8gnhZ>> claiming eight ways in which Obamacare is helping Americans. But in reality, there are far more ways in which the law is wreaking havoc on Americans' health care and economic security. Herewith are just eight (plus one!) of the ways in which Obamacare has harmed millions of Americans during 2011:

**Higher Premiums:** One of the "success stories" cited in the White House blog post involved a premium increase <<http://1.usa.gov/uSFI3Y>> in Oregon lowered to "only" about 10 percent. But Candidate Obama repeatedly promised <<http://bit.ly/p8EjoH>> his health care plan would LOWER premiums by \$2,500 per family, and do so within his first term <<http://bit.ly/ql8gYQ>>. So a 10 percent premium increase represents yet another broken promise by this Administration. Sadly, skyrocketing premium increases remain the norm: The price of the average employer-sponsored plan ROSE by more than \$2,200 per family <<http://bit.ly/qVOce7>> since Obama was first elected in 2008 <<http://bit.ly/qAos02>>, according to studies from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

**Jobs Disappearing:** All over the country, firms are having to lay off workers as a result of Obamacare's tax increases and regulations. Last month, device manufacturer Stryker announced <<http://bit.ly/rZO8SP>> that it would be shedding "five percent of its workforce over concerns about the impending 2.3 percent medical device tax prescribed by" Obamacare. And in October, one insurance carrier announced plans <<http://dmreg.co/rzDMCC>> to eliminate 110 jobs in Nebraska and Iowa as a "fairly predictable consequence" of Obamacare's regulations. That's a long way from the 4 million jobs Speaker Pelosi claimed <<http://bit.ly/tR9Klh>> Obamacare would create.

**Jobs Not Being Created:** Just this week, the owner of the Carl's Jr. franchise wrote an op-ed <<http://bloom.bg/sAXX6F>> in which he discussed the uncertainty surrounding Obamacare, and the fact that his business will reduce capital spending and hiring in anticipation of higher health care costs. Other experts agree: Investment firm UBS has said <<http://bit.ly/uyNFVK>> Obamacare is "arguably the biggest impediment to hiring," and the President of the Atlanta Fed said <<http://bit.ly/ob8VAe>> "we've frequently heard strong comments to the effect of 'my company won't hire a single additional worker until we know what health insurance costs are going to be.'"

**Lost Coverage:** The Galen Institute recently released a paper <<http://bit.ly/s5PnQF>> chronicling all the plans that have dropped coverage since Obamacare was enacted into law – literally dozens of plans affecting millions of consumers nationwide. Sadly, these results are far from atypical; the Administration's own estimates <<http://1.usa.gov/fSVgrZ>> found that half of all employers – and up to 80% of all small businesses – would lose their current health plan by 2013.

Paperwork Galore: Already, the Administration has released more than 10,000 pages of regulations and notices regarding Obamacare – and the effects are echoing throughout the health care system. USA Today recently reported< <http://usat.ly/u8asxz> > that some medical facilities are actually laying off clinical staff to hire more administrative employees to deal with Obamacare-related paperwork. And one hospital in Alabama decided< <http://bit.ly/trlwaH> > to start imposing a new \$25 annual fee on its patients to cover the “huge increase in paperwork” and “mountains of new forms” resulting from Obamacare.

Waivers and Favors: One obvious symbol of Obamacare’s onerous impacts on Americans’ health insurance is the myriad exemptions being granted from the law. As of July, the Administration approved a whopping 1,578 waivers< <http://bit.ly/hqmUmf> > exempting 3.4 million Americans, many of whom are in union plans, from just some of the law’s mandates. Even Senate Democrats were forced to send a letter< <http://1.usa.gov/ulb7dG> > to the Administration asking for a separate waiver from one of Obamacare’s provisions, noting that the law “may cause disruption for farmers and others in the agricultural sector.”

You Can’t Spell Insurance Without I-R-S: The Wall Street Journal reported< <http://on.wsj.com/fJ6wJd> > on the consequences of just one of Obamacare’s tax increases – restrictions on consumer-directed health accounts like Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs) and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). New paperwork requirements led physicians to revolt: “I am now doing the IRS’s work, and that’s what I resent most,” said one pediatrician. And that’s not the only IRS-related provision bogged down in paperwork: An Inspector General report< <http://1.usa.gov/srb1zB> > recently revealed that takeup of the small business tax credit has been far short of predictions, possibly because claiming the credit involves filling out seven different worksheets< <http://1.usa.gov/tgXxEq> >.

Raising Mandates, Raising Costs: The 15-page guidance< <http://bit.ly/vIE0Zh> > released by HHS earlier this month gives states the “flexibility” to impose more benefit mandates, not fewer. It does so by allowing states to mandate an extremely rich benefit package, and do so without paying for the financial consequences of their decision – because the costs instead will be foisted on federal taxpayers funding insurance subsidies in that state. At this rate, the Congressional Budget Office estimate< <http://1.usa.gov/h37kt2> > of a \$2,100 per family increase in individual insurance premiums due to Obamacare could very well be an under-estimate.

States Saddled by Mandates: The annual State Expenditure Report< <http://bit.ly/utB4cb> > released by the National Association of State Budget Officers revealed that Medicaid is consuming an ever-larger portion of state budgets, much faster than spending on education, corrections, or transportation. And the reason why Medicaid is crowding out other portions of state budgets is Obamacare; at a time when states face budget deficits totaling a collective \$175 billion< <http://bit.ly/hUAcsX> >, Obamacare is imposing new unfunded mandates of at least \$118 billion< <http://bit.ly/i2bJtL> >. Earlier this month the non-partisan Lewin Group released an analysis< <http://bit.ly/rUbjD3> > of the Rhode Island Medicaid program’s global compact waiver, revealing that the state saved tens of millions of dollars through flexibility – progress made despite the Obama Administration’s efforts, not because of them. While other states could achieve similar savings, the Administration has refused governors’ multiple< <http://bit.ly/hUAcsX> > requests< <http://bit.ly/gtbEmd> > for flexibility from the new Medicaid mandates included in Obamacare.

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Please see below information regarding upcoming regulations from HHS. Please feel free to contact Krista if you have any questions; Krista and Heather will keep you posted on all announcements as they become available.

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Good Afternoon Health Policy Advisors:

I wanted to write to introduce myself and update you on several regulations from CMS.

First, I am the new Director of the Health Division in the Center for Best Practices at the National Governors Association. I have attached my bio and e-card. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of any assistance. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. If any of you plan to attend the NGA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, please let me know and I will look you up.

Second, we expect a number of important regulatory announcements from CMS over the next few weeks and months. As these occur, we will provide you with information as quickly as possible. We plan to send you analysis of the implications of the insurance exchange regulations (see below) and host briefings via conference calls to give you all an opportunity to discuss and analyze the regulations.

## **CMS Announcement on Dual Eligibles**

Today, CMS made an announcement regarding dual eligibles. Summarized below are the three initiatives, including the testing of two shared savings models. The first model is a capitated approach to integration for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees and the second is a managed fee-for-service (FFS) approach to integration. CMS will also implement a demonstration to improve health outcomes for nursing facility residents and CMS will launch a technical assistance resource center to assist all states in coordinating care for high-need, high-cost beneficiaries. Attached is the letter sent to Governors and State Medicaid Directors regarding the new initiatives.

### *Demonstration Program to Test Financial Models for Improved Care Coordination*

The CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation will test two financial models to determine whether they save money while preserving or enhancing the quality of care. Interested states can send a letter of intent and work with CMS to determine whether they meet established standards and conditions. The Innovation Center will approve qualifying States that collectively serve up to 1 to 2 million dual eligibles.

[CMS Fact Sheet: Testing Financial Models to Support State Efforts to Coordinate Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees](#)

### *Demonstration to Improve Care Quality for Nursing Facility Residents*

CMS will competitively select and partner with independent organizations that will provide enhanced clinical services to people in approximately 150 nursing homes. Initiatives should be targeted to improve health outcomes and reduce preventable hospitalizations.

[CMS Fact Sheet: Demonstration to Improve Care Quality for Nursing Facility Residents](#)

### *Technical Assistance Resource Center Available to States*

CMS announced it has created a resource center to assist states in delivering coordinated health care to high-cost beneficiaries. This resource center will focus on helping states in promoting coordinated care and reducing costs.

[CMS Fact Sheet: Technical Assistance Resource Center Available to States](#)

## **CMS Announcement on Health Insurance Exchanges**

CMS will be releasing a series of regulations on Health Insurance Exchanges, the first of which is expected to be released on Monday morning and cover the operations of Exchanges, including the requirements for the establishment and operation of an Exchange and requirements for certifying health plans for participation. Also included will be information about navigators and SHOP Exchanges. Subsequent regulations will include tax eligibility and enrollment requirements and risk adjustment.

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## **Court's Ruling on Medicaid Disrupts Obamacare and Leaves More Unanswered Questions for States**

Obamacare proponents frequently claim that the law will cover approximately 30 million people when fully implemented. However, how they plan to achieve this goal is rarely discussed. In addition to exchange subsidies, approximately 20 million individuals will be swept into a massive Medicaid expansion in 2014. Governors across the country opposed this Medicaid expansion because it would tie their hands with new federal mandates and would ultimately require significant state financial resources.

Today, the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government cannot punish states by cutting off all Medicaid funds to those that choose not to participate in the massive program and spending expansion. While this small decision is good news for states' rights, it raises new questions about the cost and construct of the law. Should a state decide to exercise its constitutional right to reject an unaffordable Medicaid expansion, what will it mean for the other Medicaid mandates attached to the law? How many more people will be pushed into a system of subsidies and government control? And, how much more will that cost the taxpayers? Federal government costs could spike even higher because more Americans will be pushed into government-approved and taxpayer-funded subsidized exchanges. Meanwhile, states are still facing burdensome maintenance of effort requirements and other provisions that drive up their costs and prevent them from taking innovative approaches to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their Medicaid programs.

The ruling creates more uncertainty for states trying to navigate Obamacare's intricate web. That's why Republicans are committed to repealing the law in its entirety so we can pursue health care reforms on a clean slate and enact common-sense, step-by-step reforms that protect Americans' access to the care they need, from the doctor they choose, at a lower cost.

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Chiefs, Action Officers and Healthcare Advisors:

To aid in the exchange conversation, attached is a white paper by Tom Miller of AEI and various news clips today on the subject matter. Note CQ article hinting at Nov 16 extension at the end of the email. Please let me know if you have any questions. We will continue to provide you with information as we access it.

Thanks,  
Marie

**Analysis: 20 states will run their health-law exchanges ([The Hill](#))**

*In their choices, Republican governors face a balancing act — not going too far to embrace the law, which remains divisive with the public and anathema to conservatives, but also not skipping a chance to wrest authority from the federal government.*

**Feds will run Virginia's health exchange at outset ([Daily Press](#))**

*McDonnell conceded that Virginia would not meet the Nov. 16 deadline for a blueprint for the state-run exchange and would default instead to a federally run insurance exchange. "The only logical decision is to choose the federal option," he said. "I don't have the answers for Virginia. They're telling us we have two years to build an exchange. It's expensive....I don't want to buy a pig-in-a-poke for Virginia taxpayers."*

**Ohio iffy on health-insurance exchange ([Columbus Dispatch](#))**

*"Our concern is (that) the flexibility to design the exchange in an Ohio-specific way really is limited," Moody said. "If it's a federal program, it would be most appropriate for the federal government to administer."*

**Federal gov't to create health exchange in Kansas ([KWCH](#))**

*Kansans feel Obamacare is an overreach by Washington and have rejected the state's participation in this federal program. My administration will not partner with the federal government to create a state-federal partnership insurance exchange because we will not benefit from it and implementing it could cost Kansas taxpayers millions of dollars.*

**Gov suggests Ga. unlikely to run health exchange ([CBS News](#))**

Deal told *The Associated Press* on Wednesday that he wouldn't disclose his decision until notifying federal authorities. But he noted that the state stopped planning an exchange once federal agencies wrote regulations that he says restrict Georgia's ability to design its own program.

**Haslam still studying health exchange in wake of election ([Memphis Business Journal](#))**

Haslam, who has previously said he favors a state-run exchange, said Wednesday that's still his thinking, but that he's awaiting additional information from the federal government. The deadline for the state to declare its intentions is Nov. 16.

**Nixon: Missouri won't run health insurance exchange by 2014 ([AP](#))**

Gov. Jay Nixon said Thursday his administration will inform the federal government that it won't be running a state-based health insurance exchange when they're due to begin under the federal health care law. That means that the federal government will step in to create an insurance exchange in Missouri.

**What Does the Election Mean for Obamacare? ([Heritage Morning Bell](#))**

Two of the largest elements of the health care law—the massive Medicaid expansion and the costly subsidies scheme funneled through government exchanges—are heavily dependent on state compliance. But the June Supreme Court decision reaffirmed that states are not at the mercy of the federal government. Many state officials realize that there is little upside to joining forces with Washington in implementing this disastrous endeavor, thus further eroding the long-term viability of Obamacare.

**Obamacare: America's Last Entitlement ([Forbes](#))**

America's unsustainable fiscal situation means that Obamacare is destined to be the last major entitlement enacted by the United States. Indeed, Obamacare's victory sets off a stiff competition for taxpayer dollars between Obamacare, Medicaid, and Medicare. It's a battle that the elderly, in particular, are likely to lose.

**Republican governors scramble over next Obamacare steps ([Washington Post](#))**

States are working on a tight timeline: After the Nov. 16 deadline, they face another checkpoint on Jan. 1, when they have to demonstrate that their marketplace is on track to begin enrolling people in one year. "If were a governor, I'd be less concerned about the November deadline," Leavitt's Smith said. "I would be focused on the actual deadline, in January, to show you can make this work." With benchmarks looming, and the election barely hitting rearview mirror, many Republican governors seem to be in the middle of weighing the best next steps.

**With Obama Re-Elected, States Scramble Over Health Law ([NYT](#))**

Much depends on the states as they decide in the coming weeks and months whether to build online marketplaces known as insurance exchanges, where individuals and small businesses can shop for health plans, and whether to expand their Medicaid programs to reach many more low-income people.

## **Obamacare Is Here To Stay, But In What Form? ([NPR](#))**

*So far, according to Weil, only 13 states and Washington, D.C., have said they plan to set up their own exchanges. If states decide not to set up their own exchanges, the federal government will step in and do it instead. But federal officials still haven't spelled out exactly how that will work.*

## **HHS Expected to Give States More Time on Exchange Decisions**

By Rebecca Adams, CQ HealthBeat Associate Editor

The federal government is likely to extend the Nov. 16 deadline for states to decide whether they will run their own health insurance exchanges, according to several state officials.

State officials were supposed to notify the Department of Health and Human Services by that date about whether they plan to run the insurance exchanges that will launch in 2014, create a state-federal partnership or let the federal government operate the exchange in their area. Instead, HHS officials are expected to set a new deadline for states that want to operate the marketplaces alone but have a rolling deadline with ongoing discussions for states that are interested in a partnership.

A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services spokesman declined to comment.

The additional time will be a relief for many state officials who are trying to determine whether there is enough political will, technical knowledge and time for them to set up their own new health benefit marketplaces.

Although many governors, especially critics of the 2010 health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)), were not ready to commit to a state-run or state-federal hybrid exchange before the election because they did not want it to be interpreted as a show of support for the statute, many may be interested in exerting some control over an exchange in their jurisdictions since the alternative would be one run by Washington.

Before the election, nine states were expected to let the federal government operate an exchange. On Tuesday, Missouri voters in a ballot initiative also banned the state government from creating a state exchange, bringing the total of states refusing to run a state-administered exchange to 10. (See [related story](#), CQ HealthBeat, Nov. 7, 2012)

Sixteen states have indicated that they would like to proceed with their own state-run exchange and 14 of them have sent official letters to CMS officials that are posted on the agency's website.

The decision about how to run an exchange is complicated and in many cases, governors who would like to go ahead will have to win the support of state legislators. On Wednesday, Tennessee Republican Gov. Bill Haslam said he would prefer to have the state run its own insurance exchange program than leave it to federal officials. But state legislators in his party chimed in with criticism, saying that the legislature would not go along with the creation of a

state-based exchange. Governors in many states will have to navigate similar political climates.

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For those of you waiting on the final brief, please find it attached. Thanks again for your patience and for working with us.

Best,  
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Please find the press release which was just sent regarding the filing of the amicus brief. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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## **Republican Governors Public Policy Committee Files Amicus Brief in Supreme Court Case Challenging Obamacare**

The Republican Governors Association policy arm, the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee, filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court arguing against the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The brief was filed through Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The filing marks the first time that the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee has ever submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court.

“While the amicus focuses on the individual mandate, this case is about far more than just that component,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The Obama administration’s healthcare takeover grants sweeping authority to the federal bureaucracy to dictate to individuals, churches, charities, hospitals, schools, businesses and states how they must operate. This is the opposite of the vision of America set forth by our nation’s founders.”

“At its core, this case is about the future of America, and whether we maintain our identity as a federal republic, or creep ever closer to a centralized government in which all the power flows out of Washington,” McDonnell concluded.

The full brief can be found by clicking [HERE](#), and a summary of its arguments is below:

### **SUMMARY**

**I. THE PRESUMPTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY ATTACHING TO PPACA IS WEAK OWING TO THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS EMPLOYED IN ITS ENACTMENT.** There is doctrinal and philosophical support for such a presumption resting upon notions of separation of powers, particularly where it appears PPACA was not passed through any process resembling regular order. The United States Senate passed PPACA late on Christmas Eve 2009 as a floor substitute on a straight party line vote. The legislative vehicle was a House tax bill chosen to satisfy the Originating Clause for the taxes in PPACA. PPACA passed the Senate on cloture with considerable minority protest. To the extent that a presumption of constitutionality arises from regular order and a hard look by Congress at the limits of its own power, those conditions are simply not present.

**II. THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HERETOFORE HAS NEVER CLAIMED THE POWER TO REQUIRE A CITIZEN TO PURCHASE A GOOD OR SERVICE FROM ANOTHER CITIZEN TENDS TO NEGATE THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POWER.** In the case of PPACA, the lack of historical precedent was well known to Congress before it acted. At the heart of PPACA is § 1501, which generally requires American citizens to purchase a good or service from other citizens, namely, a health insurance policy. When the Senate Finance Committee asked the Congressional Research Service whether a mandate supported by a penalty would be constitutional, the response was equivocal: "Whether such a requirement would be constitutional under the Commerce Clause is perhaps the most challenging question posed by such a proposal, as it is a novel issue whether Congress may use this clause to require an individual to purchase a good or a service."

**III. THE MANDATE AND PENALTY ARE CONTRARY TO THE TEXT OF THE COMMERCE CLAUSE AND FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS.**

A. **The Mandate and Penalty are Not Supported by the Text of the Commerce Clause.** Noah Webster in 1828 defined commerce as "an interchange or mutual change of goods, wares, productions, or property of any kind, between nations or individuals, either by barter, or by purchase and sale; trade; traffick." This is commerce. Its hallmarks are spontaneity and voluntary activity; not a command to buy something. The claim that commerce means not commercial activity but mere passivity is violently discordant with any normal use of the word commerce at the founding or at any subsequent time.

B. **The Historical Context in which the Commerce Clause was Drafted Makes it Highly Unlikely that it Included a Power to Command a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services From Another Citizen.** The founding generation would have regarded as preposterous any suggestion that Great Britain could have solved its colonial problems by commanding Americans to purchase tea under the generally conceded power of parliament to regulate commerce.

C. **There is No Tradition of Using the Commerce Clause to Require a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services from Another Citizen.** Because this regime viewed the regulation even of economic activity as illegitimate unless that activity harmed or threatened harm to someone else, *Lochner v. New York*, 198 U.S. 45 (1905), it is inconceivable that the Commerce Clause prior to 1938 would have been deemed to validly reach inactivity. The question thus becomes, has the Supreme Court decided any case in the post-*Lochner* era that has extended the Commerce Clause far enough to cover the mandate and penalty?

D. **The Mandate and Penalty are Outside the Existing Outer Limits of the Commerce Clause and Associated Necessary and Proper Clause as Measured by Supreme Court Precedent.** "[E]ven if [an] activity be local and though it may not be regarded as commerce, it may still, whatever its nature, be reached by Congress if it exerts a substantial economic effect on interstate commerce, and this irrespective of whether such effect is what might at some earlier time have been defined as 'direct' or 'indirect.'" *Wickard*, 317 U.S. at 125 (emphasis added). *Wickard* marks the affirmative outer limits of the Commerce Clause.

Since *Wickard*, the Supreme Court has proceeded no further than to hold that Congress can regulate three things under the Commerce Clause: (1) "use of the channels of

interstate commerce" (2) "the instrumentalities of interstate commerce," and (3) "activities that substantially affect interstate commerce." *U.S. v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. at 558-59. "[T]he Federal balance is too essential a part of our constitutional structure and plays too vital a role in securing freedom for us to admit inability to intervene when one or the other level of Government has tipped the scales too far." *Id.* at 578.

None of this is changed by an appeal to the Necessary and Proper Clause. This Court elsewhere has emphatically held that the Necessary and Proper Clause is limited by general principles of federalism independent of any direct prohibition. *Alden v. Maine*, 527 U.S. 706 (1999) ("When a 'Law . . . for carrying into Execution' the Commerce Clause violates the principle of state sovereignty reflected in the various constitutional provisions . . . it is not a 'Law . . . proper for carrying into Execution the Commerce Clause,' and is thus, in the words of *The Federalist*, 'merely [an] act of usurpation' which 'deserves to be treated as such.'") (citing *Printz*, 521 U.S. at 923-24). It simply does not matter how "necessary" the mandate and penalty might be to the congressional scheme if the end being pursued is improper under the Necessary and Proper Clause.

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## **GOP Governors Detail the Cost of Obamacare on the States**

As the Supreme Court today hears arguments about the impact upon the states of expanding Medicaid, the Republican Governors Association released information from states highlighting the costs of expanding Medicaid and implementing the health care law.

“President Obama’s federal health care takeover was enacted by Democrats in Congress over the objection of governors and with little regard for the costs to the states,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The federal health care law shifts billions of dollars in unfunded, long-term costs to

state governments while restricting the ability of governors to craft Medicaid solutions for the citizens of their states. This one-size-fits-all approach is yet another reason why the health care law needs to be replaced, and Republican governors have offered a blueprint for true reform. The current law is simply unaffordable, unsustainable and unworkable.”

## **Costs to the States:**

### **Alabama**

The implementation of Obamacare will increase the costs of state government immediately and in the near future.

The overall Medicaid budget alone is expected to increase from \$6.3 Billion in 2012 to \$13.2 Billion at the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year.

#### **Medicaid Expansion Details**

- By 2014, Alabama expects to add up to 534,000 new enrollees to Medicaid. This is due to mandated eligibility to anyone under age 65 who has an income of less than 133% of the federal poverty level.
- Alabama is also required to provide subsidies to adults earning between 134% and 400% and children with incomes between 301% and 400%. This expansion would increase Medicaid eligibility from the current 21% of the state’s population to about 40% of the population.
- Nearly 1,000 new primary care physicians will be needed to care for this new population.
- This cost of services for the new eligibles would initially be borne by the federal government, but that support would fade to 90% of the cost by 2020.
- HCR legislation does not provide any additional funds to the state to certify enroll and manage the new recipients.
- Administrative costs alone will require an estimated \$389 million in state funds. Eligibility system changes will be required to add new enrollees, to differentiate between those eligible under new vs. previous rules (each with different matching rates) and to allow information to flow back and forth between subsidy plans and Medicaid.

### **Alaska**

Alaska continues to be hampered in its efforts to manage the costs of its Medicaid program and continues to see Medicaid population increases. For the first time in recent history the Budget of the Department of Health and Social Services (Medicaid Authority) has surpassed that of the Department of Education and is projected to continue to grow ahead of inflation.

For FY2013 it is projected that Alaska will need an additional \$45 million in state general funds to cope with program growth and another \$129 million in state general funds to offset the loss of enhanced federal Medicaid funding. Alaska continues to be faced with substantial growth in Medicaid caseloads and utilization and forecasts an over 20 percent increase in Medicaid state

general fund expenditures.

The State of Alaska continues to narrow projections on estimating the total cost of the ACA over the long term. However, a June 2010 preliminary analysis of the Medicaid impacts reflects that cumulative state general fund spending will increase by \$100M million, through 2020. While direct care spending in the early years is offset by increased federal match rates, spending in later years paints an even more concerning picture for Alaska's future and the ever increasing impact of Medicaid expansion on the State budget while oil throughput continues to decline.

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#### **Arizona**

The mandatory Medicaid expansions in PPACA, and the woodwork created by these expansions, are expected to cost Arizona over \$550 million in the next three fiscal years. Once fully implemented in the latter half of this decade, PPACA is anticipated to increase Arizona's annual Medicaid obligations by almost \$500 million per year. Furthermore, because Arizona expanded to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level before the passage of the PPACA, it receives a lower matching rate for those populations than other states that did not expand (who will initially receive full federal financing).

Over the four year period of the recession, while overall state spending decreased, Medicaid spending soared by 63 percent, to the point where it accounted for nearly 30 percent of the state general fund in the recently-completed FY 2011. During the recession, Arizona's projected deficits spiked, which necessitated a series of aggressive, unprecedented steps in order to return the State to fiscal stability. An important element of this effort was the paring back of Arizona's Medicaid program in FY 2012, which will be undermined by the mandated increases in population due to the PPACA.

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#### **Florida**

According to Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion will force Florida to spend an additional \$1.5 billion and force an additional 1.8 million Floridians to enroll in Medicaid in four years.

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#### **Georgia**

The projected impact of the Medicaid expansion in Georgia is significant. In January 2014, an estimated 650,000 additional members will be added to our state Medicaid and CHIP programs. This federally mandated expansion will increase state spending by at least \$2.4 billion between FY2010-FY2020 alone. That said, the cost could soar substantially higher because there are more federal regulations to come and initial spending could spike because of the pent-up demand of new members. The Georgia Department of Community Health is continually reassessing the impact of the Medicaid expansion mandate.

#### **Idaho**

Idaho estimates between 150,000 and 200,000 new eligibles could be added to the Medicaid caseload when new expansion rules are implemented which could mean an 40-percent increase in participation compared to Idaho's current caseloads. The overall Medicaid benefit cost attributed to PPACA Medicaid provisions in the State of Idaho is conservatively estimated to be \$228 million in State funds by 2020. In preparation for the PPACA 2014 changes, Medicaid system readiness is estimated to cost \$34.8 million, of which Idaho's share will be \$3.48 million.

Idaho is purposely holding off on changes related to the Medicaid expansion requirement

because of the uncertainty surrounding the Supreme Court's decision, 2012 elections and State legislative decisions which could drastically impact how Medicaid expansion is implemented and designed. The State anticipates the cost to meet the new Medicaid expansion requirement will be approximately \$9 million. That does not include the cost of operational and personnel needs related to the expansion.

In addition, the limited nature of the federal timelines and lack of final rules has forced Idaho to design a phased approach to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid. Idaho is working on modernization, expansion and connection phases – all of which depend on the Supreme Court decision and 2012 elections.

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**Indiana**

The additional enrollees will cost between \$2.5 and \$3.1 billion to Indiana's Medicaid expenditures for the period 2014 to 2020.

A fully state-operated Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$57.7-\$83.4M annually. This is in addition to the cost of the Medicaid expansion. Even if the State decides not to operate an Exchange, there will still be costs associated with eligibility for premium tax credits. Therefore, a fully federal Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$10.4-\$18.3M annually.

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**Iowa**

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As recently as eight years ago, Iowa spent less than \$2.5 billion in total Medicaid expenditures. Total Medicaid spending in Iowa now approaches \$4 billion and accounts for more than 15% of Iowa General Fund expenditures.

When we entered office in January 2011, we were faced with replacing \$540 million in one-time money that was used to fund the on-going Medicaid entitlement. Medicaid remains a complex funding source for health care that we manage very carefully.

It is anticipated that the federal takeover of health care under the Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid enrollment by at least 150,000 people in Iowa. In 2014, the first year of implementation, our Medicaid population will grow from 400,000 to more than 550,000 covered lives in a state where our population is just over 3 million people. The total cost of this expansion is estimated to be between \$180 to \$818 million (with mid-point estimate of \$255 million) in the first year, with the state picking up an increasing share of this cost over time. The uncertainty surrounding the wide range of potential costs is alone cause for concern.

Despite the federally mandated expansion of the Medicaid program, Iowa and other states will have less flexibility than ever before to effectively and efficiently manage this entitlement that is vital for so many of our vulnerable citizens. Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements continue to tie the hands of state policymakers, forcing a continual squeeze on health care providers and diverting benefits from those who need them most.

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**Kansas**

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Without flexibility to reform Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce costs, Kansas will continue to see increases in Medicaid spending. Kansas' Medicaid budget has ballooned from \$2.4 billion in 2008, at the onset of federally mandated maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements, to what will reach nearly \$3 billion in 2013 without reforms. In the same period,

enrollment will have increased from 293,000 to almost 400,000 -- all before the mandated PPACA expansion.

An example of the rigidity of the MOE requirements in the ARRA, and extended by PPACA, is the federal response to the Kansas Legislature's move in 2010 to adjust family premiums in the CHIP program by \$40 a month. CMS did not approve it, citing MOE. Instead, HHS offered an option to raise premiums that would have amounted to about 50 cents per month on a typical premium.

Kansas has proposed to acquire the flexibility it needs to remake Medicaid in a two-track Section 1115 demonstration project. The first track will address authorities needed to implement KanCare, an integrated, person-centered care coordination model that will incorporate nearly all Medicaid and CHIP populations and services, including long term services and supports. The second track proposes a global waiver, more specifically an outcomes-based Medicaid and CHIP program under a per capita block grant, fundamentally redefining the federal-state relationship in Medicaid and providing a model for reform that honors the program's statutory goal of improving the health of Americans in the greatest need.

### **Louisiana**

Obamacare is expected to cost Louisiana a total of \$7 billion in additional state general funds over the next 10 years.

Obamacare will increase Medicaid rolls by 645,843 over the next 10 years at a cost of \$3.69 billion in state general funds.

High costs of the IT systems needed to implement the expansions and the link to the Exchange (whether state-run or federal) are estimated to cost \$162 million in state general funds.

Increase payments to primary care providers, increased utilization for physicians and hospitals are estimated to cost \$2.6 billion in state general funds.

### **Maine**

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Maine's Medicaid program has experienced an increase in enrollment from 314,000 in June 2009 to 336,000 in June, 2010, and total spending in Maine's Medicaid program has increased by over one billion dollars since 2002. Over the last several years, Medicaid rates for healthcare providers have also been repeatedly cut to address the ongoing financial shortfalls in Medicaid as a result of increasing enrollment and utilization. As a result of these reductions, some Maine physicians have closed their practices to Medicaid patients significantly reducing access to primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. All of the above challenges will be exacerbated by ACA. As Maine struggles to confront a shortfall of more than \$800 million in the next biennial budget and the requirement to adopt a balanced budget, it is imperative that the Governor and the Legislature have the necessary flexibility to comprehensively manage the Medicaid program and to make necessary changes to effectively reduce total spending in the program.

### **Mississippi**

The overall cost to implement PPACA in Mississippi is estimated to be \$1.7 billion over the next ten years, including an additional \$443 million in year ten.

### **Nebraska**

In addition, based upon preliminary professional consultant projections, the State of Nebraska estimates that it will cost anywhere from \$61.4 million to \$86.9 million to build a Health

Insurance Exchange in Nebraska. Due to the changing nature of the health insurance exchange project and the instability of the federal government's promulgation of final rules and regulations, the State projects that a state exchange annual operating budget would be \$17.5 million per year starting in 2016.

#### **Nevada**

In April of 2010, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services estimated the General Fund impact of implementing the Affordable Care Act was \$574 million from 2014 through 2019.

#### **New Mexico**

With the implementation of Obamacare, New Mexico is poised to add an additional 130,000 – 175,000 individuals to the Medicaid program with an additional cost of \$300 million - \$600 million between 2014 and 2019.

#### **North Dakota**

With the implementation of Obamacare, North Dakota's current estimate for additional Medicaid spending is \$106 million over 10 years.

#### **Ohio**

The estimated cost to Ohio from the first year to 2019 is over \$2.7 billion for Medicaid services. These estimates do not include the cost of increases in administration of the program. The long-term sustainability of the program is called into question, unless Ohio is given new options on how to manage the program.

#### **Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania's Medicaid spending has doubled over the past ten years and it now comprises 31% of the state's budget. It has grown four times faster than K-12 spending, and nine times faster than transportation spending. Even before the healthcare bill passed, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path. Under this law, these statistics will only get worse. Pennsylvania will see an additional 800,000 individuals on the Medicaid rolls adding a significant burden to the budget and taxpayers. As the Medicaid population continues to increase and state revenues continue to not keep pace, the mandates of the maintenance of effort requirement and the lack of any meaningful flexibility within the program will severely hamper virtually all other aspects of the state budget. States simply cannot afford Obamacare. Their budgets will be crushed by the Medicaid expansion that the federal establishment is forcing on them. Americans deserve a vibrant, robust, competitive and transparent health care system that puts patients and quality first, focuses on personal responsibility, not a large government takeover that shifts the costs from the federal government to state tax payers.

#### **South Carolina**

Medicaid enrollment will increase by 54% or 510,000 individuals in 2015 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. 176,000 of these persons will drop private insurance to go on Medicaid. The additional costs to state taxpayers between State Fiscal Year 2014 and State Fiscal Year 2020 ranges from \$1.15 billion to \$2.5 billion dollars depending on assumptions of participation rate and increases in physician fees resulting from physician shortages created by the new law.

**South Dakota**

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South Dakota estimates it will cost at least \$99.7 million in state funds through 2019 to comply with the Medicaid requirements of the PPACA.

This burden coupled with the inability to change other parts of the Medicaid program due to the MOE requirements will result in rate cuts to providers.

Providers that cannot absorb these cuts may stop taking people eligible for Medicaid, or may stop providing services altogether.

This would have a hugely detrimental effect on a very rural state, including citizens that rely on Medicaid for their health care and communities that may see their health care providers leave or quit. These unintended consequences of the MOE provisions in the PPACA are counter-productive of its larger goal to help Americans get access to the health care they need.

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**Tennessee**

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Tennessee's Medicaid program is continuing to experience budgetary challenges in the coming fiscal year, as state revenues continue their slow climb back to pre-recession levels. Unfortunately, the MOE requirements limit the flexibility needed to make important changes to the program as we deal with such issues. For instance, TennCare could save \$16 million alone just by modifying nursing facility level of care requirements that would bring Tennessee in line with the criteria of other states and rebalance its long-term care system in order to serve more people with lesser levels of need in more cost-effective home and community-based settings while targeting the more expensive long-term care services to persons with higher acuity of need. However, we have yet to receive approval to make such a change.

At a time when Tennessee is already facing budget difficulties and the ACA is expected to cost the state in excess of \$1.5 billion over five years, we must have the flexibility necessary to make common sense adjustments to the program.

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**Texas**

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Medicaid is consistently one of the biggest expenses all states face. It accounts for a quarter of the state budget in Texas. The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid without reforming the program.

ACA will increase Medicaid enrollment in Texas by nearly 2 million people and cost the state \$27 billion over 10 years.

States have received little federal guidance on key ACA provisions, including the primary care rate increases which is required starting in 2013. Additionally, guidance is needed on Medicaid Benchmark Benefits, eligibility changes, FMAP methodology and numerous other provisions.

Lack of timely guidance makes it impossible for states to effectively plan for the mushrooming Medicaid caseloads that the law will create. HHSC needs final, detailed guidance from the federal government to determine the full impact of certain ACA provisions on the Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs, and to make federally-required changes.

ACA does not recognize states' unique needs and prevents each state from tailoring its Medicaid and CHIP programs in accordance with the intent of its elected and appointed representatives.

### **Utah**

The Insurance Department has been tracking hours of work to account for the additional burdens imposed by the ACA. During FY11, we are able to account for over 5,700 hours, equating to approximately \$182,000 in personnel costs. Included in the estimate is time spent on rate review which has been supported by a grant from HHS, reimbursing the department \$112,757 in personnel costs. In addition to the above, numerous hours have been incurred by the Commissioner or our actuary

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### **Virginia**

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The Commonwealth of Virginia has estimated the Medicaid cost of federal health reform to the State to be between \$1.5 and \$2.2 billion through 2022. These estimates have not been updated since August 2010, but because of the length of the recession and the current pace of economic growth, along with other developments in our understanding of the full impact of PPACA, the higher end of the cost range seems more realistic. For example, in a study completed for Medicaid Health Plans of America, Milliman, Inc. has estimated that the PPACA-mandated tax on health insurance companies, which did not exclude Medicaid health plans, will cost Virginia, a heavily managed Medicaid state, approximately \$430 - \$500 million through 2023; this was not included in Virginia's 2010 estimates of the PPACA cost, meaning this \$430 - \$500 million would be *in addition to* the \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion already estimated. Virginia is in the process of re-estimating impacts in preparation for the 2012 Medicaid forecast due in the fall of 2012. At that time, the estimates should better reflect the current economic environment in Virginia, and reflect a better understanding of the PPACA impact based on subsequent analysis and federal guidance that was not available for the 2010 estimates."

### **Wisconsin**

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If implemented, the PPACA will force a heavy financial burden upon the people of Wisconsin through increased health insurance premiums, the expansion of Medicaid, and a new entitlement that will create new inequities among working families. Moreover, much of the new spending will not be used to increase coverage in Wisconsin, which has already achieved the levels of insurance that is aspired to under PPACA. Public dollars will simply displace private dollars at a higher cost.

New estimates from the Obama Administration and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) demonstrate that Medicaid enrollment will be higher than previously estimated. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) believes that increased enrollment among currently eligible individuals and retention of higher income children due to Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements will drive up the cost to the state. However, the direct burden on the state budget remains uncertain. New eligibility rules will result in some individuals migrating

into and out of Medicaid. Rules on federal matching rates that are critical to our fiscal analysis have not been finalized.

More than 750,000 childless adults, parents, caretakers, and children are already enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid programs. There will be no additional federal assistance for the vast majority of these individuals and future enrollees. Some additional federal assistance will apply only to a relatively small number of individuals. Whether the federal government will “buy out” the state share of some eligibility groups is unknown at this time. It will matter little to taxpayers whether the costs will count as federal or state expenditures. Increased federal control over the management of the Medicaid program is stifling innovation and threatens to unnecessarily drive up costs.

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**Wyoming**

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The costs of maintaining our Medicaid program are fast becoming a serious threat to our state general funds. The 2013-2014 biennial budget for Medicaid in Wyoming includes \$560 million in state general fund dollars. This is just the cost to provide care to the current population of approximately 76,000 enrollees. A study of Wyoming impacts from PPACA conducted by The Lewin Group in 2010 estimates an additional 31,000 enrollees due to the Medicaid expansion in 2014 – an increase of over 40%. It is difficult to estimate what the fiscal impact of this huge bolus of new enrollees will be. The State legislature commissioned a Medicaid Cost Study in 2011 and we expect findings in mid-2012. We do know, however, that the cost of implementing a new eligibility and enrollment system for Medicaid will cost over \$3.5 million in state general funds after the 90/10 federal match.

The larger and more detrimental impact of the implementation of PPACA is likely to be to our private health insurance markets. An actuarial study of our small group and individual markets conducted by Gorman Actuarial, LLC in 2011 indicates that we can expect premiums to go up an average of 30% to 40% in the individual market due solely to new insurance regulations effective in 2014. When you add the projected impact of higher morbidity of new entrants into the market and essential benefit mandates, we can expect overall 40% to 60% increases in premiums in the individual market.

Given that Wyoming already has a higher percentage of small employers that self-insure than other states, it's not unreasonable to expect a number of small employers to stop providing insured coverage and either move their employees to the individual market or to self-insure to avoid regulation. During recent town hall meetings, a number of small employers indicated that it would be cheaper for them to pay the PPACA penalties for not providing coverage than it will be to continue to provide coverage. The Lewin Group estimates a net loss of over 8,000 covered lives in the employer sponsored insurance market.

With all the changes in PPACA, Gorman Actuarial estimates over 41,000 people in Wyoming will remain uninsured by 2016. This represents about half of the 83,000 people currently uninsured in our state.

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Good Afternoon Action Officers and Healthcare Leads:

Your Communication staff received the following talking points from RGA/RGPPC today re the Amicus brief release tomorrow. Copied to this email are Mike Schrimpf, Comm Director, and Jon Thompson, Press Secretary, of our communications shop if you have any questions. You may contact me as well.

As soon as we receive the final brief in the morning, we will circulate.

Best,  
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Hello,

Some of you asked for talking points about the amicus/PPACA. Please find those below.

Best,

Mike

## **Amicus Brief and PPACA Talking Points**

### *Amicus Brief Topline Talking Points*

The amicus brief has three main arguments:

1. The presumption of Constitutionality attaching to PPACA is weak owing to the irregular parliamentary process employed in its enactment.
2. The fact that Congress has never before required a citizen to purchase a good or service from another citizen negates the existence of that power.
3. The individual mandate and penalty are contrary to the text of the commerce clause and foundational understandings

While the amicus focuses on the individual mandate, this case is about far more than just the individual mandate. The Obama administration's healthcare takeover grants sweeping authority to the federal bureaucracy to dictate to individuals, churches, charities, hospitals, schools, businesses and states how they must operate. This is the opposite of the vision of America set forth by our nation's founders.

### *General PPACA Talking Points*

1. The Obama Administration has failed to adequately respond to the states requests for more flexibility: unfunded mandates, maintenance of effort, healthcare exchanges, denied waivers.
  - a. Essential to note: Republican governors proactively offered 31 specific solutions for reforming and saving Medicaid, but received no response from the White House.
2. True cost of Obamacare after the Democrats' budget gimmicks are removed is \$2.5 trillion.
3. States cannot afford Obamacare, and the White House's failure to work with the states creates more uncertainty for both state budgets, which in turns creates uncertainty for businesses who don't know how states will pay for Obamacare's provisions.
4. ObamaCare is driving up premiums and jeopardizing coverage for millions of Americans. President Obama promised he would make our economy stronger, but policies like ObamaCare have made it worse.
  - a. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service actuaries find that Obamacare will dramatically increase the near-term growth rate of health care costs. In 2014, the actuaries find that growth in the net cost of health insurance will increase by nearly 14 percent, compared to 3.5% if PPACA had never passed.
  - b. A June 2011 report by McKinsey & Co. found that 30-50 percent of employers said they would stop offering health coverage once the bulk of ObamaCare took effect.
  - c. A May 2011 PriceWaterhouseCoopers survey found that 84 percent of employers would make changes to their plan as a result of ObamaCare.
  - d. Candidate Obama repeatedly promised his health care plan would LOWER premiums by \$2,500 per family, and do so within his first term. But the price of the average employer-sponsored plan ROSE by more than \$2,200 per family since Obama was first elected in 2008, according to studies from the Kaiser Family Foundation. In other words, Obama's abandoned promise has cost American families nearly \$5,000 per year – a \$2,200 premium increase compared to a \$2,500 promised premium reduction.

5. Healthcare Exchanges: CMS continues to provide limited guidance and seeks to mandate a one size fit all approach to exchanges. Contrary to a recent White House report indicating that states are moving for embracing and implementing healthcare exchanges, states remain confused and are either not moving forward under any scenario or moving forward 1) play defense to the federal government, or 2) implement a market based anti-obamacare exchange.
6. The Administration's "compromise" on conscience protections for religious-affiliated employers now places the mandate on insurers to sell contraceptive coverage.
  - a. While religious employers will no longer be forced to *provide* products to which they have moral objections, they will be required to *facilitate*, directly or indirectly, access to those products. The Administration is forcing religious groups to "wash their hands" of actions they find morally objectionable by placing the mandate elsewhere.
  - b. Also, the rule is not fully repealed. The mandate will remain in place for other employers who may have conscience concerns about coverage of contraception and abortifacients. Religious leaders have expressed their strong desire to repeal the entire contraceptive mandate, noting that maintaining this new federal requirement – included in the President's unpopular health care law – would still create moral difficulties for "good... business people who can't in good conscience cooperate" with a federal mandate that violates their religious beliefs.

### **More Detailed Summary of Amicus Arguments**

**I. THE PRESUMPTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY ATTACHING TO PPACA IS WEAK OWING TO THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS EMPLOYED IN ITS ENACTMENT.** There is doctrinal and philosophical support for such a presumption resting upon notions of separation of powers, particularly where it appears PPACA was not passed through any process resembling regular order. The United States Senate passed PPACA late on Christmas Eve 2009 as a floor substitute on a straight party line vote. The legislative vehicle was a House tax bill chosen to satisfy the Originating Clause for the taxes in PPACA. PPACA passed the Senate on cloture with considerable minority protest. To the extent that a presumption of constitutionality arises from regular order and a hard look by Congress at the limits of its own power, those conditions are simply not present.

**II. THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HERETOFORE HAS NEVER CLAIMED THE POWER TO REQUIRE A CITIZEN TO PURCHASE A GOOD OR SERVICE FROM ANOTHER CITIZEN TENDS TO NEGATE THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POWER.** In the case of PPACA, the lack of historical precedent was well known to Congress before it acted. At the heart of PPACA is § 1501, which generally requires American citizens to purchase a good or service from other citizens, namely, a health insurance policy. When the Senate Finance Committee asked the Congressional Research Service whether a mandate supported by a penalty would be constitutional, the response was equivocal: "Whether such a requirement would be constitutional under the Commerce Clause is perhaps the most challenging question posed by such a proposal, as it is a novel issue whether Congress may use this clause to require an individual to purchase a good or a service."

**III. THE MANDATE AND PENALTY ARE CONTRARY TO THE TEXT OF THE COMMERCE CLAUSE AND FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS.**

A. **The Mandate and Penalty are Not Supported by the Text of the Commerce Clause.** Noah Webster in 1828 defined commerce as "an interchange or mutual change of goods, wares, productions, or property of any kind, between nations or individuals, either by barter, or by purchase and sale; trade; traffick." This is commerce. Its hallmarks are spontaneity and voluntary activity; not a command to buy something. The claim that commerce means not commercial activity but mere passivity is violently discordant with any normal use of the word commerce at the Founding or at any subsequent time.

B. **The Historical Context in which the Commerce Clause was Drafted Makes it Highly Unlikely that it Included a Power to Command a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services From Another Citizen.** The founding generation would have regarded as preposterous any suggestion that Great Britain could have solved its colonial problems by commanding Americans to purchase tea under the generally conceded power of parliament to regulate commerce.

C. **There is No Tradition of Using the Commerce Clause to Require a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services from Another Citizen.** Because this regime viewed the regulation even of economic activity as illegitimate unless that activity harmed or threatened harm to someone else, *Lochner v. New York*, 198 U.S. 45 (1905), it is inconceivable that the Commerce Clause prior to 1938 would have been deemed to validly reach inactivity. The question thus becomes, has the Supreme Court decided any case in the post-*Lochner* era that has extended the Commerce Clause far enough to cover the mandate and penalty?

D. **As this Court Found in Denying the Secretary's Motion to Dismiss, the Mandate and Penalty are Outside the Existing Outer Limits of the Commerce Clause and Associated Necessary and Proper Clause as Measured by Supreme**

**Court Precedent.** "[E]ven if [an] **activity** be local and though it may not be regarded as commerce, it may still, whatever its nature, be reached by Congress if it exerts a substantial economic effect on interstate commerce, and this irrespective of whether such effect is what might at some earlier time have been defined as 'direct' or 'indirect.'" *Wickard*, 317 U.S. at 125 (emphasis added). *Wickard* marks the affirmative outer limits of the Commerce Clause.

Since *Wickard*, the Supreme Court has proceeded no further than to hold that Congress can regulate three things under the Commerce Clause: (1) "use of the channels of interstate commerce" (2) "the instrumentalities of interstate commerce," and (3) "activities that substantially affect interstate commerce." *Lopez*, 514 U.S. at 558-59. "[T]he Federal balance is too essential a part of our constitutional structure and plays too vital a role in securing freedom for us to admit inability to intervene when one or the other level of Government has tipped the scales too far." *Id.* at 578.

None of this is changed by an appeal to the Necessary and Proper Clause. This Court elsewhere has emphatically held that the Necessary and Proper Clause is limited by general principles of federalism independent of any direct prohibition. *Alden v. Maine*, 527 U.S. 706 (1999) ("When a 'Law . . . for carrying into Execution' the Commerce Clause violates the principle of state sovereignty reflected in the various constitutional provisions . . . it is not a 'Law . . . proper for carrying into Execution the Commerce Clause,' and is thus, in the words of *The Federalist*, 'merely [an] act of usurpation' which 'deserves to be treated as such.'") (citing *Printz*, 521 U.S. at 923-24). It simply does not matter how "necessary" the mandate and penalty might be to the congressional scheme if the end being pursued is improper under the Necessary and Proper Clause.

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## **GOP Governors Detail the Costs of Obamacare on the States**

As the Supreme Court today hears arguments about the impact upon the states of expanding Medicaid, the Republican Governors Association released information from states highlighting the costs of expanding Medicaid and implementing the health care law.

“President Obama’s federal health care takeover was enacted by Democrats in Congress over the objection of governors and with little regard for the costs to the states,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The federal health care law shifts billions of dollars in unfunded, long-term costs to state governments while restricting the ability of governors to craft Medicaid solutions for the citizens of their states. This one-size-fits-all approach is yet another reason why the health care law needs to be replaced, and Republican governors have offered a blueprint for true reform. The current law is simply unaffordable, unsustainable and unworkable.”

## Costs to the States:

### Alabama

The implementation of Obamacare will increase the costs of state government immediately and in the near future.

The overall Medicaid budget alone is expected to increase from \$6.3 Billion in 2012 to \$13.2 Billion at the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year.

#### **Medicaid Expansion Details**

- By 2014, Alabama expects to add up to 534,000 new enrollees to Medicaid. This is due to mandated eligibility to anyone under age 65 who has an income of less than 133% of the federal poverty level.
- Alabama is also required to provide subsidies to adults earning between 134% and 400% and children with incomes between 301% and 400%. This expansion would increase Medicaid eligibility from the current 21% of the state's population to about 40% of the population.
- Nearly 1,000 new primary care physicians will be needed to care for this new population.
- This cost of services for the new eligibles would initially be borne by the federal government, but that support would fade to 90% of the cost by 2020.
- HCR legislation does not provide any additional funds to the state to certify enroll and manage the new recipients.
- Administrative costs alone will require an estimated \$389 million in state funds. Eligibility system changes will be required to add new enrollees, to differentiate between those eligible under new vs. previous rules (each with different matching rates) and to allow information to flow back and forth between subsidy plans and Medicaid.

### Alaska

Alaska continues to be hampered in its efforts to manage the costs of its Medicaid program and continues to see Medicaid population increases. For the first time in recent history the Budget of the Department of Health and Social Services (Medicaid Authority) has surpassed that of the Department of Education and is projected to continue to grow ahead of inflation.

For FY2013 it is projected that Alaska will need an additional \$45 million in state general funds to cope with program growth and another \$129 million in state general funds to offset the loss of enhanced federal Medicaid funding. Alaska continues to be faced with substantial growth in Medicaid caseloads and utilization and forecasts an over 20 percent increase in Medicaid state general fund expenditures.

The State of Alaska continues to narrow projections on estimating the total cost of the ACA over the long term. However, a June 2010 preliminary analysis of the Medicaid impacts reflects that cumulative state general fund spending will increase by \$100M million, through 2020. While direct care spending in the early years is offset by increased federal match rates, spending in later years paints an even more concerning picture for Alaska's future and the ever increasing impact of Medicaid expansion on the State budget while oil throughput continues to decline.

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### Arizona

The mandatory Medicaid expansions in PPACA, and the woodwork created by these expansions, are expected to cost Arizona over \$550 million in the next three fiscal years. Once fully implemented in the latter half of this decade, PPACA is anticipated to increase Arizona's annual Medicaid obligations by almost \$500 million per year. Furthermore, because Arizona expanded to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level before the passage of the PPACA, it receives a lower matching rate for those populations than other states that did not expand (who will initially receive full federal financing).

Over the four year period of the recession, while overall state spending decreased, Medicaid spending soared by 63 percent, to the point where it accounted for nearly 30 percent of the state general fund in the recently-completed FY 2011. During the recession, Arizona's projected deficits spiked, which necessitated a series of aggressive, unprecedented steps in order to return the State to fiscal stability. An important element of this effort was the paring back of Arizona's Medicaid program in FY 2012, which will be undermined by the mandated increases in population due to the PPACA.

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### Florida

According to Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion will force Florida to spend an additional \$1.5 billion and force an additional 1.8 million Floridians to enroll in Medicaid in four years.

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### Georgia

The projected impact of the Medicaid expansion in Georgia is significant. In January 2014, an estimated 650,000 additional members will be added to our state Medicaid and CHIP programs. This federally mandated expansion will increase state spending by at least \$2.4 billion between FY2010-FY2020 alone. That said, the cost could soar substantially higher because there are more federal regulations to come and initial spending could spike because of the pent-up demand of new members. The Georgia Department of Community Health is continually reassessing the impact of the Medicaid expansion mandate.

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### Idaho

Idaho estimates between 150,000 and 200,000 new eligibles could be added to the Medicaid caseload when new expansion rules are implemented which could mean an 40-percent increase in participation compared to Idaho's current caseloads. The overall Medicaid benefit cost attributed to PPACA Medicaid provisions in the State of Idaho is conservatively estimated to be \$228 million in State funds by 2020. In preparation for the PPACA 2014 changes, Medicaid system readiness is estimated to cost \$34.8 million, of which Idaho's share will be \$3.48 million.

Idaho is purposely holding off on changes related to the Medicaid expansion requirement because of the uncertainty surrounding the Supreme Court's decision, 2012 elections and State legislative decisions which could drastically impact how Medicaid expansion is implemented and designed. The State anticipates the cost to meet the new Medicaid expansion requirement will be approximately \$9 million. That does not include the cost of operational and personnel needs related to the expansion.

In addition, the limited nature of the federal timelines and lack of final rules has forced Idaho to design a phased approach to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid. Idaho is working on modernization, expansion and connection phases – all of which depend on the Supreme Court decision and 2012 elections.

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### Indiana

The additional enrollees will cost between \$2.5 and \$3.1 billion to Indiana's Medicaid expenditures for the period 2014 to 2020.

A fully state-operated Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$57.7-\$83.4M annually. This is in addition to the cost of the Medicaid expansion. Even if the State decides not to operate an Exchange, there will still be costs associated with eligibility for premium tax credits. Therefore, a fully federal Exchange is expected to cost the State between \$10.4-\$18.3M annually.

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*Iowa*  
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As recently as eight years ago, Iowa spent less than \$2.5 billion in total Medicaid expenditures. Total Medicaid spending in Iowa now approaches \$4 billion and accounts for more than 15% of Iowa General Fund expenditures.

When we entered office in January 2011, we were faced with replacing \$540 million in one-time money that was used to fund the on-going Medicaid entitlement. Medicaid remains a complex funding source for health care that we manage very carefully.

It is anticipated that the federal takeover of health care under the Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid enrollment by at least 150,000 people in Iowa. In 2014, the first year of implementation, our Medicaid population will grow from 400,000 to more than 550,000 covered lives in a state where our population is just over 3 million people. The total cost of this expansion is estimated to be between \$180 to \$818 million (with mid-point estimate of \$255 million) in the first year, with the state picking up an increasing share of this cost over time. The uncertainty surrounding the wide range of potential costs is alone cause for concern.

Despite the federally mandated expansion of the Medicaid program, Iowa and other states will have less flexibility than ever before to effectively and efficiently manage this entitlement that is vital for so many of our vulnerable citizens. Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements continue to tie the hands of state policymakers, forcing a continual squeeze on health care providers and diverting benefits from those who need them most.

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*Kansas*  
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Without flexibility to reform Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce costs, Kansas will continue to see increases in Medicaid spending. Kansas' Medicaid budget has ballooned from \$2.4 billion in 2008, at the onset of federally mandated maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements, to what will reach nearly \$3 billion in 2013 without reforms. In the same period, enrollment will have increased from 293,000 to almost 400,000 -- all before the mandated PPACA expansion.

An example of the rigidity of the MOE requirements in the ARRA, and extended by PPACA, is the federal response to the Kansas Legislature's move in 2010 to adjust family premiums in the CHIP program by \$40 a month. CMS did not approve it, citing MOE. Instead, HHS offered an option to raise premiums that would have amounted to about 50 cents per month on a typical premium.

Kansas has proposed to acquire the flexibility it needs to remake Medicaid in a two-track Section 1115 demonstration project. The first track will address authorities needed to implement KanCare, an integrated, person-centered care coordination model that will incorporate nearly all Medicaid and CHIP populations and services, including long term services and supports. The second track proposes a global waiver, more specifically an outcomes-based Medicaid and CHIP program under a per capita block grant, fundamentally redefining the federal-state relationship in Medicaid and providing a model for reform that honors the program's statutory goal of improving the health of Americans in the greatest need.

### Louisiana

Obamacare is expected to cost Louisiana a total of \$7 billion in additional state general funds over the next 10 years.

Obamacare will increase Medicaid rolls by 645,843 over the next 10 years at a cost of \$3.69 billion in state general funds.

High costs of the IT systems needed to implement the expansions and the link to the Exchange (whether state-run or federal) are estimated to cost \$162 million in state general funds.

Increase payments to primary care providers, increased utilization for physicians and hospitals are estimated to cost \$2.6 billion in state general funds.

### Maine

Maine's Medicaid program has experienced an increase in enrollment from 314,000 in June 2009 to 336,000 in June, 2010, and total spending in Maine's Medicaid program has increased by over one billion dollars since 2002. Over the last several years, Medicaid rates for healthcare providers have also been repeatedly cut to address the ongoing financial shortfalls in Medicaid as a result of increasing enrollment and utilization. As a result of these reductions, some Maine physicians have closed their practices to Medicaid patients significantly reducing access to primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. All of the above challenges will be exacerbated by ACA. As Maine struggles to confront a shortfall of more than \$800 million in the next biennial budget and the requirement to adopt a balanced budget, it is imperative that the Governor and the Legislature have the necessary flexibility to comprehensively manage the Medicaid program and to make necessary changes to effectively reduce total spending in the program.

### Mississippi

The overall cost to implement PPACA in Mississippi is estimated to be \$1.7 billion over the next ten years, including an additional \$443 million in year ten.

### Nebraska

In addition, based upon preliminary professional consultant projections, the State of Nebraska estimates that it will cost anywhere from \$61.4 million to \$86.9 million to build a Health Insurance Exchange in Nebraska. Due to the changing nature of the health insurance exchange project and the instability of the federal government's promulgation of final rules and regulations, the State projects that a state exchange annual operating budget would be \$17.5 million per year starting in 2016.

### Nevada

In April of 2010, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services estimated the General Fund impact of implementing the Affordable Care Act was \$574 million from 2014 through 2019.

### New Mexico

With the implementation of Obamacare, New Mexico is poised to add an additional 130,000 –

175,000 individuals to the Medicaid program with an additional cost of \$300 million - \$600 million between 2014 and 2019.

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*North Dakota*

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With the implementation of Obamacare, North Dakota's current estimate for additional Medicaid spending is \$106 million over 10 years.

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*Ohio*

The estimated cost to Ohio from the first year to 2019 is over \$2.7 billion for Medicaid services. These estimates do not include the cost of increases in administration of the program. The long-term sustainability of the program is called into question, unless Ohio is given new options on how to manage the program.

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*Oklahoma*

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority estimates that the Obamacare Medicaid expansion will cost an additional \$4.6 billion in state and federal funding and will add 250,000 new Oklahoman's to the Medicaid rolls from 2014-2020.

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*Pennsylvania*

Pennsylvania's Medicaid spending has doubled over the past ten years and it now comprises 31% of the state's budget. It has grown four times faster than K-12 spending, and nine times faster than transportation spending. Even before the healthcare bill passed, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path. Under this law, these statistics will only get worse. Pennsylvania will see an additional 800,000 individuals on the Medicaid rolls adding a significant burden to the budget and taxpayers. As the Medicaid population continues to increase and state revenues continue to not keep pace, the mandates of the maintenance of effort requirement and the lack of any meaningful flexibility within the program will severely hamper virtually all other aspects of the state budget. States simply cannot afford Obamacare. Their budgets will be crushed by the Medicaid expansion that the federal establishment is forcing on them. Americans deserve a vibrant, robust, competitive and transparent health care system that puts patients and quality first, focuses on personal responsibility, not a large government takeover that shifts the costs from the federal government to state tax payers.

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*South Carolina*

Medicaid enrollment will increase by 54% or 510,000 individuals in 2015 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. 176,000 of these persons will drop private insurance to go on Medicaid. The additional costs to state taxpayers between State Fiscal Year 2014 and State Fiscal Year 2020 ranges from \$1.15 billion to \$2.5 billion dollars depending on assumptions of participation rate and increases in physician fees resulting from physician shortages created by the new law.

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*South Dakota*

South Dakota estimates it will cost at least \$99.7 million in state funds through 2019 to comply with the Medicaid requirements of the PPACA.

This burden coupled with the inability to change other parts of the Medicaid program due to the MOE requirements will result in rate cuts to providers.

Providers that cannot absorb these cuts may stop taking people eligible for Medicaid, or may stop providing services altogether.

This would have a hugely detrimental effect on a very rural state, including citizens that rely on Medicaid for their health care and communities that may see their health care providers leave or quit. These unintended consequences of the MOE provisions in the PPACA are counter-productive of its larger goal to help Americans get access to the health care they need.

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### Tennessee

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Tennessee's Medicaid program is continuing to experience budgetary challenges in the coming fiscal year, as state revenues continue their slow climb back to pre-recession levels. Unfortunately, the MOE requirements limit the flexibility needed to make important changes to the program as we deal with such issues. For instance, TennCare could save \$16 million alone just by modifying nursing facility level of care requirements that would bring Tennessee in line with the criteria of other states and rebalance its long-term care system in order to serve more people with lesser levels of need in more cost-effective home and community-based settings while targeting the more expensive long-term care services to persons with higher acuity of need. However, we have yet to receive approval to make such a change.

At a time when Tennessee is already facing budget difficulties and the ACA is expected to cost the state in excess of \$1.5 billion over five years, we must have the flexibility necessary to make common sense adjustments to the program.

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### Texas

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Medicaid is consistently one of the biggest expenses all states face. It accounts for a quarter of the state budget in Texas. The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid without reforming the program.

ACA will increase Medicaid enrollment in Texas by nearly 2 million people and cost the state \$27 billion over 10 years.

States have received little federal guidance on key ACA provisions, including the primary care rate increases which is required starting in 2013. Additionally, guidance is needed on Medicaid Benchmark Benefits, eligibility changes, FMAP methodology and numerous other provisions.

Lack of timely guidance makes it impossible for states to effectively plan for the mushrooming Medicaid caseloads that the law will create. HHSC needs final, detailed guidance from the federal government to determine the full impact of certain ACA provisions on the Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs, and to make federally-required changes.

ACA does not recognize states' unique needs and prevents each state from tailoring its Medicaid and CHIP programs in accordance with the intent of its elected and appointed representatives.

### Utah

The Insurance Department has been tracking hours of work to account for the additional burdens imposed by the ACA. During FY11, we are able to account for over 5,700 hours, equating to approximately \$182,000 in personnel costs. Included in the estimate is time spent on rate review which has been supported by a grant from HHS, reimbursing the department \$112,757 in personnel costs. In addition to the above, numerous hours have been incurred by the Commissioner or our actuary

### Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia has estimated the Medicaid cost of federal health reform to the State to be between \$1.5 and \$2.2 billion through 2022. These estimates have not been updated since August 2010, but because of the length of the recession and the current pace of economic growth, along with other developments in our understanding of the full impact of PPACA, the higher end of the cost range seems more realistic. For example, in a study completed for Medicaid Health Plans of America, Milliman, Inc. has estimated that the PPACA-mandated tax on health insurance companies, which did not exclude Medicaid health plans, will cost Virginia, a heavily managed Medicaid state, approximately \$430 - \$500 million through 2023; this was not included in Virginia's 2010 estimates of the PPACA cost, meaning this \$430 - \$500 million would be *in addition to* the \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion already estimated. Virginia is in the process of re-estimating impacts in preparation for the 2012 Medicaid forecast due in the fall of 2012. At that time, the estimates should better reflect the current economic environment in Virginia, and reflect a better understanding of the PPACA impact based on subsequent analysis and federal guidance that was not available for the 2010 estimates."

### Wisconsin

If implemented, the PPACA will force a heavy financial burden upon the people of Wisconsin through increased health insurance premiums, the expansion of Medicaid, and a new entitlement that will create new inequities among working families. Moreover, much of the new spending will not be used to increase coverage in Wisconsin, which has already achieved the levels of insurance that is aspired to under PPACA. Public dollars will simply displace private dollars at a higher cost.

New estimates from the Obama Administration and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) demonstrate that Medicaid enrollment will be higher than previously estimated. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) believes that increased enrollment among currently eligible individuals and retention of higher income children due to Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements will drive up the cost to the state. However, the direct burden on the state budget remains uncertain. New eligibility rules will result in some individuals migrating into and out of Medicaid. Rules on federal matching rates that are critical to our fiscal analysis have not been finalized.

More than 750,000 childless adults, parents, caretakers, and children are already enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid programs. There will be no additional federal assistance for the vast majority of these individuals and future enrollees. Some additional federal assistance will apply only to a relatively small number of individuals. Whether the federal government will "buy out" the state share of some eligibility groups is unknown at this time. It will matter little to taxpayers whether the costs will count as federal or state expenditures. Increased federal control over the management of the Medicaid program is stifling innovation and threatens to unnecessarily drive up costs.

### Wyoming

The costs of maintaining our Medicaid program are fast becoming a serious threat to our state general funds. The 2013-2014 biennial budget for Medicaid in Wyoming includes \$560 million in state general fund dollars. This is just the cost to provide care to the current population of approximately 76,000 enrollees. A study of Wyoming impacts from PPACA conducted by The Lewin Group in 2010 estimates an additional 31,000 enrollees due to the Medicaid expansion in 2014 – an increase of over 40%. It is difficult to estimate what the fiscal impact of this huge bolus of new enrollees will be. The State legislature commissioned a Medicaid Cost Study in 2011 and we expect findings in mid-2012. We do know, however, that the cost of implementing a new eligibility and enrollment system for Medicaid will cost over \$3.5 million in state general funds after the 90/10 federal match.

The larger and more detrimental impact of the implementation of PPACA is likely to be to our private health insurance markets. An actuarial study of our small group and individual markets conducted by Gorman Actuarial, LLC in 2011 indicates that we can expect premiums to go up an average of 30% to 40% in the individual market due solely to new insurance regulations effective in 2014. When you add the projected impact of higher morbidity of new entrants into the market and essential benefit mandates, we can expect overall 40% to 60% increases in premiums in the individual market.

Given that Wyoming already has a higher percentage of small employers that self-insure than other states, it's not unreasonable to expect a number of small employers to stop providing insured coverage and either move their employees to the individual market or to self-insure to avoid regulation. During recent town hall meetings, a number of small employers indicated that it would be cheaper for them to pay the PPACA penalties for not providing coverage than it will be to continue to provide coverage. The Lewin Group estimates a net loss of over 8,000 covered lives in the employer sponsored insurance market.

With all the changes in PPACA, Gorman Actuarial estimates over 41,000 people in Wyoming will remain uninsured by 2016. This represents about half of the 83,000 people currently uninsured in our state.

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All –

The RGA sent the below and attached out a few minutes ago.

If you are able, we encourage you to ask your press staff to echo the RGA release with one of their own in the states.

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**GOP Govs Request Expedited Review of Healthcare**

## Lawsuits

28 Republican governors sent a letter to President Obama today requesting him to direct the United States Department of Justice to support an expedited appellate process for the pending healthcare lawsuits to reach the United States Supreme Court as soon as possible.

A copy of the letter is attached.

The letter states, in part:

“This request for expedited review takes no position on PPACA, but seeks only to obtain the Supreme Court’s final determination as soon as possible.

Given the daunting and costly financial and regulatory burdens that our states and the private sector will face in implementing PPACA over the coming years, particularly during this unprecedented budgetary time, public interest requires expediting a final resolution of the litigation to give certainty as soon as possible. We should not endure years of litigation in the circuit courts, when the Supreme Court can promptly provide finality. This resolution can help prevent the states and the private sector from undertaking potentially unnecessary measures and expenses. More importantly, our businesses, health care providers, and citizens of our great nation need to know as soon as possible whether all or part of the law will be upheld or stricken, so they know their options and obligations.”

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## Governor Bob McDonnell Delivers Weekly Republican Address

'Republican governors are balancing their budgets on time, without tax increases, and without deficit spending.'

RICHMOND, VA – Governor Bob McDonnell (R-Virginia) released the following Weekly Republican Address. The address is available in both audio and video format and is embargoed until 6:00 a.m. ET, Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Audio of the address is available [here](#)  
Video of the address will be available [here](#)  
You can download the address [here](#)

Full transcript of Governor McDonnell's Address:

"Hi, I'm Bob McDonnell, Governor of Virginia, and I hope you're enjoying a great weekend with family and friends.

"The second weekend in February is noteworthy for two reasons.

"For one, sadly, it's the first weekend without any football since August and depending on who your

team is that could be either a good or bad thing!

"Second, this weekend marks the second straight year that we find ourselves waiting, again, for the annual release of the President's budget.

"While federal law mandates that the President release his budget on the first Monday of every February, the Administration has extended that period another seven days. Of course that one week delay from the White House pales in comparison to the nearly three-year holdup in the Democratic Senate. In that body, Senator Harry Reid's majority hasn't passed a budget in over 1000 days. Now, the Senator is refusing to even consider a budget on the floor. This is an astounding failure of leadership and management of the nation's finances.

"Harry Reid may not want to act, but we will still get a budget from the President in less than 48 hours. While we don't know the specifics of that budget, we can reasonably predict a lot from the President's previews and his past policy decisions.

"We can expect the President's budget to make private sector job creation tougher because it will raise taxes and continue policies like Obamacare that are making it harder for small businesses to hire—at a time when millions of Americans remain out of work.

"We can expect the President's budget to ignore the growing entitlement crisis in this country. It won't protect the security of Medicare and Social Security and, absent major reforms, it'll continue down the road to bankrupting these programs in the years ahead.

"Now we can expect the President's budget to again fail to address the \$15 trillion, and growing, national debt—in fact, it will probably make it worse. With no boldness or leadership or setting priorities, the Obama approach is simply more debt, more taxes, and more blaming others.

"In short, we can expect that this will not be a proactive budget built to promote fiscal responsibility and future prosperity. Rather it appears we'll see a bloated budget that doubles down on the failed policies of the past.

"Republicans know that we can do better.

"We know that every day, hardworking taxpayers, families, and business owners balance their budgets on time, without excuses. They live within their means by setting priorities and making tough choices.

"They want, and they deserve, a smaller and smarter government that does the same.

"But they aren't seeing that in Washington D.C.

"But they are increasingly witnessing this common sense, responsible, conservative approach to governing in the growing number of state capitals with Republican leadership.

"While Washington D.C. borrows at a staggering \$3.5 billion a day just to keep the lights on, Republican governors have closed \$65 billion in deficits the past two fiscal years alone.

"Here in Virginia, we closed \$6 billion in budget shortfalls without raising taxes and produced nearly \$1

billion in surpluses the past two years, by putting new money into transportation and colleges and universities.

"In Nebraska, Governor Dave Heineman proposed \$326 million in tax cuts.

"In New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie is pushing to cut the state income tax by 10 percent.

"And Republican governors in Florida, Georgia, Iowa, New Mexico and South Carolina are all working to reform their tax systems to make their states more competitive.

"Republican governors are balancing their budgets on time, without tax increases, and without deficit spending.

"And their hard work to make government more efficient and effective is helping to create the environment in which Americans can use their God-given talents to compete, grow, innovate and pursue the American Dream.

"In fact, in the most recent CNBC rankings of the most business friendly states in the country, 11 of the top 15 states have Republican governors.

"And Republican led states are outpacing Democratic counterparts when it comes to job creation.

"Seven of the 10 states with the lowest unemployment rates have Republican governors, and in 2011, states with Republican governors added 912,000 new jobs.

"A true and lasting economic recovery will not come from government. It will come from the hard work, talents, and vision of the American people.

"Republicans believe that it is our duty to help create an environment in which private sector jobs can be best created and sustained. And we know that when we limit government to free up capital, and reduce onerous regulations and litigation, we spur private sector job creation.

"In short, we believe the role of government in an economic recovery is simple:

"At every level, governments should pass budgets on time that fund core functions like education, transportation, and public safety well, and don't waste precious taxpayer dollars.

"And, at every level, governments should enact policies that ensure our private sector job creators, small business owners, and entrepreneurs can compete against the world, create jobs, and innovate.

"The American people can out-compete and out-work anyone, anywhere. All they need is the opportunity.

"Republican leaders in our state capitals are creating those opportunities for success and they are getting results.

"Now, we need that kind of leadership in the U.S. Senate and the White House.

"Thanks for your time, and have a great weekend."

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**Governor Christie Continues Prudent Approach to Federal Health Care Implementation with Veto of State-Run Exchange Legislation**  
*Veto Avoids Saddling State Taxpayers with Huge, Open-Ended Exchange Costs Without Comparative Details of Alternatives from the Federal Government*

For Immediate Release  
Thursday, December 6, 2012

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**Trenton, NJ** – Continuing a careful and thoughtful approach that appropriately considers the best interests of the state’s residents and taxpayers, Governor Chris Christie today vetoed legislation that would have begun to establish a State-based health care exchange in New Jersey in line with the federal Affordable Care Act. Though December 14, 2012 is the deadline for states to decide whether to establish a State-based Exchange, the federal government has failed to provide critical information and to answer basic questions about the operation and implementation of each of the options provided, making any decision made now hasty, incomplete, and perhaps fiscally detrimental to the taxpayers of New Jersey.

Governor Christie has consistently stated that once legal issues surrounding the Affordable Care Act were settled, New Jersey would comply with the federal mandate, but only in the most responsible way among the available alternatives. The creation of health care exchanges is provided for in the Affordable Care Act as the vehicle for eligible individuals and businesses to access care, with three exchange options being given to states: Federally Facilitated, Partnership, or State-based. Though the federal government’s deadline for states to select the type of exchange they will participate in is nearly here, New Jersey and all other states still await substantial federal guidance on all three options.

“We will comply with the Affordable Care Act, but only in the most efficient and cost effective way for New Jersey taxpayers. Such an important decision as how to best move forward for New Jerseyans can only be understood and reasonably made when fairly and fully compared to the overall value of the other options. Until the federal government gives us all the necessary information, any other action than this would be fiscally irresponsible,” said Governor Christie. “Thus far, we lack such critical

information from the federal government. I will not ask New Jerseyans to commit today to a State-based Exchange when the federal government cannot tell us what it will cost, how that cost compares to other options, and how much control they will give the states over this option that comes at the cost of our state's taxpayers."

Governor Christie has previously and continually cited the importance – both from a fiscal and health care policy perspective – of having additional clarity and guidance from the federal government on a host of critical issues related to implementation of the Affordable Care Act at the state level. Absent this critical information about cost, cost-sharing, scope of control, and the federal rulemaking landscape, New Jersey cannot fairly evaluate the best or most fiscally prudent path to follow for its residents.

"Financing the building and implementation of a State-based Exchange would be an extraordinarily costly endeavor," continued Governor Christie. "While the federal government has enabled states to apply for grant funding to cover some of the initial costs of such an endeavor, the total price for such a program has never been quantified, and is likely to be onerous. Without knowing the full scope of which Exchange option would be most beneficial and cost efficient for New Jerseyans, it would be irresponsible to force such a bill on our citizens."

In addition to the unknown cost and operation of a State-based Exchange, Governor Christie also cited the following areas or issues of other Exchange implementation options that lack complete information:

- **Costs in Federally Facilitated or Partnership Exchanges:** While "user fees" paid by insurers have been identified as a financing mechanism for Federally Facilitated or Partnership Exchanges, only late last week did the federal government offer a preliminary glimpse as to what those costs might include. Questions linger on the sharing of user-fees in Partnership Exchanges.
- **Federal Exchange Operations:** The federal government has yet to present a structured blueprint for the design and operation of a Federally Facilitated Exchange and the technical details for its linkage to each state.
- **Federal Rulemaking:** The last several weeks have triggered a restart of proposed federal regulations relating to the Affordable Care Act, guidance has come from Washington at an erratic pace, and there exists no predictable plan for future rulemaking.

In vetoing the legislation, the Governor also made clear that New Jersey's right to further consideration on the matter is reserved for later in the implementation process, as the federal government has provided states with the flexibility to amend Exchange selection in subsequent years. If and when additional information becomes available to make a more complete and fully informed determination for the people of New Jersey, it will be welcomed and considered.

Primary sponsors of S-2135 include Senators Nia Gill and Joseph Vitale and Assemblymembers Upendra Chivukula, Herb Conaway, Ruben Ramos, and Troy Singleton.

A copy of the Governor's veto message can be found attached to the release.

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All:

Please see below for a detailed explanation of Georgia Governor Deal's positions on both state-based exchanges and Medicaid expansion.

Best,  
Dustin

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*Governor Nathan Deal*  
Office of the Governor



## Why Gov. Deal refused to establish a state-based exchange

Georgia, alongside **16 other states** to date, is defaulting to Federal Exchange. Gov. Deal will not commit state taxpayers to a plan with no flexibility and many unknowns.

Deal sought guidance from the federal government on establishing exchanges and received only vague responses.

- In a letter dated November 9<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Sebelius stated, "We intend to issue further guidance to assist you in the very near future."
- Deal wants to know... Will enough people sign up so the costs could be reasonably allocated via assessment or user fees? If not, would general state revenue be required to subsidize the exchange? Some states are estimating annual exchange operational costs to be in the \$30M-\$60M range.

Georgia has no interest in spending our tax dollars on an exchange that is state-based in name only. States are not granted a full spectrum of choices, but rather a limited set of decisions within federal guardrails.

#### **Qualified Health Plans embody lack of flexibility:**

- Plans must meet federal guidelines of what meets "qualified" coverage, limiting what plans can be offered in a state-based exchange.
- Deal believes that restrictions on what the exchanges can and can't offer render meaningless the suggestion that Georgia could tailor an exchange that best fits the unique needs of its population.
- The fed's blanket requirements have the potential to cause significant disruption in a state's insurance market.
- Obamacare does not allow insurance exchanges to be truly private, despite the fact that evidence shows exchanges must be run like a business to be successful long term.

#### **Feds to control SHOP Exchanges:**

- The feds will limit the types of products that can be sold on the SHOP Exchange; only qualified health plans may be offered.
- The federal government will oversee and approve the financing and operating plans for the SHOP Exchanges.

- Deal believes a market-based approach could serve as a useful tool for Georgia's small businesses, but federal guidelines forbid that.

#### **Feds to control Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility:**

- States have always administered eligibility determination for state Medicaid and CHIP programs.
- Deal says Georgia **will** maintain that responsibility and has no intention whatsoever of letting the federal government enroll individuals into our program without state approval, even though the feds have *offered* to do that for us.

Since many of the details surrounding a State Partnership Exchange are still unavailable, it too is not a viable option.

## Deal outlines challenges posed by Medicaid expansion

Georgia will opt out of the Obamacare Medicaid expansion unless Congress moves to give states more flexibility. Gov. Deal would be **more** in favor of a block-grant type approach giving states the ability to expand coverage without stressing state treasuries.

The following outlines what Georgia would face if it expanded Medicaid as called for in Obamacare:

#### **Ballooning costs**

- By 2014 (6 months cost – effective January 1, 2014)
  - State Funds Cost: \$76.3 million
  - Total Funds (State + Federal) Cost: \$1.9 billion
- By 2015
  - State Funds Cost: \$219.8 million
  - Total Funds (State + Federal) Cost: \$3.7 billion
- 10-year total (2014-2023)
  - State Funds Cost: \$4.5 billion
  - Total Funds (State + Federal) Cost: \$40.8 billion
- Constitutionally bound to balance the budget — a common-sense constraint — Georgia cannot afford Obamacare.
- Deal thinks that the proposed Medicaid expansion forces states to choose between job-killing tax increases and immense cuts that could dramatically impact public education and public safety.

#### **Increasing rolls**

- An additional 620,000 people would be enrolled in Medicaid in 2014, growing to almost 695,000 by 2023.
- The addition of 620,000 new people in 2014 represents a 34 percent increase in Medicaid rolls.
- Obamacare will increase the percent of Georgia's on Medicaid from 17.6 percent today to 24.2 percent in 2014, meaning nearly 1 in 4 Georgians will be on Medicaid.
- These numbers include both children and adults currently eligible, but not enrolled, newly eligible populations and enrollment due to employers dropping coverage.
- Deal says that regardless of if we expand, the state will see an increased cost of approximately \$40 million in 2014 due to this "woodwork effect" and other Obamacare provisions.

#### **Feds' questionable promises**

- The federal government promises to pay the full cost of the new enrollees for Medicaid for three years, but given the federal budget situation, it's questionable it can fulfill this obligation.
- The breakdown: 100 percent from 2014 to 2016, 95 percent in 2017, 94 percent in 2018, 93 percent in 2019, and, 90 percent in the out years.
- Regardless of if our federal government does live up to its end of the bargain, there is NO money in state treasuries to cover our part.
- Even before the expansion, Georgia struggled to pay the ever-increasing price tag for Medicaid, particularly as the recession has pummeled state revenues for years.
- Deal notes that for the 2013 and 2014 budget years, we face a \$700 million shortfall in our Medicaid program — and that's long before we have to start paying a 10 percent share on more than 620,000 new enrollees.

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FYI – from Sen. Hatch’s office.

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Wanted to send around a legal analysis (link below) on the Secretary’s ability to waive the MOE requirements. Hope this is helpful.

Steph

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **HATCH: INDEPENDENT CRS REPORT CONFIRMS HHS HAS AUTHORITY TO WAIVE BURDENSOME MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS IN NEW HEALTH LAW**

*Calls on Secretary Kathleen Sebelius During Committee Hearing to Heed to the Calls of Governors and Do Away With Unreasonable Regulations*

WASHINGTON –U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, today called on Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to heed to the calls of Governors representing cash-strapped states and waive the onerous maintenance-of-effort (MOE) restrictions that were included in the stimulus and in the new health law.

“The Medicaid mandates included in ObamaCare are crippling state budgets, encroaching on their flexibility to lower Medicaid spending, and tying states hands in targeting scarce resources to the most vulnerable beneficiaries,” **said Hatch, who has led the charge against the unreasonable MOE restrictions and the expansion of Medicaid in the new health law.** “Despite repeated calls from our Governors to waive such burdensome regulations, Secretary Sebelius has turned a blind eye to the fiscal fiasco the maintenance of effort requirements have generated. An independent CRS Report now confirms that the Secretary does, indeed, have the authority to do away with the requirements and it is incumbent upon the Department of Health and Human Services to act now and heed to the Governors call for help.”

The \$2.6 trillion health law included maintenance-of-effort restrictions on states that forces them to maintain expanded eligibility requirements. Given the states’ \$175 billion collective budget crisis, a majority of Governors have requested relief from the maintenance-of-effort restrictions. These regulations have hampered state efforts to balance their budgets and forced them to make cuts to education, law enforcement, and other state priorities.

Secretary Sebelius has repeatedly said she does not have the authority to authorize the waivers.

Despite such claims, during a hearing with Secretary Sebelius examining ObamaCare today, Senator Hatch cited an independent Congressional Research Services (CRS) report that confirmed the Secretary has the authority, if she chooses to use it, to waive such burdensome regulations.

### [Specifically, the report found:](#)

- “States may apply for waivers under various provisions of the Social Security Act, including... the demonstration project waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (‘section 1115’).

- Section 1115, the subject of this analysis, allows the Secretary to waive the requirements of specific sections of the Social Security Act, including section 1902, for any 'experimental, pilot or demonstration project which, in the judgment of the Secretary, is likely to assist in promoting the objectives of title... XIX of this chapter... in a state or states.'
- The Secretary may waive the specified provisions 'to the extent and for the period he finds necessary to enable such State or States to carry out such project.'
- The Secretary's discretion to approve demonstration projects under Section 1115 is broad, and the courts have been reluctant to circumscribe the Secretary's authority under this provision.
- Congress placed the PPACA MOE requirements, described above, in section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act. The Secretary has the authority, when she chooses to grant a section 1115 demonstration project waiver to a state, to waive compliance with the provisions of section 1902... In either case, it is likely that the courts would accord considerable deference to the Secretary's interpretation of the provisions in question, and uphold the Secretary's determination as 'a reasonable interpretation made by the administrator of an agency.'"

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**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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**From:** Jon Thompson  
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**Subject:** ICYMI: Gov. Bobby Jindal's Op-Ed: Declaration of Independence, Not Dependence

Wanted to make sure you saw Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal's op-ed in Red State that posted this evening. Thanks. – Jon

<http://www.redstate.com/bobbyjindal/2012/07/03/declaration-of-independence-not-dependence/>

## Declaration of Independence, Not Dependence

Gov. Bobby Jindal  
July 3, 2012

As we celebrate our nation's birthday this week, it is important to remember and teach our children the Founding Fathers were declaring our independence, not creating a culture of dependence. (They also protested unfair taxation, but that is another story for another day.) This is an especially important lesson, given the Supreme Court's ruling last week on Obamacare.

The ruling was both a disappointment and a blow to our freedoms. As we get further away from the ruling, reality will dawn on people, and we will be right back to where we were. The American people did not want or approve of Obamacare then, and they do not now. Americans oppose it because it will decrease the quality of our health care, raise taxes by over \$500 billion, cut Medicare by over \$500 billion, and, with a \$1.76 trillion price tag, break the bank.

The President promised us our premiums would go down \$2,500 per family per year if we passed his reform; family premiums increased 9 percent last year. President Obama promised us we could keep our plans and our doctors; as many as 20 million Americans will lose their employer-provided health plans. President Obama promised us he would "protect Medicare;" Medicare's Chief Actuary says the Obamacare cuts to providers are "unrealistic" and not sustainable, and millions of seniors will lose access to Medicare Advantage plans and benefits. The President promised us he wouldn't raise taxes on middle class families making less than \$250,000 a year; Obamacare raises taxes on health plans, medical devices, prescription drugs, and employers, and 75% of the individual mandate tax will fall on the middle class. Over 20 million individuals will remain

uninsured, and health care spending will be higher than it would have been if the law had not passed. President Obama campaigned against Hillary Clinton's individual mandate and John McCain's tax increase on generous health care insurance, and included both in Obamacare.

Amazingly, facing the greatest economic recession since the Great Depression, President Obama chose to create a new entitlement program when we cannot afford the ones we already have. Republicans like to go on television and say we are borrowing from our children's and grandchildren's future. We can throw those talking points out; we are hurting ourselves now. You know we are in trouble when the German Finance Minister rebuffs President Obama and basically tells him to clean up his own mess before offering advice to others. Even the Europeans feel they have the moral high ground to tell us to tackle our own debt problems; that's like the town drunk telling you that you have a drinking problem.

Opposition to Obamacare will escalate for one simple reason; Obamacare is the most unpopular when people are thinking about it. Then-Speaker Pelosi said they had to pass the 2,000 plus page bill so we could find out what is in it. The President promised it would become more popular the more people learned about it. Yet, there has never been one day a majority of the American people wanted this massive government overreach that was forced on us by a party-line vote.

The Supreme Court should have protected our constitutional freedoms, but remember, it was the President who forced this law on us. I congratulate the Supreme Court on one thing; they were far more honest about Obamacare than President Obama was. They rightly have called it what it is – a tax.

The Supreme Court has done something new; they have declared that President Obama can use the taxation power of the federal government to compel behavior. The federal government can even tax the lack of behavior. What's next? Taxes on people who refuse to drive Chevy Volts or eat tofu? This is ridiculous.

In fact, the Court actually rewrote Obamacare to make it fit under the taxation clause. I don't know how one defines legislating from the bench, but this seems pretty close. The Readers Digest version of the Supreme Court's decisions last week is this – The Government can require proof of insurance, but not proof of citizenship.

Here is the big picture situation in America today. Success used to be measured by how many people we could get off the government dole, but now, under President Obama, we measure success by how many people we can get on government programs. Indeed, food stamp rolls have increased by 70 percent since 2007, and yet the government is spending millions of taxpayer dollars on advertising and encouraging parties to enroll even more. There used to be a stigma to relying on the government, but now it's celebrated. We have it 100 percent backwards in America today. We should celebrate people getting off food stamps, off Medicaid, and off government health care. The bottom line is that Obamacare eats into the spirit of independence that has made America great in the first place, and if we don't repeal it soon, we will have more people riding in the cart than pulling the cart. We are at an inflection point in our nation's history. We have to decide whether we want to revive our economy by growing the private sector or expanding the public sector, to continue our culture of self-reliance versus a culture of dependency, to provide our children with opportunity or a sense of entitlement, and to pursue the American model or give in to the European model.

Here is the crazy part – the federal government cannot pay for our existing entitlement programs. We have to reform those or they will crumble, and yet President Obama has created another one we cannot afford. Democrats are already attacking Republicans for turning down free health care. Here is a news flash. All of this government spending is not free. It is our money they are spending; it is our future they are destroying; and it is really not that far into the future. The credit card is maxed out, and the bank of China is closed. I have vowed not to implement Obamacare in Louisiana, especially creating the exchange and expanding Medicaid, because this November we're going to elect a new President and a new Congress who will repeal and replace the terrible law. In Louisiana, our health department estimates the Medicaid expansion alone will cost our taxpayers \$3.7 billion over the first ten years of implementation and will take 187,000 new enrollees off private insurance.

The Court's decision is a reminder that elections do in fact matter. The left wing won the elections in 2006 and 2008, giving liberals full control of the House, Senate, and the White House. They used this power to force through a government takeover of health care that the public didn't even want.

Now, the American people have an opportunity to reverse this course in November by electing Governor Romney and a Republican Senate. We have to stop complaining about the Supreme Court and deal with the real problem – which is President Obama. Obamacare has now been unmasked for what it really is, a massive tax increase to pay for a massive new federal entitlement program that we do not want and cannot afford. If you are a small business owner, a middle-class taxpayer, or if you are worried about what Obamacare will do to the quality of your health care, or if you are worried about the fact that our government is headed towards insolvency – you have only one recourse – make President Obama a one-termer. Elections do matter; this one matters a lot.

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All:

ICYMI – HHS sent out the below announcement this afternoon regarding new proposed rulemaking displayed in today's Federal Register.

### **Dustin Huffman**

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### **HHS Intergovernmental and External Affairs Notification**

**November 30, 2012**

**From: Paul Dioguardi**  
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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**RE: Important ACA Implementation Information**

Today, the Obama administration issued the following announcements regarding implementation of the Affordable Care Act:

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published a proposed rule for Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014. This proposed rule provides further information related to policies such as the risk adjustment, reinsurance and risk corridors programs, advance payments of the premium tax credit, and cost-sharing reductions. The fact sheet on this proposed rule will be available [here](#). The proposed rule is on display in the Federal Register today, Friday, November 30, 2012 and can be viewed [here](#). The Final Rule will publish in the Federal Register on

December 7, 2012 at which it can be viewed [here](#).

- The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight announced an additional application deadline to the existing cooperative agreement to *Support Establishment of the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Exchanges*. This additional application deadline would be December 28, 2012 and would apply to both Level I and Level II grants. The information will be available [here](#).
- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to implement the Multi-State Plan Program (MSPP) pursuant to section 1334 of the Affordable Care Act. Additional information may be found [here](#). The proposed rule is on display in the Federal Register today, Friday, November 30, 2012 and can be viewed [here](#). The Final Rule will publish in the Federal Register on December 5, 2012 at which it can be viewed [here](#).

Please direct questions to [HHSIEA@hhs.gov](mailto:HHSIEA@hhs.gov).

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**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2012 3:52:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dear Governor letter re Exchange Blueprints 11.9.12.pdf.pdf](#)

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To: Washington Reps and State Federal Contacts  
Re: HHS letter extending blueprint deadline for state-based exchanges

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the deadlines for states seeking to operate either a State-based or Partnership Exchange under the Affordable Care Act have been extended. According to the new guidance, which is attached, states electing to operate a State-based Exchange must still send a Declaration Letter by November 16<sup>th</sup>, but the Blueprint is not due until December 14, 2012. States electing to operate a State Partnership Exchange can submit their Declaration Letter and Blueprint on a rolling basis up to February 15, 2013.

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Please find attached materials for NGA's HHS Committee meeting at 2 p.m. EST.

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**From:** NGA HHS Committee [<mailto:hhsreps@talk.nga.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 11:03 AM  
**To:** HHS Committee  
**Subject:** RE: HHS Committee meeting tomorrow

Attached please find a side-by-side on exchange implementation to be used for discussion purposes during today's meeting.

**William Garner**

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**To:** HHS Committee  
**Subject:** HHS Committee meeting tomorrow

The HHS Committee will meet tomorrow (Wed) at 2:00 pm EST in the governors room. The agenda and call-in information are below. Please note that the health policy advisors have been invited to participate in the discussion.

**HHS Committee**  
**December 7, 2011**  
**877-261-8991; Passcode 6010576#**

- I. Introduction of new NGA staff – William Garner
- II. Health insurance exchanges discussion (see notice below)
- III. Deadline for level 2 ACA establishment grants – request to extend
- IV. Winter Meeting update
- V. Other business

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**Subject:** New Information on Health Insurance Exchanges

To: Washington Representatives and Health Policy Advisors  
Re: New Information on Health Insurance Exchanges

On November 29, 2011, CMS released Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to address the many questions states have had as they consider their options related to health insurance exchange implementation. The FAQ signals important CMS policy positions in a number of key areas regarding flexibility for states to tailor arrangements to reflect state practices, traditional functions (e.g., activities of state insurance departments) and preferences; options for eligibility determination in a number of areas; the operation of the federal exchange; several financial issues; and error rate determination and related liability issues.

The FAQ also addresses a number of concerns raised by NGA in its November 2, 2011 letter to Secretary Sebelius. Rather than emphasize a partnership model, CMS has promised greater flexibility for states under both the state-based and federally-facilitated exchanges. Specifically, under the proposal:

- **States will not be required to cede Medicaid eligibility determination to the federal government.** CMS intends to modify its original proposal to provide states with additional options for eligibility determination under both the state-based and federally-facilitated exchanges. Under this plan, states could decide to have their Medicaid and CHIP agencies execute some or all functions under an agreement, including Medicaid and CHIP eligibility, through the use of federally-managed services.
- **States may opt to assign certain functions of eligibility determination to the federal government.** State-based exchanges may use federally-managed services to make determinations for advance payments of the premium tax credit, cost-sharing reductions and exemptions from the individual responsibility requirement. Under the federally-facilitated exchange, a state may either make final Medicaid and CHIP determinations or allow the federally-facilitated exchange to make Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determinations using its state eligibility rules and standards.
- **State-based exchanges may obtain funding to establish new state exchange functions until December 31, 2014.** Grants are available until December 31, 2014 for approved and permissible activities to establish a state-based exchange, to build functions that a state elects to operate under a partnership exchange, and to support state activities to build interfaces with a federally-facilitated exchange.
- **Fully state-based exchanges are not anticipated to incur charges for use of the federally-managed data services hub.** A CMS-established data hub will support information exchanges between states (exchanges, Medicaid and CHIP agencies) and relevant federal agencies (including agencies other than CMS). The scope and availability of its services and its treatment of charges for fiscal year 2014 are yet to be determined. However, CMS does not anticipate charging fully state-based exchanges for the use of the hub.

The actual implications of many of the points conveyed in the FAQ will depend on formal regulatory guidance, sub-regulatory materials, and agreements.

NGA's Health and Human Services Committee will host a meeting for states to discuss this information on Wednesday, December 7 at 2:00 pm EST in the Governors room. The meeting will also be conference call accessible at: 877-261-8991, passcode: 6010576.

A copy of the FAQ sheet and additional information provided by CMS is available at [http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files%202011282011/exchangeqa\\_11\\_29\\_11.pdf](http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files%202011282011/exchangeqa_11_29_11.pdf).

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FYI, from our press team...

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**From:** Speaker Boehner Press Office  
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Please see below (or [click here for a PDF](#)) for a memo to editorial boards from Speaker Boehner's press office on the House-passed budget for FY 2012, The Path to Prosperity, and its focus on creating jobs, cutting spending, and preserving Medicare for current and future generations.

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS  
**FROM:** SPEAKER BOEHNER'S PRESS OFFICE  
**DATE:** APRIL 28, 2011  
**RE:** THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

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On April 15, 2011, the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives adopted a budget – authored by Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) and entitled “The Path to Prosperity” – that will help boost our economy and create new jobs, lift the crushing burden of debt that threatens our future, and preserve critical health and retirement programs for America's seniors.

Despite the onslaught of misleading attacks from the Democratic Party, the most recent [USA Today/Gallup survey](#) says “Republicans hold a 12-percentage-point edge over Democrats as the party better able to handle the budget, and a five-point edge on the economy in general.” The reason is simple: Republicans have put forth a credible budget that honestly addresses the economic and fiscal challenges our country faces. In contrast, President Obama put forth a budget in February that was widely-panned as not serious, and gave a speech several weeks ago that again failed to fully address our nation’s problems.

Here is a quick comparison between the GOP budget ([H. Con. Res. 34](#)) and the plans outlined by President Obama:

**THE GOP BUDGET WILL BOOST OUR ECONOMY & HELP CREATE NEW AMERICAN JOBS:** The GOP budget is focused on helping end the uncertainty facing job creators so they can start hiring again by cutting spending, eliminating \$800 billion in tax increases imposed by President Obama’s health care law, and preventing the \$1.5 trillion tax hike proposed in his budget. It creates a simpler, less burdensome tax code and lowers rates for families and small businesses by “weeding from the tax code numerous tax breaks and loopholes,” according to the [Associated Press](#). It also repeals the president’s health care law (and all of its tax hikes, mandates, and excessive regulations) and removes barriers to energy production that will help lower gas prices and create new jobs.

- The president’s budget would destroy jobs and create more uncertainty by imposing dramatic tax hikes on job creators. [James Pethokoukis](#) with *Reuters* says the president’s proposed tax hikes amount to “\$2 trillion in new taxes over 12 years.”
- [Analysis](#) by the House Budget Committee found the White House “included the new tax increases associated with the health care bill” in its budget. Economist [Diana Furchtgott-Roth](#) says the health care law’s tax hikes and penalties discourage small businesses from hiring. She says, “Firms with fewer than 50 workers won’t want to grow, and firms with around 60 to 70 workers will be trying to shrink to 50 workers to cut costs. Low-skill workers will be the worst affected.”
- In [testimony](#) before the House Budget Committee, former Director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Douglas Holtz-Eakin said “cutting spending is a pro-growth policy move,” and that “controlling federal spending growth” is essential to help create new jobs.
- When it comes to helping the economy, a Democratic polling firm found that independents prefer “reducing the deficit through spending cuts” to tax hikes by [a margin of 50 – 39 percent](#).

**THE GOP BUDGET WILL CUT SPENDING & PUT US ON A PATH TO PAY DOWN OUR DEBT:** The Path to Prosperity cuts government spending by \$6.2 trillion over the next decade. The nonpartisan [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\)](#) confirms that the GOP plan balances the budget and puts us on a path to pay down our debt over time. It also eliminates hundreds of duplicative government programs, maintains the Republican ban on pork-barrel earmarks, and ends the taxpayer bailouts of financial institutions (including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government mortgage giants at the heart of our economic crisis).

- [Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles](#) – co-chairmen of President Obama’s deficit commission – said the GOP budget “incorporates many of the proposals included in the Commission report,” and “is a serious, honest, straightforward approach to addressing our nation's enormous fiscal challenges.”
- The president’s budget locks in the failed “stimulus” spending binge and adds more than \$9 trillion to the debt over the next 10 years. [Stanford economist John B. Taylor](#) says federal spending was 18.2% of GDP in the year 2000 and 19.6% in 2007. “But in the three years since 2009 it's jumped to an average of 24.4%,” and the president's budget “proposed to make that spending binge permanent.”
- President Obama has also asked Congress to raise the debt limit without serious spending cuts or budget reforms. A [new survey by Resurgent Republic](#) found that “voters overwhelmingly oppose increasing the debt limit unless strong conditions” and “substantial spending cuts” are attached.
- A recent [CNN survey](#) shows that – when “dealing with the tough choices involved both in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit and still maintaining needed federal programs” – independents prefer the Republican approach by a margin of 49 – 34 percent.

**THE GOP BUDGET WILL PROTECT & PRESERVE CRITICAL HEALTH & RETIREMENT PROGRAMS:**

Under The Path to Prosperity, there will be no changes and no disruptions to benefits for Americans over the age of 55, and future beneficiaries will have access to the same kinds of options as Members of Congress. The GOP budget ensures that lower-income Americans get more support and that the costs of junk lawsuits are not passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices. It stops Washington from raiding Medicare to pay for other costly programs and eliminates the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), a “rationing board” created by ObamaCare. It also ends the one-size-fits-all approach of Medicaid and gives states more flexibility to meet the needs of their residents. Bottom line: this plan saves programs like Medicare for current and future generations of Americans.

- The president’s budget does nothing, guaranteeing benefit cuts for seniors. [FactCheck.org](#) reported that “if nothing is done, when those trust funds are exhausted, benefits would have to be cut by 22 percent in 2037, and more each year after that, according to the most recent report of the system’s trustees. By 2084, the system will generate only enough revenue to pay for 75 percent of promised benefit levels.”
- [Analysis by the nonpartisan CBO](#) shows – if we do nothing – Medicare will be bankrupt within 10 years. A [report by the trustees for Medicare](#) says “[w]ithout corrective legislation... the assets of the [Medicare] trust fund would be exhausted within the next 7 to 19 years.”
- The president would also rely on the IPAB – an unelected “rationing board” – to force hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts *in addition to* the hundreds of billions in Medicare cuts Democrats used to finance ObamaCare. The [Wall Street Journal](#) says this will lead to “the political rationing of care for the elderly, as now occurs in Britain,” and many doctors and hospitals may “drop out of Medicare” altogether.

- Despite the best efforts of Democrats to demonize the GOP budget, a [CBS News/New York Times survey](#) “reported that a plurality of Americans actually approve of GOP Rep. Paul Ryan's Medicare reforms.”
- A [new national survey by Gallup](#) says “[p]luralities of middle-aged Americans as well as those 65 and older prefer Ryan's plan to Obama's,” with seniors preferring The Path to Prosperity by a 48-42 margin.

For more details on The Path to Prosperity, please visit <http://budget.house.gov/fy2012budget/> today.

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Near final actuarial assessment draft. Gap analysis will be coming later in the month.

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Attached is Draft No. 3 – the most recent draft- of the Milliman Actuarial Report. This is a CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT. Please do not share this document outside of your internal review team. Unless changes are made, it will be the finalized draft of the project deliverable. Please complete your detailed review and return your comments and/or suggested edits by close of business next Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

You may also wish to use the Scope of Work for the project as shown below to help guide your review:

**SCOPE OF WORK/OFFEROR'S DUTIES**

***Assess potential impacts of substantive options on the insurance market.*** The vendor should be prepared to advise the State on the qualitative and quantitative impact of various options around these major policy decisions. At a minimum, this should include:

- **Statewide survey of existing insurance carriers about aspects of their product lines and plans;**
- **Existing state and federal regulations;**
- **Best methods to identify/certify qualified health plans for the exchange**
- **Consideration of the reinsurance/risk adjustment methods provided for in PPACA sections 1341-1343**
  
- **Review and summarization of effective cost control strategies**

- **Actuarial modeling related to evaluation of premium structure, rate setting, risk adjustment, and benefit plan and cost-sharing design.**
  
- **Actuarial modeling evaluating the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) and other requirements in the non-group/small group markets and potential impact on the Oklahoma insurance market.**
  
- **The expected impact of mandatory reforms and the Exchange on insurance market prices and market stability;**
  
- **The expected impact of an incremental phase-in of the market reforms, such as rating bands in the individual market, on premiums for plans sold in the Exchange;**
  
- **The expected impact on premiums in the Exchange of merging the risk pools of the individual and small group market; and**
  
- **The expected impact of different legal or regulatory expectations for health plans sold in the Exchange as opposed to outside the Exchange.**

Thank you,  
Nicole

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Good afternoon,

Please see the below White House's press release on 'States Moving Forward to Implement Health Reform's Affordable Insurance Exchanges. Please review these materials, as we are mindful of the administration's attempt to use Republican states as examples of Obamacare implementation. This press release touts two Republican states as moving forward with Obamacare.

We would like to request that you all take a very serious look at this release and get back to us with any thoughts, comments or even a quote from your boss that may aid us if, as a caucus, we deem it necessary to respond. We have responded to some press requests at RGA today about this exchange report and some of you may get press calls directly. Please let us know if we may be of assistance to you.

Thank you for your time,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 18, 2012

**New Report: States Moving Forward to Implement Health Reform's Affordable Insurance Exchanges**

Twenty-eight States are on their way toward establishing a key component of health care reform – Affordable Insurance Exchanges – according to a [report](#) issued today by the White House.

“States are taking strong steps to implement health reform,” said White House Deputy Chief of Staff Nancy-Ann DeParle. “The Obama Administration is working in partnership with State leaders across the country. We will ensure Americans in

every State have access to an Exchange and the same kinds of insurance choices as Members of Congress.”

Affordable Insurance Exchanges are State-based, one-stop marketplaces where consumers can choose a private qualified health insurance plan that fits their health needs. Beginning in 2014, Exchanges will offer consumers the same kinds of insurance choices that members of Congress will have.

The report released today highlights how some States are moving forward to build Affordable Insurance Exchanges. The States profiled are not necessarily the States most advanced in establishing an Exchange; instead, they illustrate the diversity of approaches and progress being made. Some of the actions in the report include:

- Alabama Governor Robert Bentley (R), a physician, issued an Executive Order that created the Alabama Health Insurance Exchange Study Commission on June 2, 2011, which recommended that Alabama establish its own Exchange called the “Alabama Health Insurance Marketplace.” The legislature, which meets in February, is expected to take up legislation to establish an Exchange.
- Colorado passed a bipartisan bill to establish the independent Colorado Health Insurance Exchange, which was signed into law on June 1, 2011. The Colorado Exchange has started public education about health reform and the Exchange at its website, [www.getcoveredco.org](http://www.getcoveredco.org). Organizations such as the Colorado branch of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry have been active participants in the creating the small business component of the Exchange.
- In Nevada, unanimous, bipartisan legislation authorized the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, which was signed into law by Governor Brian Sandoval (R) on June 16, 2011. Its board has been appointed, executive director named, and application submitted for its next round of funding for building the Exchange.

The report outlines some of the steps the Administration has taken to ensure all Americans have access to an exchange beginning in 2014. These include developing the information technology and business systems necessary to facilitate Exchanges in multiple states.

Developing Exchanges is just one of the ways States are implementing health reform. In the nearly two years since President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law, States have enforced the patient protections like banning lifetime dollar limits on coverage and ensuring coverage of proven prevention services. Forty-three States and the District of Columbia are participating in the new premium rate review system where insurers must justify the rationale for any double-digit insurance premium increase. All States have received Affordable Care Act grants to

improve prevention and public health. And the Affordable Care Act has already made an incredible difference to millions of Americans:

- 2.5 million more young adults have health insurance.
- As of October 2011, more than 2.65 million seniors got a 50 percent discount on their prescription drugs when they hit the donut hole.
- Insurance companies can no longer drop your coverage when you get sick or put a lifetime cap on the amount of care you can receive.

To read the report issued today, visit

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/01-18-12\\_exchange\\_report.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/01-18-12_exchange_report.pdf)

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All -- Majority Leader Cantor's team has compiled state-by-state benefits of the Small Business Tax Cut legislation here: <http://www.majorityleader.gov/SmallBiz/>

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## New Survey: Small Businesses Confirm POTUS' Policies are Hurting Job Growth; GOP Fighting for Solutions

April 16, 2012 | Posted by Katie Boyd (@KEBoyd) | [Permalink](#)

The Obama administration claims its policies have been “[remarkably effective](#),” but according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s most recent [Small Business Outlook Survey](#) released today, America’s job creators disagree. The vast majority of small business owners surveyed say that the Obama administration’s onslaught of excessive regulations and the president’s failure to address high gas prices are weighing heavily on their ability to plan ahead and hire new workers. Here are a few key points from the survey, and a look at what House Republicans are doing to help small businesses put Americans back to work:

**PROBLEM: High Gas Prices “Pose an Immediate Threat” to Small Businesses.** “Eight out of ten small business owners report that higher energy prices pose an immediate threat to the success of their business,” according to the survey. While President Obama claims to support an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy, his rhetoric is belied by the fact that gas prices have doubled on his watch, while he continues calling for tax hikes that will increase energy costs and blocking access to America’s resources.

- **GOP SOLUTION: Increase American Energy Production to Help Address High Gas Prices & Create Jobs.** With the American Energy Initiative, House Republicans have passed numerous bills that would remove barriers to American energy production and help create jobs (most of which have been blocked by Senate Democrats). That effort will continue moving forward in the coming weeks with action on the Gasoline Regulations Act aimed at stopping the government red tape that drives up energy prices, and the Strategic Energy Production Act, legislation ensuring the Obama administration does not tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve without taking steps to increase American energy production. The House will also continue fighting for approval of the widely-popular Keystone pipeline that President Obama has rejected and personally lobbied against, at the expense of 20,000 new American jobs.

**PROBLEM: Excessive Regulations One of the Greatest Threats to Small Business Success.** More than half (52 percent) of the small business owners surveyed say that excessive government red tape is the “greatest threat to the success of their business, increasing 9 percent since last June.” The Obama administration has more than 3,000 new regulations in the pipeline, and has already implemented more than 100 major regulations that have added \$46 billion in new costs to the economy per year, according to a recent Heritage Foundation report.

- **GOP SOLUTION: A Jobs Plan that Stops the Onslaught of Burdensome Regulations.** The Republican Plan for America’s Job Creators includes several measures aimed at reducing the excessive regulatory burden on small businesses, including the Regulatory Accountability Act (H.R. 3010) that “requires agencies to assess the costs and benefits” of new regulations on small businesses, and the Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act that would require an up-or-down vote on new rules that will have a major impact on jobs and the economy. These bills – along with several others that remove regulatory obstacles to small business growth – also remain stalled in the Democratic-led Senate.

**PROBLEM: ObamaCare “An Obstacle to Hiring More Employees.”** “Nearly three out of four (73%) of the small business owners surveyed say ObamaCare “is an obstacle to hiring more employees.” Small businesses owners have repeatedly warned that Democrats’ government takeover of health care is holding back hiring, and more than two hundred economists agree that that the maze of mandates, penalties and regulations in ObamaCare constitutes a major “barrier to stronger job growth.”

- **GOP SOLUTION: Keeping the Pledge to America to Repeal ObamaCare & Protect Small Businesses.** House Republicans have voted more than 25 times to repeal, defund and dismantle ObamaCare, including a bill that saved small businesses from the job-crushing paperwork mandate. The effort to fully repeal the law and replace it with better solutions will continue in the weeks and months ahead.

This week, the House will continue working to create a better environment for small business job growth by passing the Small Business Tax Cut Act – Pledge to America legislation that will allow job creators to invest more of their resources in their businesses and hire new workers. Learn more on the Republican Plan for America’s Job Creators website at: jobs.gop.gov.

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FYI- Michigan.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Friday, Nov. 16, 2012

## **Michigan moves toward state-federal partnership health exchange, leaves door open for MI Health Marketplace**

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder has filed a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) to collaborate with the federal government on a state partnership exchange (SPE). The governor said, however, that if additional federal deadlines are extended or the Michigan Legislature takes action authorizing a state-based exchange, then Michigan may exercise its option for the proposed MI Health Marketplace. Snyder has not yet filed a declaration letter formally choosing Michigan's path.

“Ensuring that Michigan residents have the best available quality health care and customer service has been a priority from Day One. I have felt strongly that a Michigan-run MI Health Marketplace could further accomplish this goal. That said, we must be realistic about how feasible implementing this could be under the current federal timeframes. At this point we’re moving toward a state partnership exchange. However, we will continue to work with our legislative partners and seek more details and clarity from the federal government to make a final determination on Michigan’s path forward – whether that’s a state partnership exchange or state-based exchange.”

Thursday, Nov. 15, was a key funding deadline. There are also multiple operational deadlines, some of which have changed twice in the past week. The next major milestone is now Dec. 14, 2012, when states must declare if they wish to operate their own exchanges. Under current federal rules, all exchanges must be operational on Oct.1, 2013.

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## JUST A REMINDER~

### Coordinated RGPPC Effort

The RGPPC in conjunction with the RGA would like to put out a press release of our own on Wednesday. We envision the document to have a quote from every Republican Governor about the effects that Obamacare has had on each individual state. You can lift or prepare such quotes from the actions you are already considering for next week. Please email to Mike Schrimpf by tomorrow close of business. Mike's email is [mschrimpf@rga.org](mailto:mschrimpf@rga.org). Please feel free to call or email me with any questions you have regarding this request.

Thank you for your time!

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Good morning- note article from stateline from last week on Obamacare. Action officers, it will be in your clips. Timely as most of you are preparing or have prepared your budgets.

Marie

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**To:** Jacobs, Chris (RPC)  
**Subject:** Obamacare Hits the States (Again)

The website Stateline last week published an analysis <<http://bit.ly/wznSE3>> of the major issues facing states in 2012, and not surprisingly Medicaid was high on that list. While the recession hit states hard, Obamacare's onerous new mandates have combined with the continued economic slowdown to inflict a devastating one-two punch on state budgets:

Two years ago, Medicaid eclipsed K-12 education as the most expensive item in state budgets. Since then, it has only kept growing. Medicaid now comprises 24 percent of state budgets <<http://bit.ly/wazu7w>>, when federal funds are counted. That's up from 22 percent last year, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers. The upward spiral seems to be continuing. Even as states get ready to write their budgets for fiscal year 2013, which starts in July in most states, half of them expect to be wrestling with Medicaid shortfalls in their 2012 budgets, according to a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Making the job for fiscal 2013 even more difficult for states are new federal restrictions and an increasing number of court rulings that limit states' options for trimming their programs....Other restrictions on states come from [Obamacare], which prevents states from doing anything that would lower enrollment. In addition, a new federal rule proposed late last year would require states to produce data showing that cuts to hospital and doctor fees won't make it harder for Medicaid patients to get the care they need....[Under Obamacare,] states are barred from doing anything that would lower Medicaid enrollment below the income levels called for in the national health law's 2014 Medicaid expansion. That includes raising premiums and co-pays to levels the federal government considers unaffordable for low-income patients. That leaves states with relatively few options when it comes to controlling Medicaid costs. They can reduce provider fees and eliminate optional benefits.

As the article demonstrates, Medicaid is a large – and growing – share of state budgets, and has increasingly begun to crowd out other potential priorities like education, corrections, transportation, etc. Yet Obamacare only makes this budgetary mess worse, imposing new unfunded mandates of at least \$118 billion <<http://bit.ly/j2bjtL>>. Thus, even as the states (slowly) start to recover from the budgetary effects of the recession, the budgetary effects of Obamacare will have consequences for years – even decades – to come.

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**From:** [Mark McCullough](#)  
**To:** [Glen Mulready](#); [Lewis H. Moore](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Jonathan Buxton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange: Advisory Work Groups  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2011 12:07:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Key Advisory Work Groups Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange 2011.pdf](#)  
[Heritage Meeting Notes, 4-12-10.doc](#)

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Glen, Lewis,

Ya'll two definitely need to be on one of these sub-groups. I probably should too. We all hate Obamacare, but the train has left the station and our job now is to INFLUENCE the process and INFORM elected officials until Congress can shut this thing down. In the process, we may be able to set up a framework for a "Utah" market based exchange (which is evidently working quite well) to slide in place of the Federal monstrosity. Look...the AGENCIES are out in front on this....just like the guys at that Heritage conference told us would happen. We HAVE to stay informed and relevant to the process OR WE WILL GET ROLLED - its in my notes! I attached them again - just for giggles.

Mark

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**From:** Derek Lieser [Derek.Lieser@okhca.org]  
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**To:** Derek Lieser  
**Subject:** Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange: Advisory Work Groups

**RE: Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange – ADVISORY WORK GROUP Signup Information**

Greetings Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange Stakeholders & Interested Parties:

Developing a common understanding of what an Oklahoma State Healthcare Exchange must do is a critical first step in the creation of a strategic road map for the Exchange. To accomplish this step, Key Advisory Work Groups and sub-groups will be formed to develop recommendations on Exchange related issues. Each Work Group and sub-group will be responsible to meet, discuss and perform research to develop recommendations and advise on language to be used for the development of a strategic plan for the Exchange. Advisory Work Group participation will require an estimated 3 month commitment.

Following are Key Issues, around which Advisory Work Groups and sub-groups will be created:

1. Governance & Administrative Structure
2. Eligibility Process & Infrastructure
3. Enrollment
4. Information Technology
5. Carrier & Plan Selection
6. Financial Management
7. Education & Marketing

Attached to this email is a spreadsheet listing questions and considerations for each of the seven Key Issues. The spreadsheet also identifies the Project Manager who will act as liaison for each Advisory Work Group. Please keep in

mind that the list of questions and considerations is not intended to be exhaustive and is provided as a tool which can be used by the Advisory Work Groups to initiate and focus group discussions. Each Advisory Work Group will be provided additional resources by the Project Managers as well as be responsible to perform independent research on its assigned Key Issue.

In preparation of our meeting next Wednesday, please review the attached list and take careful consideration as to which Advisory Work Group(s) you would like to participate. Advisory Work Group and sub-group participation will be assigned based upon the knowledge, demonstrated leadership experience and areas of expertise of each participant as well as each participant's ability to commit the time, effort and resources needed to adequately address the assigned Key Issue. In most cases participants will be assigned to the Advisory Work Group(s) of their choice.

Your active participation will be a deciding factor in determining Oklahoma's success in the development of an Exchange. Additional information about the formation and requirements of the Work Groups will be provided at the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am -12:00pm, General Stakeholder meeting. We look forward to seeing you then to further discussion regarding your participation in the Advisory Work Groups.

***Thank you!***

Exchange Project Managers,  
Derek Lieser & Nicole Prieto Johns

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**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 1:05:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [attachment.pdf](#)  
[Early Adopter Grant \(one file\).pdf](#)

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Here are the actual requirements for the Exchange grant along with an executive summary.  
Mark

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Rep. McCullough,

Per your request.

Thanks,  
Nico

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**From:** Buffy Heater  
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**To:** Nico Gomez  
**Subject:** RE: Oklahoma wins an Early Innovator Grant

Attached is the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) from HHS/OCIIO. This is the federal grant guidance provided to states prior to the submission of the state-specific proposals. Pages 4-9 contain the executive summary.

The second attachment is Oklahoma's proposal explaining how federal grant funds will be used. Page 1 contains the executive summary.

Let me know if you need additional information.

Buffy

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**From:** Mark McCullough  
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Nico,  
Please send me a full copy of the grant [requirements](#) with an executive summary.  
Thanks.  
Mark

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**From:** Nico Gomez [mailto:Nico.Gomez@okhca.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:04 AM  
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**Subject:** Oklahoma wins an Early Innovator Grant

Dear Representatives McCullough and Mulready,

As I mentioned to you previously, Oklahoma via the Oklahoma Health Care Authority applied for the federal early innovator grant to build the IT infrastructure necessary for a state-based health insurance exchange. As you can see below, our application was successful. The official announcement is being made this afternoon in Washington D.C. There will be a lot of work ahead of everyone but this allows the state to make our own plan. I also wanted to note that 97 percent of these funds are planned to be spent through private vendor contracts. I do not have a lot of detail at this time but I am happy to answer any questions or provide you additional information.

Thanks,  
Nico

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Wednesday, February 16, 2011

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## **States Leading the Way on Implementation: HHS Awards “Early Innovator” Grants to Seven States**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced the award of seven cooperative agreements to help a group of “Early Innovator” states design and implement the information technology (IT) infrastructure needed to operate Health Insurance Exchanges. These states are leading the way on building a better health insurance marketplace, one that allows individuals and small-business owners to pool their purchasing power to negotiate lower rates. Using these new funds, the Early Innovator states will develop Exchange IT models that can be adopted and tailored by other states.

Kansas, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wisconsin, and a consortium of New England states will receive a total of approximately \$241 million. Information on how much each state or consortium will receive and how each will use the grant funds is available at [www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/exchanges02162011a.html](http://www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/exchanges02162011a.html).

“Early Innovator states will play a critical role in developing a consumer-friendly marketplace where insurers must compete to deliver the best deal,” said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. “These grants ensure that consumers in every state will be able to easily navigate their way through health insurance options.”

Starting in 2014, Exchanges will help individuals and small employers shop for, select, and enroll in high-quality, affordable private health plans that fit their individual needs at competitive prices. By providing a place for one-stop shopping, Exchanges will make purchasing health insurance easier and more understandable. Similar to any consumer-based industry such as the airline or banking industries, sophisticated, consumer-friendly IT infrastructure will be critical to the success of the Exchanges. Although Exchanges are not scheduled to launch until 2014, work is already underway to design and implement them across the country. As states prepare, they have requested early funding assistance to develop the right IT, particularly with respect to eligibility and enrollment systems.

All Early Innovator states have committed to assuring that the technology they develop is reusable and transferable. Using the grants, they will develop the building blocks for Exchange IT systems, providing models for how Exchange IT systems can be created. This will help states to establish their Exchanges quickly and efficiently using the models and building blocks created by the Early Innovator states. At the same time, states continue to have the flexibility to develop an Exchange that best meets the needs of their unique health insurance market without having to start from scratch.

The seven grantees offer a diversity that will be valuable to all states as they work to set up their Exchanges. The grantees represent different regions of the country, as well as different Exchange

governance structures and Information Systems. This diversity will help ensure that a wide range of IT models are developed, and every state will benefit.

"Everyone wins," said Don Berwick. "This grant program means that states don't have to waste money reinventing the wheel, and consumers get the best of the best."

**Summary of Early Innovator Grants**

- **Kansas:** Kansas Insurance Department, \$31,537,465
- **Maryland:** Maryland Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, \$6,227,454
- **Multi-State Consortia:** University of Massachusetts Medical School, \$35,591,333
- **New York:** New York Department of Health, \$27,431,432
- **Oklahoma:** Oklahoma Health Care Authority, \$54,582,269
- **Oregon:** Oregon Health Authority, \$48,096,307
- **Wisconsin:** Wisconsin Department of Health Services, \$37,757,266

For more information on grant specifics and state summaries, please visit [www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/exchanges02162011a.html](http://www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/exchanges02162011a.html).

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FYI- Opinion Editorial from Governor Otter of Idaho!

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## OPINION

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# **REAL MEDICAID REFORM WILL REQUIRE LISTENING AND LEARNING FROM THE STATES**

*By Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter*

For millions of people, Medicaid has become a lifeline – more important in many ways than family or community. For some, it is a profit center. For others, it is a nightmare of bureaucracy, entitlement, and too often disappointment.

Nationally, healthcare costs continue grabbing headlines, and the issue will be a major part of the 2012 political debate.

Meanwhile, Idaho and other states are working hard to create public-private healthcare partnerships and foster local solutions – and along the way to nudge the national Medicaid reform discussion toward common sense and reality.

Many aspects of our healthcare system are linked to Medicaid, the taxpayer-funded health benefits program for those meeting eligibility criteria including poverty and disability. Idaho and other states have been grappling with the complexities and challenges of this massive government program and its federal mandates since the 1960s. Medicaid cost the State of Idaho nearly \$359 million in the fiscal year ending July 1, and it will take up a projected 18 percent of Idaho's General Fund budget in the new fiscal year.

That's to say nothing of how much it costs Idahoans in federal tax dollars every year.

In May, U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah and Congressman Fred Upton of Michigan sent a letter to all governors asking for feedback on the challenges they face and for ideas on how to make Medicaid work better.

They cited the fact that both Democrat and Republican governors have expressed the need for Medicaid reform, seeking to replicate the successful model used in overhauling the welfare system in the 1990s.

“Solutions for sustainable welfare reform came from the states – not just Washington – and the same model will work to fix Medicaid,” they wrote. And I couldn’t agree more.

I recently joined 27 other Republican governors in signing a letter responding to the request for input. We agreed first and foremost that Obamacare should be repealed to allow states the opportunity – and the flexibility – to keep addressing our unique healthcare challenges.

We agreed that Medicaid should be reformed in a comprehensive and sustainable manner, not only to improve care for our nation’s most vulnerable citizens, but also to address the inequities, inefficiencies, excess costs, fraud, waste and abuse that unfortunately are far too prevalent in Medicaid programs across the country.

An expanded report detailing recommendations built upon each state’s input is being developed for Senator Hatch and Congressman Upton.

Idaho’s input will be extremely valuable in helping Congress understand how states with smaller populations are impacted by the Medicaid system – through our budgets and the wellbeing of our citizens – and what we already have found will work to improve it.

Understandably, the news media’s focus has been on our legal challenge to Obamacare, confronting an unconstitutional abuse of power and asserting our rights as citizens of a sovereign state. But that’s only part of the story. Little attention has been paid to our efforts to more effectively coordinate Idaho initiatives in healthcare through the work of the Idaho Health Care Council.

I established the council in 2010 to support and implement Idaho’s best solutions in making healthcare more accessible and affordable. Together – patients and physicians, hospitals and insurers, employers and employees – are helping us develop innovative, sustainable and market-based solutions to improve healthcare right here at home without waiting for federal permission, directives or mandates.

But we’re not alone in working to move our healthcare system in the right direction. I am collaborating with 27 other governors and their states, as well as our congressional delegations, in a unified effort to reform Medicaid in a way that implements proven best practices and leverages both public and private resources.

Our shared goal is to establish and maintain a responsible safety net for our children’s and grandchildren’s generations without breaking our economy or putting those same generations and beyond even deeper in debt. And we are committed to doing it without giving up our self-determination or freedom.

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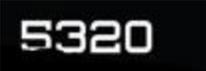
Julie asked that I forward to you the PowerPoint presentations presented yesterday. I have attached them in pdf format as well as in PowerPoint. Sorry for the delay in getting these to you. Let me know if you need anything additional or have difficulty opening the documents.

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Oklahoma could save  lives each year by just meeting the national average on health indicators.

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Please see the below press release from Senator Hatch regarding the attached GAO Medicaid Report, which found billions in unaccountable Medicaid dollars for FY 2009.

Best,  
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## Senate Committee on Finance

U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Ranking Member

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**HATCH: GAO REPORT CONFIRMS NEED FOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS TO MEDICAID**

*Utah Senator Says, "This report exposes problems with massive expansions of a program that already yields billions of dollars in waste, let's act now and implement robust, structural reforms that will preserve the long-term viability of this safety net program for the most vulnerable Americans."*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, today said a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that found billions of wasteful dollars in the Medicaid program demonstrates the clear need for concrete, structural reforms that will help guarantee the system's long-term solvency. The report, which was requested by Hatch, found billions in unaccountable Medicaid dollars for fiscal year (FY) 2009.

"The President's \$2.6 trillion health law – the cornerstone of his domestic agenda – "covered" half its newly insured through Medicaid, already an unsustainable, budget-busting entitlement program," **said Hatch, whose Committee has jurisdiction over the Medicaid program.** "But as demonstrated by the nonpartisan

GAO, the Obama Administration once again bit off more than they can chew and remains woefully unprepared for the largest expansion of Medicaid in history. This report exposes problems with massive expansions of a program that already yields billions of dollars in waste, let's act now and implement robust, structural reforms that will preserve the long-term viability of this safety net program for the most vulnerable Americans."

States report two sets of data to the federal government for purposes of the Medicaid program: CMS-64 data, which is usually reported on time, aggregates state expenditures for purposes of getting payments from the federal government, and MSIS data, which is routinely 3 years late in coming, represents how the money was spent on individual beneficiaries. The CMS-64 and the MSIS databases are off by about 10 percent every year, and while some of the differences can be accounted for, there are billions of Medicaid dollars unexplained every year.

Key findings from the GAO Report follow and a full copy of the report can be found [HERE](#):

- **In 2009, \$43 billion could not be traced directly back to Medicaid beneficiaries:** "In fiscal year 2009, the difference between MSIS and CMS-64 was \$43 billion. Much of the difference was primarily the result of the different designs of each data set. CMS uses MSIS data for beneficiary-specific expenditures, while CMS-64 data are used to compute the federal financial participation for each state's Medicaid program costs. However, even after adjusting for DSH payments, Medicare premiums, prescription drug rebates, and Medicaid health insurance payments, differences remain. In fiscal year 2009, total MSIS expenditure data, after adjustments, showed MSIS at 94 percent of CMS-64 expenditures, which left billions of dollars unexplained."
- **States are generally 3 years late in telling the federal government how they spent Medicaid money:** "The 3-year lag in states' reporting of MSIS data prevents its use for timely oversight of beneficiary-related utilization and other spending trends. For example, identifying a difference in hospital expenditures between MSIS and CMS-64 is of limited use when detected 3 years later. If states were meeting the current requirement of providing MSIS data 45 days after each quarter, then such comparisons could provide more useful and timely information."
- **Medicaid continues to be an easy target for waste, fraud, and abuse – a program in dire need of reform not a massive expansion:** "Medicaid is on GAO's high-risk list because of vulnerabilities to waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement." "This is critical given that Medicaid, a program that GAO identified on our high-risk list, has among the highest estimated improper payments of any federal program reporting such data."

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Please find the press release which was just sent regarding the filing of the amicus brief. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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## **Republican Governors Public Policy Committee Files Amicus Brief in Supreme Court Case Challenging Obamacare**

The Republican Governors Association policy arm, the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee, filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court arguing against the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The brief was filed through Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The filing marks the first time that the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee has ever submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court.

“While the amicus focuses on the individual mandate, this case is about far more than just that component,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The Obama administration’s healthcare takeover grants sweeping authority to the federal bureaucracy to dictate to individuals, churches, charities, hospitals, schools, businesses and states how they must operate. This is the opposite of the vision of America set forth by our nation’s founders.”

“At its core, this case is about the future of America, and whether we maintain our identity as a federal republic, or creep ever closer to a centralized government in which all the power flows out of Washington,” McDonnell concluded.

The full brief can be found by clicking [HERE](#), and a summary of its arguments is below:

## SUMMARY

**I. THE PRESUMPTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY ATTACHING TO PPACA IS WEAK OWING TO THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS EMPLOYED IN ITS ENACTMENT.** There is doctrinal and philosophical support for such a presumption resting upon notions of separation of powers, particularly where it appears PPACA was not passed through any process resembling regular order. The United States Senate passed PPACA late on Christmas Eve 2009 as a floor substitute on a straight party line vote. The legislative vehicle was a House tax bill chosen to satisfy the Originating Clause for the taxes in PPACA. PPACA passed the Senate on cloture with considerable minority protest. To the extent that a presumption of constitutionality arises from regular order and a hard look by Congress at the limits of its own power, those conditions are simply not present.

**II. THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HERETOFORE HAS NEVER CLAIMED THE POWER TO REQUIRE A CITIZEN TO PURCHASE A GOOD OR SERVICE FROM ANOTHER CITIZEN TENDS TO NEGATE THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POWER.** In the case of PPACA, the lack of historical precedent was well known to Congress before it acted. At the heart of PPACA is § 1501, which generally requires American citizens to purchase a good or service from other citizens, namely, a health insurance policy. When the Senate Finance Committee asked the Congressional Research Service whether a mandate supported by a penalty would be constitutional, the response was equivocal: "Whether such a requirement would be constitutional under the Commerce Clause is perhaps the most challenging question posed by such a proposal, as it is a novel issue whether Congress may use this clause to require an individual to purchase a good or a service."

**III. THE MANDATE AND PENALTY ARE CONTRARY TO THE TEXT OF THE COMMERCE CLAUSE AND FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS.**

A. **The Mandate and Penalty are Not Supported by the Text of the Commerce Clause.** Noah Webster in 1828 defined commerce as "an interchange or mutual change of goods, wares, productions, or property of any kind, between nations or individuals, either by barter, or by purchase and sale; trade; traffick." This is commerce. Its hallmarks are spontaneity and voluntary activity; not a command to buy something. The claim that commerce means not commercial activity but mere passivity is violently discordant with any normal use of the word commerce at the founding or at any subsequent time.

B. **The Historical Context in which the Commerce Clause was Drafted Makes it Highly Unlikely that it Included a Power to Command a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services From Another Citizen.** The founding generation would have regarded as preposterous any suggestion that Great Britain could have solved its colonial problems by commanding Americans to purchase tea under the generally conceded power of parliament to regulate commerce.

C. **There is No Tradition of Using the Commerce Clause to Require a Citizen to Purchase Goods or Services from Another Citizen.** Because this regime viewed the regulation even of economic activity as illegitimate unless that activity harmed or threatened harm to someone else, *Lochner v. New York*, 198 U.S. 45 (1905), it is inconceivable that the Commerce Clause prior to 1938 would have been deemed to validly reach inactivity. The question thus becomes, has the Supreme Court decided any case in the post-*Lochner* era that has extended the Commerce Clause far enough to cover the mandate and penalty?

D. **The Mandate and Penalty are Outside the Existing Outer Limits of the Commerce Clause and Associated Necessary and Proper Clause as Measured by Supreme Court Precedent.** "[E]ven if [an] activity be local and though it may not be regarded as commerce, it may still, whatever its nature, be reached by Congress if it exerts a substantial economic effect on interstate commerce, and this irrespective of whether such effect is what might at some earlier time have been defined as 'direct' or 'indirect.'" *Wickard*, 317 U.S. at 125 (emphasis added). *Wickard* marks the affirmative outer limits of the Commerce Clause.

Since *Wickard*, the Supreme Court has proceeded no further than to hold that Congress can regulate three things under the Commerce Clause: (1) "use of the channels of interstate commerce" (2) "the instrumentalities of interstate commerce," and (3) "activities that substantially affect interstate commerce." *U.S. v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. at 558-59. "[T]he Federal balance is too essential a part of our constitutional structure and plays too vital a role in securing freedom for us to admit inability to intervene when one or the other level of Government has tipped the scales too far." *Id.* at 578.

None of this is changed by an appeal to the Necessary and Proper Clause. This Court elsewhere has emphatically held that the Necessary and Proper Clause is limited by general principles of federalism independent of any direct prohibition. *Alden v. Maine*, 527 U.S. 706 (1999) ("When a 'Law . . . for carrying into Execution' the Commerce Clause violates the principle of state sovereignty reflected in the various constitutional provisions . . . it is not a 'Law . . . proper for carrying into Execution the Commerce Clause,' and is thus, in the words of The Federalist, 'merely [an] act of usurpation' which 'deserves to be treated as such.'") (citing *Printz*, 521 U.S. at 923-24). It simply does not matter how "necessary" the mandate and penalty might be to the congressional scheme if the end being pursued is improper under the Necessary and Proper Clause.

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Guys—

In an effort to make you guys aware of moving parts for the Governors' meeting in Las Vegas, below is a summary of your subcommittee's report. I expect most of the policy portion to be dedicated to Obamacare and the conversations as of late, and I do not expect governors to be asked to make a subcommittee report. Nevertheless, I wanted to share with you what we have prepared for your committee. Let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Marie

**Federalism (Fallin and Brownback)**

- This subcommittee worked with the other committees to weave themes of Federalism throughout the language used in reports, letters and press releases.
- This subcommittee also has investigated potential partnerships with other organizations, such as the National Association of Counties to evaluate unfunded mandates.

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## **RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell: How Much Longer Will the President Ignore Governors?**

The Republican Governors Association released a new letter today reiterating the need for additional guidance on the Medicaid and Health Insurance Exchanges provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

In the 80 days since 29 Republican governors first submitted their questions, the Obama Administration has only addressed a few of the questions in any meaningful way.

Click [HERE](#) to read the letter.

“Thirty months have passed since the President signed Obamacare into law, and it ought to be alarming that the Democrats who wrote the legislation are still trying to figure out what’s in it,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “Unfortunately, this ill-conceived law has serious consequences for patients and doctors as well as taxpayers and state governments.”

“We are now nearly two-thirds of the way to the law’s alleged implementation date. How much longer will the Obama Administration make governors wait to have our questions answered?” McDonnell asked.

“As governors continue to wait for answers, it becomes more and more clear that Obamacare needs to be repealed and replaced, and the only way to do that is by electing Mitt Romney in November,” McDonnell concluded.

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AO's and Healthcare Advisors:

Please find RGA's response to HHS's letter to us attached.

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## **RGA Continues to Press HHS for Answers**

The Republican Governors Association released a letter today written by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell, Chairman of the RGA, addressing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [letter](#) declining to directly address the [30 questions](#) about the future of Medicaid and Health Insurance Exchanges raised by Republican governors last week.

In fact, as part of the official response to the governors' very specific questions, the Department stated, "more guidance will be issued in the year and a half before the Medicaid eligibility expansion and exchanges begin."

A copy of Governor McDonnell's letter is attached, and an excerpt is below:

*On July 10<sup>th</sup> I wrote a letter on behalf of the 29 republican governors asking 30 specific questions about the implementation of exchanges and the expansion of Medicaid. The July 13, 2012 letter from Acting Administrator Marilyn Tavenner was a cordial but vague response from the Obama Administration. With the challenging and detailed work ahead for our nation to address the issues of health care, the letter was wholly inadequate. The response was neither substantive nor serious and appeared to be more of a marketing tool than serious problem solving...*

*...As you may have seen from the reports from the National Governors Association meeting that I was honored to host in Williamsburg, Virginia, a majority of the nation's governors are uncertain about the major decisions which must be made on what kinds of exchanges to implement, whether to expand Medicaid, and how the vast new bureaucracies will be paid for and administered in a nation \$16 trillion in debt.*

*Therefore we need specific answers, not general platitude. If you don't know the answers, please tell us. Otherwise, please address the many serious questions we have on these issues, and please answer the NGA staff as well on the issues raised on behalf of ALL the nation's governors...*

*... We do not need yet another tour that promotes PPACA but ignores the realities of implementation of a more than 2000 page bill that few read.*

*I've taken the liberty of reattaching our list of questions. Specific, written responses to each question would be most beneficial to governors and our staffs. Hopefully, your administration is willing and able to cooperate with the nation's governors by answering each question thoroughly. I look forward to hearing from you.*

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## **RGA Letter on Medicaid and Exchanges to President Obama**

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, sent a letter on behalf of Republican governors to President Obama today seeking clarification on critical outstanding questions related to the federal health care law in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision.

To read a copy of the letter in its entirety, click [HERE](#). An excerpt of Governor McDonnell's letter, including the questions, is below:

While we continue to believe the best option is to fully repeal and replace the PPACA, states now confront numerous deadlines and face major policy decisions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision. Before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs.

The states' burden of the expansion population as well as administrative costs remains significant. Increased spending on Medicaid crowds out resources available to states to spend on other meaningful priorities like education, the environment, public safety and infrastructure.

Moreover, even before increasing the Medicaid-eligible population as prescribed by PPACA, Medicaid has been on an unsustainable path, comprising a growing share of state budgets every year. It is difficult to see how expanding Medicaid without reform would do anything other than put more strain on state budgets and the taxpayers, especially when considering that many pernicious provisions that curtail state flexibility remain.

While the Supreme Court decision focused on the states' role in determining whether a Medicaid

expansion is in the best interest of its citizens, states also face other PPACA-related decisions, like whether to establish a state based health-insurance exchange or accept the default of a federal exchange. As the exchange issue is currently interpreted, states are essentially being tasked with shouldering all the responsibility without any authority.

If states determine that a Medicaid expansion is not in the best interests of its citizens, it is likely that there will be a significant gap in coverage for low-income individuals who do not qualify for tax credits. We believe it is incumbent upon the authors of PPACA and your Administration to detail precisely how you intend to address this situation.

We also believe that it is unlikely that the federal government will have fully functional exchanges in place by the Fall of 2013 in order for millions of Americans to be able to purchase coverage beginning January 2014. We respectfully request the Administration provide the detailed work plan that demonstrates these deadlines will be met. If they cannot be met, the responsible course would be for HHS to level with us and the American people. We also do not understand how the federal government can begin to afford to implement PPACA, with deficits already over \$1 trillion in every year of your presidency, and the debt growing \$5 trillion in the past 3 years to an outrageous record of nearly \$16 trillion.

The consequences of governors' decisions will impact our states – and the nation – for decades to come, so we must have all the information needed to choose wisely. We have taken the liberty of compiling below just some of the critical questions that must have answers before states can determine best how to proceed in light of the Court's decision. We undertake this task with a sense of great responsibility, and resolve to only move forward when we have full and complete knowledge of all the implications of our decision.

#### Healthcare Exchanges:

- 1.) Please provide a complete list of regulations that will have to be reviewed, revised and re-opened for public comment prior to implementation as a result of the Supreme Court ruling (e.g., the Medicaid eligibility regulations, exchange regulations related to interface with Medicaid)? What is the schedule for re-issuing these regulations?
- 2.) When will either additional guidance or actual rules be issued on essential health benefits, actuarial value and rating areas be issued?
- 3.) The federal government has already extended deadlines for applying for Level 1 and Level 2 Exchange Establishment funding into 2014. Can we expect extensions of the deadlines for implementation given the uncertainty caused by the Supreme Court ruling and the linkage between Medicaid expansion and exchange eligibility and enrollment functions? In addition, will the deadlines change for states implementing a partnership exchange? Will the deadlines be extended for states implementing a federal exchange?
- 4.) When will the details of the federal partnership options be available? These cannot be considered as an option without details including cost estimates. How will the long term funding of the federally-facilitated healthcare exchanges be sustained?
- 5.) States considering a state-based exchange need to know whether there will be a charge and by how much to use the federal data hub, advance premium tax credit/cost-sharing reduction service, risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance programs.
- 6.) When will states learn the details of the operational systems for a federal exchange? The procedural, technical, and architectural requirements for linking to the federal exchange have not been released. It is not feasible to know if a state-based exchange is better for our citizens until we know what the contents of a federal exchange will be. Taking grant money at this time for state exchange creation may be wasted if a federal exchange makes more

sense for a particular state.

- 7.) When will information from the establishment of a federal exchange be available for states to use if a state opts to build its own exchange? It is costly for each state to have to start from scratch and still not know how interfaces will work.
- 8.) If states choose to build a state-based exchange, what dollars will the federal government contribute now and in the future? For the federal exchange states, when will the regulations regarding the imposition of taxes on a state's insurers be released?
- 9.) It has been widely reported that Congressional leaders who have to appropriate money will seek to defund exchanges. Please explain how the enactment provisions of the law allow the Executive Branch to continue to fund exchanges without Congressional action to appropriate money.
- 10.) What happens to a state that has taken exchange planning and implementation grants if their exchange is not financially viable after 2015? Can a state refuse to increase taxes on either its residents or insurers, thus putting the financial underpinning of an exchange at risk? What penalties does the federal government envision in this case?
- 11.) What happens if a state accepts grant money now to begin to build a state exchange, and subsequently determines that a federal exchange may be better? Will the federal government claw back these grant dollars from the states?
- 12.) What impact will changes to the Medicaid expansion have on exchange implementation? The federal exchange is currently structured to provide Medicaid eligibility determination. How will this work if some states participate and others do not?
- 13.) Last month the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) pointed out a provision in the law that reduces exchange subsidies after 2018, which means fewer and fewer people will qualify for subsidies, and the people who do qualify will get a smaller and smaller subsidy. Does the Administration support that change, and if so, how would you pay for it? If you do not, why do you think people should be forced to buy insurance if federal subsidies are shrinking?
- 14.) CMS has released 90/10 funding under ARRA and HITECH in order for states to improve their eligibility systems for Medicaid and other social service programs. Will that funding continue?
- 15.) Alongside the considerable challenge of greatly expanding the Medicaid program, states are charged by the PPACA with creating a single, seamless point of entry for all of the insurance affordability programs affected by the Act--Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Basic Health Plan (where offered), advance tax credits for individual and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) exchange enrollees. This leaves another major question on the table. What about all of the other social service programs? Will states still be able to create an eligibility system for all social service programs under the 90/10 funding mechanism?
- 16.) In order to minimize disruptions to a state's insurance market, The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required to certify multi-state plans that must be included in every exchange, when will the rules be released detailing the requirements and timeline for multi-state plans. How OPM structures these rules can be very disruptive to a state's insurance market.
- 17.) Does the federal government intend to maintain high risk pools and how will they be financed? What actions will they take in a state that has opted not to operate a high risk pool or an exchange?

## Medicaid

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- 1.) When can we expect to receive updated guidance on Medicaid expansion and related topics?
- 2.) Is there a deadline for letting the federal government know if a state will be participating in the Medicaid expansion? How does that relate to the exchange declaration deadline? The two programs are currently scheduled to be implemented simultaneously in January 2014.
- 3.) Will states that expand Medicaid coverage up to a level below 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), for example up to 100% of FPL, still receive the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available for “newly covered” populations?
- 4.) Will states be allowed to phase in Medicaid coverage up to 138% of FPL (or 100% FPL) years after 2013 and still receive the enhanced FMAP?
- 5.) Does the MOE requirement apply to the expansion population or does it apply only to the current Medicaid population? If a state accepts the expansion, but the federal match goes away, can we drop out of the expansion program? Will you waive the MOE under your 1115 waiver authority? What will be the penalties for failure to comply with MOE requirements? Since the MOE was a direct result of the expansion funding, if a state chooses not to expand is the MOE no longer effective?
- 6.) Regarding the two year increase in Medicaid reimbursement for primary care codes, are you going to extend it? If so, how are you going to pay for it? Congressional Republicans have expressed opposition to any funded for PPACA.
- 7.) Will states still be required to convert their income counting methodology to MAGI for purposes of determining eligibility regardless of whether they expand to the optional adult group? If so, how do states link the categorical eligibility criteria to the MAGI? How will the federal exchanges utilize the state’s criteria?
- 8.) If a state expanded Medicaid through a waiver prior to enactment of the PPACA, but then chooses not to expand coverage further, are they still eligible for the 75% to 90% enhanced FMAP for the previously expanded population?
- 9.) Will the federal government support options for the Medicaid expansion population that encourage personal responsibility – cost sharing or accountability provisions, the use of high deductible plans such as Health Savings Accounts, and other options at the state’s choice?
- 10.) What specific plans and timeline do you have for enacting the reforms and flexibility options for Medicaid that you spoke of in 2009? When can states give further input on the needed reforms?
- 11.) You have stated that you will not deport undocumented aliens who have not committed a crime. You have also said that these undocumented aliens will be exempt from the individual mandate. How will the state be reimbursed for medical services given to these individuals?
- 12.) Will CMS approve global waivers with an aggregate allotment, state flexibility, and accountability if states are willing to initiate a portion of the expansion?
- 13.) The Disproportionate Share allotments will be reduced every year with a methodology based in the reduction in the number of uninsured. One, when will HHS issue the regulations and methodology for this reduction? Two, for a state that does not see a decrease in its uninsured population will the remaining state absorb the full reduction? In addition, can a state implement a new DSH Diversion program as part of the optional expansion? Can a state implement new DSH Diversion programs for services to the

uninsured/uncompensated care services?

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## **RGA Letter to the President: Time to Engage on Healthcare**

RGA Chairman Governor Bob McDonnell and Governor Bobby Jindal sent a letter today to President Obama asking him to extend the deadline for choosing a health insurance exchange and requesting a meeting with him to discuss the many state responsibilities required under the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the lack of guidance provide by his Administration thus far.

In order to be compliant with federal guidance states must decide whether or not they will choose to move forward with a state based healthcare exchange by November 16. The

guidance Friday from Secretary Sebelius extends the date only for the election of a partnership exchange, and subsequently for the federal exchange.

As it stands, current guidance contains numerous instances where it mentions that further rulemaking or guidance will be issued, making it difficult for states to make the best decision for their unique populations. In addition, last Thursday, HHS submitted two proposed regulations to OMB, hinting that the Administration had the information necessary for states to make their decisions but was waiting until after the election to release.

“The lack of a complete and open rulemaking process and the deficit of information being shared with states have created a virtual roadblock for governors, who must decipher what type of exchange is appropriate for their state,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “We are asking for the President to intervene with HHS, push the deadline and engage directly with governors of both parties in a serious dialogue about healthcare exchanges and overall healthcare reform in our states.”

In their letter, the governors’ wrote: “As has been stated many times, before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs. In the near term, we need to better understand how the federal government will implement a federal exchange as it is clear most states will not be ready on their own. We also have concerns about future cost shifting to states, and need certainty as we prepare our budgets, many of which are biennial budgets. We also remain very concerned about the unsustainable deficits and national debt, and the reality that imprudent implementation of PPACA will contribute dramatically to an increase in both.”

In August of 2011, the Republican governors submitted 31 specific solutions for Medicaid reform to improve the delivery of service and reduce costs for the federal government and states. When healthcare reform was discussed in 2010 and PPACA ultimately passed, no governor was invited to provide input into the nation’s healthcare overhaul.

“The American people want Republicans and Democrats to work together to move our country forward, and we ask the President and his Cabinet to work with governors to honestly address the real concerns we have about the health care law and our nation’s healthcare system as a whole,” said Governor Bobby Jindal.

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## **RGA Statement on New Health Insurance Exchange Regulations**

Republican Governors Association Chairman Bob McDonnell issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Health Human Services' release of [new regulations](#) governing Health Insurance Exchanges:

“Once again, the Obama administration has overpromised, oversold and under-delivered, this time with regards to granting states the flexibility needed to establish and maintain health insurance exchanges. The regulations issued today by the Department of Health and Human Services extend the federal government’s reach into the states and will cost the states millions of dollars annually to operate. This Administration’s inability to provide critical guidance to their broken healthcare reform mandate gives more and more credence to the necessity of the Supreme Court ruling this law unconstitutional.”

### **Shortcomings of the Regulations**

- No clarity on what benefit mandates will be imposed on states
- No clarity on cost-sharing
- No clarity on risk adjustment and reinsurance
- No clarity on the federal health insurance exchange that would be forced upon states if they refuse to implement the law
- No clarity regarding who will pay for a federal health insurance exchange
- No clarity on "partnership exchanges"

### **Bottom Line**

Rather than provide clarity, the rule opens new questions and is silent on the most crucial pieces of information for states. To date, HHS has not issued proposed rules in many of the areas listed above.

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## **RGA Statement on Supreme Court Decision**

Republican Governors Association Chairman Bob McDonnell issued the following statement regarding the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

“Today's ruling crystallizes all that's at stake in November's election. The only way to stop Barack Obama's budget-busting health care takeover is by electing a new president.

Barack Obama's health care takeover encapsulates his Presidency: Obamacare increases taxes, grows the size of government and puts bureaucrats over patients while doing nothing to improve the economy.

It's never been more important that we elect a President who understands the marketplace and will make job creation his top priority. By replacing Barack Obama with Mitt Romney, we will not only stop the federal government's healthcare takeover, but will also take a giant step towards a full economic recovery.”

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### Action officers,

Per our meeting on Monday, I indicated I would make you aware of the documents provided to your COSs for tomorrow's COS call. As we discussed, many of the COSs hope this to be strictly a peer to peer conversation with other COSs. We want them to be as prepared as possible in their discussion and we hope this advance agenda is helpful to you. None of this should be new information and many of the documents are documents you've already received. There is a summary of goals for the subcommittees. This is still in draft form but we will discuss these activities on Monday.

Thanks,  
Marie

### AGENDA

1. Roll Call (Marie Sanderson- RGPPC)
2. Welcome from the RGA Chairman (Martin Kent- VA)
  - a. NGA meeting coordination and White House meeting (suggested themes: Jobs and the Economy, healthcare, Energy, and unfunded mandates/federalism. Talking points will be forwarded to your state). *See schedule attached ("2012 NGA WM Program Draft for Staff")*
  - b. Healthcare lawsuit Amicus Brief- Deadline Feb. 6
3. Welcome from RGPPC Chairman (Earl Goode- IN)
  - a. Governor Daniels Best Practices E Harmony Effort; *see attached survey to complete included in Gov. Daniels' 11/15/2011 memo to governors ("2011 11 15 Daniels Memos to Govs")*. We are seeking responses from 13 more states. The first matching making session on Performance Management, taught by IN, is Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at

## RGPA in DC

4. Overview of efforts and attachments (Marie- RGPPC)
  - a. State of State Summary- *a draft summary is prepared, attached ("2012-02-01 State of States Summary2"). This memo will continued to be enhanced and updated as budgets are released and reviewed.*
  - b. State healthcare exchange update- *see two documents attached summarizing award grants is attached ("2012 0101 Healthcare Exchange Award Summary and 2012-02-03 Exchangestatus\_MW"). Neither are intended to label a state's position on healthcare exchanges.*
  - c. Energy Brief- *brief attached ("2012 COS EE Brief"). This brief is a summary of reports RGPPC is providing to energy staff.*
  - d. Surveys— *see surveys attached and links below to online versions ("2012 PPACA Survey, 2012 Energy and Env Regs Survey, 2012 Policy Contacts Survey")*
    1. PPACA and healthcare; *working with US Senate Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)
    2. Energy and Environment Regs; *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE\\_Regs\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE_Regs_Survey)
    3. Staff contacts; *RGPPC is enhancing our distribution of information. We are seeking the appropriate policy advisor for the various issue sets in each office. Survey requests contact information for staff or agency head.*  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DR8ZQ7E>
  - e. RGPPC Subcommittee Goals; *summary document attached ("COS Committee Update 2")*
  - f. RGPPC Events (TBD- beginning in May- Nov)
5. Other Business
  - a. Natural gas MOU (Denise Northrop- OK ) *see press materials and MOU attached ("NGV 01112 Bloomberg Bus Week, NGV 100311 GM Bi-Fuel Pickup, and NGV-MOU Amended 1-27-11")*
6. Logistics, Meet via conference call quarterly?

Thank you. We look forward to continuing our work with you and your teams.

Best,  
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Nearly 500 state lawmakers to press Supreme Court to uphold healthcare mandate ([The Hill](#))

5% of Americans account for half of health care spending ([USA Today](#))

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Universal American to acquire APS health care for \$227.5M ([Health Care IT News](#))

New, emerging health technologies take stage at Consumer Electronics show ([Fierce Health IT](#))

The fate of healthcare Reform – What to expect in 2012 ([New England Journal of Medicine](#))

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Some of you may already receive info from the RSC, so FYI.

Please note the highlighted paragraph below regarding Berwick's comments - - my understanding is that Governors are having a difficult time communicating with him?

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**From:** Murray, Joe  
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**Subject:** RSC Policy Brief & Action Item--Obamacare Florida Lawsuit Update

Late Tuesday afternoon, the federal government, through the Department of Justice, filed their official appeal and a request for an expedited appeal with the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in the Florida Obamacare lawsuit. The attached RSC Policy Brief highlights some key findings within Judge Roger Vinson's order granting the federal government a stay of his declaratory judgment ruling Obamacare unconstitutional pending appeal.

***Also, yesterday's CQ Today article yesterday (page 11) quoted Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administration Donald M. Berwick as stating, "I am talking with anyone in Congress who wants to talk with me. I enjoy it, and we're trying to find our way to a better health care system. That's the job I'm doing, and we have plenty of formats for interaction around that." This is not the first time that Administrator Berwick has offered to meet with any Member of Congress. At a November 17, 2010 Senate Finance Committee hearing, Administrator Berwick mentioned, "I want to have dialogue with you and all the Members of Congress...any request at an individual level to meet with any Member of Congress that's come my way I have said yes to and done it and I look forward to ongoing dialogue and exchange with this committee and all Members of Congress, it's my job to do that."***

Some RSC Members have already sat down and personally met with Administrator Berwick to discuss his role as Administrator to an agency whose budget is larger than the Pentagon's, his background, and any other health care related issue. We recommend that your boss consider making a similar request.

**Joseph R. Murray**

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**Subject:** Secretary Sebelius' Response to Governors' Letter Regarding State Flexibility to Implement the Affordable Care Act

Dear Colleague:

This afternoon, Secretary Sebelius responded to a letter co-signed by your Governor encouraging more state flexibility in implementing the Affordable Care Act, and in particular the Act's provisions relating to the establishment of state-based health insurance exchanges. The Secretary is sending a personalized letter to your Governor, but a copy of the language is attached.

Paul Dioguardi  
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AO's and Healthcare leads:

FYI- Senate files amicus brief too. We'll do a wrap up on the rest of the moving parts at the end of the week to prevent more inbox filling.....

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## Senators Challenge Insurance Mandate 43 Republicans Submit Amicus Brief On Behalf Of The Supreme Court Challenge Filed By States And Small Businesses

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and 42 of his colleagues filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court Monday on behalf of the bipartisan, multi-state challenge to the Democrats' health spending law.

"The Democrats' 2,700 page health spending bill represents an unprecedented and unconstitutional expansion of the federal government into the daily lives of every American," Sen. McConnell said. "Americans have rejected the law's mandate that they must buy government-approved health insurance, and we hope the Supreme Court will do the same."

The following are excerpts from the amicus brief:

"Put simply, Congress acted without constitutional authority in enacting the Individual Mandate of the PPACA. In so doing, it has damaged Congress' institutional legitimacy and has triggered severe conflicts between state and federal governments that the Constitution was carefully designed to avert."

"Because the Individual Mandate regulates a simple decision or choice not to purchase a particular product, it exceeds the proper scope of the Commerce Clause."

"If Congress may punish a decision to refrain from engaging in a private activity (namely, the purchase of health insurance) because the consequences of not engaging in it, in the aggregate, could substantially affect interstate commerce, then the Congress can require the purchase of virtually anything. For example, this same rationale would allow Congress to punish individuals for not purchasing a host of health-related products, such as vitamin supplements, the use of which could lower aggregate health costs. Indeed, it is hard to imagine any private decision not to purchase a particular good or service that does not have some economic impact when aggregated among millions of people. Under that rationale, the government could mandate any commercial activity."

The brief was signed by:

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO), Sen. John Boozman (R-AR), Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Sen. Daniel Coats (R-IN), Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK), Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID), Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC), Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY), Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV), Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND), Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Sen. Mike Johanns (R-NE), Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN), Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS), Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), Sen. James Risch (R-ID), Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Sen. John Thune (R-SD), Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Sen. David Vitter (R-LA), Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS).

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[Speaker of the House John Boehner](#)



## SOTU FACT: ObamaCare is Driving Up Costs & Jeopardizing Coverage for American Families

January 24, 2012 | Posted by Speaker Boehner's Press Office | [Permalink](#)

**CLAIM:** President Obama claims that ObamaCare is protecting access to health coverage for Americans.

- "I will not go back to the days when health insurance companies had unchecked

power to cancel your policy, deny you coverage, or charge women differently from men.” (President Obama, State of the Union Address, January 24, 2012

**FACT: ObamaCare is driving up premiums and jeopardizing coverage for millions of Americans. President Obama promised he would make our economy stronger, but policies like ObamaCare have made it worse.**

- “Contrary to the President, the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services] actuaries find that Obamacare will dramatically increase the near-term growth rate of health care costs. In 2014, the actuaries find that growth in the net cost of health insurance will increase by nearly 14 percent, compared to 3.5% if PPACA had never passed.” ([Forbes](#), 8/9/11)
- According to the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#), “employers’ spending on health coverage for workers spiked abruptly” in 2011, with the average cost of a family plan increasing by nine percent, and the average cost for an individual plan increasing by eight percent.
- A June 2011 [report](#) by McKinsey & Co. found that 30-50 percent of employers said they would stop offering health coverage once the bulk of ObamaCare took effect.
- A May 2011 PriceWaterhouseCoopers [survey](#) found that 84 percent of employers would make changes to their plan as a result of ObamaCare.
- Instead of adding to the challenges small businesses face, Republicans have voted to repeal ObamaCare and have put forth a [Plan for America’s Job Creators](#) that focuses on removing government barriers to job growth.

**QUOTE:** “If there’s a constant in the story of ObamaCare, it’s broken promises. ... Instead of lower costs, families and small businesses are being squeezed even further. Instead of keeping what they like, millions are being forced off their coverage. ... Together, we can repeal ObamaCare and replace it with common-sense reforms that lower costs and protect American jobs.” (Speaker John Boehner, [Press Release](#), 3/23/11)

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FYI on the memo below from Leader Cantor...

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**Subject:** Summer Legislative Agenda (Blackberry)

## MEMORANDUM

TO: House Republicans  
FR: Eric Cantor  
DT: Friday, May 25, 2012  
RE: Summer Legislative Agenda

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In line with our underlying principles for legislation, the House will move forward this summer with a number of proposals aimed at addressing job creation and the economy, reducing spending, and shrinking the size of the federal government while protecting and expanding liberty. Above all, we must continue to focus on economic growth and small business—producing results that get Americans back to work. The summer legislative schedule is detailed below for your review.

### MEMORIAL DAY TO FATHER'S DAY

Nearly 7,000 American servicemen and women have lost their lives in Operation

Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. There's no question that these tragic losses have made our country safer. Every day that goes by quietly on American soil is yet another silent reminder of the courageous blanket of freedom that our men and women in uniform have selflessly provided for us.

As we observe Memorial Day, it is critical that we ensure for the care and support of our returning heroes. To that end, the House will take up the Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs Appropriations bill on Thursday May 31, and Friday, June 1. This year's bill maintains funding at the FY12 appropriated level, taking into account our commitment to our Armed Forces and veterans and the reality of today's fiscal challenge. Chairman Hal Rogers and Subcommittee Chairman John Culberson should be commended for their work.

We will also pass our third authorization of the nation's intelligence community and its activities since taking the majority. I expect Chairman Mike Rogers' bill (H.R. 5743) to be brought forth and passed on Thursday, May 31, in a bipartisan manner. The Intelligence Committee's work this Congress has been truly impressive in restoring both the role of congressional oversight and bipartisanship, as well as needed policy solutions in rising threat areas like cyber security.

Members should be prepared to vote on Chairman Fred Upton's FDA user fee reform bill (H.R. 5651) on Wednesday, May 30. Chairman Upton's bipartisan bill brings needed reform to the federal drug and medical device approval process, enhancing the environment for American innovation and job growth. Though these programs expire at the end of September, the Energy and Commerce Committee hopes to complete negotiations with the Senate on a final bill by July 4th.

Related to the medical device industry is the draconian tax that is scheduled to go into effect under ObamaCare. This tax, to fund a flawed law, will have a negative impact on jobs in the medical device industry. Chairman Dave Camp and the Ways and Means Committee have done an excellent job highlighting this issue, as well as ObamaCare's ban on the use of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), and other accounts to purchase over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Regardless of the outcome of the Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of ObamaCare, we should all be able to agree on Erik Paulsen's bill to repeal the medical device tax (H.R. 436) and Lynn Jenkins' bill to repeal the OTC ban (H.R. 5842). I expect a vote on the Paulsen and Jenkins bills as early as the week of June 4.

The remainder of our pre-Father's Day legislative agenda will be spent considering additional appropriations bills. Though we continue to work with the Committee on an exact schedule, possible bills include Energy and Water Appropriations, Homeland Security Appropriations, and Legislative Branch Appropriations. Each bill conforms to the overall level of discretionary spending authorized under the House's FY13 budget

resolution and deserves our support.

As the Speaker has committed, these bills will be considered under an open and deliberative process, allowing all Members to offer amendments. In order to consider as many bills and amendments as possible, Members should be judicious in the issues they choose to raise, and expeditious in their remarks during consideration.

## **FATHER'S DAY TO INDEPENDENCE DAY**

When we return from Father's Day, the House will turn its attention on the floor to American jobs and out-of-pocket expenses affected by domestic energy production. According to AAA, the average national price of a gallon of gasoline was \$1.84 when President Obama took office. The average today is roughly double that level. That additional cost acts as a drag on the already-sluggish economy and a tax on struggling American consumers, especially small businesses and the middle class.

Some Democrats argue that increasing domestic oil and natural gas leases and regulatory reform won't affect the price at the pump today. This is the same argument they made 10 years ago that has prevented production today and contributed to domestic refinery closures.

The real tragedy is that thousands of jobs go unrealized as a result of the President's energy policies—jobs that could bolster our slow economic recovery. It is critically important that we promote and invest in America's energy resources, encouraging—not discouraging—states like North Dakota, Ohio, and Pennsylvania to lead a domestic energy boom.

Therefore, Chairman Doc Hastings and Chairman Upton will be bringing forward a series of bills from their respective committees during the week of June 18 to encourage production on federal lands and lessen the burden of job-inhibiting red tape. Mike Coffman, Cory Gardner, Bill Johnson, Doug Lamborn, Scott Tipton, and Ed Whitfield, as well as the entire House EnergyAction Team (HEAT), will be instrumental in this debate.

Job creation often starts at the local level with small businesses but all too often federal policies stand in the way of economic growth. By employing sound, scientific management, government can play a role in fostering growth at no cost to the taxpayer. Where appropriate, through reducing bureaucratic delays, transferring or selling land, and modifying restrictive land use designations, we can give a green light to needed infrastructure. Members on both sides of the aisle have locally-tailored bills such as these and Chairman Hastings and the Natural Resources Committee have done an excellent job in bringing them forward. I expect a number of these bills to come to the floor the week of June 18.

Finally, we will close out the month of June with the consideration of additional appropriations bills and stop-gap measures.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY TO AUGUST**

Americans will rightly be focused on the effects of the Supreme Court's ObamaCare decision when we return from July Fourth. Although we do not know how the Court will rule, we are prepared to move forward to ensure that the whole unworkable law is fully repealed.

Of course, we will also be focused on economic growth during the month of July. It's too hard to be a small business owner in America right now and we've got to turn that around. First among our efforts will be passing Tim Griffin's bill (H.R. 4078) aimed at cutting government red tape to make it easier for small businesses to create jobs. Under the Griffin bill, there will be a moratorium imposed on any new regulation, save for health and emergency, until unemployment drops below six percent nationally.

Additional Members, like Reid Ribble and Ben Quayle, have legislation to get government regulations off the back of our job creators. The Ribble bill (H.R. 4607) curtails so-called "midnight regulations," while the Quayle bill (H.R. 3862) shines a light on the preponderance of "sue-and-settle" agreements. We will be working with Chairman Lamar Smith and the Judiciary Committee to schedule as many of these proposals as possible throughout July.

The music industry and small business owners across the country watched nervously as the federal government recently raided Gibson Guitar. Whether intended or not, a 2008 law amending the over 100-year old Lacey Act resulted in the raid. Just as fast as Congress can create unintended consequences, we can also fix them. Jim Cooper and Marsha Blackburn have introduced a bill (H.R. 3210) that helps protect small business jobs from government criminalization. The Natural Resources Committee is currently working to advance the bipartisan Cooper bill so that it can be considered on the floor in July.

Our constituents have been—or will soon be—impacted by the closure and hours of operation changes to U.S. Postal Service (USPS) facilities across the country. This is the result of yet another government backed entity that cannot meet its financial obligations and is in need of vast reforms to its business plan and operations. Chairman Darrell Issa, Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Ross, and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee have passed a responsible proposal (H.R. 2309) to reform the USPS, and we will be working to bring their bill to the floor.

In July, we will also be voting on Ron Paul's bill authorizing an audit of the Federal

Reserve and report to Congress (H.R. 459).

Very little of what we do this summer will be able to offset the harm to small businesses if the largest tax increase in American history is allowed to go into effect on January 1, 2013. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) warned us earlier this week that this massive tax increase will likely contribute to what would “probably be judged to be a recession.”

Working families and small business should not be saddled with the uncertainty of a looming tax increase as they attempt to invest and grow for the remainder of this year. That’s why Chairman Camp and the Ways and Means Committee have been working on pro-growth reform to simplify the tax code.

Knowing that comprehensive reform will take time, we must ensure that while Congress is working to bring about competitive change, government does not increase the cost of business. Therefore, before we leave for August, I expect to schedule a vote on legislation preventing the largest tax increase in history. The Senate should join us in providing this very basic level of certainty prior to November.

## **CONCLUSION**

We have a busy legislative agenda planned this summer and our schedule will undoubtedly require further additions. I hope this memo provides you and your constituents with an outline of our pro-growth plan for the months ahead. Have a safe and blessed Memorial Day.

Sincerely,  
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This may be of interest.

Also, I think there was a question about TANF extensions at the end of Monday's meeting - - the House will take up an extension as a suspension tomorrow (Wednesday) as it is not included in the CR.

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## [The President's "balanced" misdirection](#)

The White House is marketing the President's new deficit reduction proposals as "A Balanced Approach."

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I'm proposing real, serious cuts in spending. When you include the \$1 trillion in cuts I've already signed into law, these would be among the biggest cuts in spending in our history. But they've got to be part of a larger plan that's balanced -- a plan

that asks the most fortunate among us to pay their fair share, just like everybody else.

The President argues that "balance" between spending cuts and tax increases is good. He further argues that he achieves this desired balance by both cutting spending and raising taxes. I think balance between spending cuts and tax increases is a negotiating concept rather than an objective measure of equity. It defines fair as "each of the negotiating parties has to accept things they don't like." That's a relativist concept based on how one defines what one likes or will accept. Further, the President's definition of "shared sacrifice" exempts the largest entitlement spending program (Social Security), his biggest legislative achievement (the new health entitlement created two years ago), and tax increases for more than 99% of the population. That is an odd definition of "shared."

Many others, however, accept the concept of balance between spending cuts and tax increases, and are willing to overlook the above problems. For the moment let's set aside my problems with spending/tax balance and examine whether the President's new proposals are balanced between spending cuts and tax increases.

Thanks to the help of a budget expert friend, I'm going to strip out the optical gimmicks from the President's proposal and show you the new fiscal policy changes he is actually proposing. All numbers below are 10-year totals (in billions of \$) from OMB's new document released today. I put spending "cuts" in quotes because they're really reductions in the rate of spending growth.

|                                            | (\$B 10 yrs) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Mandatory spending "cuts"</b>           |              |
| Medicare & Medicaid savings                | -320         |
| Other mandatory                            | -257         |
| <b>Subtotal, mandatory spending "cuts"</b> | <b>-577</b>  |
| <b>Spending increases</b>                  |              |
| Jobs bill spending increases               | +193         |
| Medicare "doc fix" (hidden)                | +298         |
| <b>Subtotal, spending increases</b>        | <b>+491</b>  |
| <b>Net change in spending</b>              | <b>-86</b>   |
| <b>Taxes</b>                               |              |
| Jobs bill tax cuts                         | -254         |

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Tax increases                           | +1534        |
| Net tax increases                       | +1280        |
| <b>Summary</b>                          |              |
| Net deficit effect, spending            | -86          |
| Net deficit effect, taxes               | -1280        |
| <b>Net deficit effect, all policies</b> | <b>-1366</b> |

This table differs from the Administration's presentation in the following ways:

- It does not count (again) deficit reduction resulting from discretionary spending cuts enacted six weeks ago in the Budget Control Act.
- It does not count (again) deficit reduction resulting from the drawdown in Iraq and the anticipated drawdown in Afghanistan, policies which were announced many months ago and do not represent new policy changes.
- It includes \$298 B of proposed Medicare spending increases for doctors (the so-called "doc fix") that the Administration conveniently buries in the baseline. They did the same thing with ObamaCare, enacting that spending increase separately so they could claim the base bills reduced the deficit. This spending will occur, we just don't know in what legislative context it will be enacted.
- It focuses on policy changes, and therefore excludes the interest savings the Administration is using to bump up their totals. This interest savings would occur, but budget presentations traditionally leave that out and focus only on the direct savings from proposed policy changes.

Based on this presentation, I draw the following conclusions about the President's new proposal:

- The President is not, as he claims "proposing real, serious cuts in spending." His proposals would result in a tiny net reduction in spending: -\$86 B over 10 years. Almost all of the spending cuts for which he wants to claim credit have already been enacted or accounted for. Almost all the new spending cuts he proposes would be used to offset higher spending in his Jobs bill proposal and for more Medicare spending on doctors.
- The President is proposing about \$1.5 T in higher taxes over ten years, offset by about \$250 B of tax relief, for a net tax increase of almost \$1.3 T.
- Almost all of the President's **new** proposed deficit reduction comes from tax increases.

Simplifying even further, there is a perverse hidden logic to the President's proposal. It goes like this: "We cut spending in the spring and summer, so we're going to propose almost all tax increases this time. That's balanced." If you reread the Presidential quote up top, you can see the rhetorical trick revealed:

THE PRESIDENT: ... **When you include the \$1 trillion in cuts I've already signed into law**, these would be among the biggest cuts in spending in our history. But they've got to be **part of a larger plan that's balanced** ...

You could be forgiven for thinking that the President is claiming that his **new** proposals are balanced,

and that "the larger plan that's balanced" is what he has proposed this month, consisting of equal-sized spending cuts and tax increases. That is the incorrect conclusion to which you are led, but technically the President is not claiming that. The "larger plan that's balanced" is one that includes spending cuts enacted over the past six months. The "among the biggest cuts in spending in our history" are not those newly proposed, but those previously enacted. They are playing a word game to fool you, and if you listen carefully you'll hear it repeated over the next few weeks. Team Obama knows they'd never win the public debate if they admitted that the President is now proposing massive tax increases to "balance" previously enacted spending cuts, so they're engaging in a little misdirection.

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Chiefs and Action Officers: Please see the below from Speaker Boehner, including the highlighted, referencing a continued partnership between the House Majority and Republican Governors moving forward. This type of thinking reiterates the conversations we have been having other past week and today about the importance of our partnership.

Thanks,  
Marie

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# Team Boehner



November 13, 2012

Dear [House GOP Colleague],

Two years ago, as we prepared for the opening sessions of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, I vowed our Republican majority in the House of Representatives would be an outpost in Democratic-controlled Washington for the priorities of the American people. The idea was that we'd be the vanguard for the like-minded GOP White House and Senate that would arrive after 2012.

We find ourselves today with a different mission. For the foreseeable future, we will be the last line of defense in Washington for the American people against a government that spends too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much when left to its own devices.

Americans re-elected President Obama and a Democratic majority in the Senate. But they also re-affirmed our majority in the House. Indeed, tempered by a few painful losses, the historic freshman class of 2010 returns nearly intact, joined by some new Members-elect who are certain to further invigorate our conference.

Together with the 30 Republicans who will serve in 2013 as governors of their states, we have the responsibility – and opportunity – of carrying our party's banner of freedom, economic opportunity and limited government into the future.

Some would have us roll that banner up and tuck it away.

That isn't going to happen.

A better approach is to hoist the banner high, true to our principles, with a determination to govern and serve responsibly. We serve the American people, millions of whom entrusted us with the majority – and that's what they're counting on us to do.

Our core principles are strong, and enduring. They are the principles upon which a great nation was built. And they are the principles upon which, in time, a stronger, prosperous America will be built as well.

Our party doesn't need new principles. What it needs is a new plan – a strategy that speaks to Americans from all walks of life, and properly conveys our passion for reforms that preserve and renew the American Dream.

Problems in our party's infrastructure for campaigns and elections must be diagnosed and remedied to ensure our resources are fully deployed in support of our principles.

And most importantly, we need to redouble our commitment to the pillars of the reform agenda for which our majority has fought and sacrificed, and endured.

Here's what I have in mind. It boils down to four parts, which I'm eager to discuss further with you this week.

## **THE PILLARS**

Our economic vision of pro-growth tax reform with fewer loopholes and lower rates for all – and entitlement reforms critical to reducing the primary drivers of our debt – represent not just a path to avert the “fiscal cliff,” but also the basis for solutions to the biggest problem our country faces. The debt is the greatest challenge our country faces – a direct threat to our children’s future. It can only be solved with economic growth. Raising tax rates, as President Obama proposed on the campaign trail, will hurt our economy, making the problem worse.

As I said last week, 2013 must be the year we enact significant tax reform and entitlement reform to begin the process of solving our debt problem. Our first challenge of the new Congress is to deal successfully with the final challenge of the current Congress. That means averting the fiscal cliff in a manner that steers clear of increased tax rates and encourages economic growth instead.

As I also said last week, the president’s health care law – which adds a massive, expensive, unworkable government program at a time when our debt already exceeds the size of our whole economy – must remain on the table. The president’s re-election means it’s the law of the land at the moment – but we can’t afford ObamaCare, and we can’t afford to leave it intact.

I’ve long maintained that there are three possible routes to repeal of ObamaCare: the courts, the presidential election, and our constitutional responsibility for oversight. With two of them having come up short, the third and final of these becomes more important than ever.

## **THE POLICIES**

Private-sector job growth eluded us during President Obama’s first term, in part because of the regulatory juggernaut that looms over small businesses. The president’s second-term almost certainly will bring a renewed zeal on the part of the White House to implement through regulation what the president has been unable to impose on job creators through legislation. Our constitutional responsibility for oversight of the Executive Branch – and our readiness to move legislation that prevents excessive regulatory meddling in our economy – will be critical in the coming year as our economy struggles to grow.

Our oversight activity need not be limited to oversight of the Executive Branch. With the president’s re-election, a continued stream of Obama-appointed judges at the district and appellate level is guaranteed. We should not be hesitant to exercise our constitutional oversight responsibility in circumstances in which judicial overreach has occurred or threatens to occur, particularly when it poses harm to our economy.

Just as we'll be ready to say where we disagree with President Obama and his Democratic-controlled Senate, we must also be prepared to identify areas in which we agree or see opportunity for common ground. In 2011, trade was one such area, resulting in the enactment of important Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, Korea, and Panama. The year or two ahead may bring the opportunity for even more significant trade agreements involving the Pacific region. A Democratic-controlled House stalled such achievements for years at the expense of U.S. jobs; our Republican majority must ensure they advance.

### **THE PROBLEM**

Warning signs are flashing on the dashboard for our party. Some of the problems are tactical in nature; others are strategic. We can't ignore them and expect to assemble a winning electoral coalition in the future.

We need a state-of-the-art political infrastructure fueled by rock-solid data that can be relied upon to turn out voters when we need them in the places they're needed most. We need accurate survey data, and technology in place that will ensure such data is put to use. And as I noted earlier, our strategy at all levels must be aimed at reaching potential voters from all walks of life. That doesn't mean changing our principles; it means changing our approach.

### **THE POTENTIAL**

While challenges lie ahead for our party, opportunities clearly exist as well. From the House to the Senate to the 30 states who will have a Republican governor in 2013, we have a very deep bench of leaders eager for the chance to take our country in a different direction. My leadership style is to recognize the unique talent and potential of every member of our team, and put members in a place where they can grow and succeed.

Some of the policy frontiers that lie ahead offer possibilities as well. On immigration, for example, we have an opportunity to offer innovative solutions rooted in our enduring principles.

### **IN SUMMARY: A MAJORITY THAT MATTERS**

Commitment to principle provides clarity of purpose that is essential to successful leadership. With it comes the confidence to articulate not just what we're against, but what we are for.

When in 2007 I became House Republican Leader, one of my first and toughest duties was handing Rep. Pelosi the Speaker's gavel on Opening Day. I did so with a gentle note of caution for the incoming Democratic majority.

"The value of a majority lies not in the opportunity to wield great power," I said, "but in

the chance to use limited power to do great things.”

Having served as Speaker now for two years, I believe more strongly than ever that this must be our test. The American people need us to act courageously, think selflessly, and lead boldly. Having humbled us with their confidence, the American people deserve nothing less.

I ask that you give me the honor of serving as your Speaker as we stand to meet that test.

Sincerely,



John Boehner

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Katie, Nicole has provided an attachment from Milliman indicating the top five insurers (BCBS tops the list) and the specific questions being asked.

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Julie – Per Katie’s inquiry, attached is a document created by Milliman that includes the top five insurers in the state.

Nicole

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Per our call this morning, below please find the memo sent out from Leader Cantor to House Republicans regarding the fall Jobs Agenda.

1. If any Governors would like to be more engaged in any specific regs/agenda items below, please let me know.
2. If there are additional regs that impact industries/jobs in your state, please let me know as well.

Regards,

Will

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: House Republicans

FR: Eric Cantor

DT: Monday, August 29, 2011

RE: Upcoming Jobs Agenda

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As you know, we released *The House Republican Plan for America's Job Creators* earlier this year. While the debt crisis has demanded much of our attention, our new majority has passed over a dozen pro-growth measures to address the equally troubling jobs crisis, such as the Energy Tax Prevention Act and the Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act. Aside from repeal of the 1099 reporting requirement in ObamaCare, however, each House Republican jobs bill now sits dormant in the Democrat-controlled Senate. You can view the progress of our jobs bills at [MajorityLeader.gov/JobsTracker](http://MajorityLeader.gov/JobsTracker).

When we return next week, the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction will begin meeting to take an additional incremental step towards addressing our debt crisis. During this time, it is essential that the House continue our focus on the jobs crisis. Below are two areas of our jobs agenda that I want to bring to your attention for our upcoming fall and winter legislative schedule.

### **REPEAL OF JOB-DESTROYING REGULATIONS TO CREATE MIDDLE CLASS JOBS**

Since passage of H.Res. 72 on February 11, our committee chairmen have been investigating and inventorying regulatory burdens to job creators. They've found many that have tied the hands of small business people and prevented job growth. By pursuing a steady repeal of job-destroying regulations, we can help lift the cloud of uncertainty hanging over small and large employers alike, empowering them to hire more workers.

Our regulatory relief agenda will include repeal of specific regulations, as well as fundamental and structural reform of the rule-making system through legislation like the REINS Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act, and reform of the Administrative Procedures Act (all three bills are expected on the floor in late November and early December).

The following is a list of the 10 most harmful job-destroying regulations that our committee chairmen have identified, as well as a selective calendar for their repeal.

These regulations are reflective of the types of costly bureaucratic handcuffs that Washington has imposed upon business people who want to create jobs.

### **Top 10 Job-Destroying Regulations:**

- ***NLRB's Boeing Ruling (Week of September 12):*** On April 20, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) issued a complaint against The Boeing Company for the alleged transfer of an assembly line from Washington to South Carolina. Yet, not one union employee at Boeing's Puget Sound facility has lost his or her job as a result of the proposed South Carolina plant. Still, the NLRB is pursuing a "restoration order" against Boeing that would cost South Carolina thousands of jobs and deter future investment in the United States. H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act, sponsored by Rep. Tim Scott (SC), would take the common sense step of preventing the NLRB from restricting where an employer can create jobs in the United States.
- ***Utility MACT and CSAPR (Week of September 19):*** The Administration's new maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards and cross-state air pollution rule (CSAPR) for utility plants will affect electricity prices for nearly all American consumers. In total, 1,000 power plants are expected to be affected. The result for middle class Americans? Annual electricity bill increases in many parts of the country of anywhere from 12 to 24 percent. H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act, sponsored by Rep. John Sullivan (OK), would require a cumulative economic analysis for specific EPA rules, and specifically delay the final date for both the utility MACT and CSAPR rules until the full impact of the Obama Administration's regulatory agenda has been studied.
- ***Boiler MACT (Week of October 3):*** From hospitals to factories to colleges, thousands of major American employers use boilers that will be impacted by the EPA's new "boiler MACT" rules. These new stringent rules will impose billions of dollars in capital and compliance costs, increase the cost of many goods and services, and put over 200,000 jobs at risk. The American forest and paper industry, for example, will see an additional burden of at least \$5-7 billion. H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act, sponsored by Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA), would provide a legislative stay of four interrelated rules issued by the EPA in March of this year. The legislation would also provide the EPA with at least 15 months to re-propose and finalize new, achievable rules that do not destroy jobs, and provide employers with an extended compliance period.
- ***Cement MACT (Week of October 3):*** The "cement MACT" and two related rules are expected to affect approximately 100 cement plants in America, setting exceedingly stringent requirements that will be cost-prohibitive or technically

infeasible to achieve. Increased costs and regulatory uncertainty for the American cement industry—the foundation of nearly all infrastructure projects—are likely to offshore thousands of American jobs. Ragland, Alabama, for example, recently saw the suspension of a \$350 million cement production facility, putting 1,500 construction jobs on hold and additional permanent and high-paying plant operation jobs in limbo. H.R. 2681, the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act, sponsored by Rep. John Sullivan (OK), would provide a legislative stay of these three rules and provide EPA with at least 15 months to re-propose and finalize new, achievable rules that do not destroy jobs, and provide employers with an extended compliance period.

- ***Coal Ash (October/November):*** These anti-infrastructure regulations, commonly referred to as the “coal ash” rules, will cost hundreds of billions of dollars, affecting everything from concrete production to building products like wall board. The result is an estimated loss of well over 100,000 jobs. H.R. 2273, the Coals Residuals Reuse and Management Act, sponsored by Rep. David McKinley (WV), would create an enforceable minimum standard for the regulation of coal ash by the states, allowing their use in a safe manner that protects jobs.
- ***Grandfathered Health Plans (November/December):*** We all remember when President Obama promised Americans that if they liked their health care plan they could keep it. Now, the Obama Administration has been issuing further restrictions against those previously protected plans. The result, by the Administration’s own estimates, will be a loss of 49 to 80 percent of small employer plans, 34 to 64 percent of large employer plans, and 40 to 67 percent of individual insurance plans. Meanwhile, employers losing their grandfathered status will face steep penalties, increasing their costs and negatively affecting wages and job growth. The Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Workforce committees will soon be working on legislation to repeal these ObamaCare restrictions.
- ***Ozone Rule (Winter):*** This effective ban or restriction on construction and industrial growth for much of America is possibly the most harmful of all the currently anticipated Obama Administration regulations. Consequences would reach far across the U.S. economy, resulting in an estimated cost of \$1 trillion or more over a decade and millions of jobs. Unlike her predecessors, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson is pushing for a premature readjustment of the current ozone standards, dramatically increasing the number of “nonattainment” areas. The new readjustment rule is expected early this fall and I expect the Energy and Commerce Committee to act swiftly to prevent its implementation, in order to protect American jobs.
- ***Farm Dust (Winter):*** The EPA is expected to issue revised standards for

particulate matter (PM) in the near future. Any downward revision to PM standards will significantly impact economic growth and jobs for businesses and people throughout rural America that create dust, like the farmer in Atkinson, Illinois, who raised his concerns with the President at a town hall earlier this month. While the President may have sent him on a bureaucratic wild goose chase, the House will act promptly on H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act, sponsored by Rep. Kristi Noem (SD). H.R. 1633 would protect American farmers and jobs by establishing a one year prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse PM and limiting federal regulation of dust where it is already regulated under state and local laws.

- ***Greenhouse Gas (Winter):*** The EPA's upcoming greenhouse gas new source performance standards (NSPS) will affect new and existing oil, natural gas, and coal-fired power plants, as well as oil refineries, nationwide. While the impact on the economy and jobs are likely to be severe, the rules are quickly moving forward, once again revealing the Administration's disregard for the consequences of their policies on our jobs crisis. Again, I expect Chairman Upton and the Energy and Commerce Committee to move swiftly in the coming months to protect American jobs and consumers.
- ***NLRB's Ambush Elections (Winter):*** This summer, the NLRB issued a notice of proposed rulemaking that could significantly alter current union representation election procedures, giving both employers and employees little time to react to union formations in the future. The result will increase labor costs and uncertainty for nearly all private employers in the U.S. The House will soon consider legislation that will bring common sense to union organizing procedures to protect the interests of both employers and their workers.

## **IMMEDIATE TAX RELIEF TO CREATE MIDDLE CLASS JOBS**

The second focus of our jobs agenda this fall and winter will pursue tax relief designed to help American employers create middle class jobs. Small businesses, in particular, are overburdened with taxes that destroy jobs and in a fragile economy, the worst thing government can do is impose tax increases that prevent small businesses from hiring. Instead, government should be focused on ways to enable businesses small and large to unlock more capital and create new jobs.

Therefore, under Chairman Dave Camp's leadership, the Ways and Means Committee will be exploring a number of ways to remove tax burdens for job creators and incentivize small businesses. These targeted efforts will not interfere with House

Republicans' continued pursuit of fundamental tax reform, just as we proposed in our budget resolution this spring. Rather, the following proposals represent bipartisan and pro-growth steps that can be taken immediately to help businesses hire those struggling to find a job today.

### **3% Withholding Rule Repeal:**

Beginning in 2013, federal, state, and local governments will be required to withhold three percent of all government payments made to contractors in excess of \$100 million. While the law has been delayed multiple times, its effect once implemented will be massive—causing accounting burdens on governments and potentially harmful cash flow disruptions for contractors and subcontractors across all sectors. Therefore, we will move quickly this fall to repeal this burdensome requirement and relieve construction contractors, medical providers, manufacturers, farmers, and many others providing goods and services under government contracts of the uncertainty the impending law is creating.

### **20% Small Business Tax Deduction:**

Small businesses employ about half of all Americans, yet President Obama is proposing federal tax rates that could take away more than 40 percent of their income. While the previous Democrat majority was pushing through their nearly \$1 trillion stimulus, we began work on a proposal to allow small business people to take a tax deduction equal to 20% of their income. The goal was simple—immediately free up funds for small business people to retain and hire new employees, and reinvest in and grow their businesses. In light of the stimulus's failure, and our current position in the majority, I expect the House to move quickly in the coming months on this common sense and pro-growth small business proposal to create middle-class jobs.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

In the weeks and months ahead, we will move aggressively on the items outlined above. But, our increased focus on the repeal of job-destroying regulations and pursuit of pro-growth tax relief will not distract from other equally important areas of our jobs agenda.

As he has promised in the past, we expect the President to transmit three vitally important trade agreements this fall. When he finally sends them our way, I will not hesitate to schedule them. In addition, the Senate has set up a vote on the House-passed patent reform bill next week. Increased movement in both of these areas on the part of the President and the Senate is welcomed. I hope the Senate and the President will join the House in acting on the other many pro-growth items we have already passed and will be passing in the coming months.

See you next week.

Sincerely,  
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Good morning,

Please see the following article from RPC about the Medicaid regulations we have been talking about.

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The New York Times has an [article](#) this morning on the Administration's proposed new Medicaid regulations. The [regulations](#), which were released Friday, will according to the article "make it much more difficult for states to cut Medicaid payments" and "could also put pressure on some states to increase Medicaid payments" – both of which will further exacerbate states' already difficult fiscal situations.

The article also includes a sampling of reactions from state Medicaid directors to the proposed rule, which shows the bipartisan opposition to yet another attempt by the federal government to micro-manage state programs:

**Dennis Smith, secretary of Wisconsin's Department of Health Services:** "A federal power grab....Putting states in jeopardy, by inventing a new meaning for a longstanding statutory provision, is another example of how distant and disconnected the administration is from what is happening across the country."

**Douglas Porter, Washington state’s Medicaid director:** “The Administration has gone overboard, creating a system of access review that is far too complex, elaborate and burdensome.” (As a reminder, Washington state’s governor is a Democrat.)

**Bruce Greenstein, secretary of Louisiana’s Department of Health and Hospitals:** “The proposal leaves too much discretion with the federal government. It does not clearly enunciate the criteria to be used in measuring access to care.”

Unfortunately, the article notes that Washington could impose even more new mandates on Medicaid programs in the months to come: “The new rule does not apply to managed care. But the Obama administration said it was ‘considering future proposals’ to guarantee access to care for Medicaid recipients in such private health plans.”

States are already suffering from record budget deficits, due in large part to the continued sluggish economy. Having failed to deliver the lower unemployment and economic growth that could help alleviate state budgetary shortfalls, the Obama Administration instead is working to exacerbate them, by imposing new mandates that could force states to raise taxes or cut other essential government spending.

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## Rule Would Discourage States’ Cutting Medicaid Payments to Providers

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WASHINGTON — In a new effort to increase access to health care for poor people, the Obama administration is proposing a rule that would make it much more difficult for states to cut [Medicaid](#) payments to doctors and [hospitals](#).

The rule could also put pressure on some states to increase Medicaid payment rates, which are typically lower than what [Medicare](#) and commercial insurance pay.

Federal officials said Monday that the rule was needed to fulfill the promise of federal law, which says Medicaid recipients should have access to health care at least to the same extent as the general population.

“We have a responsibility to ensure sufficient beneficiary access to covered services,” the administration said in issuing the proposal, to be published Friday in the [Federal Register](#).

In many parts of the country, Medicaid recipients have difficulty finding doctors who will take them because Medicaid payment rates are so low.

Faced with huge financial problems, many states have frozen or reduced Medicaid payments

to health care providers, and governors of both parties have proposed additional cuts this year. Medicaid recipients and health care providers have sued state officials to block such cuts, and one case, from California, is pending in the [United States Supreme Court](#).

“Tight state budgets, coupled with increased demand for services during the [recession](#), have led many states to propose reductions in Medicaid provider payments, without clear federal guidance on how to assure access,” said Cindy Mann, the federal official in charge of [Medicaid](#).

The new rule provides that guidance, but several state officials expressed concerns.

Dennis G. Smith, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, described the proposal as “a federal power grab.”

“The administration talks about flexibility and working with states, but continues to take actions such as this that are contrary to the partnership,” Mr. Smith said. “Putting states in jeopardy, by inventing a new meaning for a longstanding statutory provision, is another example of how distant and disconnected the administration is from what is happening across the country.”

Medicaid is financed jointly by the federal government and the states. Even before the recent recession, it was one of the fastest-growing items in most state budgets.

Douglas Porter, the Medicaid director in Washington State, said: “The intent of the proposed regulation is reasonable. But the administration has gone overboard, creating a system of access review that is far too complex, elaborate and burdensome.”

Bruce D. Greenstein, secretary of the [Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals](#), said: “The proposal leaves too much discretion with the federal government. It does not clearly enunciate the criteria to be used in measuring access to care.”

The new initiative comes as federal and state officials prepare for a huge expansion of Medicaid eligibility, scheduled to occur in 2014 under the new health care law.

About half of the 34 million uninsured people who are expected to gain coverage under the law will get it through Medicaid.

The proposed rule generally prevents states from cutting Medicaid payments to providers unless they can show that Medicaid recipients will have “sufficient access” to care after the cuts.

Regardless of whether they want to cut payment rates, states must continually monitor Medicaid recipients’ access to care and develop plans to fix any problems they discover, the rule says.

Under the rule, states must measure and document access to “each covered benefit” at least once every five years. Data from such reviews could provide doctors, hospitals and [nursing homes](#) with powerful new tools to lobby for higher reimbursement.

States set Medicaid payment rates within broad federal guidelines. Federal law has long said that states must “enlist enough providers” to make sure Medicaid recipients have access to care equivalent to that of other people in the area.

Under presidents of both parties, federal officials have often disregarded this requirement, approving cuts in Medicaid payment rates that discouraged doctors from accepting Medicaid patients.

In an effort to rein in costs, states have increasingly turned to health maintenance organizations and other types of managed care. The new rule does not apply to managed care. But the Obama administration said it was “considering future proposals” to guarantee access to care for Medicaid recipients in such private health plans.

Under the proposal being issued this week, “beneficiary access must be considered in setting and adjusting” Medicaid payments to doctors, dentists, [psychologists](#), hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, nursing homes and suppliers of medical equipment.

States must consult Medicaid recipients because, the rule says, their experience is “the most important indicator of whether access is sufficient.” Federal officials suggested that states survey Medicaid recipients to see how much difficulty they had in scheduling doctor’s appointments.

In addition, the rule says, states should compare Medicaid payment rates with the amounts paid by Medicare or commercial insurers, with providers’ costs or with their customary charges. Another important factor, it said, is the number and percentage of doctors who accept new Medicaid patients.

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Note the below "update" is being circulating among various groups. You may wish to review and see how they represent your state. -mts

<http://www.advisory.com/Daily-Briefing/2012/07/05/Where-each-state-stands-of-the-Medicaid-expansion>

## **WHERE EACH STATE STANDS ON ACA'S MEDICAID EXPANSION**

A roundup of what each state's leadership has said about their Medicaid plans

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**July 05, 2012**

*Last updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.*

The Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows states to opt out of the law's Medicaid expansion, leaving each state's decision to participate in the hands of the nation's governors and state leaders.

Based on lawmakers' statements, press releases, and media coverage, the *Daily Briefing* and *American Health Line* editorial teams have rounded up where each state currently stands on the expansion.

**Learn more about the [Court's ruling](#), discuss [takeaways](#) with our experts, and [model the impact](#) on your organization.**

The following information was last updated on July 5 at 10:30 a.m. ET. We will continue to update this map and list as more information becomes available. Send us news, tips, and feedback by commenting

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*\*Italics indicate a state's participation in the multistate lawsuit against ACA*

### **Will not participate (5 states)**

- **Florida:** Gov. Rick Scott (R) said, “Florida will opt out of spending approximately \$1.9 billion more taxpayer dollars required to implement a massive entitlement expansion of the Medicaid program.” In addition, the governor said the state will not establish an insurance exchange (Pear, [New York Times](#), 7/2).
- **Louisiana:** In an [interview](#) on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) said, “Every governor’s got two critical decisions to make. One is do we set up these exchanges. And, secondly, do we expand Medicaid. And, no, in Louisiana, we’re not doing either one of those things” (Barrow, [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#), 7/2).
- **Mississippi:** Gov. Phil Bryant (R) does not plan to participate in the Medicaid expansion, according to Bryant spokesperson Mick Bullock, *Bloomberg* reports (Niquette/Wayne, [Bloomberg](#), 7/5).
- **South Carolina:** Gov. Nikki Haley (R) on Sunday announced [via Facebook](#) that South Carolina “will NOT expand Medicaid, or participate in any health exchanges” (Hawkins, [TheDigitalCharleston](#), 7/2; Dudley, [Charleston Post and Courier](#), 6/29).
- **Wisconsin:** Gov. Scott Walker (R) issued a [statement](#) following Thursday’s ruling saying that “Wisconsin will not take any action to implement ObamaCare” (Office of Gov. Walker [release](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Leaning toward not participating (6 states)**

- **Iowa:** Gov. Terry Branstad (R) announced at a Des Moines news conference that while his staff is still assessing the Supreme Court ruling on the ACA, he expects to forgo the federal funding that would allow an estimated 150,000 low-income Iowans to enroll in the state Medicaid program. Branstad said, “Here’s the problem: The federal government has done this again and again: ‘Buy into our program, and we’re going to do all these things for you,’ and

then it doesn't happen, and then the taxpayers of the state get stuck with it," Branstad said on Monday (Totland, [Washington Times](#), 7/2; Wiser, [Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier](#), 7/3).

- **Missouri:** Moments after the ruling, Republican leaders in Missouri "closed the door... on expanding Medicaid eligibility," the *Associated Press* reports. Republican Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder said the Medicaid expansion would be "a break-the-bank provision for the state of Missouri." House Budget Committee Chair Ryan Silvey (R), said, "I just don't see any way we will be expanding Medicaid at the expense of things like education and public safety." By rejecting Medicaid expansion the state would be "turning down an estimated \$8.4 billion windfall from the federal government" but could save up to "\$431 million of its own" (Blank, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Crisp, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Nebraska:** Gov. Dave Heineman (R) on June 28 pledged to block any effort to expanded Nebraska's Medicaid program, telling reporters that an expansion would remove money from other priorities or require a tax increase, *AP/BloombergBusinessweek* reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Heineman said, "As I have said repeatedly, if this unfunded Medicaid expansion is implemented, state aid to education and funding for the University of Nebraska will be cut or taxes will be increased. If some state senators want to increase taxes or cut education funding, I will oppose them." However, the governor noted that the Supreme Court's decision on Medicaid was unexpected, adding, "Again, I want to emphasize that reviewing this decision in a detailed, thoughtful and responsible manner will take time before a complete determination can be made on what this ruling means for Nebraska" (Schulte, [AP/BloombergBusinessWeek](#), 6/29; Heineman [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Nevada:** After the Supreme Court ruling, Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) said the impact of the decision on was not immediately clear but indicated that he is leaning toward not expanding the state's Medicaid program. Sandoval's press secretary, Mary-Sarah Kinner, said in a statement, "The governor does not intend to automatically accept the Medicaid expansion" (Haynes et al., [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 6/28).
- **New Jersey:** on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" on July 3, Gov. Chris Christie (R) said he is leaning toward not accepting federal

funding to expand the state's Medicaid program. He noted, "Medicaid is pretty well expanded in our state already because of the legacy of previous Democratic governors. So I don't know if there's a lot more to do in New Jersey in that regard" ("[Fox News Insider](#)," Fox News, 7/3; [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 7/3; Friedman, [Newark Star-Ledger](#), 7/3).

- **Texas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Lucy Nashed—deputy press secretary for Gov. Rick Perry (R)—said Perry will be working with Attorney General Greg Abbott (R) "and appropriate state agencies to determine the impact of the Supreme Court decision on the state of Texas," adding that "the governor has previously made clear, he has no interest in fast tracking any portion of this bankrupting and overreaching legislation. We will continue to call for the full repeal of the bill" (Nashed email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*

### **Leaning toward participating (3 states)**

- **Arkansas:** Gov. Mike Beebe (D) said he is inclined to proceed with Medicaid expansion for his state given the "opportunity to pay for it with taxes that are coming from ... the federal government," he said at a news conference in Washington, D.C. "I don't want to send [tax money] to Massachusetts or California and ignore our own people," he added (Lyon, [Arkansas News](#), 7/2).
- **Oregon:** Gov. John Kitzhaber (D) said he is confident that the Oregon legislature will approve a state Medicaid expansion, and State Sen. Alan Bates (D) has expressed similar confidence, the [Associated Press](#) reports. In an interview last week, Kitzhaber said, "We'll make a decision on whether or not to expand the Medicaid program really based on, I think, the resources we have available in the general fund for that purpose going forward" (Budnick, [The Oregonian](#), 7/3; Wong, [Statesman Journal](#), 6/28; Cooper, [AP/Real Clear Politics](#), 6/28).
- **Rhode Island:** In [statement](#) on his website, Gov. Lincoln Chaffee (I) said, "I have fully committed to ensuring Rhode Island is a national leader in implementing health reform whatever the Supreme Court decision, and this just reinforces that commitment." According to Steven Costantino, the state's secretary of health and human services, "The expansion is easy to do and makes sense" (Chaffee [statement](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al.,

[Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Participating (10 states and District of Columbia)**

- **California:** California got a head start on expanding its Medicaid program in November 2010, shortly after Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. After the high court's ruling, Gov. Jerry Brown (D) issued a [statement](#), "Today's dramatic Supreme Court ruling removes the last roadblock to fulfilling President Obama's historic plan to bring health care to millions of uninsured citizens." Duane Dauner, president of the California Hospital Association, said in separate statement that he expects "California will comply with the Medicaid expansion in the law, even though it will increase the state's costs in future years" (Office of Gov. Brown [release](#), 6/28; California Hospital Association [release](#), 7/3).
- **Connecticut:** Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) was among the first to sign his state up for Medicaid expansion when Obama signed the law in 2010. Following the Supreme Court's ruling preserving the legislation, he responded, "it's great ... [and a] very important decision for the people of Connecticut. 500,000 people would have lost coverage if Republicans had their way" (Davis, [WTNH](#), 7/28).
- **Delaware:** Gov. Jack Markell—chair of the Democratic Governors Association—said in a statement, "The Supreme Court's ruling enables Delaware to continue to implement provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide access to health care benefits for Delawareans," adding, "On the Medicaid front, Delaware already voluntarily expanded the state's Medicaid coverage program in 1996 to cover many Delawareans not previously covered" (Office of Gov. Markell [release](#), 6/28).
- **District of Columbia:** "The District is not at risk of losing any Medicaid funding as a result of this ruling, because District officials have already begun implementation of the ACA's Medicaid-expansion provisions and will continue to implement the expansion," according to a statement from the office of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray (D) (Executive Office of the Mayor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Hawaii:** Gov. Neil Abercrombie (D) said in a statement after the ruling, "The Affordable Care Act is our ally" in the effort to "support a healthcare system that ensures high quality, safety and sustainable costs." Pat McManaman, the state's director of the

Department of Human Services, said starting next month Hawaii's Medicaid eligibility requirements will be in line with federal guidelines under the overhaul, meaning an additional 24,000 people will be eligible for the program by 2014 (Office of Gov. Abercrombie [release](#), 6/28; Garcia, [AP/CBS News](#), 6/29).

- **Illinois:** Gov. Pat Quinn (D) on Thursday praised the court's decision and said he "will continue to work with President Obama to help working families get the healthcare coverage they need," including expanding Medicaid (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28; Thomason, [Rock River Times](#), 7/3).
- **Maryland:** Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) in a statement said the Supreme Court's decision "gives considerable momentum to our health care reform efforts here in Maryland," adding that the state will move forward to implement the overhaul (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Massachusetts:** Gov. Deval Patrick (D) said Massachusetts is "an early expansion state as you know and we're expecting further resources from federal government to sustain the experiment here in Massachusetts." Patrick said the ruling is "good news for us" Patrick said (Walker, [YNN](#), 6/28).
- **Minnesota:** "Today's ruling will be met with relief by the Minnesotans whose lives have already been improved by this law," Gov. Mark Dayton (D) said in a statement on Thursday. Dayton in 2011 used federal money to expand Medicaid early to 84,000 adults with annual incomes below \$8,400 (Lohn, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Vermont:** Gov. Peter Shumlin (D) said Vermont's Medicaid program already meets the requirements under the health reform law's Medicaid expansion, [WCAX](#) reports (Steimle, [WCAX](#), 7/1).
- **Washington:** Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) "supports the Medicaid expansion—and Washington will move forward," Karina Shagren—a deputy communications director in Gregoire's administration—said in an email to *American Health Line* (Shagren email, 7/5).  
*[updated on July 5 at 1:35 p.m.]*

### **Undecided/no comment (26 states)**

- **Alabama:** As of June 29, Gov. Robert Bentley (R) had not decided whether Alabama will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, according to Jennifer Ardis, Bentley's press secretary, [AP/CBS](#)

[News](#) reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Bentley said, “I am deeply disappointed by today’s Supreme Court decision,” but he did not address the court’s ruling on the Medicaid expansion (AP/CBS News, 6/29; Bentley statement, 6/28).

- **Alaska:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Sean Parnell (R) has not made a statement regarding Alaska’s intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion, only saying in a release that “now with no penalty we need to rethink what we’re going to do with Medicaid” and the “expansion costs that are mandated” (Office of Gov. Parnell [release](#), 6/28; Coyne, [Alaska Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Arizona:** Gov. Jan Brewer (R) in a [statement](#) following the Supreme Court ruling repeated her call for the entire law to be repealed but did not directly address the expansion. House Speaker Andy Tobin (R), however, said budgetary issues in the state and a conservative political climate will make expanding Medicaid difficult. “We’re going to have to sit down and weigh carefully what is reasonable to expect of our political leaders,” he said. “I don’t see us going along with the expansion if it’s not mandated,” Tobin added. “It’s an ever-expanding cost, so it continues to put pressure on the state budget when we’re barely recovering as it is” (Brewer statement, 6/28; Reinhart, [Arizona Central](#), 6/28; Young, [Huffington Post](#), 7/2).
- **Colorado:** Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) at a press conference on June 28 gave only a lukewarm nod to the Medicaid expansion. He said, “Well, we’ll see. We’re certainly looking at that. We’re probably a little bit premature, but we’re certainly looking at it and trying to figure out a way we can do that and still live within our means” (McCrimmon, [Health Policy Solutions](#), 7/2; AP/CBS’ [“Moneywatch,”](#) 6/29).
- **Georgia:** As of July 2, Gov. Nathan Deal (R) had not yet decided whether Georgia would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#) reports. Over 10 years, the expansion is projected to cost Georgia about \$4.5 billion, “money we don’t have,” Deal spokesperson Brian Robinson said (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Idaho:** Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R) this week did not indicate his preference on whether Idaho would widen Medicaid coverage ([AP/KTVB](#), 7/1; Messick, [StateImpact Idaho](#), 6/29).
- **Indiana:** In a press release Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) said, “Any

decision to expand Medicaid in 2014 is entirely the province of the next General Assembly and governor.” On Thursday Daniels told reporters “If it’s optional as I’m advised that it is, that’ll be a decision for future legislators to make” (Office of Gov. Daniels [release](#), 6/29; [AP/Lafayette Journal and Courier](#), 7/2; “[Moneywatch](#),” AP/CBS News, 6/29; Wilson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **Kansas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Sherriene Jones-Sontag—communications director and press secretary for Gov. Sam Brownback (R)—said Brownback believes “this is now a political issue that will be resolved by the American people in the November elections” and “he will wait until after the November elections before making any decisions related to ObamaCare.” [updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]
- **Kentucky:** Gov. Steve Beshear (D) on June 28 said, “We continue to review the Supreme Court’s opinion, particularly on the Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act to determine what our options may be.” He also noted that he soon would issue an executive order to create a health insurance exchange (Office of Gov. Beshear [release](#), 6/28; [AP/Evansville Courier & Press](#), 6/28).
- **Maine:** Gov. Paul LePage (R) said in a statement on June 28, “It is a sad day, and it is now up to the American people to demand full repeal of Obamacare.” The governor did not directly address the Medicaid expansion in his statement. The state Legislature and LePage approved reductions in Medicaid spending earlier this year, and Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the state “will follow federal procedures and submit state plan amendments within the coming weeks that will outline the Medicaid reductions that were enacted by the Maine Legislature” (Office of Gov. LePage [release](#), 6/28; Farwel, [Bangor Daily News/Lewiston Sun Journal](#), 6/29).
- **Michigan:** As of July 1, Gov. Rick Snyder (R) had not decided to whether Michigan will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Lansing State Journal](#) reports. Snyder spokesperson Sara Wurfel said the administration wants to examine the cost of the expansion to assess the “best course of action” for the state. Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers, who control both chambers of the state legislature, have not committed to the expansion (Davis, [Lansing State Journal](#), 7/1).

- **Montana:** Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D), through a spokeswoman, declined to comment on the court's decision. **Schweitzer** expressed deep reservations about the Medicaid expansion and effect on Montana's budget. "Here's what I know," Schweitzer in February 2011 said, "that unless we challenge the underlying costs of health care ... it will bankrupt the states because there's no way of decreasing the cost of health care under the current system" (Dennison, [Gazette State Bureau](#), 6/28; Drake, [Montana Watchdog](#), 7/2).
- **New Hampshire:** As of July 1, Gov. John Lynch (D)—who in the past has voiced concern over how the government would pay for the Medicaid expansion—had made no statement on whether New Hampshire would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the *Nashua Telegraph* reports. In a June 28 [statement](#) on his website, Lynch noted that the state has "been preparing to implement the Affordable Care Act and will continue doing so in a way that best fits New Hampshire" (Landrigan, [Nashua Telegraph](#), 7/1; Lynch statement, 6/28).
- **New Mexico:** Gov. Susana Martinez (R) has not decided whether the state will expand Medicaid, according to spokesperson Scott Darnell. He said, "The governor is reviewing today's Supreme Court decision and will proceed in a manner that best protects the safety net for the most vulnerable New Mexicans in a responsible and sustainable manner" (Massey, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **New York:** As of July 2, Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) had not made a statement on whether New York would participate in the Medicaid expansion. In [a release](#) last week, the governor said, "I am pleased the Supreme Court upheld this law," adding that he looked forward to working with the "Obama administration to ensure accessible, quality care for all New Yorkers (Office of Gov. Cuomo [release](#), 6/28; [The Journal News](#), 6/29; Caruso, [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **North Carolina:** As of July 3, Gov. Beverly Perdue (D) had not made any public statement about her state's participation in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court's decision, Perdue said she is "committed to continuing to move forward ... to ensure that all North Carolinians have affordable, reliable health coverage." Meanwhile, a

spokesperson for Perdue said the governor has been in contact with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about the Medicaid expansion and will review the Supreme Court's ruling to determine how it might affect North Carolina (Office of Gov. Perdue [release](#), 6/28; Dalesio, [CBS News](#), 6/28; Jarvis/Bonner, [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 6/29).

- **North Dakota:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Jack Dalrymple (R) had not made a statement about his state's intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court's ruling, Dalrymple said the health reform law "is wrong for North Dakota," adding that its "citizens want the freedom to make their own decisions about their health-care coverage." Dalrymple has said that his staff is analyzing the court's ruling, but it is unclear whether the state will participate in the Medicaid (Office of Gov. Dalrymple [release](#), 6/28; MacPherson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Ohio:** Gov. John Kasich (R) on Monday said he has not decided whether his state will participate in the Medicaid expansion and he does not plan to set a "deadline" to make his decision. The head of the state's Office of Health Transformation also said the state must first determine how to cover the additional Medicaid costs the state would incur even if the state does not participate in the expansion. In a [statement](#) on the Supreme Court's ruling, Kasich said, "We are very concerned that a sudden, dramatic increase in Medicaid spending could threaten Ohio's ability to pursue needed reforms in other areas" (Office of Gov. Kasich [release](#), 6/28; Tribble, [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 7/2; [Columbus Business First](#), 7/3; Candisky, [Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/3).
- **Oklahoma:** Gov. Mary Fallin (R) has not yet decided whether Oklahoma will opt of the Medicaid expansion, [Tulsa World](#) reports. Fallin said, "Certainly I am hoping that we'll elect a new president and we'll be able to change faces ... in the (Democratic-controlled) U.S. Senate that we can once and for all overturn the federal health care bill" (McNutt, [The Oklahoman](#), 6/29; Greene, [Tulsa World](#), 7/3; McGuigan, [Tulsa Today](#), 7/2).
- **Pennsylvania:** Gov. Tom Corbett (R) has not yet announced whether Pennsylvania will opt out of the Medicaid expansion. He said in a [statement](#), "I think we can all agree there are Pennsylvanians who need our help. However, expanding

government bureaucracy, government programs and government spending is not the answer” (Office of the Gov. Corbett [release](#), 6/28, LoBasso, “[PhillyNow](#),” *Philadelphia Weekly*, 7/3).

- **South Dakota:** South Dakota: In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Joe Kafka—press secretary in Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s (R) administration—said Daugaard “has made no decision on [the] Medicaid expansion, which will be costly for South Dakota, and he won’t make any decision on it until after the election” (Kafka email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*
- **Tennessee:** As of July 2, Gov. Bill Haslam (R) had not yet decided whether Tennessee would opt out of the Medicaid expansion. After the Supreme Court ruling, Haslam told reporters, “We don’t really know what we’re going to do ... but the cost impact to the state is very significant” (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Utah:** Gov. Gary Herbert (R) said his administration is conducting a thorough legal and policy review of the Supreme Court ruling, but he did not comment on whether the state would expand its Medicaid program (Stewart, [Salt Lake Tribune](#), 6/29; [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Virginia:** Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has made statements indicating that he is against the Medicaid expansion, but has declined at this point to comment definitively on whether Virginia will opt out of it. McDonnell said he will review the state’s options in the upcoming weeks (Martz, [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/1; Millman, [Politico](#), 6/29).
- **West Virginia:** Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) has not yet announced whether West Virginia will proceed with the Medicaid expansion. In a [statement](#), Tomblin said, “We know what the law is but as I’ve said before, I will continue to do what is best for West Virginia... We’re going to review the Supreme Court’s ruling, and work with our federal delegation on how we move forward” (Smith, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Office of Gov. Tomblin [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Wyoming:** Gov. Matt Mead (R) in a [statement](#) said he will study the Supreme Court’s ruling and the health reform law more carefully before making any implementation plans for Wyoming, but he believes “the ACA is not a good fit” for the state (Office of Gov. Mead [release](#), 6/28; Wolfson, [Billings Gazette](#), 6/28).

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## Why not expand Medicaid?

Monday, July 16, 2012

Last week former Michigan Governor [Jennifer Granholm \(D\)](#) [argued](#) that any Governor who rejected the Affordable Care Act's new Medicaid expansion was either stupid or evil. This is a common refrain from the law's defenders, that only an irrational or uncaring Governor would reject the ACA's new Medicaid subsidies to provide health insurance to poor adults without kids. This question is now relevant thanks to the Supreme Court's recent ruling. The Roberts Court ruled that the federal government may not deny the federal share of funds for a state's existing Medicaid program if that state refuses to avail itself of the new subsidies offered for expanding program eligibility. In the wake of this ruling several Governors have said they will not, or may not, expand their Medicaid programs, notwithstanding the ACA's offer of generous matching federal funds.

How generous? Under the ACA the Feds will pay all benefit costs for this new population for two years, and then from 80-95 percent of benefit costs beyond that. That compares to an average federal share of 57 cents of each dollar spent on Medicaid benefits for existing populations. The exact federal share varies by state and ranges from 50 cents federal to 78 cents federal for basic Medicaid benefits.

New York Governor Cuomo might say, "I have to pay 50 cents of state money for each Medicaid

dollar spent in New York. If I expand my Medicaid program to these poor childless adults, I'll have to pay about 18-19 cents of state money for each Medicaid dollar spent on them after the first few years." The Mississippi Governor might see his costs reduced from 22 cents of state money per dollar spent for existing Medicaid populations, down to only 5 cents of state money per dollar spent on these new populations. From a state's perspective, the decision to expand Medicaid means higher state expenditures but at a drastically reduced cost in state funds per new enrollee. Adding new people still costs you scarce state funds, but these new enrollees would be cheaper to the state than the people already in your program.

Why, then, would a Governor reject such a generous offer? She can provide health insurance for poor residents of her state for no cost in the first two years and at an extremely reduced cost after that. If a Governor refuses, ACA defenders argue she will be leaving enormous amounts of federal money "on the table." Governor Granholm points out that states already subsidize hospitals to cover some of the costs of the uncompensated care delivered to these poor uninsured people. And since in most cases Medicaid pays providers low payment rates, adding them to Medicaid is a relatively inexpensive way to provide them with health insurance.

Charles Blahous was first to publicly explain how the Court's decision could make the ACA's finances untenable. He examined the incentive the Court's decision would have for Governors to abandon Medicaid expansions in favor of federally-funded subsidies through state exchanges.

Let's briefly review seven additional challenges to the case made by advocates for Medicaid expansion under the ACA. The bar is low: we don't have to prove that a Governor should not expand Medicaid, only that one can make this decision without being irrational or evil. Thanks to a knowledgeable friend for helping me with these.

1. **"Leaving federal money on the table" looks at the problem backwards.** The law does not offer states free money without conditions, it reduces the price to the state of covering these new people. A state must still find the funds to cover its five to 20 percent of the new Medicaid costs. While that's a tiny fraction of the total new costs, Medicaid is a huge program and many states are already in dire financial condition. If a state can't afford its share it doesn't matter how much the Feds are offering. A Governor must look at her budget and prioritize the state resources at her disposal. Medicaid spending is one of the two largest components of most state budgets. It is reasonable for a Governor to conclude she would rather use her limited resources for other needs (education, emergency services, public infrastructure) than to expand her state's obligations for its biggest and fastest-growing entitlement.
2. **A smart Governor recognizes that a commitment to expand Medicaid eligibility is likely to be permanent, so she may be risk averse.** It is quite difficult to cut off eligibility for a group of people once it's been granted. Our Governor must also consider political and legislative risk from Washington. Sure, the Feds are offering to pay all benefit costs for the first two years, and most costs after that. But the law might be repealed in 2013. Even if it's not, Congress could cut federal match rates in the future to address federal spending pressures. In his budget President Obama has proposed to "align" match rates in Medicaid and CHIP, code for cutting CHIP match rates. A

federal “Grand Bargain” fiscal negotiation would certainly consider cutting federal match rates for Medicaid and CHIP. In any of these scenarios the state and our Governor bear the downside fiscal risk.

**3. A Governor must also worry about creeping federal requirements for this new population.** States have some flexibility designing benefit packages for their Medicaid populations and a lot of flexibility in designing insurance structures and setting payment rates. The Feds, however, are looking at this new group of people as part of their “ACA eligibility expansions,” along with others who will buy subsidized insurance through state exchanges. What happens, then, if the Feds want to impose new requirements on the exchanges, and then require states to do the same with their Medicaid programs? The Feds have a history of doing this in Medicaid.

**4. There are hidden costs to this expansion.** Any time a program like Medicaid is expanded there is a *woodwork effect*. Some mothers and their kids who were eligible for Medicaid before the ACA, but who had not enrolled, would be drawn to enroll with the increased publicity to enroll newly eligible poor childless adults. If your focus is on enrolling poor people in Medicaid this is a good thing. It is also an increased cost to the state budget, especially since these mothers and their kids are not eligible for the higher federal match rate in the ACA. A Governor considering whether to expand her program must include these additional costs in her decision, even though they don’t directly impact the target population. A state also bears the administrative expenses and challenges of expanding its program.

**5. Adding new people increases government spending and total spending on health care.** Yes, those who lack prepaid health insurance impose uncompensated care costs on hospitals. Yes, the states pick up some of these costs through subsidies to those hospitals. Both would be reduced if more people had prepaid health insurance. But while expanded Medicaid eligibility means more and better medical care for those who were previously uninsured, it comes at an added cost to the government (Feds + States). There is no free lunch here, only a reduced price lunch. More people X more medical care = more spending.

**6. A Governor creates negotiating leverage with the Feds by saying no, even temporarily.** The Feds and States are constantly engaged in negotiations over funding and rules for Medicaid and CHIP. Governors know that the Obama Administration needs them to expand their Medicaid populations for PPACA to approach its coverage goals. Congress wrote the law with an effective mandate on states to cover these people. The Court inverted that power dynamic, and any Governor who says no to an expansion gains leverage for more federal funds or flexibility in other areas.

**7. If it’s such a good deal why did the Feds mandate it?** There’s a parallel here with the individual mandate and accompanying subsidies. The law’s authors knew that subsidies would encourage some individuals and some states to buy health insurance or expand their Medicaid programs. They knew that others would not take advantage of these subsidies, so they mandated participation with penalties for noncompliance. The individual mandate and penalty tax survived the Court challenges while those imposed on states did not. It is reasonable to assume that, without the mandate, some states will now choose not to expand their biggest (or second-biggest) state spending program any further.

When the ACA was enacted in 2010 CBO estimated that the Medicaid expansions would result in 17 million more Medicaid enrollees by 2016. The Supreme Court’s ruling and subsequent decisions

by Governors should reduce that. We will see by how much if the law is not repealed next year.

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## [Why the Obama-Boehner talks fell apart](#)

Budget talks between President Obama and Speaker Boehner fell apart yesterday

after the Speaker called the President and said he would instead negotiate directly with Senate Leaders Reid & McConnell.

The [President spoke to the press within the hour to begin framing the collapse of the negotiations](#). He reinforced his theme that he was the reasonable, flexible party willing to compromise to get a deal.

I just got a call about a half hour ago from Speaker Boehner who indicated that he was going to be walking away from the negotiations ...

... And so the question is, what can you say yes to? Now, if their only answer is what they've presented, ... -- if that's their only answer, then it's going to be pretty difficult for us to figure out where to go. Because the fact of the matter is that's what the American people are looking for, is some compromise, some willingness to put partisanship aside, some willingness to ignore talk radio or ignore activists in our respective bases, and do the right thing.

And to their credit, Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, the Democratic leadership, they sure did not like the plan that we are proposing to Boehner, but they were at least willing to engage in a conversation because they understood how important it is for us to actually solve this problem. And so far I have not seen the capacity of the House Republicans in particular to make those tough decisions.

The President positioned himself as the aggrieved party, trying to understand what went wrong:

It is hard to understand why Speaker Boehner would walk away from this kind of deal.

I actually think it's quite easy. The President backtracked in private negotiations this week, demanding bigger tax increases after the Gang of Six, including three conservative Republican Senators, released a plan that raised taxes more than the President had previously demanded.

Today's press stories treat this as a detail. It is instead the key to understanding why the talks fell apart.

Here are some primary source materials for reference:

- [video](#) and [transcript of the President's press briefing](#);
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## **Recent history of the negotiations**

First we'll look at total levels of taxation.

This gets a little tricky, because Republicans and Democrats frame tax numbers differently. These negotiations assumed a gap between current law taxation and current policy taxation of \$3.5 T over 10 years.

- Last weekend the White House was willing to, from their perspective, **reduce revenue at least \$2.8 T relative to current law**. That's about \$700 B higher revenues than current policy. That number would be a ceiling for revenues.
- Tuesday the Gang of Six proposed their budget plan. The Gang's plan would reduce revenues \$1.5 T relative to current law, which (using these baselines) means \$2 T higher revenues than current policy. That means the Gang of Six proposed \$1.3 T higher revenues than the President had been demanding privately. The Gang of Six includes three conservative Republican Senators.
- After the Gang of Six offered [their plan](#), the President backtracked from his position last weekend and increased his demand. Late this week the President was willing to **reduce revenue by at most \$2.4 T relative to current law**. Using CBO's numbers, that's about \$1.1 T higher revenues than current policy, and \$400 B higher than last weekend. That number would be a floor for revenues.

Last week the President increased his tax demand by \$400 B and changed a ceiling for revenues into a floor. (Technical note: My numbers are \$100 B off from the \$800 B and \$1.2 T numbers publicly discussed. This doesn't change the story and the backtrack amount is still \$400 B.)

Next let's look at tax rates. The President and the Speaker were negotiating certain parameters that would be agreed to for a future tax reform:

- As of last weekend, the President was willing to support three individual tax rates, and the top rate would be less than 35 percent. Team Obama also agreed that the difference between the top individual and corporate rates would be limited.
- After the Gang of Six released their plan, the President's team backed away from this position.
- In addition, Team Obama suddenly insisted that refundable tax outlays (for the poor) not be reduced by tax reform.

Again, the President retreated from an earlier position on taxes as a result of the Gang of Six introducing their plan. On total tax revenues, tax rates, and refundable outlays, the President increased his demands last week.

The Speaker's statement today reinforces this description of recent history:

The discussions we've had broke down for two reasons. First, they insisted on raising taxes. **We had an agreement on a revenue number** - a revenue number that we thought we could reach based on a flatter tax code with lower rates and a broader base that would produce more economic growth, more employees and more taxpayers, and a tax system that was more efficient in collecting the taxes that were due the federal government. **Let me just say that the White House moved the**

**goalposts. There was an agreement, until the President demanded \$400 billion more, which was going to be nothing more than a tax increase on the American people.** I can tell you Leader Cantor and I were very disappointed in this call for higher revenue. Second, they refused to get serious about cutting spending, and making the tough choices that are facing our country on entitlement reform. Listen, that's the bottom line.

The President's statement does not explicitly confirm that the President "moved the goalposts," but is consistent with it, and he cited the Gang of Six four times, wrapping his arms around their position.

In addition, what we sought was revenues that were actually less than what the Gang of Six signed off on. So you had a bipartisan group of senators, including Republicans who are in leadership in the Senate, calling for what effectively was about \$2 trillion above the Republican baseline that they've been working off of. What we said was give us \$1.2 trillion in additional revenues

Press reports today say Presidential advisors confirmed that the President increased his demand for more revenues last week.

In addition, the President and the Speaker had open disputes about how much to save from Medicaid, and about an automatic mechanism to force Congress to act on the entitlement and tax provisions. The President wanted a provision that would "decouple" tax rates if Congress failed to act, allowing top tax rates to increase while extending the other tax rates. Republicans would hate this outcome and would therefore have an incentive to legislate the deal. The Speaker insisted that if this automatic hammer decoupled tax rates, it also had to repeal the individual mandate from the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare), to create roughly equal legislative pressure on both sides of the aisle.

## **Negotiation tactics, framing & strategy**

While it is an aggressive tactic, there is nothing "wrong" with moving backward in a negotiation. It is likely to anger the counterparty, and it usually reduces the chance of getting a deal. But sometimes conditions change, as they did this week, and one party feels his position is strengthened and thinks he can demand more.

That appears to be the case here. The three conservative Republican Senators who supported a high level of taxes changed the President's perception of what he could demand on taxes, and especially what he could publicly defend as reasonable if negotiations fell apart. So he backtracked and increased his demand.

At the same time, this has important consequences for those trying to understand why negotiations fell apart.

- It shows the President was willing to risk not getting a deal for what he perceived as an improved chance of getting better than his bottom line on taxes.

The President's increased private demands on taxes contradict his public claim that he has been doing everything possible to get a deal.

- The President said, "It is hard to understand why Speaker Boehner would walk away from this deal." No it's not. The deal the President offered him got worse over the course of the past week.
- Imagine the Republican reaction if word had leaked out that the Speaker and Leader Cantor had agreed to a worse tax position than the President had offered them one week prior. There is no way they could take that risk, **and the President had to know that**. The President made a new demand he had to know Republican Leaders could not possibly accept. The President toughened his position knowing it would cause the talks to fall apart, yet feeling comfortable that he had a stronger rhetorical position explaining the collapse.
- The Gang of Six's efforts have been characterized by some as a shining example of bipartisanship that showed a path forward toward a budget compromise. But because the Gang's plan was left of the President on taxes, the President backtracked and caused negotiations to collapse. The Gang of Six's substance and timing helped kill whatever remaining short-term chance there was for a big budget deal.

President Obama used the Gang of Six's plan as an exit strategy. He backtracked on taxes, knowing this would force the Speaker to abandon negotiations, and knowing he could use the Republican Senators in the Gang to argue from a position of increased rhetorical strength in the ensuing debate. It's a clever strategy but it belies the President's public posture.

It seems the President's own questions should be asked of him:

And so then the question becomes, where's the leadership? Or, alternatively, how serious are you actually about debt and deficit reduction? Or do you simply want it as a campaign ploy going into the next election?

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#### HATCH OUTLINES NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAID REFORM

In Speech Today, Utah Senator Says, "I reject the President's inside-the-beltway approach to providing health care for a country as large and diverse as ours. Instead of centralizing power in the nation's capital, we should empower the states to run their Medicaid programs in a manner consistent with the needs and the values of their citizens."

WASHINGTON – In a speech at the Heritage Foundation today, U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, outlined why Medicaid reform must happen given the financial burden it's placing on state and federal budgets and the poor quality of care it offers patients. On Monday, Republican Governors sent Hatch and Chairman Upton a letter outlining a series of principles that should guide reform. Hatch believes that the highly successful, bipartisan welfare reform of 1996 - where states led the way to provide the best solutions for a broken program - should be the model to modernize Medicaid.

"Medicaid has served as an important safety net for more than 45 years, but in order to continue serving the most vulnerable in our society, it is absolutely essential that we modernize this program," said Hatch. "The bottom line is that those who are the biggest advocates for Medicaid, and most criticize conservatives for seeking to reform the program, are happy to consign America's poorest and sickest patients to a health care gulag."

Hatch continued, "I reject the President's inside-the-beltway approach to providing health care for a country as large and diverse as ours. Instead of centralizing power in the nation's capital, we should empower the states to run their Medicaid programs in a manner consistent with the needs and the values of their citizens. In the coming months, I look forward to working closely with the governors to develop specific solutions. We have a great deal of work to do to turn the governors' principles into federal law, but we are ready for the challenge."

Below are Hatch's remarks as prepared for delivery:

Thank you Mike for that kind introduction. I always appreciate the invitation to participate in Heritage Foundation events. For decades, folks like yourself, and Ed Meese, and Bob Moffitt, and Stuart Butler — not to mention Dr. Feulner — have been at the vanguard of conservative policy. It is hard to think of a conservative policy achievement that does not have your imprint on it, and for that leadership I am grateful.

Unfortunately, the need for your leadership is always growing.

It is nice to be on offense, but since President Obama's inauguration, we have too often found ourselves on defense, holding the line for limited government and free markets. The debate over health care reform is a case in point.

Along with many other groups, Heritage had spent years working through the nuances of health care policy, identifying the root causes of access problems and recommending solutions consistent with our constitutional commitment to personal liberty.

And then what happened?

President Obama, having salted the earth during the campaign, took all of the innovative work that had been done and tossed it in the garbage. Instead of reforming a bankrupt system, he decided to double down on it. For all of the 2,000-plus pages of ObamaCare — and believe me, it is no picnic getting through that bill — it really is a pretty simple scheme.

Spend \$2.6 trillion on new coverage entitlements, and pretend to pay for it by raiding already bankrupt entitlements and raising taxes by half a trillion dollars. While they may have expanded coverage, they did nothing to address the fundamental problem facing our nation's health care system — the cost of health care. We know how this book is going to end. If you put government on the hook for expanded coverage, without reducing the cost of coverage, the cost to taxpayers is going to go up.

Democratic Governor Phil Bredesen has it right. This is his assessment of ObamaCare. "What a stunning disappointment. The health care 'reform' we finally wrote into law isn't transformational. It provides health insurance for a great many more people, but doesn't directly attack any of the deep structural problems of health care."

Nowhere is the impact of this deadly combination of expanding coverage and expanding costs more insidious than in Medicaid. Medicaid is not only a federal entitlement that was massively expanded through ObamaCare, but it is an entitlement that states are responsible for. By exploding Medicaid populations and denying the states the ability to effectively manage those populations, ObamaCare is a direct assault on our Founding Fathers' Constitution of limited federal powers and reserved states' rights.

The bottom line is that we need to repeal this terrible law in its entirety. But addressing Medicaid is a reasonable place to start for conservatives who want to restore the fiscal integrity of the states and to undo the damage done by this administration to the nation's health care system.

Medicaid has served as an important safety net for more than 45 years, but in order to continue serving the most vulnerable in our society, it is absolutely essential that we modernize this program.

One of Medicaid's biggest problems is mission creep. In its first year, fewer than five million individuals used Medicaid services. Today, nearly one in four Americans is on Medicaid and half those newly covered by ObamaCare will be on Medicaid. This is simply unsustainable. Medicaid was intended to be a safety net program for the poor. But it has turned into substitute health insurance for nearly one-quarter of the population. Not only can the states and the federal government not afford such a massive program, but as currently structured it provides nowhere near the level of care that it should. In short, an ever expanding Medicaid program is devastating for the nation's and the states' finances, and by spreading itself so thin it fails to provide adequate care for those who need it.

Medicaid's budget burdens are a significant problem. It is no exaggeration to say that Medicaid threatens to bankrupt both the federal budget and the vast majority of state budgets. Over the next ten years, Washington alone will spend \$4.6 trillion on Medicaid. Think of that for a minute. Our publicly held debt is already \$14 trillion. We are talking right now about significant spending reductions that amount to between \$2 trillion and \$3 trillion. Yet, we are set to spend \$4.6 trillion on this one program alone.

When Admiral Mullen said that the greatest threat to our national security is our debt, he probably had a copy of the Social Security Act open and turned to the Medicaid program. The levels of Medicaid spending are not just a budget issue. They are also a governance issue, depriving lawmakers and governors of the flexibility to provide much needed services to their citizens. With Medicaid spending now consuming nearly a quarter of state government budgets, this program routinely crowds out other critical priorities such as education and law enforcement.

States need to enact their own pro-growth agendas, keeping taxes low to spur job growth, but Medicaid obligations are strangling these efforts. Unfortunately, liberal Medicaid advocates and their Democratic allies do not seem to care. They put on their blinders and pretend as though there is no problem with

Medicaid's financing and that any reductions in spending or meaningful reforms are assaults on the poor. It is worth reminding these professional advocates just how much waste, fraud, and abuse there is in the Medicaid program.

Anyone who doubts that we can save money in Medicaid should Google Medicaid and Financial Planning. There's an entire consulting industry out there teaching people how to game the system and get Medicaid to pay for long term care services. People can own a \$750,000 house and still qualify for Medicaid these days.

Medicaid is a massive target for waste, fraud, and abuse. By CMS' own estimates, tens of billions of dollars are lost to fraud, waste and abuse each year. Medicaid's improper payment rate averages nearly 10 percent, and when you are talking about a \$400 billion a year program that's a lot of money. These are not hypotheticals.

One state's Auditor General found that Medicaid was paying claims on behalf of 1,705 dead people. And a GAO report determined that beneficiaries were improperly obtaining addictive drugs at a cost of \$65 million to taxpayers.

So Medicaid is like every other government program. There is fat to be cut. The only difference between this and other programs is how well marbled Medicaid is.

I want to make one more point, however.

Irrespective of one's views on the merits of the Medicaid program as a matter of principle or constitutional soundness, it should at the very least be able to measure up as a program that achieves its objectives.

In other words, does Medicaid even do what it sets out to do? I think that the answer is clear that too often it does not. In too many instances, Medicaid fails the patients that it purports to serve.

Scott Gottlieb's recent piece on this subject in the Wall Street Journal is jarring, and every bleeding heart who attacks conservatives for failure to support the poor should have to answer for Medicaid's abysmal record in treating its impoverished beneficiaries.

According to this article, Medicaid patients and people lacking any health insurance were both 50 percent more likely to die when compared with privately insured patients. They were 80 percent more likely than those with private insurance to have tumors that spread to at least one lymph node.

A 2010 study of major surgical operations found that Medicaid patients had the longest length of stay in the hospital, the most total hospital costs, and the highest risk of death. Even according to government data, Medicaid patients are more likely to end up in the emergency room than privately insured and even uninsured patients.

Gottlieb concludes that being on Medicaid is actually worse than having no health care coverage at all. And I cannot say that I disagree.

Nor can I say that I am surprised. What about our experience with top down government-run programs suggests that it would lead to top flight medical care?

The bottom line is that those who are the biggest advocates for Medicaid, and are the quickest to criticize conservatives for seeking to reform the program, are happy to consign America's poorest and sickest patients to a health care gulag.

The single greatest reason for this failure of the Medicaid program is a Washington bureaucracy that has tied the states' hands, preventing them from making meaningful changes and reforms.

President Obama took this programmatic jalopy and crashed it into a bridge abutment. Instead of reforming this program and putting it on sound financial footing, he made matters worse by continuing to hamstring the states.

Instead of trying to fix Medicaid's problems, he exacerbated all of the program's worst features. This administration has demonstrated an alarming pattern of usurping states' authority to manage their Medicaid programs in ways that best meet the needs of their citizens.

First, the so-called stimulus package restricted states from managing their program eligibility through an onerous mandate called the Maintenance of Effort or M-O-E.

States — unlike Washington — which too often just prints money to pay for out-of-control spending, actually have to make tough budget decisions every year. And the states are facing the worst budget crisis since the Great Depression with a collective \$175 billion shortfall.

Washington's micromanagement of state Medicaid programs makes it incredibly difficult for the states to balance their budgets and provide for those who are most in need. Because of the overly generous benefit programs that Washington forces on the states, they are unable to target health services to those most in need of assistance. Because of these M-O-E restrictions, Governors are unable to undertake common-sense reforms that root out program waste, fraud, and abuse.

The result of these M-O-E requirements is nothing short of Washington induced state fiscal crises. My close friend Utah Governor Gary Herbert has said, "[n]ot a state in this nation is immune to tough budget decisions, and sometimes Washington makes it even harder. Utah must seriously weigh the real

costs of Medicaid, one of the largest and most expensive programs we have....Unfortunately, federal mandates tie our hands. Utah has zero flexibility to respond to economic conditions, or the option to scale the program back in a way that reflects local values and priorities.”

Governor Herbert — and many other governors across the nation — have repeatedly asked Washington to repeal these onerous Medicaid M-O-E mandates. And I have recently introduced legislation, the State Flexibility Act, to do exactly what the governors have asked.

The State Flexibility Act fully repeals these burdensome Medicaid M-O-E regulations. It starts to put states back in control, empowering them to prioritize and balance their budgets, while simultaneously lowering federal entitlement spending. This legislation will save American taxpayers \$2.8 billion over just the first five years.

Regardless of political affiliation, I am confident that this bill has the potential to garner strong, bipartisan support in Congress and represents a strong first step toward achieving comprehensive Medicaid reform. Still, this legislation is just a first step towards achieving comprehensive Medicaid reform, and we have much more work to do.

In April, the Obama Administration proposed a new regulation out of C-M-S that will force states to ask Washington's permission whenever they want to lower spending on reimbursement rates to providers.

After first taking away states' ability to manage their Medicaid enrollment, now the Obama Administration is trying to completely tie states' hands when it comes to setting rates. These regulations will straightjacket the states and make it virtually impossible for them to lower their Medicaid spending.

Now the Obama Administration is also trying to impose its pro-abortion agenda on the states. In May, the State of Indiana passed a law to restrict taxpayer dollars from going to abortion facilities, but the Obama Administration is trying to stop Indiana from implementing that law. Some media reports even indicate that the Obama Administration is considering cutting the entirety of Indiana's federal Medicaid match over this issue.

Last week, I sent a letter to the Obama Administration along with 27 other United States Senators explaining that the State of Indiana is clearly within its rights to implement its law. Indiana's law effectively closes a loophole that has allowed taxpayer dollars to support operational costs for abortions; and furthermore, their law ensures full compliance with the longstanding federal policy of the Hyde Amendment.

Indiana's proposal should not only be approved by the federal government; I believe it serves as an important model for every state. More broadly, I support the right of states to administer their Medicaid programs in a manner consistent with the values of their citizens.

As if these attacks from the Obama Administration aren't enough, the Supreme Court will be hearing a case this fall known as *Maxwell-Jolly* that could give a completely unprecedented private right of action over Medicaid. If the Supreme Court decides the case in the same way that the liberal Ninth Circuit in California did, the litigation costs for states will exponentially increase.

Each of these examples is unique, but they all share a common theme. Each is an effort by Washington to micromanage the states when it comes to Medicaid. As Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, I'm fighting back hard against the Obama Administration on each of these issues. We have our work cut out for us.

In 2017, state governments will be forced to spend new money on expanded Medicaid populations, and by 2020, the states will fully shoulder their share for these new populations. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office originally estimated ObamaCare's Medicaid expansions at a \$60 billion cost to the states through 2021. I authored a joint Congressional Committee Report with House Energy and Commerce Chairman Fred Upton that was the first to comprehensively examine state government estimates of the costs of ObamaCare for state Medicaid programs.

States use these estimates in managing their budgets; this report therefore gives the clearest picture to date of the health care law's new Medicaid costs to state taxpayers. This report conservatively estimates that ObamaCare will cost state taxpayers at least \$118.04 billion through 2023. The state-by-state findings of this report indicate just how unrealistic ObamaCare's Medicaid mandates are for the states. In just one state, the Medicaid program will be forced to spend \$27 billion more than the program's entire annual budget today.

Though this picture is grim, there is a better way for Medicaid.

I reject the President's inside-the-beltway approach to providing health care for a country as large and diverse as ours. Instead of centralizing power in the nation's capital, we should empower the states to run their Medicaid programs in a manner consistent with the needs and the values of their citizens.

The welfare reform of the 1990s — the most successful conservative reform of an entitlement program, and one that you are very familiar with in this building — can serve as a model for Medicaid

reform. Solutions for sustainable welfare reform came from the states — not just Washington. Our goal is to empower the states to design and implement innovative Medicaid solutions. Our nation's governors have run Medicaid programs and are in the best position to help Congress in fixing Medicaid.

I would also add that the history of welfare reform can keep us optimistic even when we are slogging through fights over Medicaid reform. When we began the fight for welfare reform, we were told that our work-first approach and end to the welfare entitlement would be devastating to the poor. Today, after the positive results from welfare reform, that original conservative position is virtually unassailable.

So I am ready for the onslaught from the left, but as Richard Weaver put it, ideas have consequences, and I am confident that thoughtful conservative reforms to the Medicaid system will not only prevail, but will have a positive impact on the program's finances and on the quality of care.

Here are just a few of the examples that conservatives can look to when they are reforming Medicaid. Rhode Island implemented a global cap on Medicaid expenditures back in 2009. The waiver gave the state flexibility from Washington's bureaucracy. Not only did the State improve patient care, by implementing important wellness programs and moving seniors from nursing homes into community care when appropriate, but the state has saved a significant amount of money by making its program more competitive and efficient.

The State of Indiana implemented an innovative Medicaid model that couples a commercial health care plan (for expenses above \$1,100) with a health care spending account controlled by the Medicaid beneficiary. The accounts are prefunded by the state on an income sliding scale.

The results? A recent survey of program enrollees found that the personal responsibility approach is positively changing health care behaviors: 76 percent of respondents had received an annual physical, six in ten respondents now think differently about where and when they get their health care, and two-thirds of respondents say they are more likely to seek treatment when needed.

Finally, the state of West Virginia has implemented innovative reforms to promote personal responsibility among Medicaid beneficiaries. The state established "Healthy Rewards Accounts" to encourage healthy behaviors. To open a reward account, a beneficiary must sign a member rights and responsibility agreement, which says, for example, "I understand that smoking, using drugs illegally, drinking too much alcohol, and being overweight are bad for my health." The state then awards bonuses to beneficiaries for meeting health goals such as medication regimen compliance.

According to Nancy Adkins, Commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services, "West Virginia is poised to take the lead in moving Medicaid from a welfare mentality to a model which emphasizes personal empowerment and responsibility."

I could go on about the innovative things that Texas and New York have done in better coordinating care for patients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid — or the "duals." Not only have these approaches saved the states money, they have improved care for the patients.

It is important for Congress to encourage, rather than stymie these state-based innovations. Last month, Chairman Upton and I sent each governor a letter asking for feedback on both the challenges states have faced and for their ideas on how to make Medicaid work better.

We have heard many governors — both Democrat and Republican — express the need for Medicaid reform. Former Governor Phil Bredesen has called the Medicaid program "an obsolete and broken system."

Former Governor Jeb Bush said, "We're left with a broken system that creates barriers for patients, removes incentives for compassionate high-quality health care and encourages fraud and abuse by some vendors who have learned how to gain from the system rather than take care of Florida's most vulnerable citizens."

Governors have run a Medicaid program and are in the best position to tell Washington how to fix Medicaid. Chairman Upton and I asked for feedback on both the challenges governors have faced and for their ideas on how to make Medicaid work better. My goal is to empower the states to design and implement innovative Medicaid solutions that work for their states.

This week we received a response from Republican governors. Their letter outlined key principles for Medicaid reform. Some patterns are emerging when we hear from the people on the ground who have the burden of administering the Medicaid programs.

First, governors want to design Medicaid solutions based on the needs, culture, and values of each state. The governors also asked for accountable and transparent financing mechanisms, which might include a block grant, that will save money for both federal and state taxpayers.

Governors want the freedom to make Medicaid more patient-centered, to streamline and simplify eligibility processes, and to provide patients a choice about their coverage plans. And finally, governors need the flexibility to deal with the quality and spending challenges posed by long term care services and with the dual eligible populations.

In the coming months, I look forward to working closely with the governors to develop specific solutions. We have a great deal of work to do to turn the governors' principles into federal law, but we are ready for the challenge.

Furthermore, I look forward to continuing my work with the Heritage Foundation in developing a sustainable Medicaid program that saves money and improves care. Democrats might turn a blind eye to these efforts, but as we careen toward a full-blown debt crisis, we really have no other option. Congress and the nation's governors can — and we will — develop comprehensive and sustainable Medicaid reform. It is time to fix the Medicaid program. We owe it to taxpayers and to beneficiaries. And we owe it to future generations.

Abraham Lincoln understood that this country must constantly recommit itself to its founding principles of liberty and equal rights. Our national debt and entitlement programs are now a threat to both. Reforming Medicaid will be a solid down payment on broader conservative efforts to rein in the federal government and restore our constitutional system of limited powers and sovereign states.

Thank you.

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- **Rhode Island:** In [statement](#) on his website, Gov. Lincoln Chaffee (I) said, “I have fully committed to ensuring Rhode Island is a national leader in implementing health reform whatever the Supreme Court decision, and this just reinforces that commitment.” According to Steven Costantino, the state’s secretary of health and human services, “The expansion is easy to do and makes sense” (Chaffee [statement](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Participating (10 states and District of Columbia)**

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- **Delaware:** Gov. Jack Markell—chair of the Democratic Governors Association—said in a statement, "The Supreme Court's ruling enables Delaware to continue to implement provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide access to health care benefits for Delawareans," adding, "On the Medicaid front, Delaware already voluntarily expanded the state's Medicaid coverage program in 1996 to cover many Delawareans not previously covered" (Office of Gov. Markell [release](#), 6/28).
- **District of Columbia:** "The District is not at risk of losing any Medicaid funding as a result of this ruling, because District officials have already begun implementation of the ACA's Medicaid-expansion provisions and will continue to implement the expansion," according to a statement from the office of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray (D) (Executive Office of the Mayor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Hawaii:** Gov. Neil Abercrombie (D) said in a statement

after the ruling, “The Affordable Care Act is our ally” in the effort to “support a healthcare system that ensures high quality, safety and sustainable costs.” Pat McManaman, the state’s director of the Department of Human Services, said starting next month Hawaii’s Medicaid eligibility requirements will be in line with federal guidelines under the overhaul, meaning an additional 24,000 people will be eligible for the program by 2014 (Office of Gov. Abercrombie [release](#), 6/28; Garcia, [AP/CBS News](#), 6/29).

- **Illinois:** Gov. Pat Quinn (D) on Thursday praised the court’s decision and said he “will continue to work with President Obama to help working families get the healthcare coverage they need,” including expanding Medicaid (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28; Thomason, [Rock River Times](#), 7/3).
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- **Minnesota:** “Today’s ruling will be met with relief by the Minnesotans whose lives have already been improved by this law,” Gov. Mark Dayton (D) said in a statement on Thursday. Dayton in 2011 used federal money to expand Medicaid early to 84,000 adults with annual incomes below \$8,400 (Lohn, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Vermont:** Gov. Peter Shumlin (D) said Vermont’s Medicaid program already meets the requirements under the health reform law’s Medicaid expansion, [WCAX](#) reports (Steimle, [WCAX](#), 7/1).

- **Washington:** Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) "supports the Medicaid expansion—and Washington will move forward," Karina Shagren—a deputy communications director in Gregoire's administration—said in an email to *American Health Line* (Shagren email, 7/5). [updated on July 5 at 1:35 p.m.]

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- **Nevada:** After the Supreme Court ruling, Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) said the impact of the decision on was not immediately clear but indicated that he is leaning toward not expanding the state’s Medicaid program. Sandoval’s press secretary, Mary-Sarah Kinner, said in a statement, “The governor does not intend to automatically accept the Medicaid expansion” (Haynes et al., [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 6/28).
- **New Jersey:** on Fox News’ “Fox and Friends” on July 3, Gov. Chris Christie (R) said he is leaning toward not accepting federal funding to expand the state’s Medicaid program. He noted, “Medicaid is pretty well expanded in our state already because of the legacy of previous Democratic governors. So I don’t know if there’s a lot more to do in New Jersey in that regard” (“[Fox News Insider](#),” Fox News, 7/3; [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 7/3; Friedman, [Newark Star-Ledger](#), 7/3).
- **Texas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Lucy Nashed—deputy press secretary for Gov. Rick Perry (R)—said Perry will be working with Attorney General Greg Abbott (R) "and appropriate state agencies to determine the impact of the Supreme Court decision on the state of Texas," adding that "the governor

has previously made clear, he has no interest in fast tracking any portion of this bankrupting and overreaching legislation. We will continue to call for the full repeal of the bill" (Nashed email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*

### **Leaning toward participating (3 states)**

- **Arkansas:** Gov. Mike Beebe (D) said he is inclined to proceed with Medicaid expansion for his state given the “opportunity to pay for it with taxes that are coming from ... the federal government,” he said at a news conference in Washington, D.C. “I don’t want to send [tax money] to Massachusetts or California and ignore our own people,” he added (Lyon, [Arkansas News](#), 7/2).
- **Oregon:** Gov. John Kitzhaber (D) said he is confident that the Oregon legislature will approve a state Medicaid expansion, and State Sen. Alan Bates (D) has expressed similar confidence, the [Associated Press](#) reports. In an interview last week, Kitzhaber said, “We’ll make a decision on whether or not to expand the Medicaid program really based on, I think, the resources we have available in the general fund for that purpose going forward” (Budnick, [The Oregonian](#), 7/3; Wong, [Statesman Journal](#), 6/28; Cooper, [AP/Real Clear Politics](#), 6/28).
- **Rhode Island:** In [statement](#) on his website, Gov. Lincoln Chaffee (I) said, “I have fully committed to ensuring Rhode Island is a national leader in implementing health reform whatever the Supreme Court decision, and this just reinforces that commitment.” According to Steven Costantino, the state’s secretary of health and human services, “The expansion is easy to do and makes sense” (Chaffee [statement](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Participating (10 states and District of Columbia)**

- **California:** California got a head start on expanding its Medicaid program in November 2010, shortly after

Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. After the high court's ruling, Gov. Jerry Brown (D) issued a [statement](#), "Today's dramatic Supreme Court ruling removes the last roadblock to fulfilling President Obama's historic plan to bring health care to millions of uninsured citizens." Duane Dauner, president of the California Hospital Association, said in separate statement that he expects "California will comply with the Medicaid expansion in the law, even though it will increase the state's costs in future years" (Office of Gov. Brown [release](#), 6/28; California Hospital Association [release](#), 7/3).

- **Connecticut:** Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) was among the first to sign his state up for Medicaid expansion when Obama signed the law in 2010. Following the Supreme Court's ruling preserving the legislation, he responded, "it's great ... [and a] very important decision for the people of Connecticut. 500,000 people would have lost coverage if Republicans had their way" (Davis, [WTNH](#), 7/28).
- **Delaware:** Gov. Jack Markell—chair of the Democratic Governors Association—said in a statement, "The Supreme Court's ruling enables Delaware to continue to implement provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide access to health care benefits for Delawareans," adding, "On the Medicaid front, Delaware already voluntarily expanded the state's Medicaid coverage program in 1996 to cover many Delawareans not previously covered" (Office of Gov. Markell [release](#), 6/28).
- **District of Columbia:** "The District is not at risk of losing any Medicaid funding as a result of this ruling, because District officials have already begun implementation of the ACA's Medicaid-expansion provisions and will continue to implement the expansion," according to a statement from the office of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray (D) (Executive Office of the Mayor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Hawaii:** Gov. Neil Abercrombie (D) said in a statement

after the ruling, “The Affordable Care Act is our ally” in the effort to “support a healthcare system that ensures high quality, safety and sustainable costs.” Pat McManaman, the state’s director of the Department of Human Services, said starting next month Hawaii’s Medicaid eligibility requirements will be in line with federal guidelines under the overhaul, meaning an additional 24,000 people will be eligible for the program by 2014 (Office of Gov. Abercrombie [release](#), 6/28; Garcia, [AP/CBS News](#), 6/29).

- **Illinois:** Gov. Pat Quinn (D) on Thursday praised the court’s decision and said he “will continue to work with President Obama to help working families get the healthcare coverage they need,” including expanding Medicaid (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28; Thomason, [Rock River Times](#), 7/3).
- **Maryland:** Gov. Martin O’Malley (D) in a statement said the Supreme Court’s decision “gives considerable momentum to our health care reform efforts here in Maryland,” adding that the state will move forward to implement the overhaul (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Massachusetts:** Gov. Deval Patrick (D) said Massachusetts is “an early expansion state as you know and we’re expecting further resources from federal government to sustain the experiment here in Massachusetts.” Patrick said the ruling is “good news for us” Patrick said (Walker, [YNN](#), 6/28).
- **Minnesota:** “Today’s ruling will be met with relief by the Minnesotans whose lives have already been improved by this law,” Gov. Mark Dayton (D) said in a statement on Thursday. Dayton in 2011 used federal money to expand Medicaid early to 84,000 adults with annual incomes below \$8,400 (Lohn, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Vermont:** Gov. Peter Shumlin (D) said Vermont’s Medicaid program already meets the requirements under the health reform law’s Medicaid expansion, [WCAX](#) reports (Steimle, [WCAX](#), 7/1).

- **Washington:** Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) "supports the Medicaid expansion—and Washington will move forward," Karina Shagren—a deputy communications director in Gregoire's administration—said in an email to *American Health Line* (Shagren email, 7/5). [updated on July 5 at 1:35 p.m.]

### **Undecided/no comment (26 states)**

- **Alabama:** As of June 29, Gov. Robert Bentley (R) had not decided whether Alabama will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, according to Jennifer Ardis, Bentley's press secretary, [AP/CBS News](#) reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Bentley said, "I am deeply disappointed by today's Supreme Court decision," but he did not address the court's ruling on the Medicaid expansion (AP/CBS News, 6/29; Bentley statement, 6/28).
- **Alaska:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Sean Parnell (R) has not made a statement regarding Alaska's intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion, only saying in a release that "now with no penalty we need to rethink what we're going to do with Medicaid" and the "expansion costs that are mandated" (Office of Gov. Parnell [release](#), 6/28; Coyne, [Alaska Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Arizona:** Gov. Jan Brewer (R) in a [statement](#) following the Supreme Court ruling repeated her call for the entire law to be repealed but did not directly address the expansion. House Speaker Andy Tobin (R), however, said budgetary issues in the state and a conservative political climate will make expanding Medicaid difficult. "We're going to have to sit down and weigh carefully what is reasonable to expect of our political leaders," he said. "I don't see us going along with the expansion if it's not mandated," Tobin added. "It's an ever-expanding cost, so it continues to put pressure on the state budget when we're barely recovering as it is" (Brewer statement, 6/28; Reinhart, [Arizona Central](#), 6/28; Young, [Huffington Post](#), 7/2).
- **Colorado:** Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) at a press

conference on June 28 gave only a lukewarm nod to the Medicaid expansion. He said, “Well, we’ll see. We’re certainly looking at that. We’re probably a little bit premature, but we’re certainly looking at it and trying to figure out a way we can do that and still live within our means” (McCrimmon, [Health Policy Solutions](#), 7/2; AP/CBS’ “[Moneywatch](#),” 6/29).

- **Georgia:** As of July 2, Gov. Nathan Deal (R) had not yet decided whether Georgia would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#) reports. Over 10 years, the expansion is projected to cost Georgia about \$4.5 billion, “money we don’t have,” Deal spokesperson Brian Robinson said (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Idaho:** Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R) this week did not indicate his preference on whether Idaho would widen Medicaid coverage ([AP/KTVB](#), 7/1; Messick, [StateImpact Idaho](#), 6/29).
- **Indiana:** In a press release Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) said, “Any decision to expand Medicaid in 2014 is entirely the province of the next General Assembly and governor.” On Thursday Daniels told reporters “If it’s optional as I’m advised that it is, that’ll be a decision for future legislators to make” (Office of Gov. Daniels [release](#), 6/29; [AP/Lafayette Journal and Courier](#), 7/2; “[Moneywatch](#),” AP/CBS News, 6/29; Wilson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Kansas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Sherriene Jones-Sontag—communications director and press secretary for Gov. Sam Brownback (R)—said Brownback believes “this is now a political issue that will be resolved by the American people in the November elections” and “he will wait until after the November elections before making any decisions related to ObamaCare.” [*updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.*]
- **Kentucky:** Gov. Steve Beshear (D) on June 28 said, “We continue to review the Supreme Court’s opinion, particularly on the Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act to determine what our options may be.” He also

noted that he soon would issue an executive order to create a health insurance exchange (Office of Gov. Beshear [release](#), 6/28; [AP/Evansville Courier & Press](#), 6/28).

- **Maine:** Gov. Paul LePage (R) said in a statement on June 28, “It is a sad day, and it is now up to the American people to demand full repeal of Obamacare.” The governor did not directly address the Medicaid expansion in his statement. The state Legislature and LePage approved reductions in Medicaid spending earlier this year, and Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the state “will follow federal procedures and submit state plan amendments within the coming weeks that will outline the Medicaid reductions that were enacted by the Maine Legislature” (Office of Gov. LePage [release](#), 6/28; Farwel, [Bangor Daily News/Lewiston Sun Journal](#), 6/29).
- **Michigan:** As of July 1, Gov. Rick Snyder (R) had not decided to whether Michigan will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Lansing State Journal](#) reports. Snyder spokesperson Sara Wurfel said the administration wants to examine the cost of the expansion to assess the “best course of action” for the state. Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers, who control both chambers of the state legislature, have not committed to the expansion (Davis, [Lansing State Journal](#), 7/1).
- **Montana:** Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D), through a spokeswoman, declined to comment on the court’s decision. **Schweitzer** expressed deep reservations about the Medicaid expansion and effect on Montana’s budget. “Here’s what I know,” Schweitzer in February 2011 said, “that unless we challenge the underlying costs of health care ... it will bankrupt the states because there’s no way of decreasing the cost of health care under the current system” (Dennison, [Gazette State Bureau](#), 6/28; Drake, [Montana Watchdog](#), 7/2).
- **New Hampshire:** As of July 1, Gov. John Lynch (D)—who in the past has voiced concern over how the government would pay for the Medicaid expansion—had

made no statement on whether New Hampshire would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the *Nashua Telegraph* reports. In a June 28 [statement](#) on his website, Lynch noted that the state has “been preparing to implement the Affordable Care Act and will continue doing so in a way that best fits New Hampshire” (Landrigan, [Nashua Telegraph](#), 7/1; Lynch statement, 6/28).

- **New Mexico:** Gov. Susana Martinez (R) has not decided whether the state will expand Medicaid, according to spokesperson Scott Darnell. He said, “The governor is reviewing today’s Supreme Court decision and will proceed in a manner that best protects the safety net for the most vulnerable New Mexicans in a responsible and sustainable manner” (Massey, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **New York:** As of July 2, Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) had not made a statement on whether New York would participate in the Medicaid expansion. In [a release](#) last week, the governor said, “I am pleased the Supreme Court upheld this law,” adding that he looked forward to working with the “Obama administration to ensure accessible, quality care for all New Yorkers (Office of Gov. Cuomo [release](#), 6/28; [The Journal News](#), 6/29; Caruso, [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **North Carolina:** As of July 3, Gov. Beverly Perdue (D) had not made any public statement about her state’s participation in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court’s decision, Perdue said she is “committed to continuing to move forward ... to ensure that all North Carolinians have affordable, reliable health coverage.” Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Perdue said the governor has been in contact with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about the Medicaid expansion and will review the Supreme Court’s ruling to determine how it might affect North Carolina (Office of Gov. Perdue [release](#), 6/28; Dalesio, [CBS News](#), 6/28; Jarvis/Bonner, [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 6/29).
- **North Dakota:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Jack Dalrymple (R)

had not made a statement about his state's intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court's ruling, Dalrymple said the health reform law "is wrong for North Dakota," adding that its "citizens want the freedom to make their own decisions about their health-care coverage." Dalrymple has said that his staff is analyzing the court's ruling, but it is unclear whether the state will participate in the Medicaid (Office of Gov. Dalrymple [release](#), 6/28; MacPherson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **Ohio:** Gov. John Kasich (R) on Monday said he has not decided whether his state will participate in the Medicaid expansion and he does not plan to set a "deadline" to make his decision. The head of the state's Office of Health Transformation also said the state must first determine how to cover the additional Medicaid costs the state would incur even if the state does not participate in the expansion. In a [statement](#) on the Supreme Court's ruling, Kasich said, "We are very concerned that a sudden, dramatic increase in Medicaid spending could threaten Ohio's ability to pursue needed reforms in other areas" (Office of Gov. Kasich [release](#), 6/28; Tribble, [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 7/2; [Columbus Business First](#), 7/3; Candisky, [Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/3).
- **Oklahoma:** Gov. Mary Fallin (R) has not yet decided whether Oklahoma will opt of the Medicaid expansion, [Tulsa World](#) reports. Fallin said, "Certainly I am hoping that we'll elect a new president and we'll be able to change faces ... in the (Democratic-controlled) U.S. Senate that we can once and for all overturn the federal health care bill" (McNutt, [The Oklahoman](#), 6/29; Greene, [Tulsa World](#), 7/3; McGuigan, [Tulsa Today](#), 7/2).
- **Pennsylvania:** Gov. Tom Corbett (R) has not yet announced whether Pennsylvania will opt out of the Medicaid expansion. He said in a [statement](#), "I think we can all agree there are Pennsylvanians who need our help. However, expanding government bureaucracy, government programs and government spending is not

the answer” (Office of the Gov. Corbett [release](#), 6/28, LoBasso, “[PhillyNow](#),” *Philadelphia Weekly*, 7/3).

- **South Dakota:** South Dakota: In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Joe Kafka—press secretary in Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s (R) administration—said Daugaard “has made no decision on [the] Medicaid expansion, which will be costly for South Dakota, and he won’t make any decision on it until after the election” (Kafka email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*
- **Tennessee:** As of July 2, Gov. Bill Haslam (R) had not yet decided whether Tennessee would opt out of the Medicaid expansion. After the Supreme Court ruling, Haslam told reporters, “We don’t really know what we’re going to do ... but the cost impact to the state is very significant” (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Utah:** Gov. Gary Herbert (R) said his administration is conducting a thorough legal and policy review of the Supreme Court ruling, but he did not comment on whether the state would expand its Medicaid program (Stewart, [Salt Lake Tribune](#), 6/29; [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Virginia:** Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has made statements indicating that he is against the Medicaid expansion, but has declined at this point to comment definitively on whether Virginia will opt out of it. McDonnell said he will review the state’s options in the upcoming weeks (Martz, [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/1; Millman, [Politico](#), 6/29).
- **West Virginia:** Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) has not yet announced whether West Virginia will proceed with the Medicaid expansion. In a [statement](#), Tomblin said, “We know what the law is but as I’ve said before, I will continue to do what is best for West Virginia... We’re going to review the Supreme Court’s ruling, and work with our federal delegation on how we move forward” (Smith, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Office of Gov. Tomblin [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Wyoming:** Gov. Matt Mead (R) in a [statement](#) said he

will study the Supreme Court's ruling and the health reform law more carefully before making any implementation plans for Wyoming, but he believes "the ACA is not a good fit" for the state (Office of Gov. Mead [release](#), 6/28; Wolfson, [Billings Gazette](#), 6/28).

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPUBLICANS SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEFICIT REDUCTION COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON – Today, a group of Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee submitted recommendations to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Joint Committee) for consideration. Under the Budget Control Act, congressional committees can submit recommendations to the Joint Committee by October 14, 2011. The Finance Committee has jurisdiction over all tax policy, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, pensions, welfare and international trade.

In a letter to Joint Committee Co-Chairs Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) which accompanied the recommendations, the Senators wrote, “As members of the Senate’s Committee on Finance, we are submitting our recommendations on tax, entitlement programs, and trade policy that make meaningful contributions to deficit reduction.”

The recommendations were submitted by Finance Committee Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), and Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Pat Roberts (R-Kansas), Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), John Thune (R-S.D.), Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.).

The recommendations to the Joint Committee are as follows, and can be found [HERE](#):

**TAXATION:** The Senators outline seven guiding principles and six specific proposals that comprehensive tax reform should achieve:

- The principles for reform include economic growth, fairness, simplicity, revenue neutrality, permanence, competitiveness, and savings and investment.

- The specific proposals include an income tax rate for individuals and corporations that is no higher than 25 percent; repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and its tax increases; full repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT); the adoption of a territorial tax system as an anchor for corporate tax reform; small business income should only be subject to a single level of tax; and the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) should include macroeconomic feedback effects in its revenue estimates of any tax overhaul.

HEALTH CARE AND WELFARE: The Senators outline the challenges facing Medicare, Medicaid, and Welfare programs and the means of fixing them.

MEDICARE – Designed for seniors, the Medicare program is split into Part A for in-patient hospital care, Part B for out-patient services, Part C for Medicare Advantage plans, and Part D for prescription drug coverage.

Medicare: The Senators recommend:

- Addressing the eligibility age;
- Evaluating the impact of supplemental coverage;
- Establishing a uniform deductible covering Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B services; and
- Strengthening efforts against fraud, waste and abuse.

Medicare Part A: The Senators recommend:

- Reducing geographic variations in health spending;
- Realigning provider payments; and
- Evaluating existing cost-sharing structures for post-acute services.

Medicare Part B: The Senators recommend the evaluation of the Medicare Part B cost-sharing threshold to ensure the long-term health of the Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Fund.

Medicare Part C: The Senators recommend:

- Examining approaches that competitively set reimbursement to plans and simultaneously preserve access in rural areas; and
- Promoting reforms that encourage innovative plan designs to meet beneficiary needs.

Medicare Part D: The Senators recommend a reevaluation and examination of the current Part D cost-sharing thresholds to ensure long-term health of the program.

MEDICAID – Designed for low-income and disabled individuals and families, Medicaid is a joint federal-state program: The Senators urge modernization of the program using the successful welfare reform model of the 1990s with states and governors leading the way through:

- Implementing fiscal responsibility by giving states defined budgets; and
- Empowering states to implement solutions for their citizens by giving states flexibility to:
  - o Modernize eligibility determination;
  - o Develop and implement provider reimbursement systems that encourage value over volume of services;
  - o Design benefits that comport with private-sector coverage, encourage healthy beneficiary behavior, and better manage chronic disease;
  - o Provide long-term care benefits with approaches that promote cost-effectiveness and self-directed services; and
  - o Partner with the federal government in providing more coordinated care for beneficiaries eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: The Senators recommend the repeal of this flawed health law as an essential step in improving the nation's future economic and fiscal outlook.

Welfare and Related Program: The Senators recommend collapsing the Social Services Block Grant, the Child Care and Development Fund and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families into one funding stream for states, the Social Services Fund, and establish time-defined goals.

Tort Reform: The Senators recommend tort reform as a means of slowing health care costs that are driven in part by the expensive practice of defensive medicine and saving billions of dollars.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE – Trade Adjustment Assistance: The Senators recommend the following:

- Reform the eligibility criteria to ensure that only those dislocated workers whose job loss is directly related to international trade are eligible for benefits;
- More narrowly defined benefits; and
- Allocation of any additional funding only to those programs that directly benefit dislocated workers.

SOCIAL SECURITY – The Senators find that with over 55 million Americans receiving Social Security retirement, disability, or survivors benefits and with fewer workers supporting more and more retirees, timely reform of this program is necessary and would send a positive signal to financial markets that America is solving its long-term imbalances.

The Senators recommend that reforms accord with the following principles:

Reform should ensure lasting, sustainable solvency of the program and maintain the integrity of Social Security as a safety net program that protects against poverty in old age or when a worker becomes disabled;

Promised benefit changes should apply to younger workers who can plan accordingly and should not change the real value of benefits for current retirees or those close to retirement;

Any proposed benefit changes should ensure protection against poverty for workers with low lifetime earnings and disabilities;

Maintain, as best possible, the fundamental value that there is a relationship between what workers put into the system and what they get out;

Be mindful of the negative effects of raising payroll taxes and lifting the taxable wage cap, as both would slow job creation and economic growth; and

The Disability Insurance component of the Social Security system – with a Trust Fund that will be exhausted as early as 2016 – must be a part of any overall Social Security reform effort.

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Attached is our RGPPC health care report. A special thanks to Carol Steckel (LA) for her hard work. Additional thanks to Bruce Greenstein (LA), Dennis Smith (WI) and Bill Hazel (VA) for their efforts and participation in our press roundtable with Governor Barbour (MS-RGPPC Chair).

We will forward you press clips later this afternoon from our coverage. Thanks again for working with us on this important project.

Best,  
Marie

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GOP Govs Release Medicaid Reform Report

The Republican Governors Public Policy Committee released today a report detailing 31 policy solutions for reforming Medicaid.

"One of the major mistakes of Obamacare is that it ignored input from the states," said RGA Policy Chairman Haley Barbour. "This report encompasses four months of substantive dialogue among the states about how to best reform Medicaid. It is a well thought out document that should be taken seriously by anyone in Congress or the White House who is interested in saving Medicaid."

"Medicaid consumes an ever-increasing and frightening share of state budgets and the current pace of spending is unsustainable," said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. "Regardless of whether or not Obamacare is repealed or struck down, Medicaid is in dire need of reform. This report offers realistic ideas about how to fix Medicaid from the states' perspective."

The report, titled A New Medicaid: A Flexible, Innovative and Accountable Future, follows a June 13th letter Republican governors sent to Congressional leaders outlining seven guiding principles for Medicaid reform. Every policy solution in the report falls within the principles outlined in the June letter.

A copy of the report is attached.

Please Note: This report is a collection of policy ideas from the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee Health Care Task Force. Inclusion in this report does not constitute an endorsement of the policy prescription by any specific governor. Instead, these policy proposals should be viewed as among the best ideas from the states to be considered in reforming the nation's healthcare system. Not every governor will choose or should choose to adopt and implement all of these solutions.

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ICYMI: Adding Fuel to the Health Care Fire

The Associated Press reports today that a newly discovered provision in President Obama's health care law would make millions of people newly eligible to receive Medicaid. The article notes that the discovery will boost Republican governors' argument that Obamacare's rules concerning Medicaid don't make sense.

In fact, Republican governors have long been advocating that the Medicaid provisions in Obamacare are in desperate need of reform, making the flippant response from the Senate Finance Committee to today's finding all the more disconcerting. The time when federal Democrats can shrug their shoulders and ask everyone to trust them is over.

The full article is below:

A twist in Obama's health care law

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's health care law would let several million middle-class people get nearly free insurance meant for the poor, a twist government number crunchers say they discovered only after the complex bill was signed.

The change would affect early retirees: A married couple could have an annual income of about \$64,000 and still get Medicaid, said officials who make long-range cost estimates for the Health and Human Services department.

Up to 3 million people could qualify for Medicaid in 2014 as a result of the anomaly. That's because, in a major change from today, most of their Social Security benefits would no longer be counted as income for determining eligibility.

Medicare chief actuary Richard Foster says the situation keeps him up at night.

"I don't generally comment on the pros or cons of policy, but that just doesn't make sense," Foster said during a question-and-answer session at a recent professional society meeting. It's almost like allowing middle-class people to qualify for food stamps, he suggested.

"This is a situation that got no attention at all," added Foster. "And even now, as I raise the issue with various policymakers, people are not rushing to say ... we need to do something about this."

Indeed, administration officials and senior Democratic lawmakers say it's not a loophole but the result of a well-meaning effort to simplify rules for deciding who will get help with insurance costs under the new health care law. Instead of a hodgepodge of rules, there will be one national policy.

"This simplification will stop people from falling into coverage gaps and may cause some to be newly eligible for Medicaid and others to no longer qualify," said Brian Cook, spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

But states have been clamoring for relief from Medicaid costs, complaining that just these sorts of federal rules drive up spending and limit state options. The program is now one of the top issues in budget negotiations between the White House and Congress. Republicans are pushing for a rollback of federal requirements that block states from limiting eligibility.

Medicaid is a safety net program that serves more than 50 million vulnerable Americans, from low-income children and pregnant women to Alzheimer's patients in nursing homes. It's designed as a federal-state partnership, with Washington paying close to 60 percent of the total cost.

Early retirees would be a new group for Medicaid. While retirees can now start collecting Social Security at age 62, they must wait another three years to get Medicare, unless they're disabled.

Some early retirees who worked all their lives may not want to be associated with a health care program for the poor, but others might see it as a relatively painless way to satisfy the new law's requirement that all Americans carry medical insurance starting in 2014. It would help tide them over until they turn 65 and qualify for Medicare.

The actuary's office said the 3 million early retirees who would become eligible for Medicaid are on top of an estimated 16 million to 20 million people that Obama's law would already bring into the program, by opening it to childless adults with incomes near the poverty level. Federal taxpayers will cover all of the initial cost of the expansion.

A spokeswoman for the Senate Finance Committee, which wrote much of the health care law, said if the situation does become a problem there's plenty of time to fix it later.

"These changes don't take effect until 2014, so we have time to review all possible cases to ensure Medicaid meets its mission of serving only the neediest Americans," said Erin Shields.

But Republicans already see a problem.

Former Utah governor Mike Leavitt said adding early retirees will "just add fuel to the fire," bolstering the argument from Republican governors that some of Washington's rules don't make sense.

"The fact that this is being discovered now tells you, what else is baked into this law?" said Leavitt, who served as Health and Human Services secretary under President George H.W. Bush.

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Attached is a document outlining what the republican governors are saying about the Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare. Please let us know if your state has released a statement that is not on the list.

Thanks,  
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To: Washington Reps and State-Federal Contacts  
Re: Letters from HHS to governors

For those who may not have received copies, Secretary Sebelius sent two letters today to governors:

- 1) a letter co-signed by Secretary Duncan regarding a new initiative to find and enroll eligible children into the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (attached); and
- 2) a letter identifying resources and opportunities to assist states in setting up exchanges under the ACA (see text below).

--Enjoy the weekend. DCQ

Letter from Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius to State Officials

August 12, 2011

Dear Governor:

I am writing to update you on important opportunities that are available to your state in connection with the establishment of Affordable Insurance Exchanges. These Exchanges – state-based competitive health insurance marketplaces – will help deliver coverage to individuals and small businesses in your state in a way that is simple, seamless, and affordable.

First, we are awarding a new round of “Establishment Grants” – federal funding for states to develop, implement, and establish Exchanges. States can use these grant funds to ensure that key Exchange functions are designed and implemented at the state level and take into account local factors and circumstances. States can apply for these grants on a rolling basis; applications are processed quarterly by HHS. The next deadline for applications is September 30, 2011. Three states have previously received these grants, and today I am pleased to award more than \$185 million to 13 additional states and the District of Columbia.

Second, HHS and the Treasury Department today are releasing proposed rules regarding Exchanges that further the goals of making access to affordable health insurance options simple and seamless. These proposed rules provide additional guidance on a simplified process for determining whether individuals are eligible for coverage through Exchanges, for premium tax credits to assist in the purchase of private insurance, or for other programs such as Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The rules follow guidance published July 15, 2011, which details many of the key areas in which states may choose to tailor their Exchange to meet the particular needs of their small businesses and residents. We expect to modify these proposals based on the feedback we receive from the American people. I encourage you to share your comments regarding these proposals with the Departments, particularly by formally commenting on the proposed rules over the next 75 days.

Furthermore, over the coming weeks, we will actively seek state feedback on these proposed rules through a series of regional meetings. You will be hearing from our HHS Regional Director inviting your

state to participate in one of these regional meetings in the near future.

I strongly encourage your state to participate. Your feedback – particularly your formal comments on the proposed rules – will significantly help us in the development of the final rules.

The availability of Establishment Grants, along with the flexibility we have provided to states in the development of their Exchanges, creates important opportunities to advance the development of state-based Exchanges. States have several options in implementing Exchanges that can accommodate varying levels of state activity:

**State-operated Exchange.** Under this option, the state operates all of the functions of the Exchange. HHS will certify state Exchanges by January 1, 2013. However, states can seek conditional approval if they expect to be ready in 2013. States may also choose to establish a state-operated Exchange in future years.

**State Partnership Model.** The Exchange could be run in partnership between the state and HHS, with some activities performed by the state and others by HHS. States and HHS can explore using a Partnership model to tailor the Exchange to local needs and market conditions. States can also use this model to transition to running their Exchange independently. We look forward to working with the states to further define this option.

**Federally-facilitated Exchange.** Under this option, HHS will ensure that there is a functioning Exchange in the state. HHS will work with the state to ensure coordination with the state's ongoing role in managing the private insurance market, Medicaid, and CHIP.

Based on your feedback, HHS is already developing information technology (IT) initiatives to make eligibility determinations easier for states, including a federal "hub" through which HHS will provide certain data verification services to all Exchanges as well as Medicaid and CHIP, rather than requiring Exchanges and these other programs to separately interact with multiple federal agencies.

Substantial federal funding is available now to help states establish an Exchange, with Establishment Grant applications accepted through June of 2012 and funding available through 2014. The "initial open enrollment" for Exchanges – the first period in which new coverage options will be available – is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013. This means that much of the work in preparation for open enrollment needs to be completed earlier in 2013. As such, I encourage states to have a fully developed grant strategy by early 2012. State Exchange grants can be used to help states determine whether they will operate an Exchange on their own, partner with the federal government, or rely on a federally-facilitated Exchange. I encourage all states to take advantage of this opportunity and use these resources to determine which model will work best for their residents. My staff looks forward to meeting on Exchange implementation with state Exchange grantees on September 19 and 20, 2011 in Arlington, VA.

Since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, the development of Affordable Insurance Exchanges and implementation of this landmark law more generally have been aided by state leaders who have shared their input and advice with our Department. I hope we will continue to hear from you as we work to develop strong partnerships, establish Affordable Insurance Exchanges and implement other aspects of health reform that will improve our health care system. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we pursue our shared goal of better, more affordable health insurance for all Americans.

Sincerely,

/S/  
Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary of Health and  
Human Services

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New Republican Governors Mark 100 Days

Today marks 100 days since the last of the country's new majority of Republican governors took office. Already, these 18 new governors have made a profound impact on their states as well as the nation at-large.

They have proven that true reform can occur despite opposition from well-funded, powerful interests and have shown Washington that not only can deep-holed budgets be balanced without raising taxes, but that it is possible to implement entitlement reform and restructure government's long-term costs and succeed. From education reform to fiscal and government reform, Republican governors are providing unparalleled political leadership.

Below is a list of the new governors' major initiatives and successes in their first 100 days:

Gov. Robert Bentley (AL)

- Signed the Responsible Budgeting and Spending Act which revises the budgeting process for the Education Trust Fund by allowing a "rolling reserve" process to make the Education Trust Fund resistant to proration.
- Working to implement health insurance exchanges that will increase competition and lower costs.

Gov. Rick Scott (FL)

- Rejected federal high speed rail proposal.
- o Instead announced support of meaningful infrastructure projects like the dredging of the Port of Miami - a project that will help create 33,000 jobs - to accommodate Post Panamax ships and increased shipping that will result when the Panama Canal is expanded and free trade agreements with Colombia and Panama are ratified.

- Signed an executive order to freeze job-killing regulations and establish the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform to review all new rules.
  - o This office has already identified more than 1000 unnecessary regulations that can be repealed.
- Signed the Student Success Act into law, establishing a system to pay the best teachers more and eliminate teacher tenure for new teachers.
- Created a Drug Strike Force to attack illegal use of prescription drugs by targeting criminal distributors.
- Sold state-owned aircraft to reduce unnecessary state spending - one of the Governor's campaign promises
- Job Creation: through Gov. Scott's commitment to reduce the size, scope and cost of government, as well as return savings to taxpayers through tax cuts, the Governor has enticed companies like Bing Energy and Chromalloy to move operations to Florida and companies like Vision Airlines to expand business in the Sunshine State.  
Gov. Nathan Deal (GA)
- Signed an overhaul of the state's cash-strapped HOPE scholarship into law, which assists students with their educational costs of attending college in Georgia.
- Passed an \$18.3 billion budget without controversy.
- Earmarked \$32 million in bond money for water infrastructure projects.
- Improved accessibility, holding regular legislative office hours for lawmakers.

#### Governor Terry Branstad (IA)

- Restored openness in state government:
    - o Launched a weekly video "Ask the Gov" Question and Answer series
    - o Revived weekly press conference after previous administrations abolished it
    - o Webcast live every weekly news conference
    - o Launched the "Call Gov. Branstad" show on WHO Radio
  - Opening Iowa back up for business
    - o Signed an executive order rescinding burdensome RICE rule
    - o Announced new businesses bringing hundreds of jobs to Iowa, including Alltech, Cargill and Valent BioSciences Corporation.
    - o Signed an executive order requiring a Jobs Impact Statement for every proposed rule so as to know exactly the ramifications contained therein.
  - Improving the state's finances:
    - o Gov. Branstad insists on a biennial budget that balances with five-year revenue projections and spends less than Iowa takes in each year.
- Gov. Sam Brownback (KS)
- Sweeping reform of state agencies to find efficiencies, reduce burdensome regulation and focus on the core functions of state government.

- o Established Office of the Repealer to review state laws and regulations and identify those which are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or contradictory.
- o Created Citizens Regulatory Review Board to review new rules and regulations proposed by state agencies and provide the Governor with feedback on any concerns raised by its review.
- o Eliminated, streamlined and/or re-organized seven state agencies.
- o Streamlined state human resources and homeland security, ensuring efficiency, uniformity and cost-effectiveness for state government agencies and cuts overhead costs.
- Established Rural Opportunity Zones:
  - o Designated 50 counties as “Rural Opportunity Zones” (ROZ), providing an income tax exemption for certain out-of-state taxpayers who relocate to those counties; and authorizing the counties to participate in a state-matching program to repay student loans of up to \$15,000 for college graduates who move to ROZ counties.

Gov. Paul LePage (ME)

- Expedited state repayments of a Medicaid debt to hospitals.
- Agreed to allow the Maine Educational Loan Authority (MELA) to proceed with issuance of tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds to fund student loans for the upcoming academic year.
- Worked to remove unnecessary regulation, which will ease the burden on working families.

Gov. Rick Snyder (MI)

- Fundamentally realigning the state’s tax structure to encourage investment and job creation.
- Put in place tools to help the state and local governments reduce long-term costs.
- Produced a budget plan that would cut taxes on businesses by more than \$1.5 billion – including the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax.

Gov. Susanna Martinez (NM)

- Balanced the budget:
  - o Governor Susana Martinez balanced a nearly-half billion dollar deficit she inherited upon taking office without raising taxes.
  - o Governor Martinez’s balanced budget cut unnecessary spending, allowing an increase in state funding levels for top priorities like public education and healthcare for the most vulnerable citizens.
- Education reform:
  - o Governor Martinez worked with a bi-partisan group of legislators to pass a new school evaluation system with overwhelming support. New Mexico schools will now be graded on an easy-to-understand A-F scale, allowing parents to know how well their schools are serving their children and taxpayers to know how effectively their tax dollars are spent. This legislation will also speed up the process of assisting failing schools by targeting resources and providing additional help to struggling students.
- Katie’s Law:
  - o This legislation will require a DNA sample from anyone arrested for a felony crime in New Mexico. New Mexico now has one of the strongest versions of Katie’s Law in the country, giving law enforcement one of the best available tools to prevent crimes, convict criminals, and exonerate the

innocent.

o Governor Martinez originally championed this legislation as a district attorney in 2006, but the bill that eventually passed only required a sample to be taken for certain violent felony arrests.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple (ND)

· Proposed budget includes cutting property and income taxes by \$500 million and unprecedented investments in infrastructure without borrowing money, while continuing to build the state's reserves to more than \$1 billion.

· Signed into law HB 1013, providing \$100 million to help communities in North Dakota's oil and gas counties offset direct impacts created by the rapidly developing energy industry.

Gov. Brian Sandoval (NV)

· Balanced the budget in the most challenging time in modern Nevada history.

· Introduced comprehensive education reform package.

· Improving government transparency and accessibility.

Gov. John Kasich (OH)

· Senate Bill 5 levels the playing field between taxpayers and the government workers who serve them, while maintaining government employees' ability to collectively bargain on wages and working conditions.

· Governor Kasich's Jobs Budget would balance an \$8 billion deficit while preserving an \$800 million tax cut for Ohio families.

· JobsOhio was established through House Bill 1 and is a non-profit economic development corporation that will work more effectively than Ohio's current state-centered efforts to retain and attract businesses. JobsOhio will be managed by a board of directors who are leaders in the business world, and because it is not a government entity, it will move at the speed of the market rather than at the speed of statute.

· Saving Jobs: Companies with major Ohio presences like American Greetings, Bob Evans, Diebold and Goodyear have committed to remaining in the state – preserving 5,500 jobs – and the unemployment rate has dropped below 9 percent for the first time in two years.

· Common Sense Initiative (CSI): Led by Lt. Gov. Taylor, is already eliminating undue burdens on business and helping Ohio companies grow and thrive.

· Statewide Coordination in the Fight Against Opiate Abuse: Through the new Cabinet-level Opiate Task Force will direct addiction prevention efforts across the state. The task force has already led to the raid of two pill mills where important evidence was collected that may assist in this effort.

Gov. Mary Fallin (OK)

· Delivered landmark, comprehensive lawsuit-reform legislation:

o By placing a hard cap of \$350,000 on non-economic damages and pursuing other common-sense legal reforms, Governor Fallin has helped to ensure that our legal system is fair to plaintiffs and victims without the kind of "jackpot justice" that drives jobs out of state.

· Cut Taxes:

o Allowed the income tax trigger to take place, cutting income taxes in Oklahoma by roughly \$120 million annually for businesses and individuals.

· Brought more accountability to public schools:

o Governor Fallin signed into law important legislation empowering the state superintendent and eliminating "trial de novo," a costly legal appeals process that makes it nearly impossible to terminate

ineffective teachers.

- Continued the fight against ObamaCare and federal overreach:
  - o The governor worked with Attorney General Scott Pruitt to ensure that the state of Oklahoma joined other states in challenging the constitutionality of President Obama's health care bill.
  - o She has also agreed to refuse \$54 billion in federal funds to ensure that Oklahoma cannot be tied to ObamaCare.

Gov. Tom Corbett (PA)

- Advocating For a Responsible Budget:
  - o When Gov. Corbett came into office in January, Pennsylvania was faced with a \$4.3 billion dollar deficit. His budget eliminates the deficit without raising taxes by reducing the cost of government.
- The Fair Share Act:
  - o Will end abusive and frivolous civil lawsuits that target parties with "deep pockets" instead of the defendants who are most culpable.
  - o Has passed the House and is making its way through the Senate.
  - o The measure will improve Pennsylvania's economic climate and competitiveness.
- Pushing for education reform:
  - o Gov. Corbett's plan includes school choice, merit pay, local property tax reform and giving school districts the ability to furlough employees when economic conditions make it necessary.

Gov. Nikki Haley (SC)

- Passed legislation that put more House and Senate votes on the record.
- Took taxpayer cash away from the state's public television and arts operations.
- Set in motion plans to deal with a soaring deficit in Medicaid programs and to restructure state government.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard (SD)

- Signed a balanced budget that completely eliminated the state's structural deficit without raising taxes or using one-time money.
- Proposed and signed package of bills to increase state incentives for economic development.

Gov. Bill Haslam (TN)

- Teacher tenure reform:
  - o Changed probationary period from three to five years.
  - o Included performance evaluations in tenure review.
  - o Gave principals flexibility to keep teachers beyond five year period but not grant tenure.
- Jobs4TN economic development strategy
  - o Regionalized strategies and created target industry clusters where Tennessee already has a clear

competitive advantage.

- o Created ECD field director positions to be the region's 'ombudsman' for businesses.
- o Put focus more on turning Tennessee-based intellectual property from research hubs such as ORNL, St. Jude and Vanderbilt into Tennessee jobs.
- o Restructured the Economic and Community Development office.

· Budget proposal -- \$1.8 billion less than previous years while still maintaining essential services.  
Gov. Scott Walker (WI)

- 24,000 private sector jobs created, including 8,200 manufacturing jobs.
- Eliminated state taxes on Health Savings Accounts.
- Reformed Wisconsin's litigation climate.
- Signed relocation and economic development tax credit legislation.
- Providing tax relief for Wisconsin's job creators: small businesses.
- Transforming the Department of Commerce into the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- Enacted supermajority for passage of tax increase legislation.
- Right-sizing state government with modest requests on state pension, health care.
- Balancing Wisconsin's FY 2011 Budget.
- Proposed budget that balances \$3.6 billion deficit and reduces the structural deficit to lowest point in recent history.
- Introduced 3rd Grade Reading Taskforce to make sure every Wisconsin 3rd grader can read at grade level.
- Aggressively marketed Wisconsin as "Open for Business" after massive Illinois tax increase.

Gov. Matt Mead (WY)

- Began streamlining state government:
  - o Governor Mead and the Republican Legislature combined two state agencies into a single agency.
  - o Governor Mead cut salaries in his Office.
  - o Reviewing all existing executive orders going back decades to remove any that are unnecessary or irrelevant.
- Finished the legislative session while continuing to maintain a surplus and put money into savings.
- Successfully advocated for job creating initiatives that could bring new industries to Wyoming like data centers.
- Kept a tax exemption in place for manufacturers.
  - o Shortly after signing that bill a new employer (Worthing Gestamp) announced they would build a wind tower manufacturing facility in Wyoming.

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## **Galen Institute, Angel Raich, Docs 4 Patient Care, the Benjamin Rush Society, and the Pacific Research Institute File Amicus Brief Against ObamaCare**

*February 13, 2012* — The Galen Institute, Angel Raich, Docs 4 Patient Care, the Benjamin Rush Society, and the Pacific Research Institute today issued the following statements after **filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court** supporting the 11th Circuit’s decision that the individual mandate contained in the health overhaul law is unconstitutional.

**Grace-Marie Turner, President and Founder of the Galen Institute** said: “Our **brief** exposes the fallacy behind a key issue that the Congress and Obama administration used to justify passage of their health overhaul law — namely, the attempt to avoid cost shifting from ‘free-riders.’ Our brief explains in detail how the individual mandate will not solve the problem but will actually make it worse. That demolishes the government’s case that the individual mandate is justified as a means of regulating commerce under the Constitution.”

**John Hoff, Counsel for *amici curiae* and Trustee of the Galen Institute** said: “The **brief** demonstrates the fallacy of the Government’s claim that the individual mandate cures any problem of shifting costs of uncompensated care to private insurance and explains why Congress lacked authority under the Constitution to impose the mandate. Congress has taken a step too far in invoking its authority to regulate interstate commerce.”

**Sally C. Pipes, President and CEO of the Pacific Research Institute and John R. Graham, Executive Director of the Benjamin Rush Society**, in a joint statement said: “The Obama administration’s claim that the individual mandate is needed to avoid the supposed effects of cost-shifting by the uninsured misreads the government’s own facts and analysis. The individual mandate at best only causes 16 million persons to obtain coverage they otherwise would forego. As a result, the mandate does not have substantial effect on interstate commerce and is neither necessary nor proper for addressing the supposed problem of cost shifting.”

**Hal Scherz, MD, FACS, FAAP, President and Founder of Docs 4 Patient Care** said: “On March 26, the United States Supreme Court will hear arguments regarding the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. Docs 4 Patient Care is honored to be an amicus in support of the 26 states suing the federal government, along with the Benjamin Rush Society, the Pacific Research Institute, and the Galen Institute. As one of the few physician organizations

who have filed a brief with the court, we hope to bring credibility to the multi-state case and raise points regarding the new law in a way that none of the other amici can.

“It is our hope that our involvement in this case will play a small role in influencing the Supreme Court justices to conclude as we have, that this law is wrong for America and has been forced upon us as a result of arguments and logic which are specious. This decision will determine not just the fate of a ruinous healthcare policy, but the behavior of the federal government from this point forward. If they can force individuals to purchase a product, there is no limit to what the government can force its citizens to do.”

*To interview Erik S. Jaffe, the Counsel of Record, please contact **Rowena Itchon** at the Pacific Research Institute. To interview Grace-Marie Turner or John Hoff of the Galen Institute, please contact **Tara Persico**.*

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## **Amici**

### **Angel McClary Raich**

Ms. Raich was the lead respondent in one of the U.S. Supreme Court’s important recent Commerce Clause cases, *Gonzales v. Raich*. Battling cancer, she brings to this case the perspective of both a patient and a litigant with a personal understanding of the implications of an expansive construction of the Commerce Clause on individual freedom.

### **Galen Institute**

The Galen Institute is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) public policy research organization devoted to advancing ideas and policies that would create a vibrant, patient-centered health sector. It promotes public debate and education about proposals that support individual freedom, consumer choice, competition, and innovation in the health sector.

### **Docs 4 Patient Care**

Docs 4 Patient Care is an organization of concerned physicians committed to the establishment of a health care system that preserves the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship, promotes quality of care, supports affordable access to all Americans, and protects patients’ freedom of choice.

### **Benjamin Rush Society**

The Benjamin Rush Society aims to unite those across the political spectrum who believe that the profession of medicine calls its practitioners to serve their patients, rather than the government.

### **Pacific Research Institute**

For 33 years, the Pacific Research Institute (PRI) has championed freedom, opportunity, and individual responsibility through free-market policy solutions. Founded in 1979 and based in San Francisco, PRI is a non-profit, non-partisan 501(c)(3) education institution.

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FYI, the attachment has a list of business groups that have issued statements in favor of Chairman Ryan's Budget proposal.

The Budget proposal was approved last night in Committee and could be considered on the House floor next week.

In case you missed it, the op-ed below from Karl Rove was in today's WSJ.

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## **Obama's Government Shutdown Gambit**

By Karl Rove

Wall Street Journal

April 7, 2011

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In the White House Press Room on Tuesday, President Barack Obama did what comes naturally—scold others, in this case the Congress. Mr. Obama complained that a budget agreement "could have gotten done three months ago."

What he didn't say was that the budget should have "gotten done" six months ago, before the current fiscal year started last Oct. 1. Our government's failure to have a budget in place halfway through the fiscal year is the president's responsibility. He and his party dominated Congress by wide margins when the budget was supposed to be put in place.

Also on Tuesday, at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan did

what the president has not. Demonstrating leadership and more than a little courage, Mr. Ryan laid out a thoughtful, ambitious blueprint for the next decade.

The Path to Prosperity would return discretionary spending to its 2008 levels and hold it flat for five years; reduce the federal government's work force by 10%; slash corporate welfare; reform the tax code; and reduce the corporate and top personal rate to 25%. It would repeal ObamaCare, change Medicare so the government helps all seniors pay for an insurance policy they choose, and send states money for each person covered by Medicaid, plus the flexibility to spend that money as they see fit.

The Obama-Ryan budget battle foreshadows what Americans are likely to hear in the 2012 campaign: an unengaged, reactive chief executive versus a bold, reform-minded GOP.

In the short term, it's obvious what Mr. Obama hopes to gain. Having watched his standing as "a strong and decisive leader" drop to 52% in last month's Gallup poll from 60% last year, the president is looking to profit politically from a shutdown of the federal government.

When the government was twice shut down in 1995 and 1996, Congressional Republicans survived the controversy and kept their majorities in the 1996 election. At the same time, the shutdowns boosted Bill Clinton's image. Only 37% viewed him as "a strong leader" in a June 1995 ABC News poll. In a January 1996 CBS News poll after the shutdowns, 53% said Mr. Clinton had "strong qualities of leadership."

The president will instruct his party to demagogue the House Republican budget, labeling it as an assault on the poor and a windfall for the rich that will rip America's social safety net to shreds. Never mind that these charges are false and irresponsible. Mr. Ryan would have the government spend \$40 trillion over the next 10 years, \$6.2 trillion less than Mr. Obama's budget plan of \$46 trillion. This is an overall reduction in what the government plans to spend, not a cut from what it is spending today.

Under Mr. Ryan's proposal, for example, health-care spending would still rise for both Medicaid, which serves the poor, and Medicare, which serves seniors. The \$275 billion spent on Medicaid this year would grow to \$305 billion in 2021 while the \$563 billion spent on Medicare this year would grow to \$953 billion in 2021. Nor would anyone 55 years or older be affected by any Medicare reforms.

Mr. Ryan and his colleagues want to act now to keep entitlement programs solvent. They want to keep Americans from experiencing the pain of the crisis that will come when the public debt has doubled by 2012 (from the level when Mr. Obama came into office) and nearly tripled by 2021, as it would under the president's plan. Already mandatory spending, the part of the budget that's automatic and not subject to approval each year by Congress, eats up all available revenue this year. Medicare goes broke in 2029, and Social Security is bankrupt in 2037.

The White House doesn't care—it perceives a political path to victory in 2012. What makes this strategy doubly reckless and cynical is that the administration knows a debt crisis is coming and that its spending plans cannot continue.

But the Obama administration's adults—Chief of Staff Bill Daley, Office of Management and Budget Director Jack Lew, and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling—are clearly not in charge. The politicians—Senior Adviser David Plouffe (who managed Mr. Obama's 2008 campaign) and Communications Director Daniel Pfeiffer (who had the same title in the 2008 campaign) have their hands on the wheel. The White House is in full re-election mode.

The House GOP budget will not become law this year, but it will smoke the president out on spending and provide a framework for Republicans to discuss the nation's fiscal challenges. The

contrast between the GOP's boldness and the president's cowardice is striking. The question is whether the president and his party will pay a political price for their abdication of leadership. We're about to find out.

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## GOP Budget Will Protect & Preserve Medicare for Current & Future Generations

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All across the country, Republicans are engaging their constituents about the GOP budget that will help boost our economy and create new jobs, lift the crushing burden of debt that threatens our future, and preserve critical health and retirement programs for America's seniors.

While Democrats have made [false claims](#) about the GOP plan, their strategy to scare senior citizens isn't working. Republicans were ready to engage their constituents during this two-week district work period and ready to answer questions about our plan. In fact, when Republicans explain how our plan preserves and protects Medicare, the response has been favorable. For example:

- A [new national survey by Gallup](#) says “[p]luralities of middle-aged Americans as well as those 65 and older prefer Ryan’s plan to Obama’s,” with seniors preferring the GOP plan by a 48-42 margin.
- A [CBS/New York Times poll](#) recently found that when asked whether “Medicare should be changed from a program in which the government pays doctors and

hospitals for treating seniors to a program in which the government helps seniors purchase private health insurance,” **47 percent say yes, 41 percent say no.**

Under the GOP plan, there will be no changes and no disruptions to benefits for Americans over the age of 55, and future beneficiaries will have access to the same kinds of options as Members of Congress. The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) tells the story of a Wisconsin townhall where Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) explained the facts about the GOP plan to his constituents:

*“Several at the Oak Creek meeting said they were confused about Medicare and whether it would end under Ryan’s plan. Ryan set them straight, explaining that his proposed changes to Medicare would affect those under 55. He said his intent was to preserve the program, which otherwise is expected to be insolvent in nine years.*

*“‘We need to reform it for the next generation to preserve it,’ Ryan said, adding the reformed plan would work like Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan that encourages competition for the best rates.*

*“Tanya Soich of Franklin said she attended sessions in both Franklin and Oak Creek because she wanted to make sure she understood Ryan’s position on Medicare. Her mother-in-law was concerned it would end, she said.*

*“‘Now I can have the confidence to tell her that she’s taken care of, as well as my children,’ said Soich.*

In contrast, the facts show that the President’s plan will ultimately guarantee deep and painful Medicare cuts for seniors:

- The President’s budget does nothing, guaranteeing benefit cuts for seniors. [FactCheck.org](#) reported that “if nothing is done, when those trust funds are exhausted, benefits would have to be cut by 22 percent in 2037, and more each year after that, according to the most recent report of the system’s trustees. By 2084, the system will generate only enough revenue to pay for 75 percent of promised benefit levels.”
- [Analysis by the nonpartisan CBO](#) shows – if we do nothing – Medicare will be bankrupt within 10 years. A [report by the trustees for Medicare](#) says “[w]ithout corrective legislation... the assets of the [Medicare] trust fund would be exhausted within the next 7 to 19 years.”
- The president would also rely on the IPAB – an unelected “rationing board” – to force hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts *in addition to* the hundreds of billions in Medicare cuts Democrats used to finance ObamaCare. The [Wall Street Journal](#) says this will lead to “the political rationing of care for the elderly, as now occurs in Britain,” and many doctors and hospitals may “drop out of Medicare” altogether.

For more details on the GOP plan to protect and preserve Medicare, please visit <http://budget.house.gov/fy2012budget/> today.

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GOP Governors Mark Anniversary of Obamacare

Republican governors marked the one-year anniversary of Obamacare today by detailing ways in which the federal healthcare law will damage state budgets and fail to adequately reform the nation's healthcare system.

Republican governors are also taking to the airwaves this week to discuss the one-year anniversary on national news programs.

RGA Chairman Rick Perry (TX): "Perhaps the most telling development of the year since Obamacare was signed has been the immediate and widespread mobilization of individuals seeking to spare states and citizens from the most painful results of this misguided legislation. In Texas alone, Obamacare stands to cost our state's taxpayers \$27 billion over 10 years starting in 2014, a price tag that will result in painful realities for families and employers of all sizes. I'm hopeful Obamacare will be fully repealed, and we can begin a real dialogue on health care reform in America."

RGA Vice Chairman Bob McDonnell (VA): "Implementation of Obamacare would cost Virginia two billion dollars over the next decade in unfunded mandates. We need to improve healthcare in our nation with commonsense, free market solutions, not with federal mandates on the states that take away our flexibility and violate the Constitution."

RGA Policy Chairman Haley Barbour (MS): "Americans are no closer to affordable healthcare than they were one year ago. Instead, at this one year anniversary, we continue to learn the ramifications of the law's many budget gimmicks, bureaucratic hurdles, and expensive mandates for both states and businesses. In my state, the cost to implement PPACA for Medicaid is \$1.7 billion over 10 years, including \$443 million in the 10th year alone. This law is expanding broken state Medicaid programs and undoing state-based reforms, pulling tax dollars from other necessary areas like education and law enforcement."

Gov. Sean Parnell (AK): "At the one-year anniversary of the federal healthcare law, 26 states are currently challenging its constitutionality, the House of Representatives passed its repeal, and half the country is opposed to it. In Alaska, we remain hopeful that it will be ruled unconstitutional, but in the meantime are working at the state level to improve affordability and increase access to healthcare with state resources and without federal entanglement."

Gov. Jan Brewer (AZ): "In the last 12 months, state leaders have learned the true costs of President Obama's health care 'reform.' Those costs have been meted out to states in the form of unfunded mandates and rigid federal regulations. At a time when states like Arizona are facing historic budget pressures, we need a federal partner willing to provide us the flexibility we need to operate our Medicaid programs in a fashion that best serves our citizens while being fiscally responsible."

Gov. Rick Scott (FL): "One year later, I remain convinced that Obamacare is bad for patients, businesses and taxpayers. This ill-conceived policy will force Florida to spend an additional \$12.8 billion on Medicaid and add an additional 2.1 million Floridians to Medicaid. Eliminating patient choice, rationing care and implementing the largest tax hikes in American history are just the beginning of the federal mandate's consequences. I commend Florida's Attorney General Pam Bondi and the other elected officials throughout the country who are standing up to Obamacare. This law has already been ruled unconstitutional in Florida. Now, we need an expedited appellate process to finish the case against Obamacare, and we need the federal government to immediately repeal the taxes enacted to pay for its implementation."

Gov. Nathan Deal (GA): "With one year of Obamacare under our belts, we can already see mandates crunching our state budget – and the bottom lines of our state's job creators in the private sector. The worst is yet to come. An anniversary is always a good time to renew our vows, even if we're vowing to keep up the fight."

Gov. Butch Otter (ID): "The unprecedented and unconstitutional burden that Obamacare seeks to impose on the American people already is damaging state efforts to implement responsible, cost-effective measures to make health care more affordable and accessible. It's diverting attention, effort and resources from our own data- and market-driven policy initiatives. That's why we here in Idaho have taken a stand and will continue to lead the way in pushing back against this unconscionable overreaching of federal authority."

Gov. Mitch Daniels (IN): "For state governments, the bill presents huge new costs, as we are required to enroll 15 million to 20 million more people in our Medicaid systems. In Indiana, our independent actuaries have pegged the price to state taxpayers at \$2.6 billion to \$3 billion over the next 10 years. This is a huge burden for our state, and yet another incremental expenditure the law's authors declined to account for truthfully."

Gov. Terry Branstad (IA): "President Obama's health care plan adds to the nation's deficit, and forces burdensome mandates on states that we cannot afford. In Iowa, this means an additional 100,000 Iowans on the Medicaid rolls at a time when we are facing a \$540 million shortfall. Rather than add more burdensome costs, it's governors who are identifying significant cost savings. I am committed to exploring every possible cost-saving option to help us maximize health coverage for more Iowans and efficiently use taxpayer dollars. One option being explored is the expanded use of generic drugs. Economist Alex Brill recently studied the potential impact of improving the generic substitution rate in Iowa that could save millions of dollars in the Medicaid program."

Gov. Sam Brownback (KS): "If fully enacted, the Obama Health Care plan would devastate the Kansas budget with unaffordable mandates, threatening every other priority in state government. As Governor, I have pledged to make protecting the Kansas economy and Kansas jobs a priority. We continue our call on Congress to repeal and replace the overreaching regulations of Obamacare with legislation that allows Kansas to determine our state's needs and health care priorities. Kansas - not Washington - should determine the state's needs and priorities and then enact our own reforms that increase health insurance choice, competition and coverage while reducing costs."

Gov. Bobby Jindal (LA): "Obamacare must be repealed and replaced. It is an awful policy that creates enormous financial burdens on states and unfunded liabilities in the Medicaid program."

Gov. Jack Dalrymple (ND): "There are many aspects of the health care reform bill that are not well suited to the realities of health care delivery in a state like North Dakota."

Gov. Mary Fallin (OK): "I was proud to be one of the 65% of Oklahomans who voted for and helped to pass an amendment to the Oklahoma constitution designed to block the 'individual mandate' contained

within the federal health care law. As governor, I continue to offer my full support to our attorney general, who is leading our legal challenge against Obamacare, as well as the national effort to repeal and replace the law."

Gov. Tom Corbett (PA): "The Federal health care law does not adequately address the costs of health care. Not addressing medical liability reform to stop frivolous lawsuits and to prevent defensive medicine was a major shortcoming of the law."

Gov. Nikki Haley (SC): "Whether it's supporting our attorney general's constitutional challenge, Senator DeMint's repeal effort, Senator Graham's opt-out plan or leading 28 other governors in asking the president to expedite an Obamacare hearing, we have been very clear in South Carolina: we are an equal opportunity opponent of Obamacare – a spending disaster that our state does not want and cannot afford."

Gov. Gary Herbert (UT): "One year ago, the federal government usurped state autonomy and ignored that several states--the incubators of solutions-- had already initiated state-based health system reform. Now the federal government has decreed a 'one-size-fits-all' solution and has left states to shoehorn the ACA's dictates into local agencies and budgets. It's completely unacceptable that the governors who are responsible for much of the implementation were never invited to the table during development. However, states will continue to exert their authority under the Constitution and will continue to innovate and find solutions to pressing issues like healthcare reform."

Gov. Scott Walker (WI): "Health reform started with the promise of reducing the cost of health care. Unfortunately, other than paying higher premiums for health insurance, PPACA holds little gain for the people of Wisconsin. Hundreds of thousands of people in Wisconsin will lose their current coverage. We estimate that 46 percent of those who will become subsidized under either Medicaid or the new tax credits already have health insurance. This means that billions of dollars nationally will be spent without increasing coverage.

PPACA is also a threat to our vibrant and competitive private health insurance market in Wisconsin. Many Wisconsin families will face increased cost in premiums. Our young people, struggling with the costs of raising their families will see the greatest premium costs in the individual and small group markets. Wisconsin has long been an innovative leader in health care. We are already far ahead of what PPACA is supposed to accomplish. We will continue to press all three branches of government at the federal level to reopen PPACA and deliver authentic health care reform that can gain the support of the states and the American people."

Gov. Matt Mead (WY): "Wyoming has fully accepted President Obama's challenge to the states to come up with better alternatives to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. I firmly believe that the best solutions come from the states, and Wyoming has already begun to work on options that not only keep our residents healthier, but also tackle the cost issues ignored in the federal law."

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## **GOP Governors Unveil 7 Principles of Real Health Reform**

The Republican Governors Association unveiled 7 principles for real health care reform today in an [op-ed](#) by RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell published by *Politico* and at an event with Utah Governor Gary Herbert and the American Action Forum.

The governors' efforts build upon the 31 [detailed solutions](#) for Medicaid reform released by the RGA last August, and the governors will use the principles outlined below as a guide as they produce a blueprint for comprehensive reform to be released this summer.

A copy of the op-ed is below:

### **7 principles of health reform**

Two years ago this week — after backroom deals and over the objection of many governors — the misnamed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act became law.

Now, though the Obama administration has issued 10,000 pages of regulations since Democrats in Congress passed the more than 2,000-page behemoth, the law still does little to protect patients and is unlikely to make care more affordable.

In fact, it's doing the opposite.

It adds to the nation's unsustainable debt, and its projected costs have nearly doubled.

It has failed to rein in rising health care costs. Despite President Barack Obama's pledge to reduce premiums by \$2,000 for a typical family, premiums are up. The general population is simply no closer to affordable, quality health care coverage than it was two years ago.

The basic way that "Obamacare" seeks to expand coverage is by increasing the number of people eligible for Medicaid. This is not reform. It is just an expansion of the welfare state by the federal government, which can't afford it, largely on the backs of the states, which also can't afford it.

Because “Obamacare” essentially unraveled the partnership of the states and federal government to deliver health care to the poor, Republican governors last August offered 31 recommendations to bring Medicaid into the 21st century.

This plan was developed to give states greater flexibility, spur innovation, encourage accountability and reduce costs for states and the federal government.

As the need for the Supreme Court to rule this health care law unconstitutional becomes clearer, Republican governors are taking the next step — creating a menu of recommendations for comprehensive, sustainable health care reform. The governors’ blueprint, due to be completed this summer, has seven guiding principles.

**1. Health care reform should emphasize health:** Health and well-being are determined by more than health services used. Employment, education and personal choices influence the health of each American. Unfortunately, the health care law undermines employment and limits personal choice. Meaningful reform should emphasize health by expanding economic opportunity and aligning incentives for Americans to make healthier personal choices that can drive improvements throughout the health care system.

**2. Responsibility is best fostered through individual incentives and not an oppressive federal mandate that violates the economic freedoms of Americans:** Americans should be in control of their health and the decisions regarding their care. Individuals and families, not governments, are best able to decide the right course of action, which is why price and quality transparency are essential to meaningful reform.

**3. Health care reform should enable Medicaid to restore and maintain the economic independence as well as health status of the neediest Americans:** Medicaid should be a bridge, not a barrier, to independence. Public assistance programs should be designed to offer support for disabled Americans and help individuals return to or maintain economic independence as well as health status.

**4. Health care reform should increase design flexibility in Medicaid and the private insurance market to improve coverage choices:** Increasing design flexibility in Medicaid and the private insurance market will strengthen access to care for patients, reduce the regulatory burden that increases the cost of care and lead to innovative programs.

**5. Health care reform should align delivery system incentives to improve the value of patient care:** Delivery incentives should be aligned to focus on quality, value-based and patient-centered programs that improve health — driving value over volume and quality over quantity while containing costs.

**6. Health care reform should foster state innovation to improve health care systems:** States are best able to make decisions about the design of their health care

systems based on the needs, culture and values of their citizens. Reform should reduce the federal disruption in state and local health care markets while increasing accountability.

**7. Health care reform should address unsustainable spending at the family, state and federal levels to ease the debt burden that threatens our future:** Families, states and the federal government face a dangerous budgetary outlook made worse by this health care law. The budget problem is spending; correcting it means empowering individuals and fixing the Tax Code to remove hidden costs from the health care system.

These principles are not partisan. Nor should they be considered controversial. They are, however, essential. Too often, Washington policymakers lose sight of what their goals should be by focusing on process and the political implications of their decision making.

Republican governors look forward to replacing "Obamacare" with legislation that will follow these guiding principles to improve health outcomes and contain costs.

*Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia is the chairman of the Republican Governors Association.*

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## **GOP Govs Unveil Medicaid Reform Principles**

29 Republican governors unveiled today seven guiding principles for reforming Medicaid in a letter written to Senator Orrin Hatch, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance and Representative Fred Upton, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The principles will serve as the framework for future specific recommendations from the governors as they begin what will be an ongoing dialogue with Congress as it weighs how to reform Medicaid.

“Aside from the full repeal of Obamacare, no issue is more important to fixing our nation’s healthcare system than improving Medicaid,” said RGA Chairman Rick Perry. “Governors must be given the flexibility to craft solutions based on their states’ specific needs without constantly needing to ask the federal government for permission.”

“Medicaid is on an unsustainable trajectory that threatens the fiscal health of our states and the nation,” said RGA Policy Chairman Haley Barbour. “Just as governors answered the call to help reform the welfare system in the 1990’s, today’s Republican governors are committed to working with Congress to reform Medicaid.”

The seven principles are:

1. States and territories are best able to make decisions about the design of their healthcare systems based on the respective needs, culture and values of each state.
2. States and territories should also have the opportunity to innovate by using flexible,

accountable financing mechanisms that are transparent and that hold states accountable for efficiency and quality healthcare. Such mechanisms may include a block grant, a capped allotment outside of a waiver, or other accountable and transparent financing approaches.

3. Medicaid should be focused on quality, value-based and patient-centered programs that work in concert to improve the health of our states' citizens and drive value over volume, quality over quantity, at the same time containing costs.
4. States and territories must be able to streamline and simplify the eligibility process to ensure coverage for those most in need, and states must be able to enforce reasonable cost sharing for those able to pay.
5. States and territories can provide Medicaid recipients a choice in their healthcare coverage plans, just as many have in the private market, if they are able to leverage the existing insurance marketplace through innovative support mechanisms.
6. Territories must be ensured full integration into the federal healthcare system so they can provide healthcare coverage to those in need with the flexibility afforded to the states.
7. States must have greater flexibility in eligibility, financing and service delivery in order to provide long-term services and support that keep pace with the people Medicaid serves. New federal requirements threaten to stifle state innovation and investment. In addition, since dual eligibles now constitute 39 percent of Medicaid spending, Medicare policies that shift costs to the states must be reversed and the innovative power of states should be rewarded by a shared-savings program that allows full flexibility to target and deliver services, which are cost-effective for both state and federal taxpayers.

A copy of the letter is attached. Gov. Rick Snyder has sent a separate letter to Chairman Upton.

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## **GOP lawmakers urge states on Medicaid**

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Republican lawmakers are urging their home-state governors to drop out of the Medicaid expansion that was part of Barack Obama's health care law now that the Supreme Court has given them a way out.

In interviews on Friday, GOP House and Senate lawmakers said their states should seriously consider rejecting the law's provision for wider Medicaid coverage, which would gut the law's expanded insurance coverage if many states decide to opt out.

"No, I don't," said Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.) when asked whether Republican Gov. Nathan Deal should keep his state under the new Medicaid program.

"It's a big increase in cost that the state government will have to incur and Medicaid is already unaffordable in Pennsylvania, as it is for most states," said Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.). "I think they'll have to weigh the option very seriously of not going for that expansion."

"I think they should" drop out, said GOP Rep. Tom Rooney, referring to his home-state of Florida. "The more [states], the better. ... Anything that a state can do to try to water it down, the better."

"I can't imagine they're going to do that," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) told POLITICO when asked if he believed Kentucky should go along with the Medicaid program. "The governor, our Democratic governor, has already said he has no idea how they'd be able to pay for it."

Like most governors, Kentucky Gov. Steven Beshear (D) has issued a cautious response to the Supreme Court decision, saying he was weighing all his options, despite earlier raising cost concerns with the program.

Under the 2010 health law, the Medicaid expansion would cover 16 million people, mostly paid for by the federal government. The law says that the federal government will initially cover the costs of the expansion between 2014 and 2016, but it eventually will phase down to picking up about 90 percent of the costs by 2020, shifting some of the burden onto the states.

If states refused to go along, the law allowed the government to cut off federal dollars for their current Medicaid programs, a prospect that prompted litigation from states' attorneys general.

Under Chief Justice John Roberts's ruling that upheld the individual mandate and much of the health care law, the court said that the federal government could not penalize the states by withholding those Medicaid funds for those that refused to comply. Now, the states have the choice to decide whether to participate in the program, which would cover those under 133 percent of the federal poverty line starting in 2014.

If states choose to forgo the option, it could leave millions of poorer citizens in a lurch since the health care law was structured to ensure Medicaid covered their health care

costs.

"I cannot believe any reasonable public official wouldn't want to provide health insurance," said Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) when asked about his Republican Gov. John Kasich. Recognizing that states are in a politically thorny situation, some prospective Mitt Romney running mates took a more cautious stance on Friday.

"We need to look at it, we're doing some research on it ... and it needs to be a decision based on the facts: coverage and expense," said Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio). "I know they want much more flexibility."

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) said: "I respect whatever decision they make. I think they are not supportive of Obamacare, and certainly the implications of what it means to the state budget. Many states would be bankrupted by that measure."

Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) said his guess is that South Dakota "may opt not to go along with that" but he didn't "want to tell [Gov. Dennis Daugaard] what to do."

"That's a conversation obviously I'll have to have with my governor on that," Thune said Friday.

Many Republicans struggled Friday to lay out how to handle underprivileged voters who could be affected if states choose not to go along. Gingrey said those at 133 percent of poverty level have "got a little bit more money in their pocket than those who are at 100 percent of the federal poverty level."

Added Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.): "Medicaid is an important safety net for our most vulnerable, for the disabled, and I'm concerned about promises that were made in the bill that I want to make sure that we're continuing to protect the intended population that Medicaid is targeting."

Still, other Republicans seemed ready to see their states exercise their option to drop out of the Obama program.

"It really would be difficult to justify going forward when you're really struggling to pay for [other] programs," said Sen. John Boozman (R-Ark.).

Sen. Mike Johanns (R-Neb.) added that GOP Gov. Dave Heineman's "choices here are to cut other programs, that's mostly education, K-12 and higher education, or raise taxes. And we don't want to raise taxes in our state, so there you go. Expand Medicaid, and then you've got to cut other programs."

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### April 5, 2011

**Here's a statement from Governor Daniels about the FY 2012 Budget Resolution released today by the House Budget Committee:**

"The House budget resolution is the first serious proposal produced by either party to deal with the overriding issue of our time. The national debt we are amassing threatens the livelihood and the liberty of every single American, and in particular the life prospects of our young people.

"Anyone criticizing this plan without offering a specific and equally bold program of his own has failed in the public duty to be honest and clear with Americans about the gravest danger we are facing together."

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## **RGA Leadership Supports House GOP Budget; Calls for Medicaid Block Grants**

Leaders of the Republican Governors Association sent a letter today to Representative Paul Ryan, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, supporting his budget proposal and calling for Medicaid block grants.

The letter was signed by RGA Chairman Rick Perry, Vice Chairman Bob McDonnell, Policy Chairman Haley Barbour and Policy Vice Chairman Chris Christie.

A copy of the letter is attached and below:

Dear Chairman Ryan:

On behalf of Republican Governors, we applaud the bold FY 2012 budget proposal you announced today. The House Republican budget halts the out of control spending spree of recent years, and imposes a back to basics, fiscal discipline that voters clearly asked for in last November's mid-term elections. It also gives businesses the certainty they need to create jobs and accelerate the engines of economic growth.

We appreciate the many innovative reforms this budget will demand; the current path forward is

unsustainable. As House Republican leadership redesigns programs to implement this budget, federal restrictions on Governors' ability to freely govern must be eliminated. Republican Governors are ready to assist you.

Medicaid reform is welcome and the Republican Governors overwhelmingly support the creation of a Medicaid block grant program. This well established approach will give states the freedom to innovate, share best practices, and create cost-effective ways to deliver quality health care to our most vulnerable populations. We appreciate this effort because The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) does not provide the flexibility states need for the challenges of today or tomorrow. Medicaid remains an antiquated, federal maze of regulations and mandates focused on process instead of quality health care. It requires months and sometimes years of negotiations for even modest changes, "perhaps" resulting in a positive outcome at the end of the process. This practice must stop if Governors are to contain costs and provide a safety net for our citizens; we know their needs far better than the federal government. We cannot do the jobs we were elected to do while continuing to be hampered by a federal program that stifles innovation and handcuffs state flexibility.

Chairman Ryan, your Medicaid proposals are far superior to those envisioned in the PPACA. As you know, Republican Governors have urged the President to support an expedited review of the court cases associated with the new law; its federal command and control approach does not address the health care needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We commend your leadership during these challenging economic times. We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you and the entire House leadership to ensure that Governors are leading the necessary government reforms you seek.

Sincerely,

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Good morning,

Please find the below thought-proving healthcare piece from our RGPPC Healthcare Chairman, Governor Bobby Jindal. Worth the read.

Best,  
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**Governor Bobby Jindal:**  
**[Patients Over Bureaucrats](#)**

Once the United States Supreme Court reminds our constitutional lawyer professor-turned-President of the existence of the Tenth Amendment and the limits of the Commerce Clause, thereby repealing Obamacare, the natural question becomes, what's next? All of the problems that existed before President Obama, then-Speaker Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Reid forced through a bill to raise hundreds of billions of dollars in taxes, cut Medicare spending, and create yet another entitlement program we cannot afford will still exist.

The American health care system has many well documented flaws, but reminds me of Churchill's description of democracy as the "worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried." Surely, our health care system is too expensive, leaves too many families without coverage, and is plagued by redundant paperwork and procedures. Yet, at its best, there is no better. When your child or parent is sick, you don't wish they could be treated elsewhere. But, you might be worried about how you are going to pay for the medical bills after they get better.

The President often promised that he would bend the health care cost curve down, and I just wish he had succeeded, or even really tried, and had done so in a way that maximizes our freedom. Health care reform is filled with confusing acronyms and large numbers, but really comes down to one simple question: Who do we want making our health care decisions? Do

we want doctors and their patients in charge or do we want government bureaucrats in charge? Since health care is such a personal matter – impacting us when we are the most vulnerable - and also expensive – consuming an increasingly larger share of our economy, how we answer this question may be one of the most important domestic policy decisions we make.

President Obama has made it clear his answer involves a top down government run approach that, as President Reagan famously said, “would have the efficiency of the Postal Service and the compassion of the I.R.S.” I was no great fan of the late Senator Ted Kennedy’s policies or politics, but did admire his philosophical consistency and dogged determination to get to a single payer system. I only wish more of our Republican members of Congress displayed those same traits in defense of a consumer based system. Senator Kennedy would pursue incremental steps or huge leaps towards government run health care, depending on the political circumstances, but he always worked to move the system in his direction. We need Republicans in Washington to stop viewing health care as simply a Democratic issue and to stop thinking they have achieved victory when they merely adopt a cheaper version of the Democratic plan. Over the years, Republican members of Congress have slowed down the other side, but have not prevented government from taking over more and more of our health care system. Indeed, the government is soon expected to pay for half of all health care spending, with that portion continuing to increase.

So, what next? How do we strengthen and improve a consumer based health care system? Let’s consider three main purchasers of health care – Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

### **Medicare**

The recent trustees report confirms what everyone already knows, but most in Washington want to ignore. Medicare is going broke, based on solvency of the hospital trust fund, percentage of GDP spent, growth in spending versus revenues, etc. The program today wastes billions of taxpayer dollars each year in fraud and waste, while trapping seniors in a system drowning in what the Mayo Clinic once counted as 130,000 pages of rules and regulations. Len Nichols described the program as the federal government trying to set 10,000 prices in 3,000 counties, making the Pentagon’s \$400 hammers and \$600 toilet seats look quaint by comparison. The Left wants to raise payroll taxes, while Congress and the bureaucrats continue to make political decisions on how much services should cost, which treatments are covered, and how often patients can visit their providers. The consumer based alternative is to adopt a premium support model, similar to the one used for federal employees, Members of Congress, and many in the private sector, to subsidize the majority of the premiums paid by seniors free to choose their own health care plan which best meets their needs.

### **Medicaid**

The Medicaid program, jointly financed and overseen by the states and the federal government, continues to overwhelm state budgets, consuming more scarce tax dollars and threatening funding for schools and roads, while failing to deliver health care efficiently. While welfare reform continues to stand as one of the most impressive recent domestic policy accomplishments to come from Washington, not exactly a high bar, liberal advocacy groups pressured Congress to inexplicably exclude Medicaid. States need to be freed from

the D.C. bureaucracy. The same local flexibility, accountability based on outcomes not process, and an emphasis on helping the poor to thrive in the mainstream that succeeded in transforming welfare will work with Medicaid. There is no excuse for a continued “separate but equal” health care system in this day and age. Democrats have blocked various Republican attempts to block grant the Medicaid program for years, while ignoring the pleas of governors from both parties for regulatory relief and an end to the unfunded mandates.

At the very least, Congress should allow states to opt-in to a more flexible long-term funding arrangement; the Obama Administration could accomplish this through waivers, but won't. States would receive guaranteed federal funding, adjusted on a per capita basis to account for economic cycles, and would agree to predictable federal funding caps set lower than current predicted growth rates in exchange for relief from federal regulations. States would have the freedom to design programs that best meet their people's needs, combined with an incentive to lower costs rather than game the system. Instead of the federal government designing one size fits all eligibility requirements and micromanaging benefit designs and copayment rules, states would be required to focus on improving health outcomes for their vulnerable populations. At the very least, Washington should allow states to start such a program for the able bodied populations, i.e., those who qualify for Medicaid primarily due to income and not health status, which comprise the majority of Medicaid beneficiaries, while considering special protections for the elderly and disabled.

Here is a radical thought – why not free the states to focus their efforts and spending on helping beneficiaries get better paying jobs so they can afford their own health care and break the cycle of dependence? Why not use more Medicaid spending to subsidize private coverage, rather than building public bureaucracies, as a transition to the independence envisioned in welfare reform?

### **Private Coverage**

The American health insurance marketplace simply does not work as it should today. It actually does not resemble any reasonably functioning insurance system. The idea of insurance should be to pool risk over large populations and time to protect individuals against unpredictable and potentially overwhelming risk. Obviously, different people with different income, assets, and medical conditions will have different levels of overwhelming risk. Yet, health insurance, especially individual coverage, today often effectively screens out the sick, offering coverage when we least need it, and too often simply offers prepaid health care coverage.

A good way to understand the failings of the marketplace is to compare health care insurance with other insurance. For example, most of us don't file claims with our auto insurers for every ding our car doors get in the parking lot, knowing the resulting increase in premiums and hassle in paperwork aren't worth the payout. We either pay to fix the car door ourselves or live with the scratches. Yet, we have been trained to expect first dollar coverage for minor procedures, while more and more employers and plans are capping coverage with episodic, annual, or lifetime limits. Also, most of us aren't frustrated at the end of the year that our homes haven't flooded or burned down, expecting refunds for our property insurance premiums. We don't set fire to a bedroom at the end of the year to ensure we get our money's worth! Yet, many patients flood their doctors' offices or refill prescriptions early towards the end of the year once they have exceeded their deductibles, determined to get their money's worth.

Part of the problem is that our health insurance system has evolved over time almost by accident in response to wage controls, tax policies, and other pressures so that most Americans get their coverage through their employers. The resulting subsidy and economies of scale are important benefits, but it is time to modernize our health care system since neither the status quo nor the President's prescribed fix is acceptable.

Just as technology is transforming our society and empowering the individual, our health care system must also evolve from a top down approach, run by either insurance or government bureaucrats, to a bottom up system where patients make decisions. We need more transparency, where individuals have access to pricing and easily understandable and comparable outcomes and quality data via the internet and also have portable electronic health care records, so that patients can easily navigate what could otherwise be a confusing, potentially scary, and highly technical array of options. Consumers should share in the savings of best practices and have more, not less, access to health savings accounts and other tax advantaged financing mechanisms that reward them for seeking care in cost-effective settings, reducing the likelihood of chronic disease, complying with medical regimens, and applying savings towards future health care costs. Insurance must be made portable across state lines and jobs, and accompanied by policies that reduce the dangers of adverse risk selection with the least amount of intrusion into the markets and our lives (e.g., reinsurance, high-risk pools, fixed open enrollment periods). Consumers, including those working for or owning a small business, must have the opportunity to purchase coverage through voluntary pools, whether through trade associations or churches or unions or whatever, to enjoy the same benefits of scale currently offered to those receiving care through large employers or the government. Payment should be for performance, not activity, rewarding integrated networks offering coordinated care, disease management, and preventative care. Frivolous lawsuit reform is a critical component of a reformed health marketplace that will save billions of dollars while also reducing overutilization. Finally, those needing help to afford their care should get that help via refundable tax credits to subsidize the cost of private coverage rather than building another government-run health plan.

Churchill also said about the American people, "We can always count on the Americans to do the right thing, after they have exhausted all the other possibilities." With Obamacare, we have certainly exhausted all the other possibilities; now is the time to do the right thing and reform our health care system to empower the patient instead of the bureaucrats.

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## **SCOTT: Florida will not implement Obamacare**

### Health law treats symptoms, not the disease

By Gov. Rick Scott  
Friday, July 6, 2012

Obamacare, in its effort to force everyone into a health insurance plan, is attempting to treat a symptom - the uninsured - rather than the cause of the problem.

I think everyone agrees there are far too many who want health insurance and can't get it. But the truth is, the real problem isn't with health insurance. The underlying cause is the rapidly increasing cost of health care.

Instead of forcing people into another big-government program that eliminates natural incentives to keep costs down, we should be focused on free-market reforms that make health care more affordable. With costs lowered, more people would have access to medical doctors and services, and we wouldn't have to place another heavy burden on taxpayers to make it work.

After the [U.S. Supreme Court's](#) stunning pronouncement on Obamacare, all 50 governors face two big decisions:

1. Do we let the [federal government](#) impose a massive Medicaid expansion on us?
2. Do we establish a state insurance exchange or let the [federal government](#) come in and run it?

My answer is simple. No. We just can't afford it.

Medicaid is the fastest-growing part of our state budget. And unlike the [federal government](#), which isn't required to balance its budget, we could only pay for expanding Medicaid by increasing taxes or cutting from other parts of the budget. Expanding Medicaid puts other vital government functions, such as education, public safety and infrastructure, at risk. That is not something I am willing to do.

History repeatedly has shown that the costs of many government health care programs far exceed early projections. This daunting reality is not unique to Florida. Washington acts as if it's doing states a favor by covering the first few years of expanded Medicaid payments, but where does it think those tax dollars are coming from? Floridians, as well as taxpayers from every other state, are the ones footing the bill. Furthermore, once the responsibility begins to shift away from

the [federal government](#), states will be left to start picking up the tab, putting too much pressure on state budgets.

We already have safety-net programs that cover the needs of the most vulnerable in our state. But if we don't implement a real solution to our health care and economic problems, there will never be enough programs to meet the demand. Since 2009, I've advocated a solution that implements four pillars of free-market reforms: choice, competition, accountability and personal responsibility.

**Choice:** Patients should be able to choose their own doctors. Providers should not force families to buy a plan with services they don't intend to use. By giving every American a choice, providers are naturally forced to compete if they want to stay in business.

**Competition:** People should be allowed to buy a health insurance product across state lines, and they also should know the prices upfront. You wouldn't buy a car or groceries without knowing the price, and you shouldn't have to choose your health care services and providers without knowing how much it's going to cost you. Patients should be able to easily find out the cost for services before they receive them.

**Accountability:** Government should be giving the same health insurance tax breaks to individuals that they give to employers. People should be able to own their own health plans.

**Personal responsibility:** Let's reward people for taking care of themselves. Good drivers are rewarded with lower auto insurance policy rates. Life insurers give preferred rates for healthy lifestyles. The same should apply for health insurance.

As governor of the great state of Florida, I am committed to breaking the cycle of dependence on public assistance. As a person who lived in public housing as a child, I know that cycle can be broken. And I want all of us to have the chance to live our version of the American dream.

For this to happen, we need to focus on the real problem with our health care system, the costs. We need to reduce the high price of health care and help the unemployed get jobs so more people can afford the care they need and more employers can afford to offer health insurance. That's what I'm focused on in Florida. The more opportunity we provide for people to get a quality education and a job, without raising their cost of living, the more we can improve the quality of life for everyone.

*Rick Scott is the Republican governor of Florida.*

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Dear Chief of Staff:

CC: Action Officers  
CC: Schedulers  
CC: Healthcare advisors

A RGPPC Governors' Only conference call will be held on **Tuesday, July 3rd: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT)** to discuss the PPACA Supreme Court decision. *A copy of this email is being sent to your schedulers.* On this call, a brief summary of the decision will be provided, and governors will discuss what the decision means for their state as well as next steps. Please have your schedulers RSVP for your governor to Larissa Ziemann at [LZiemann@rga.org](mailto:LZiemann@rga.org). A conference line and agenda will be provided at that time.

A reminder that it is likely that a SCOTUS PPACA decision will occur on Thursday. Your communication teams have been provided talking points and information regarding our rapid response communication line. In addition, RGPPC will forward materials and interpretations of the decision as we get them.

As previously noted, please make every accommodation possible to have your governor join the July 3<sup>rd</sup> call with other governors. As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you need more information.

Best,  
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Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned governors hereby express our strong support for an expedited appeal of the Virginia and Florida health care lawsuits recently decided in favor of the states. We respectfully ask that you direct the United States Department of Justice to support an expedited appellate process for each case to reach the United States Supreme Court as soon as possible in order to resolve the significant constitutional issues presented, which we all agree are of national importance.

Regardless of our respective positions on the merits of the policies in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), every state faces significant challenges and expenses implementing PPACA over the next several years. Additionally, there is little doubt that the cases will ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court. This request for expedited review takes no position on PPACA, but seeks only to obtain the Supreme Court's final determination as soon as possible.

Given the daunting and costly financial and regulatory burdens that our states and the private sector will face in implementing PPACA over the coming years, particularly during this unprecedented budgetary time, public interest requires expediting a final resolution of the litigation to give certainty as soon as possible. We should not endure years of litigation in the circuit courts, when the Supreme Court can promptly provide finality. This resolution can help prevent the states and the private sector from undertaking potentially unnecessary measures and expenses. More importantly, our businesses, health care providers, and citizens of our great nation need to know as soon as possible whether all or part of the law will be upheld or stricken, so they know their options and obligations.

To that end, we respectfully ask that you promptly support an expedited appellate process for each of the pending cases to achieve quick resolution by the United States Supreme Court and to encourage the United States Department of Justice to join these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt attention to this important national matter.

Sincerely,



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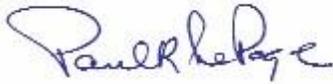
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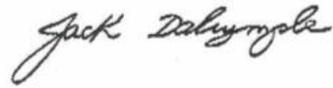
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In case you hadn't seen it, Indiana's Governor Mitch Daniels has an [op-ed](#) in the Wall Street Journal this morning discussing how the current health care law impedes on states' ability to manage their Medicaid programs and insurance markets – along with a list of potential solutions that could yield more productive outcomes than Washington-based mandates and diktats. Also of note: The article makes Daniels the second governor to warn about states “dumping” their employees into the new insurance Exchanges (thus forcing federal taxpayers to subsidize more participants in same), following the concerns articulated in an October [op-ed](#) in the Journal by Tennessee's then-Governor, Democrat Phil Bredesen.

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## **An ObamaCare Appeal From the States**

**Twenty-one governors representing more than 115 million Americans have written to Kathleen Sebelius asking for more flexibility on health-care reform.**

By [MITCH DANIELS](#)

Unless you're in favor of a fully nationalized health-care system, the president's health-care reform law is a massive mistake. It will amplify all the big drivers of overconsumption and excessive pricing: "Why not, it's free?" reimbursement; "The more I do, the more I get" provider payment; and all the defensive medicine the trial bar's ingenuity can generate.

All claims made for it were false. It will add trillions to the federal deficit. It will lead to a de facto government takeover of health care faster than most people realize, and as millions of Americans are added to the Medicaid rolls and millions more employees (including, watch for this, workers of bankrupt state governments) are dumped into the new exchanges.

Many of us governors are hoping for either a judicial or legislative rescue from this impending disaster, and recent court decisions suggest there's a chance of that. But we can't count on a miracle—that's only permitted in Washington policy making. We have no choice but to prepare for the very real possibility that the law takes effect in 2014.

For state governments, the bill presents huge new costs, as we are required to enroll 15 million to 20 million more people in our Medicaid systems. In Indiana, our independent actuaries have pegged the price to state taxpayers at \$2.6 billion to \$3 billion over the next 10 years. This is a huge burden for our state, and yet another incremental expenditure the law's authors declined to account for truthfully.

Perhaps worse, the law expects to conscript the states as its agents in its takeover of health care. It assumes that we will set up and operate its new insurance "exchanges" for it, using our current welfare apparatuses to do the numbingly complex work of figuring out who is eligible for its subsidies, how much each person or family is eligible for, redetermining this eligibility regularly, and more. Then, we are supposed to oversee all the insurance plans in the exchanges for compliance with Washington's dictates about terms and prices.

The default option if any state declines to participate is for the federal government to operate an exchange directly. Which got me thinking: If the new law is not repealed by 2013, what could be done to reshape it in the direction of freedom and genuine cost control?

I have written to Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Services (HHS), saying that if her department wants Indiana to run its program for it, we will do so under the following conditions:

- We are given the flexibility to decide which insurers are permitted to offer their products.
- All the law's expensive benefit mandates are waived, so that our citizens aren't forced to buy benefits they don't need and have a range of choice that includes more affordable plans.
- The law's provisions discriminating against consumer-driven plans, such as health savings accounts, are waived.
- We are given the freedom to move Medicaid beneficiaries into the exchange, or to utilize new approaches to the traditional program, instead of herding hundreds of thousands more people into today's broken Medicaid system.
- Our state is reimbursed the true, full cost of the administrative burden to be imposed upon us, based on the estimate of an auditor independent of HHS.
- A trustworthy projection is commissioned, by a research organization independent of the department, of how many people are likely to wind up in the exchange, given the large incentives for employers to save money by off-loading their workers.

Obviously, this is a very different system than the one the legislation intends. Health care would be much more affordable, minus all the mandates, and plus the consumer consciousness that comes with health savings accounts and their kin. Customer choice would be dramatically enhanced by the state's ability to allow more insurers to participate and offer consumer-driven plans. Through greater flexibility in the management of Medicaid, the state might be able to reduce substantially the hidden tax increase that forced expansion of the

program will impose.

Most fundamentally, the system we are proposing requires Washington to abandon most of the command-and-control aspects of the law as written. It steers away from nanny-state paternalism by assuming, recognizing and reinforcing the dignity of all our citizens and their right to make health care's highly personal decisions for themselves.

So why would Ms. Sebelius and HHS agree to this de facto rewrite of their treasured accomplishment? A glance at the recent fiasco of high-risk pools provides the answer. When a majority of states, including Indiana, declined to participate in setting up these pools, which cover those with high-cost, existing conditions, the task fell to HHS. As widely reported, it went poorly, with costs far above predictions and only a tiny fraction of the expected population signing up.

If the feds can't manage this little project, what should we expect if they attempt it on a scale hundreds of times larger and more complex? If it were only Indiana asking, I have no doubt that HHS would ignore us. But Indiana is not alone. So far, 21 states—including Pennsylvania, Texas and Louisiana—have signed the same letter. We represent more than 115 million Americans. Washington's attempt to set up eligibility and exchange bureaucracies in all these places would invite a first-rate operational catastrophe.

If there's to be a train wreck, we governors would rather be spectators than conductors. But if the federal government is willing to reroute the train to a different, more productive track, we are here to help.

*Mr. Daniels, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.*



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February 14, 2011

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Dear Speaker Boehner and Senator McConnell:

Congratulations on your efforts to begin restoring the American people's confidence in our representative democracy. The nation's desire to return to its values of individual responsibility, competitive markets, and limited and more effective government is clear. Applying these principles in the legislative process will lead to significant economic growth and job creation.

In Virginia, as I have said publicly many times through multiple venues, including recent testimony before Congress, we firmly believe that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is flawed and sections are unconstitutional. I signed legislation prohibiting mandates on individuals to purchase health insurance, and the Commonwealth was the first state to file suit challenging the constitutionality of PPACA. As you know, we were also the first state to have a successful ruling to that effect by a federal District Court. There has now been a second in Florida. We are joining with the majority of states to urge the Administration to seek a quick review and ultimate resolution of this issue by the United States Supreme Court in order to save time and money, and create finality and certainty.

While Virginia is opposed to PPACA, we also recognize that our health care system can be improved. Virginia, like all states, does not get the full value that we should from our health care expenditures. This results in a decrease of access to care which in-turn increases the burden on the safety net and taxpayers. Additionally, it adds expense for our businesses, limits our ability to attract international business, and makes our products more expensive. Our economic viability depends in part on reining in the costs associated with health care.

The complex web of new programs, agencies and bureaucracies created by PPACA is stifling. The lack of flexibility, rigid maintenance of eligibility (MOE) requirements, and flood

of mandates will drive the cost of Medicaid up an additional \$2 billion by 2022. This is on top of a program in Virginia that has already grown 1600% since 1985, from about \$230 million to \$3.4 billion, and now consumes 20% of the total state General Fund budget. Governors around the country, in both parties, are grappling with the unsustainable, unfunded burdens PPACA will put on the states if it is not stricken or repealed.

As we look ahead to your stated goal of repeal and replacement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, we must remember that health system reform remains a critical issue for states. Virginia, along with her sister states, needs certainty about what is both expected and permitted in order to plan carefully and invest wisely. Any federal health system reform must provide states maximum flexibility in order to carry out reforms consistent with their own values, financial climate, and needs of their citizens. The best national framework for health reform will improve the health of our country and strengthen the competitive position of our businesses while saving our taxpayers resources.

For these reasons, I created the Virginia Health Reform Initiative (VHRI). The purposes of VHRI are to implement PPACA in the least burdensome and bureaucratic manner for Virginia, while recommending other innovative healthcare solutions that meet the needs of Virginia's citizens and government. The Initiative will ensure that meaningful reform is achieved throughout the Commonwealth. There is a desire to see that the health care delivery system as a whole is positively impacted as a result of the work accomplished through the initiative. From insurance and payment reforms to how care is delivered, the initiative will work with stakeholders to reduce costs and improve quality. Just as Virginia is leading the opposition to PPACA, we believe we can also help lead the nation by establishing a model of innovative state based health reform.

The initial work of Virginia's Health Reform Initiative suggests a way forward for Congress. **Our country must change how it purchases both insurance and health care if we are to make sustainable improvements in our delivery system.**

#### **Health Care as a Marketplace**

From Adam Smith, we learned that markets require willing buyers and sellers, price transparency, and few barriers to entry into the marketplace. **Health care is probably the sector of our economy in which market forces are most limited.** Rather than continuing towards a single payer system that is the inevitable result of the requirements, incentives, and penalties in the PPACA, Congress should focus on enabling individuals and organizations to both purchase and provide services with full knowledge of pricing and value provided.

**Congress could offer individuals tax deductions equivalent to employer deductions and allow them to select their own healthcare funding plan without financial penalty.** The relentless increase in demand and cost for health care is caused by the separation between the buyer and the payer both in purchasing insurance and care. An important opportunity to increase accountability is to encourage individual markets for the purchase of products to fund health and health care services. When individuals choose for themselves, there is less need for "protection"

in the form of regulation and mandates on employers. Giving business the option of moving healthcare costs off their balance sheets should improve their competitive position. Employees should see an increase in their wages and the knowledge of the full cost of their insurance policy will encourage healthier behavior.

**Market-based reform must encourage development of markets in insurance products.** Individuals should be able to aggregate in a number of ways to obtain their policies. The **health benefit exchange** concept has some merit, but should not necessarily be an exclusive franchise in each state. Each state should have maximum flexibility to develop or encourage the development of private sector exchanges or use some other mechanism to create a better insurance market. In Virginia, it is possible that more than one exchange may arise in order to meet the needs of various markets.

Congress must **break the stranglehold of the federal payment system** by transforming the payment mechanisms mandated for Medicare and Medicaid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Price controls stifle innovation and do not work in any area of the economy. Many options for payment reform exist. To the extent that the federal government purchases services, it must pay for value and not volume. Moving away from price controls and toward a defined contribution methodology would allow for implementation of best practices and reward the effort and increased expense of adding value at every stage of the health care delivery and financing system. **Providers must be rewarded for the value they produce.** Continuing the current top down system in both Medicare and Medicaid will drive the nation towards an ineffective, "lowest common denominator single payer system."

### Medicaid Concerns

Virginia's Medicaid program is the second largest program in Virginia's state general fund budget. The non-stimulus federal match rate for Virginia is 50 percent (this rate goes back into effect on July 1, 2011). In state fiscal year 2012, the Medicaid budget is 20.7 percent of the state only portion of the budget of \$16.0 billion. In state fiscal year 2010, the total Medicaid expenditures were \$6.55 billion (both state and federal funds) which provided health care to a monthly average of over 800,000 Virginians and more than one million individuals over the entire year.

**Over the past ten years, the number of people enrolled in the Virginia Medicaid program has increased more than 39 percent and spending has grown by nearly \$4 billion (state and federal).** The three key drivers have been a concerted outreach to enroll more children, increases in the number of aged and disabled individuals enrolled in home and community based waiver programs, and most recently, the cyclical impact of economy. This enrollment growth has occurred despite the fact that Virginia's eligibility criteria are among the strictest in the nation.

Even prior to the passage of PPACA, **Medicaid growth was unsustainable.** If implemented as currently written, both in numbers of beneficiaries and in size of expenditures, Virginia Medicaid will expand significantly. New enrollees is estimated to be between 270,000

(lower bound estimate) to 425,000 (upper bound estimate) at an increased cost of \$1.5 billion to \$2.2 billion in state funds between 2010 and 2022.

Until the Supreme Court strikes down PPACA or Congress successfully repeals it, **states have a need for specific and immediate relief from certain provisions in the PPACA.** Such relief is related to Medicaid requirements and numerous other federal regulations that inhibit competition in the insurance and health care markets.

First, among these needs is an **easing of the requirements for Maintenance of Eligibility (MOE).** During the 2010 session, Virginia's General Assembly enacted changes to the eligibility determination process. PPACA was enacted before those necessary changes became effective. For example, Virginia also needs to address loopholes in the Medicaid "spend down" process. PPACA provides no flexibility for these reasonable changes. With excessive restrictions on what must "stay the same," one of the only places in which Virginia can achieve Medicaid savings is through cuts to Medicaid providers. We value the providers who accept Medicaid as a payment source. Flexibility within MOE requirements and broader waivers would afford all states the opportunity to innovate, try new deliveries, options, and protect identify other cost savings measures.

Moreover, the **methodology for determining Medicaid eligibility** is expensive and time consuming. PPACA has complicated what already exists in requiring different methodologies for eligibility determination for those who are currently eligible and those who will be newly eligible January 1, 2014. This is cumbersome and wasteful yet could be corrected if there was only one set of criteria. This issue is further complicated by the need to integrate Medicaid eligibility with the proposed health benefit exchanges.

One potential proposal to increase efficiency and reduce fraud and abuse in Medicaid is to **standardize and automate the eligibility processes for Medicaid and other social service functions.** Permitting states to receive a 90% administrative match for expanding consumer facing portals for identity verification, eligibility determination, and case management will be useful so long as the systems follow the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) and are interoperable.

Finally, current regulation limits the amount of cost sharing that can be required of individuals who receive Medicaid. Given that economic incentives play an important role in controlling human behavior and choices, **states should have the flexibility to use appropriate cost sharing methods in the form of copayments and deductibles in all plans.**

#### **Other Areas of Concern and Consideration**

PPACA seemingly attempted to provide tax deductions for small businesses who aim to purchase health insurance for their employees. The bill falls extremely short in defining "small business" yet it identifies an algorithm that is so complex it fails to incentivize small businesses from hiring outside of the family or paying a competitive wage for those that they do. It is likely

that the deduction will be overlooked by most small business owners as there is no incentive for businesses to seek qualification for the tax deduction.

Congress should encourage states to **develop innovations in service delivery** to meet the needs of individuals through both the public and private sectors. Opportunities should be made available for states to develop effective and efficient solutions that fit local needs and best utilize local capacity. The budgeted CMS Innovation Funds should be available for state projects and not simply limited to existing organizations. In what might be the best option to keep states the laboratories of democracy, states could receive a block grant to create and maintain their own programs without penalty. Over time this would save the federal government money.

**Existing rules and regulations concerning Medicare and Medicaid need to be reassessed to consider their impact on availability and cost of services.** Requirements related to site of care and when, how, and by whom services can be delivered create barriers to entry into the market. This hinders innovation in service delivery and payment reform. Appropriateness and safety should be assessed from outcomes obtained and not so often by regulation of inputs.

Insurance reforms are a major component of PPACA. Unfortunately, states have already been asked to enforce provisions without the opportunity for their legislatures to consider their appropriateness. **Implementation of insurance reforms should be delayed until states have an opportunity to bring their laws into conformity and new mandates should be delayed until the issue of constitutionality is resolved.** Significant costs are now being incurred that may be wasted if the law is stricken or changed. Individuals and employers are already seeing an increase in premiums due to PPACA.

**Medical loss ratio requirements should likewise be delayed** until the regulations are well established and no unintended consequences can be assured. States should be given the flexibility to determine if and how to regulate insurers in their jurisdictions. As it exists, this mandate will inevitably limit the ability of insurers to provide new and innovative programs that are necessary to help “bend the curve” of healthcare costs.

**The concept of health benefit exchanges may have merit, but the timeline in PPACA is too aggressive.** Even if the federal rules were established (they are not) and states knew how best to proceed, it is unrealistic to expect that exchange technology will be perfected by January of 2014. The two exchanges that exist today are extremely different and neither is likely to be the optimal solution. Federal funding is essential if states are to avoid defaulting into the undesirable “federal option” but it is equally important that the regulations be issued as soon as possible if a delay is to be avoided.

As you consider the repeal and replace strategy for PPACA in Washington, this letter has highlighted the following items that need immediate modification to reduce cost, confusion and bureaucracy in the states.

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1. States must be permitted to expand Medicaid in their own way via innovative programs to provide high value programs to their citizens.
2. Relief from the strict Medicaid Maintenance of Eligibility (MOE) requirements is essential to allow states to provide an equitable benefit.
3. Replacement of the new and old eligibility determination with one standard process which will increase efficiencies in the system.
4. Ensure that federal funds are available to support the federal mandates that are not repealed.
5. Delay Medical Loss Ratio requirements until regulations are well established and unintended consequences can be identified.
6. Delay the implementation of health benefit exchanges in order for federal rules to be established prior to states proceeding with the development of their own system without specific guidance.

The Virginia Health Reform Initiative is already moving down a road that is seeking how to shift the health care paradigm towards one that values individual responsibility, competitive markets, and realizes limited but effective government. I encourage you to use the opportunity ahead of you to make positive steps for the great people of our Commonwealth and Nation. You hold the power to help restore sound principles and effective governance to Congress. We must reform our health care delivery system and I encourage you to take the ideas presented in this letter as a few steps toward achieving that goal.

I along with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Dr. William A. Hazel, Jr., MD, will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to working with you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,



Robert F. McDonnell

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Virginia Congressional Delegation  
The Honorable William J. Howell  
The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.  
The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw



## **Health Care: Decision Points for States Meeting Summary**

On July 19-20, 2012, the National Governors Association (NGA) convened 40 states and territories in Washington, D.C. to discuss a range of critical decision points and considerations related to addressing health system challenges. Over the course of two days, state officials exchanged ideas, lessons learned, and potential promising practices. Many states confirmed they are in different phases of implementation of two widely discussed provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) – Medicaid expansion and Health Insurance Exchanges. However, there is a high degree of uncertainty about the next steps for many states. Before committing to a particular course, states are weighing their options, factoring in additional guidance from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and in some cases, awaiting the results of the next presidential election. Meeting participants also noted the need for greater state flexibilities and opportunities to guide the implementation of the ACA. Moving forward, states are interested in continuing to engage in meaningful discussions with HHS. Following are some of the issues that arose at the meeting. Appendix A contains a full list of state questions.

### **Medicaid**

- Many states commented on the number and wide range of estimates “floating around” about how much expanding Medicaid would cost. Stakeholders with disparate interests have published data using varying methodologies that have produced an array of estimates. States are interested in building assessments of future costs of their Medicaid programs that include appropriate assumptions, such as those about the size of the woodwork effect, and the appropriate measure of state-only program spending that could be shifted to Medicaid, such as uncompensated care pools, mental health and substance abuse programs, high risk pools, and treatment of those who are incarcerated. That also includes measuring the cost if states are allowed to expand only to 100 percent of the federal poverty line (FPL) or somewhere below 133 percent of the FPL.
- Questions were raised about the ability of states to lower the eligibility level from 133 percent of FPL in the future if they encounter issues balancing the state budget. Does expanding to 133 percent of FPL mean staying at that level permanently?
- Questions arose about the uncertainty of continued federal funding of Medicaid, specifically about future reductions in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) that might be part of a deficit-reduction deal.
- States want flexibility in program management. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) wants further clarity about the kinds of flexibility states are seeking.
- There is uncertainty related to the overlap of existing Medicaid waivers or renewal of waivers with the Medicaid expansion and other requirements in 2014.
- A few states will be rolling back Medicaid eligibility that they had previously expanded and will therefore have residents who could face less affordable coverage even with tax credits and cost sharing subsidies.

## **Exchanges**

- Questions were raised about ability to meet existing deadlines, and the need for pending guidance from CMS to be issued.
- Questions remain around Essential Health Benefits (EHB) and a desire for the publication of the proposed CMS regulation. States will need extra time after the regulation is published to choose a plan, but December is late to work out the details of the EHB with carriers.
- Clarity is needed on what the benefit package will be in the multistate plans. States are concerned that differentiation between the EHB for states and the multistate plans may lead to adverse selection.
- Clarification and further analysis are needed on cost, funding sustainability, and the level of effort needed from states interested in pursuing the Partnership and federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE) options.
- Recognition and further discussion related to how the insurance market reforms will impact the market both inside and outside of the Exchange is needed. Aligning the requirements placed on plans operating in both markets is important, including consistent open enrollment periods and coverage effective dates. There was further discussion related to the impact of premium increases as a result of the insurance market reforms.

## **State Exchange Discussion**

- Overall, states pursuing a state-based Exchange felt that CMS was generally working cooperatively with them.
- Continuing concerns about timelines exist. States are concerned that the federal government may amend existing rules, thereby making it increasingly difficult to meet the new expectations, particularly states that are not entirely sure they should pursue a state-based Exchange.
- Staffing the Exchange was an issue of concern, specifically recruiting people with the right mix of skills.
- There is anxiety from territories about the need for more federal guidance if they are to meet deadlines.

## **Partnership Exchange Discussion**

- Discussion and further research were requested to help states determine how to financially sustain a Partnership Exchange. Can states share the user fee with the FFE? If states are responsible for consumer outreach and plan management, part of the fee should be passed back to the state.
- Insight is needed around how the FFE will be governed. Since the FFE will not have a Board, how will the state voice be represented? What will be the process for input from state and local stakeholders into the operation of the FFE?
- Clarity is needed about how the technical interface between a state's Medicaid program and the Exchange will function. States requested guidance and information about when they can expect to

start negotiations with the federal government on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). States would also like to be informed of what information the federal government needs before they can start working on the technical interface.

- Guidance is needed on what the expectations are if a state realizes they cannot do a Partnership Exchange. Will there be a transition period to a full FFE?

### **Federal Exchange Discussion**

- Questions exist about the capacity of the federal government to implement a FFE.
- Questions exist about the MOU between the state and the federal government. What will be required of the state? Will the federal government subcontract with the state for pieces of the Exchange? What is the timeline on the MOU given that it will take time to negotiate?
- Some confusion exists about building the technical interface between the state Medicaid program and the FFE. Who is required to conform their programming language to the other program in order to link the systems?
- Clarity is needed on what costs states may incur by opting for a FFE.

### **Considerations for Eligibility and Enrollment Systems Procurement**

- Clarification is needed on a definition of “real time” with regard to eligibility determination.
- There are questions around Advance Planning Documents (APD) and the technical aspects of building an interface platform to support the connection between Medicaid and the Exchange.
- Clarification is needed on the minimum level of requirements in the Blueprint that must be met in order to build a state-based or Partnership Exchange. The metaphor was used of building a bicycle with simple components as opposed to building a car with complex infrastructure.
- There is agreement among states regarding the need for a detailed and thorough Request for Proposal (RFP) with language that reflects the fiscal uncertainty that exists, such as a need for exit clauses, and frustration of purpose clauses.

### **Conclusion**

State officials are working amidst continuing policy and political uncertainties to determine the best course for their state. Remaining unanswered questions from CMS, and political uncertainties have made it difficult for states to fully assess their options and choose a path forward. NGA will continue to work with states and HHS to determine answers to operational and regulatory questions in order to better assist states as they weigh their options.

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Wanted to make sure everyone saw this.

### **HHS Considering Models for State-Federal Partnership on Health Exchanges**

The Department of Health and Human Services is considering several models for state-federal partnership for states that choose not to run their own health insurance exchange as required by the Accountable Care Act. Several models being considered include one in which the state would establish and operate a small business health options program (SHOP) exchange and the federal government would operate an individual exchange. Other proposals include allowing the state to maintain responsibility for governance and policy decisions while allowing the federal government to operate the exchanges or allowing the state to create and operate the exchanges while having the federal government or a third party perform a variety of functions. It is anticipated that these proposals will be discussed next month at the NGA Center workshop on health exchanges as well as at a later meeting hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Good afternoon,

By now, you should have received an invitation to participate in a meeting during the National Governors Association Annual Meeting with senior staff from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to discuss the establishment of health insurance exchanges and changes to the Medicaid program.

If you or anyone on the Governor's staff is interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact Jim Mason at [james.mason@hhs.gov](mailto:james.mason@hhs.gov) or 202-401-5639 to set up a time on Saturday, July 16.

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As a follow up to our call on Friday, attached is a PPACA timeline from Deloitte Consulting. As mentioned on the phone, RGPPC will be working to provide you all a memo, based on the scenario we are facing, in November. If you have specific questions where you are seeking guidance or would like to provide input, please shoot me a note with those questions/comments.

Also discussed on the call Friday was the need for some states to have a more in-depth conversation on healthcare exchanges. If you'd like to participate in that conversation, it has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 24, at 11 PM ET.

Please RSVP to me for that call.

Thanks,  
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Good afternoon,

Due to tomorrow's holiday and the large number of people traveling we will be cancelling our RGPPC Health Care Task Force meeting this afternoon.

As the RGPPC moves forward from the "A New Medicaid: A Flexible, Innovative and Accountable Future" document we are excited to start taking on specific issues that are important to individual states. As is evident from the staff only meeting at Health Care Summit, Exchanges are becoming increasingly important as well as controversial.

Many of our states are taking very different approaches to Exchanges. The RGPPC realizes that there is an important commonality between states which is that states need flexibility to deal with their own unique populations. As that relates to exchanges, one document that makes specific commentary or a single path forward on exchanges seems to be difficult at this time; however it appears all of our states oppose an "Obamacare Exchange".

The RGPPC continues to strive to be a service driven entity to our states. Please tell us what you want from us on exchanges. We can do anything from aiding in writing individual op-ed to contributing to strategic messaging, research, and logistical assistance. We greatly appreciate everyone who has already touched- base with us regarding their governor's needs and wants.

There is a plethora of exchange information and research available. The challenge is keeping up with the constant state changes and movement. Attached is a good, but dated presentation from the Leavitt Group. Also, please see below for some good interactive websites that have some fairly updated and accurate information. Please note that RGPPC is not endorsing any business/firm or policy method on exchanges at this time; rather, we are seeking to share information with you as we locate it. RGPPC action officers may refer to RGPPC.com on our staff only page for this information as well.

<http://leavittpartners.com/health-exchanges>

<http://www.statehealthfacts.kff.org/comparemtable.jsp?ind=962&cat=17> – Please take a look at the footnotes at the end of this page- very helpful!

Alliance for Health Reform/Commonwealth Fund – Health Insurance Exchanges: See How They Run.  
Webcast provided by kaisernetwork.org: [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health\\_cast/hcast\\_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=3134](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=3134)

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities – Health Insurance "Connectors" Should Be Designed to Supplement Public Coverage, Not Replace It: <http://www.cbpp.org/1-29-07health.htm>

Community Catalyst – Revisiting Massachusetts Health Reform: 18 Months Later:  
[http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc\\_store/publications/revisiting\\_MA\\_health\\_reform\\_dec07.pdf](http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc_store/publications/revisiting_MA_health_reform_dec07.pdf)

Healthy Americans Act: [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:s391is.txt.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:s391is.txt.pdf)

Heritage Foundation – The Significance of Massachusetts Health Reform: <http://www.heritage.org/research/healthcare/wm1035.cfm>

Institute for Health Policy Solutions – What Health Insurance Exchanges or Choice Pools Can and Can't Do About Risks and Costs:  
[http://allhealth.org/briefingmaterials/WhatHealthInsuranceExchangesorChoicePools\\_CanandCantDoAboutRisksandCosts-1459.pdf](http://allhealth.org/briefingmaterials/WhatHealthInsuranceExchangesorChoicePools_CanandCantDoAboutRisksandCosts-1459.pdf)

Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured – President Obama's Campaign Position on Health Reform and Other Health Care Issues: <http://www.kff.org/uninsured/kcmu112508both.cfm>

Kaiser Family Foundation – How Private Health Coverage Works: <http://www.kff.org/insurance/7766.cfm>

Kaiser Family Foundation/National Governors Association – Webcast, Creating a Marketplace for Expanding Coverage: [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health\\_cast/hcast\\_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2063](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2063)

Kaiser Family Foundation – State Health Facts (State Insurance Rules):  
<http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparecat.jsp?cat=7>  
Massachusetts Connector: <http://www.mahealthconnector.org/portal/site/connector/>

Senate Finance Committee – Expanding Health Care Coverage: Proposals to Provide Affordable Coverage to All Americans:

<http://www.finance.senate.gov/sitepages/leg/LEG%202009/051109%20Health%20Care%20description%20of%20Policy%20Options.pdf>

Senator Max Baucus White Paper – Call To Action: Health Reform 2009:

<http://finance.senate.gov/healthreform2009/finalwhitepaper.pdf>

Urban Institute - Health Insurance Exchanges: Organizing Health Insurance Marketplaces to Promote Health Reform Goals: [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411875\\_health\\_insurance\\_marketplaces.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411875_health_insurance_marketplaces.pdf)

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**Heath Care Seminar, The Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C., April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Dr. Robert Moffit, Head of Heath Care Policy, Heritage**

This will be a long, contentious implementation process. The opportunity is to re-frame the debate as regards the basic relationship between the state and its citizens as to health care.

The key point that has been washed out is that there is a real separation between the States and the Fed as to enumerated powers. The states must take a leadership role in the next 8 years to shape the debate and the implementation of whatever health system ends up evolving. We need to make sure we aggressively look to the interests of our constituents.

**Sen Orrin Hatch, Utah**

Utah is a shining example of why the States should be put in charge of developing health care policy and not the Fed.

We have never seen anything like what we are dealing with right now in our history. The line between the public and private sector has never been more blurred. The 10 year fiscal outlook is bleak. Largest national debt since 1945. We are looking at debt reaching 90% of GDP by 2020.

Majority of Americans know that that this bill will increase costs and deficits and that is reflected consistently in public opinion.

Most major spending provision in this bill don't kick in until after the 2014 presidential election. The 10 year cost of this bill is estimated at 2.5 trillion dollars.

Democrat experts at CBO: The key point is that any saving in this bill are one time savings that cannot be repeated.

Utah's Medicaid costs will increase by 50%.

He believes that the individual mandate is unconstitutional. The Constitution allows the Congress to regulate interstate commerce, but the Courts have never ratified that Congress can require participation in commerce. If this is allowed, then there is no limit to Congress' powers. Liberty itself is what is at stake. A liberal constitutional scholar, Jonathan Turley, recently admitted that this bill will seriously compromise basic liberty.

He said he knows he is preaching to the choir, but that the Democrats have truly put themselves at odds with the American people and passed this bill in a very bad exercise in government.

He believes that the Democrats will use the higher costs created by this bill to blame the private sector and further rationalize a single payer system.

The Heritage foundation is very important. They are constantly trying to find ways to bring common sense to government. The Republicans up here pay a great deal of attention to the Heritage Foundation and their publications are worth reading.

Many Democrats are becoming terrified about all of the spending.

Seventeen union states have been exempted from the “Cadillac tax”, which, in any event will not be implemented until 2018. He doesn’t think it will be implemented at all.

The reason he left the Democratic party because, years ago, that there was this unholy belief that the Federal Government will solve all problems.

### **Ed Haislmaier, Heritage Health Specialist – Introducing Panelists**

This man is brilliant. Take him very seriously.

We have an official crisis in health care because the Fed has set the clock running. Real leadership comes when you change when there is not a crisis. He saw this when he was at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, who changed their successful sales force b/c they saw it wasn’t going to work in 10 years. That is what David Clark did with health care in Utah.

In Utah, they did risk assessment first, unlike Mass, which did community rating and mandatory issue.

Ed thinks that the Health Care Bill could be repealed, having said that, the Feds don’t have insurance experience, so the States have a huge opportunity to change this thing over the next several years. He thinks it is hugely likely that the controversial parts will be defunded in the coming years.

### **Rep. David Clark, Speaker of the Utah House**

**They also passed their Exchange in 09, like Oklahoma, but they have totally implemented in under a year. They passed legislation and implemented in 5 months. No joke.**

They went to Heritage for help.

They tried to emulate Mass, but Utah didn’t have the money. They wanted to have quality health care for every citizen. In Mass, 70% of all lives there were covered by Fortune 500 companies. They have the opposite: 750,000 small businesses. He is grateful to Mass for jumping in first to put together and Exchange.

The brain trust is here: Dan Schuyler, Cheryl Smith, Cathy Dupont, David Jackson, Don Garlitz, Brian Somers.

They leveraged with the private sector. BSwift and HealthEquity. They did not have to develop, in house, the expertise to implement.

They have high quality health and low cost health care. They measure twice and cut once. They looked at the small businesses and their needs. But health care and wage inflation was making costs unsustainable. This thing was born out of financial necessity to stay competitive on rising health care costs.

First year: health task force three years ago – its still going. TF identified the 6 key areas to work on. They figured it would take 10 years to reverse the problematic trends.

**First of all they determined that personal responsibility had to be emphasized in creating a plan. Second it had to be market based.** I.e. when having a heart attack, you are not shopping around, but you can when looking for total knee replacement. When crafting policy, when you can reflect, how can you encourage “shopping around?” **He believes that the Exchange is the only viable option out there right now for achieving these two goals.**

He said 15 years ago GM was one of the largest company in the world, now we call them Government Motors. The point is: you can't bet against the market. They got killed by health care costs.

They have a variety of demonstration projects on : electronic medical records, diabetes, Clinical Health Information Exchange, **All-Payer Database: they have accumulated over a million people's medical records for electronic storage.**

The largest philosophical issues they dealt with was going from a defined benefit health paradigm to a defined contribution paradigm. They went to the “Coburn” model on a state level and allowed citizens to deduct health care individually from taxes, not just businesses – something the Fed's steadfastly refuse to do.

They have a universal enrolment form. There are only 2 functioning plans in the US right now, Utah and Mass – both at the polar opposite ends of the spectrum. Mass: big government, mandates and a huge entitlement. Utah: all market based. Mass: \$25 million to run their plan. **Utah: \$600,000. No joke.**

**He does not believe that we will be able to repeal and replace the Heath Care Bill. He thinks the opportunity is for the States to, de-facto, write the regulations and hand them to the Feds. He thinks we have, as states, failed in the past in doing this. He says we have to be aggressive in propagating the rules that will be coming in the next decade. We must be cohesive and work together in doing it.**

This will be a series of battles in the regulatory environment.

### **Dan Schuler, Utah's Two Exchange Employees**

One of **two** of employees running their exchange. Yeah, you read that right – two.

How does it work:

- 1) Employer registers. (Small employers, under 50)
- 2) Employee enters information. Universal health application.
- 3) Turned over to insurance companies who evaluate risk: Premium Generated.
- 4) Employee compares and shops for plans.
- 5) Enrollment is Finalized.
- 6) Plans go into effect on designated dates.

All done on a web site.

They are working on a large employer plan.

Premium aggregation is unique to the exchange. If you or your spouse are working for two employers, you can combine benefits to buy what you want.

They have an “optimizer filter” that lets you look at your past health care spending practices and gives a boatload of information based on various factors, ie. total out of pocket vs total cost, etc.

You can compare up to 4 plans to see what is important to you. About 16 categories you can drill down on or you can just look at plan basics. Ie., prescription drugs or mental health.

There are no mandates whatsoever. They anticipated launching in 2012 they were approached by employers and asked to implement early. They have 85% of their insurance companies participating in Utah’s exchange. (This is the way Ed Haislmaier envisioned it being implemented in the first place, and what he talked about when he flew to OK and held a two day seminar at the Capitol back in Aug of 07).

### **Q & A**

How did switching to a defined contribution work? If you want to participate in the Exchange, you must use defined contribution. First, they do a typical underwriting, or risk adjustment for the population of the business. The Employer has X dollar value that they allocate to the employee to shop for what plan suits them best, instead of selecting a plan for the employee. An allowance. There are a number of ways to do this as an employer. Two main things that drive the premiums: family size and age range (age banding). Really, every employer already is doing defined contribution, they just offer one plan. They contemplate that the employer could “break up” the contributions, spending more on their older employees.

Did Utah start out with several mandates? They have very few benefit mandates. They also created Utah’s homegrown “COBRA” where there are very few mandates.

Utah has a high risk pool. 3800 people. Guarantee issue for the High Risk Pool. All this has only been done with the employer market, not the individual market.

Prospective risk assessment has really helped. The insurers have to stay engaged. Between 75,00 to 250,000 they share risk. Most insurers have already done their catastrophic risk assessment and have for years.

When switching to a buyer based market the insurers will complain “oh we’ll get all the diabetics” but when everyone has to play in the high risk pool, they all worked it out together. The state facilitated the conversation. They got all the insurance big shots in a room and had one of their experts check their various statements for accuracy.

My question: how does the tax credit for employer's work in Utah.? Utah created a tax credit against their state income tax for those in the individual market only. About 190, 000 people. This may also not be implemented immediately because of the budget crunch. Pretty small sub set and if they don't pay much state tax, is it really that helpful? I think we should do it, but....

Utah now has 3 technical advisory committees. Industry has contributed 10,000 man hours of work in hammering out the details. Working groups...why does that sound familiar?

Who were the biggest barriers? Everyone is resistant to change. Senate / House : conservative, not conservative enough. It all went back to economics. Three large insurers cover 80% of Utah. Biggest mistake was putting them all in a room – it became divide and conquer. But he had to get them on board. The most spears he has pulled out of his back have come from the broker community. Brokers get commissions from insurance sold through the Exchange. The resistance comes from paranoia that the Exchange will make them irrelevant. The stereotypical broker does not work very hard, and they saw this change as a challenge to their lifestyle. It actually takes work to sort through what is best for 20 different families in a given company. Ed was blunt: most brokers look at this job as easy money: get people on board and just keep them indefinitely. You get a 9% increase in their premiums, hey great. If you now shop on the Exchange, you could lose them. In Utah, most of the thinking brokers now know they stand to benefit from the Exchange. Utah created a broker advisory group to give them a higher comfort level. The legislation that was passed was comprehensive, so the Speaker tried not to make it look like they were picking on one party. The transparency was key, and that had to affect everyone: brokers, health care providers. The business community is an ally because they want a better insurance system. Speaker Clark said this was the most complicated thing he ever did. They had to find key people they could rely on and give them cover. He said his vendors were keys. He learned about how insurance companies price.

Speaker Clark thinks that we'll see employers are going to dump employees. Medicaid now covers everyone at 133% of the FPL.

Clark wants to work harder and faster to make sure their market based system gets cemented as a model.

**Matt Towery, Non Polling Guy, Syndicated Columnist, Author, Former Newt Staff**

731 respondents. Margin of error 3.7%. Scientifically designed. Properly weighted. Properly queried: What is your opinion of the Health Care Legislation. 51% do not support. 53% of independents oppose. Those who disapproved, why?

Gave several reasons: the runaway winner: People don't like government period. They are increasingly resistant to pro-active government. This is the thing. There is no other thing. Washington is an insular town. They get caught up in the minutia. America says: don't tread on me.

Of those who said they supported it gave: cover the uninsured and preexisting conditions, something that could be fixed at the state level.

When they gave a loaded question about whether we should have dealt with deficits and spending first, 57% of independents agreed.

One thing the American public is experiencing is fear. Health care was the touchstone, but the underlying concern is the overwhelming size of government and the swelling deficits.

Extremely low confidence numbers in state and federal leadership.

Message: don't regulate, provide opportunity. Opportunity is what people want right now. And people are interested in themselves and their own well being.

When trying to implement the Exchange, do not appear to regulate. Be incremental.

### **Dr. Moffit -Reflections on the Exchange:**

The real problem is with Small Businesses being able to provide insurance. The tax code is the 800 lb gorilla. If you don't get insurance thru your employer, you essentially pay a huge 30 to 50% tax on insurance, b/c you pay for it with after tax dollars.

Heritage was the first organization to put pen to paper and sketch out the Exchange: It is not a regulator, it simply processes paperwork for premium payments and facilitates assignment of premiums. A key principal: because the employer facilitates the insurance, the defined contribution that is provided to employees is tax free and the benefits are tax free. This is still group insurance. Employees have a property right in the insurance. It achieving personal ownership of the insurance.

### **The Massachusetts Plan**

Tim Murphy, Michael Widmer, Jim Stergios, Cindy Gillespie.

### **Tim Murphy, Worked on Romney's staff on their current Health System "Romneycare."**

Mass wanted to insure their 10% of uninsured. They had a number of funding sources to fund the "unfunded care pool" doled out to HCP like hospitals. 800 to 900 million dollars. Byzantine. Untenable.

Health care costs were growing 7 to 9% a year. Health care costs are 2X bigger than the State's ability to generate tax revenue. They finally got disallowed on a waiver they were using. They were going to lose about 385 million dollars from the Fed. So viola, Romneycare.

They took a very wholistic approach. They identified by income cohort. Kensyan assumption: if you don't have insurance you must be poor. Untrue. First group: Fully 20% of the uninsured were not signing up for Medicaid although they qualified. Fully half earned 300% of the FPL: \$31,000 or more. Why aren't they buying insurance? Final group, less than 300% of FPL but not eligible for Medicaid (about 200,000).

Mass was (is) heavily regulated insurance market. The dysfunctional market was the non-group market. Average age 56. Female. Guaranteed issue. Cadillac plan. The people who did sign up were older and sicker. Younger wouldn't sign up. Wouldn't allow HMO's and HAS's. Mass

merged the small group and non-group market. For individuals, it cut the individual market premium way down (over 30%) and raised the small group premium about 2%. The mandate forced people into the pool who were making rational economic decisions to not buy insurance.

For their “slip thru the crack” folks (under 300% of FPL but no Medicaid) they created a sliding scale subsidy (my commentary: this is the part that has been criticized for the escalating costs).

They also have the Exchange or Connector. This was the big market based part of the overhaul. The first Exchange program in the US. They chose to make the Exchange administer their new subsidy.

Individual mandate. Very controversial. The original idea: over 18, buy a catastrophic plan or post a bond showing financial wherewithal. The rationale: the uninsured’s costs get socialized when they do need care. Of course, the Mass legislature messed it up and made the baseline plan loaded up with all the goodies and therefore expensive. He thinks it was a big mistake.

Two things that Mass did b/c of the new subsidy: If the employer offers insurance – you have to buy it. If you are an employer who wants to dump your low wage employees, you can’t offer an insurance plan to higher wage earners that you don’t offer to your low wage workers.

### **Michael Widmer**

The estimate for the new subsidy for the 150,000 uninsured “crack slippers” + 750 million per year or \$5000 per person.

They calculate the cost to the state of employers not getting insurance was \$295 per employee per year. That is where they got the penalty from.

He contests the assertion of the State Treasurer that the new health care system is a budget buster. See WSJ article. He asserts that many have an interest in showing that “Mass has failed.” He said there has been a reduction in benefits, mainly to illegal immigrants. He says this is due to the general financial downturn effecting the budget.

Their “uncompensated care pool” money is now more rationally distributed.

He did mention that the cost of premiums have been a problem for businesses. He says costs are going to have to be addressed.

### **Jim Stergios**

Highlights of the Mass plan.

Putting the Connector together with a Board filled by people who have agendas to make the plans look the way they want is not working in Mass. Have to make this a market thing. It’s very top down in Mass. They have a lot of power. It’s not the way to get it done. Huge issue in the Governor’s race. Still a lot of people in the poverty band not in the system. Some concern that there is crowd out. There is a lack of information on several issues coming out of the Connector. He says that ER utilization has not really gone down like they thought it would.

## **Cindy Gillespie**

Important elements of the Health Care Bill. (Mass and Utah become very important). The first ones to engage HHS will have the ability to influence the regs.

The Exchange envisioned in the Health Care Bill is NOT what Mass and Utah have. This is not a State based exchange. It is a State administered Exchange.

What Exchange Does:

- 1) To certify health plans for sale. Requirements set by HHS. No one knows yet. There are broad categories of coverage, she'll come back with specifics.
- 2) Offer them to employers and help people enroll.
- 3) Exchange will facilitate eligibility for any state subsidized plan. Single eligibility and access to subsidies portal.
- 4) Refundable tax credits will be paid directly to the insurer. Feds don't have a Premium Aggregator. Evidently, the Premium Aggregator is real important.
- 5) Exchange for individuals and Exchange for Small Business.

First decision a State must make: Establish and exchange or let HHS do it.

Second decision: What will the Exchange be? Nonprofit? What branch of government? In Mass, it is on its own. In Utah, it's in the Dept of Econ Development or something like it. Mass really focused on individual market.

States get to decide how much gets to be privatized. How much can the exchange contract out for services? Utah extensively uses vendors.

What other functions do you want the Exchange to do? Do you want a Premium Aggregator?

How aggressively do you want to implement heading to January 2014? Mass did phased implementation over a year instead of going live on day one? **THERE IS MONEY FOR STATES TO PHASE IN THE EXCHANGE.**

**THE EXCHANGE HAS TO BE CERTIFIED AS FUNCTIONAL BY JUNE 2013 OR HHS WILL COME IN AND DO IT FOR YOU.**

States have until 2012 session at the latest to get this passed. Some states will want liberal versions, and some states will want more market based Exchanges.

HHS will certify a minimum list of benefits that must be offered in any plan. Any additional benefits offered, and so drive up premiums, will have to be picked up by the States.

A small business will ultimately be calculated as 100 employees or less.

All states must monitor premium increases by Jan 2014. Funds available to begin monitoring.

Wow. This really is a big government deal. The reality is, this is coming.

**Dennis Smith, Former Director of Medicaid under Bush**

Evidently, this guy is a super Medicaid guru.

It is alarming to him the extent to which the Health Care Bill marginalizes the States. It is absurd and comical at the same time.

The States are going to have to fight for their sovereign role. The States are being treated as so much bother.

**State Legislators need to bone up on their state Medicaid Program.**

Who will the Insurance Commissioner work for? The State or HHS?

**There will need to be a Committee set up to filter all of this information in a transparent way.**

If the Legislatures don't have all the facts in front of them, we are going to get rolled. Do you want an agency or advocacy groups determining eligibility for Medicaid or the Exchange?

He says the new Medicaid eligible's are eligible at a real, adjusted 140% of the FPL. Most of whom are healthy young adults.

Getting transparency out of the agencies will need to be a priority. Agencies tend to state "we're doing the best that we can" and they will tend to obscure transparency. He stated, for example, that enrollment error rates in one study to be at 20%.

The Legislature may need to begin to play hardball with agencies and counties. The Bill gives the States the authority to outsource the entire Exchange and what to include in it. Can use this for leverage to push the agency's to be transparent.

Demand the Feds come, immediately, to our states and begin to testify on how this is going to work. They are already taking the term "State" out of the program names, ie. S-CHIP is now just CHIP. Same for the official name of the Medicaid program. We should be outraged.

When the Exchange starts, the SCHIP kids should, by definition, not qualify for the new entitlement.

Cost sharing is an important part of this. There are new inequities across families. Definitions of families have changed with this. Ie. 26 year olds are now covered under parents insurance. Third party liability is going to be more important.

HHS said that states cannot change their cost sharing, without any authority.

The states are going to have to look for fights to pick.

Benchmark plans are going to be the standard. If we pass a plan then we can defend it in Federal court.

When this Bill was passed many states were looking at Exchanges. This isn't the foreign idea. It would be foreign to turn this over to an outside entity that the State has no control over. Where are the opportunities to privatize and outsource?

All state expenditures in 2008 totaled 1 trillion dollars. So health care costs are 2X the entire cost of all state expenditures.

State Legislatures are going to have to work hard to find ways to keep from raising taxes.

To all of our colleagues who don't want to be bothered with health care minutia, they are going to have to get engaged. This is a huge deal that will dramatically affect the budget.

He says that the Feds can't pull Medicaid funding if they pass the Freedom of Healthcare Act.

Get actuarials to certify benchmark plan equivalents, so that HHS will have a hard time pushing back against it.

Find a better way to better manage our dual eligibles. CMS is evidently interested in this. 83% of all Medicaid spending is on people with 3 or more chronic conditions.

He says its crazy for 20 something graduate students to be Medicaid eligible.

1115 waivers are closed for business.

States should be hollering at CMS for playing favorites with certain states. Why can New York put their SSD in managed care but not us?

Don't wait for the regulations. Get aggressive. Bring your "A" team.

**IMPORTANT: Get a State Plan Amendment (Benchmark Plan) on the Books as soon as possible. CMS has to approve it if it complies with the Law, and we can litigate the decision in Federal Court.**

Take a hard look at who is actually running Medicaid in OK. Get someone in there with an insurance background. Root out fraud.

Look at the high users at try and get them in managed care. Better to manage their chronic problems. Find your find high users. We are doing some of this in OK. In OK, 58% of Medicaid Expenditures are on Blind, Aged and Disabled.

## **Big panel on the Future of Health Care beyond the Health Care Bill**

### **Amanda Adkins from Missouri**

There is an opportunity for Employers to drive reform. ABC handout.  
Super automated health care records.

### **Ralph Bernstein, US Bank**

One of their areas of expertise is health care payments. There is a natural connection b/t what is going on in health care and what they have been doing for a long time. Card based payments. Tax credit payments. There has been a lack of thinking at the Fed level for how you move the money. They operate HAS's and FSA's. They move money around all day long. They facilitate JIT funding. They coordinate payments. Hmm. An opportunity for our banks in OK to help with all this. He commented that Utah reached out to the private sector to get help. We are here, use us.

Ed said: The Private Sector will always move faster than you (state gov) but you will always will move faster than the Fed.

### **Tim Murphy, Beacon, Behavioral Health, Boston**

So many of your high cost patients have behavioral health co-morbidities. They provide expertise in managing these types of patients. **They build out systems of care.**

Who were the uninsured: a lot are young, healthy and in and out of the work force. They look a lot more like small business than typical Medicaid. The one area where they used higher health care was behavioral health: up to 3 times higher in this category. Typically they are childless adults who can't hold a job b/c of their behavioral health problems. If these people get dumped into Medicaid, they will sink you. Once they get on prescription drugs it gets expensive. You need to really think about how to manage this populations. Hmm.

### **Raymond Seaver, BSwift, Vendor that is helping Utah. Employee Benefits.**

Their software is ideally suited for an employer based defined contribution health plan – the Exchange.

When shopping for coverage on the Exchange website, this technology becomes very important.

They can manage the movement of the people constantly coming in and out of the system.

They developed the Premium Aggregation component of Utah's system.

An Exchange involves a high number of transactions and changes. They are configurable. You don't have to customize.

You can make good use of the funds you get from the Feds to set up the system.

### **Steve May, Millman, A very large actuarial firm.**

Ed re-stated that Legislators are in a position that they are really going to have to ride herd and do their homework on their own Medicaid and on this Bill.

Steve says that they can model the costs of all the new mandates. Gazby 45 is a new requirement for State Retirement benefits to accurately model the costs of these plans. The states and municipalities that are moving forward with these requirements' are getting AAA ratings b/c they are starting to put money aside and prepare. You can cut your liability in half if you pre-

fund. You can apply this to health benefits as well. They are also finding out that the States and Munis are in worse shape than they previously thought because of this new rule.

**Steve Neeleman, Health Equity, One of the Owners of the Thunder works for Health**

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HSA administrators. Gave examples of American Express putting everyone on HAS's and their health care costs have been flat for several years. Indiana doing the same thing. He can't believe that this hasn't taken off more than it has. He thinks Exchanges and HAS's are a good combination.

**Eric Grossman, Trizetto, a big competitor to CMS for claims management**

In 2015 the Exchanges will have to compete head to head with existing channels of distributions (brokers) with no Federal subsidies for administrative costs.

You need broker participation in an Exchange.

He says that the Mass Exchange web site is not easy to use.

**Dennis Smith, working for Leavitt Partners, him and Leavitt have run the Fed Medicaid Program for many years**

Consultants. Translators between the private sector and the Medicaid program that they know so well. Government doesn't pay for health care, it pays for billing codes.

# Background

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## A State Lawmaker's Guide to Health Insurance Exchanges

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**Abstract:** *Health insurance exchanges are a good idea—if they are used to implement patient-centered and market-based health reforms that enhance choices and value for customers. The exchanges prescribed by Obamacare will have the opposite effect. Given the considerable uncertainty surrounding if, when, or how the exchange provisions of Obamacare will be implemented, governors and state policymakers opposed to the sweeping federal legislation have difficult decisions to make. While state lawmakers, like everyone else, would prefer to have more certainty, the reality is that they cannot expect it any time soon. They must focus on finding ways to better manage the new uncertainty that Obamacare has injected into the health care system. Pending further changes at the federal level, state lawmakers must determine the best approach in their respective states for advancing their own positive “counter reforms,” and decide whether they will also try to block federal interference by creating a limited, “defensive” Obamacare exchange—and they must do so now. Heritage Foundation health policy expert Edmund F. Haislmaier provides a hands-on guide for state lawmakers.*

Governors and state legislators opposed to the misnamed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) face a dilemma. Trying to shoehorn patient-centered, market-based reforms into the bureaucratic architecture of Obamacare's health insurance exchanges is not a viable strategy, neither practically nor politically. But refusing to create an Obamacare state exchange, while politically appealing, would leave state health insurance markets vulnerable to

### Talking Points

- The best strategy for state lawmakers who oppose the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is to adopt their own reforms—separate from, and independent of, Obamacare's exchange design.
- State policymakers should augment their “counter reform” with defensive measures that minimize federal interference while the ultimate fate of Obamacare is debated in Congress and litigated in federal courts.
- A defined-contribution health-insurance market can create more consumer-oriented competition—attractive for state lawmakers concerned that Obamacare's new federal insurance regulations will result in insurer consolidation that further reduces choice and competition.
- Offering health benefits on a defined-contribution basis can give state and local governments better budget control, and give workers greater choice and portability of coverage.
- State lawmakers need to determine *now* the best approach for their own positive “counter reforms” while protecting their constituents from the adverse effects of this deeply flawed and misguided federal legislation.

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even more federal interference and disruption over the next two years.

The best strategy for state lawmakers is to adopt their own reforms—separate from, and independent of, Obamacare’s exchange design. State policymakers should then consider augmenting their “counter reform” initiatives with defensive measures designed to minimize federal interference, while the ultimate fate of Obamacare is debated in Congress and litigated in federal courts. Taking such an approach will give state lawmakers a strategy that has both offensive and defensive components.

Enacting their own reforms enables states to take the lead in advancing the kinds of patient-centered, pro-market reforms that should replace Obamacare; offers Americans concrete examples of a positive, alternative vision of real health reform; and reinforces congressional efforts to repeal this deeply flawed and misguided federal legislation.

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***Given the uncertain environment, state lawmakers need strategies that support the goal of repealing Obamacare at the federal level, and that also promote alternative reforms that will shield their states from the PPACA’s destabilizing effects until repeal is achieved.***

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In particular, state initiatives that create a “defined-contribution” market for employer-sponsored health coverage and that streamline state health insurance regulations will promote increased choice, competition, and value—in stark contrast to Obamacare’s design that further restricts choice and competition while increasing costs. Such moves will also restore state health insurance exchanges to their original purpose as non-regulatory, administrative mechanisms for implementing a competitive, patient-centered, market-based health system within the constraint of current federal tax law, which provides greater tax relief for employer-sponsored coverage than for individually purchased coverage.

This is in stark contrast to Obamacare’s perversion of exchanges into a bureaucratic tool for implementing sweeping new federal regulations.

At the same time, state lawmakers can also take a defensive approach to Obamacare’s exchanges in their states so as to preserve state control and limit federal interference.

## **Understanding Obamacare’s Exchange Provisions**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides for the establishment of health insurance exchanges in every state that conform to federal standards and requirements,<sup>1</sup> authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide grants to states to create exchanges,<sup>2</sup> and specifies that the Secretary is to establish and run exchanges in states that do not, or cannot, do so by January 1, 2014 (with the Secretary further required to make such determinations by January 1, 2013).<sup>3</sup>

The PPACA specifies two types of health insurance exchanges: the American Health Benefit (AHB) and the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP). The legislation contains various requirements for the structure, functions, and operations of AHB exchanges, but provides no specifications for SHOP exchanges. Instead, the PPACA simply states that SHOP exchanges are “to assist qualified employers in the State who are small employers in facilitating the enrollment of their employees in qualified health plans offered in the small group market in the State.”<sup>4</sup> Thus, the relevant “exchange” provisions are really only those that relate to the AHB exchanges.

Under Obamacare, the AHB exchanges are designed to implement the federal regulation and standardization of private health insurance, administer a new program of federal health care subsidies for tens of millions of Americans, and enroll millions of additional Americans in state Medicaid programs.

The problem is that state lawmakers have no certainty about when, how, or even whether the PPACA’s exchange provisions will go into effect. The

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1. PL 111-148 § 1321(c)(1).

2. PL 111-148 § 1311.

3. PL 111-148 § 1321(c)(1).

4. PL 111-148 § 1311(b)(1)(B).

Obama Administration faces significant technical challenges in merely implementing this complex legislation. At the same time, a majority of the public remains opposed to Obamacare, more than half the states are challenging its constitutionality in federal courts, and either the current Congress or the next one could repeal, alter, delay, or defund all or parts of it. Given this uncertain environment, state lawmakers need strategies that support the goal of repealing Obamacare at the federal level, and that also promote alternative reforms that will shield their states from the PPACA's destabilizing effects until repeal is eventually achieved.

### **Consumer-Centered Exchanges vs. Obamacare Exchanges**

The first point to understand is that the entire design for health insurance exchanges in the PPACA is a perversion of the core concept of what is an otherwise sound approach to improving health insurance markets.

The true purpose of a state health insurance exchange is to act as a purely administrative mechanism for implementing a defined-contribution health insurance alternative for employer-sponsored coverage. Allowing employers to offer health benefits on a defined-contribution basis gives workers the ability to choose the coverage that best suits them and their families from a wide menu of options, creates new incentives for insurers and medical providers to compete for customers, and encourages greater diversity and experimentation in health plan design and benefits.

By enacting a defined-contribution health insurance option for employment-based coverage, states can create a more consumer-driven health care market while continuing to let workers benefit from the favorable federal tax treatment of employer-sponsored health benefits. Of course, such an approach would not be necessary if Congress were to enact health care tax reforms that provide the same tax treatment regardless of whether coverage is purchased directly or through an employer—reforms that have long been advocated by numerous health policy experts. Since Obamacare does not include tax reforms and it is uncertain if or when Congress might undertake them, state-level defined-contribution options for employer-sponsored coverage

are still the most effective way to advance patient-centered, market-based health reform.

Within that construct, the function of a state health insurance exchange is simply to serve as a common mechanism for administering the transactions entailed in buyers and sellers offering and choosing coverage and paying and collecting premiums—much like a stock exchange provides a common administrative mechanism for transactions associated with buying and selling securities. Thus, an exchange gives employers, no matter how small, the opportunity to offer their workers health benefits in a market characterized by consumer choice from among numerous and varied plan options.

As with a stock exchange, a properly designed state health insurance exchange does not exercise regulatory powers. Rather, any regulatory functions remain the province of applicable government agencies—security regulators, in the case of stocks; insurance regulators, in the case of health insurance. Indeed, such an administrative—not regulatory—purpose is what the term “exchange” was originally intended to convey.

What Congress did in the PPACA, however, was to merely keep the word “exchange,” while designating the purpose as something very different. Rather than serving as a mechanism for expanding health insurance choice, variety, and competition, and for spurring plans and providers to innovate and offer customers better value, Obamacare exchanges will impose new regulations, administer new subsidies, standardize coverage, and restrict consumer choice and insurer competition more than it is already. Thus, in the PPACA Congress has perverted the exchange concept into a bureaucratic tool for federal subsidization, standardization, and micromanagement of health insurance coverage by the Department of Health and Human Services.

It is important to recognize that it is Obamacare's perversion of exchanges, not the original concept itself, that is the problem. What matters is not the label on the box, but the contents. Consequently, the PPACA's misappropriation of the term “health insurance exchange” should not deter state lawmakers from pursuing their own defined-contribution, market-based reforms that employ state exchanges to perform purely administrative functions. If state

lawmakers want to further clarify this important distinction, they can use another term—such as “clearinghouse” or “administrator”—to distinguish their approach from the one in Obamacare.

### Why States Should Enact their Own Health Insurance Reforms

State lawmakers should pursue reforms of the health insurance market *now*, independently of the PPACA, not only to increase access to coverage and provide incentives for better value in the near term, but also as a longer-term hedge against the uncertainties surrounding the timing of the eventual disposition of the federally mandated exchange provisions, related insurance market regulations, and the new federal subsidy program that the Obamacare exchanges are to administer.

In particular, states should create a defined-contribution option for their employer-sponsored health insurance market. Lawmakers should also review their state’s existing benefit mandates and insurance rating rules to determine if those laws should be changed to make coverage more affordable. Beyond the near-term benefit of reducing premiums, such state reforms will also serve as a hedge against the uncertainty of the PPACA’s effects while the fight over its repeal plays out in Congress and federal courts. Enacting their own “counter reforms” can better position states against the negative effects of Obamacare in several ways:

- **Expanding or Preserving Health Insurance Choice and Competition.** One advantage of a defined-contribution market for employer-sponsored coverage is that it offers insurers a more level competitive playing field. In a properly structured defined-contribution market all insurers—whether they are large or small, new entrants or longstanding players, selling new or traditional coverage designs—can offer their plans on the same terms on a single “menu” to a large number of potential customers. Thus, competition among plans and insurers is more appropriately focused on those aspects that matter most to individual consumers—plan design, value, and customer service.

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competition is likely to be particularly attractive to states whose lawmakers are already concerned about inadequate choice and competition in their existing markets. It will also be attractive to state lawmakers justifiably concerned that the PPACA’s new federal insurance regulations will result in insurer consolidation that further reduces choice and competition in their state. A number of those regulations have already taken effect, such as several new federal benefit mandates, new “minimum loss ratio” regulations (which specify how insurers are to spend premium dollars), and new federal premium rate reviews. These regulations will increase health insurance costs and lead some insurers to exit the market.

In addition, states with smaller populations or a single dominant carrier can collaborate with one or more neighboring states to create a regional defined-contribution market to provide more choice and competition for their employers and residents. States can implement such an approach through “cross-licensing” or “reciprocity” agreements and shared administrative duties without federal approval for a formal “interstate compact,” though such a compact might be an option.

- **Putting Countervailing Pressure on Federal Officials.** Reducing state insurance benefit mandates or reforming rating rules not only makes coverage more affordable now, but will also make it politically more difficult for the federal government to later impose costly coverage requirements through the PPACA’s “essential benefits” regulations and restrictive rating rules, which will sharply increase premiums for younger adults (both of which are also scheduled to take effect in 2014).<sup>5</sup>
- **Creating an Alternative Market.** Creating a defined-contribution market also provides states with the infrastructure for organizing and offering alternative, “non-qualified” coverage and

health care financing arrangements for individuals and employers who refuse to comply with the PPACA's mandates to buy coverage, should Congress fail to repeal those mandates before 2014, when they are scheduled to go into effect. Such alternative products would be subject to state regulation, but designed to be exempt from federal regulation.

### Advantages of Defined Contributions

In a traditional "defined-benefit" program the payer (an employer or government) determines the form of coverage (such as a PPO, HMO, or high-deductible plan with an HSA), specifies the benefits offered, determines the share of premium that enrollees pay, and sets the schedule of patient co-payments. Thus, in a defined-benefit program it is the payer who makes the key decisions and it is the payer who bears most of the risk for the cost of those decisions.

By contrast, in a defined-contribution program, the payer offers the enrollee a contribution to help fund the cost of the insurance—pre-tax compensation to workers if the payer is an employer, or a subsidy if the payer is a government. Each enrollee then chooses the coverage he prefers from a menu of plans—with different plan designs, benefits, and cost-sharing—offered by competing insurers, and pays for the coverage with whatever mix of contributions he receives from employers and government (along with the enrollee's own funds, if the available contribution from the payer does not cover the full cost of an individual's chosen plan). A defined-contribution option for health benefits offers a number of advantages:

- Because it reduces the effort and risk to employers associated with offering health benefits, it creates a way for more firms, particularly smaller ones, to offer coverage.
- Because workers can choose coverage from a varied menu of plans, it increases the likelihood that

more workers will be able to find a plan that they like and can afford.

- It provides a practical way for employers to offer part-time or seasonal workers prorated coverage contributions, with the reasonable expectation that those workers can obtain coverage by combining the employer's contribution with funds from other sources.
- It creates positive new incentives for health plan providers to collaborate with medical providers so that both get more business by offering consumers and patients better service at lower prices. When individuals and families choose their own coverage, they tend to prefer plans that offer better value—better care at lower prices—over plans that rely on crude cost-control strategies, such as limiting patient access to providers or simply paying doctors and hospitals less, regardless of performance.
- Over time, as more employers elect the defined-contribution option, portability of health benefits—with workers keeping their coverage when they change employers—becomes possible for more individuals and families.
- The same infrastructure can be used by states and local governments to provide health benefits to their own workers on a defined-contribution basis, and to "mainstream" recipients of public assistance by using Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding to provide them with better-quality private coverage.

### Creating a Defined-Contribution Option

The principal goal of a defined-contribution option is to empower consumers to become the ultimate decision makers about their own health care. Following are key design issues that state lawmakers will need to consider:

5. For further discussion of the effects of the PPACA's rating rules, see Edmund F. Haislmaier, "Obamacare and Insurance Rating Rules: Increasing Costs and Destabilizing Markets," Heritage Foundation *WebMemo* No. 3111, January 20, 2011, at <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2011/01/Obamacare-and-Insurance-Rating-Rules-Increasing-Costs-and-Destabilizing-Markets>. For further discussion of the PPACA's benefit mandates, see Edmund F. Haislmaier, "Obamacare and Insurance Benefit Mandates: Raising Premiums and Reducing Patient Choice," Heritage Foundation *WebMemo* No. 3110, January 20, 2011, at <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2011/01/Obamacare-and-Insurance-Benefit-Mandates-Raising-Premiums-and-Reducing-Patient-Choice>.

**1. Insurance plan standards.** State lawmakers will need to ensure that all plans offered through the defined-contribution option qualify as employer-sponsored coverage under both state and federal tax laws so that premiums can be paid on a pre-tax basis.

If a state intends to use its defined-contribution alternative to provide coverage for Medicaid and CHIP enrollees on a “premium support” basis—as it should—state lawmakers will also need to ensure that at least some of the plans offered meet the federal “benchmark equivalent” standards for those programs.

A state’s defined-contribution option should also operate on an “any willing plan” basis—meaning that the state’s insurance department is instructed to approve any plan that meets the state’s standards for the defined-contribution market.

**2. Rating rules.** State lawmakers must ensure that the same rules for rating and pricing policies apply to the new defined-contribution coverage as well as the traditional defined-benefit employer group coverage. The specific rules themselves are less important than the fact that the *same* rules must apply to both subsets of the employer insurance market, to avert potentially destabilizing selection behaviors by carriers or customers. As long as the rules are applied uniformly, lawmakers can allow insurers to vary premiums on the basis of factors, such as age, geography, and family status.

While the specific provisions are not as important as ensuring uniformity, there are some additional, practical considerations that state lawmakers will want to keep in mind when setting or modifying rating rules, particularly with respect to varying premiums by age and geography.

With respect to age-rating of premiums, the natural age variation in medical costs is about five to one—meaning that among adults, the oldest (non-Medicare) group consumes about five times as much medical care as the youngest group. Incomes also generally increase with age. Thus, if the state allows insurers to adjust plan prices to reflect the age of the enrollee, premiums will be lower for younger adults—who on average are

healthier but have lower incomes—and higher for older adults—who generally consume more medical care but tend to have higher incomes. Letting premiums vary by age will be particularly important if the state intends to subsidize coverage for low-income individuals, since it means that any subsidies can be better targeted to a relatively small number of older, low-income individuals, with less need to subsidize coverage for a large number of lower-income, younger—and healthier—individuals, since the latter group will be able to buy coverage at cheaper rates.

With respect to geographic variations in premiums, lawmakers will want to consider whether any proposed variation reflects underlying differences in salary scales for health care workers, or simply differences in provider practice patterns. Allowing premium variations that reflect differences in local economies, such as wage rates and living costs, is appropriate. But permitting variations in rates that are attributable primarily to differences in provider practice patterns will serve mainly to protect higher-cost, less-efficient providers. For guidance on the extent to which geographic variation in premiums is appropriate, lawmakers should look to their state’s economic data on wage rates and living costs, not to data on provider charges or practice patterns.

**3. Structure and operations.** The states will need to create health insurance exchanges—or a similar “clearinghouse” mechanism—to handle the administrative tasks associated with offering the defined-contribution option. Utah has pioneered a quick and low-cost design that relies on contracting private-sector vendors to provide the necessary information technology and related infrastructure, funded by modest user fees paid by participants. States can adopt a variant of this approach, customized to fit their own particular needs and circumstances.<sup>6</sup>

**4. State and local employee plans.** The same advantages offered by defined-contribution options for private-sector firms and their employees can also be made available to state and local governments and their workers. As with private employers, offering health benefits on a defined-contribution basis can give state and local governments better budget

control over compensation costs, while at the same time giving their workers greater choice and portability of coverage.

Indeed, America's largest and longest-running defined-contribution health benefit program is the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), operated by the U.S. government's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for approximately 9 million federal workers, retirees, and their dependents.

Another major advantage of providing health benefits to state and municipal workers through the defined-contribution option, is that those public-sector plans will serve as "anchor" clients—that is, large, stable employers with a large, stable pool of covered individuals—and thus make participation in the defined-contribution option more attractive to both insurers and private-sector employers.

**5. Role of risk adjustment.** States will also need to establish a risk-adjustment mechanism that enables insurers to manage any selection effects that result from consumers having a wider choice of plans in the defined-contribution market. Rather than viewing selection effects as an undesirable outcome to be suppressed, lawmakers should see them as a potentially positive phenomenon to be managed.

For example, the existence of an adequate risk-adjustment mechanism makes it possible for insurers to offer plans that specialize in collaborating with providers to provide better care for individuals with specific medical conditions. Even though current federal law for employer-sponsored plans prevents carriers from varying premiums based on enrollee health status, insurers should be more willing to offer coverage designs that are likely to attract less healthy individuals if they know that the extra cost of those enrollees can be spread—through the risk adjuster—across all policyholders in the market.

Because health insurance risk adjustment is a highly technical issue best handled by actuaries, state lawmakers should not attempt to design a risk-adjustment mechanism themselves.<sup>7</sup> Rather, they should focus on authorizing the creation of a risk-adjustment mechanism for their employer market within the following parameters:

- The state requires, as a condition of selling coverage in the state, that all carriers issuing employer-sponsored plans—on either a defined-benefit or defined-contribution basis—participate in the risk adjuster.
- The enabling legislation should specify that the risk-adjustment system will be collectively designed and operated by the participating insurers—without outside interference—under the regulatory supervision of the state's insurance department.
- While the state may provide funding for the start-up or administrative costs of the risk adjuster, the state will not provide any funding to the risk adjuster for claims costs. The risk adjuster is to function as a "closed loop" within which participating insurers adjust among themselves for selection effects, not as a "backdoor" subsidy to carriers for higher cost enrollees.
- If the state intends to also offer health benefits to state and municipal employees on a defined-contribution basis—as it should—then its current state and municipal plans should also be participating "insurers" in the risk adjuster. That way, lawmakers can allow those existing plans to continue to offer their coverage to state and municipal workers as options on a greatly expanded menu of coverage choices, without the risk of those plans being destabilized by selection effects.

6. For a further discussion of Utah's defined-contribution health reforms, see Gregg Girvan, "Utah's Defined-Contribution Option: Patient-Centered Health Care," Heritage Foundation *Background* No. 2445, July 30, 2010, at <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2010/07/Utahs-Defined-Contribution-Option-Patient-Centered-Health-Care>, and Gregg Girvan, "Consumer Power: Five Lessons from Utah's Health Care Reform," Heritage Foundation *Background* No. 2453, August 19, 2010, at <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2010/08/Consumer-Power-5-Lessons-from-Utah-s-Health-Care-Reform>.

7. For a further discussion of risk adjustment, see Edmund F. Haislmaier, "State Health Care Reform: A Brief Guide to Risk Adjustment in Consumer-Driven Health Insurance Markets," Heritage Foundation *Background* No. 2166, July 28, 2008, at <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2008/07/State-Health-Care-Reform-A-Brief-Guide-to-Risk-Adjustment-in-Consumer-Driven-Health-Insurance-Markets>.

While the main purpose of the risk adjuster will be to facilitate greater individual choice in the defined-contribution market segment, it should also apply to the traditional defined-benefit employer-group market segment as well, for two reasons. First, doing so will minimize the possibility of selection effects between the two market segments. Second, it will help stabilize premiums in the traditional group coverage market, so that employers who offer defined-benefit coverage no longer face “experience rating” premium spikes when one employee incurs a major illness.

**6. Role of agents and brokers.** For businesses that decide to offer health benefits on a defined-contribution basis, insurance agents could not only help the business make the necessary arrangements, but could also counsel individual employees on making coverage choices that best suit their particular needs and preferences, and “service” their policies—such as by helping them should they experience a problem or seek to appeal a claim or coverage decision by their insurer. The availability of such advice from a trained and knowledgeable professional benefits the employer as well as its workers, since business owners generally feel uncomfortable giving their employees personal advice and are naturally wary of any possible legal ramifications.

The key change for insurance brokers is that in a defined-contribution market, they will act as “buyer’s agents,” instead of their more traditional role of “seller’s agents.” This is similar to the business model shift that has occurred in recent years with many real estate agents. State lawmakers can facilitate such a shift by providing for a per-enrollee, fee-based compensation structure for agents in which the broker is paid the same amount regardless of which plan the worker (client) chooses.

While some brokers welcome such a change, seeing it as a way to expand their client base and establish relationships with new customers who might also be interested in other products the brokers offer—such as life, disability, or property insurance—others have so far been resistant.

However, another change resulting from the PPACA is likely to make more insurance agents consider shifting from representing carriers to representing buyers. Specifically, the PPACA’s new

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“minimum loss ratio” regulations, which apply to all commercial major medical policies and took effect on January 1, 2011, will count commissions paid by carriers to agents against the share of the premium that insurers are allowed to retain to cover administrative costs and for profit. Thus, health insurers will have a strong, new incentive to reduce, or even eliminate, sales commissions to agents, since those payments will now directly reduce insurer profits.

In a defined-contribution market, however, agent compensation can take the form of a fee paid by the buyer, which is therefore separate from any minimum loss ratio calculation applied to insurer premium income. This also means that agents can offer their clients all the plan options available in the defined-contribution market, not just those from insurers with whom they currently have contracts. State insurance regulators can help facilitate this transition by providing licensed brokers with additional training, information, and comparison tools for the state’s new defined-contribution market.

### **Preserving State Authority in the Face of Obamacare**

Some state lawmakers may decide it is in the best interest of their state to simply refuse to implement an American Health Benefit exchange and instead focus solely on their own state-based reforms that counter Obamacare. That view is understandable, and consistent with the strong opposition to Obamacare among many of their constituents.

Others, however, may also want to shield their states from the legislation’s harmful effects and minimize federal interference in addition to advancing their own counter reforms at the state level. Those state lawmakers can enact defensive measures that slow, block, or restrict federal implementation of Obamacare in their states—at least until such time as the legislation is either repealed by Congress or voided by the Supreme Court.

One such defensive component is for state lawmakers to protect the independence and integrity of their state insurance departments by refusing to accept (or returning, if already received) federal “premium review” grant funding. This funding was included in the PPACA in order to co-opt states into helping implement the legislation’s new system of arbitrary and politically manipulated health-insurer rate regulation by HHS. State lawmakers need to reassure the citizens they represent that their state insurance departments will continue to apply appropriate financial requirements so that premiums are sufficient to cover claims costs, and will not acquiesce to the Administration’s agenda of politicized rate regulation—which could threaten insurer solvency and potentially leave policyholders liable for unpaid claims.

Similarly, when it comes to the Obamacare AHB exchanges, state lawmakers should also consider taking a *defensive* strategy.

As noted, the PPACA effectively gives state governments a “right of first refusal” to design and operate AHB exchanges within federal guidelines. If a state does not exercise that right in a timely manner, the HHS Secretary is required to establish an exchange in that state. There are two important considerations that state lawmakers should take into account.

First, a state refusing to create an AHB exchange raises the prospect of HHS—or an organization picked by HHS—controlling access to the state’s Medicaid program. That is because the legislation requires the AHB exchange to enroll any individuals it determines Medicaid-eligible in the state Medicaid program, instead of giving them the new federal coverage subsidies.<sup>8</sup> It also requires states to accept such individuals into their Medicaid programs without any further eligibility determination, leaving states unable to reject even erroneous eligibility determinations.<sup>9</sup> The combined result of those two provisions is effectively to transfer control over enrollment in state Medicaid programs to AHB exchanges beginning in 2014. From that point on, whoever controls the AHB exchange becomes

the de facto gatekeeper for both the state’s Medicaid program and the new federal subsidy system.

Second, depending on how it is implemented, an AHB exchange can also become a de facto health insurance regulator that is in competition, or conflict, with the state’s insurance department. If a state creates the AHB exchange itself, state lawmakers can take steps to avoid or limit potentially duplicative or conflicting insurance market regulation. But if the state lets HHS create the AHB exchange, then, in order to meet the requirements of the PPACA with respect to participating insurance plans, the exchange will need to exercise the full range of insurance regulatory powers available to it under the legislation, since it will be unable to rely on the state’s insurance department. Thus, a state that declines to set up an AHB exchange can expect the exchange established by HHS to act as a duplicative, and likely conflicting, insurance regulator, further disrupting the state’s health insurance market.

Furthermore, the timing of this second risk is more immediate. While the Medicaid changes are not scheduled until 2014, a number of insurance regulations have already gone into effect. Thus, the sooner a state declares “non-compliance” with the PPACA, the sooner HHS will build an exchange in that state to act as a federal insurance regulator, and the sooner insurers will gravitate toward answering to HHS rather than to the state’s insurance department.

The alternative to not creating an AHB exchange is for state lawmakers to establish a narrowly limited and closely controlled AHB exchange within the parameters of the federal legislation. Such a “defensive” approach lets state lawmakers who oppose Obamacare, or who are at least wary of its effects, avoid the risk of losing control over their Medicaid programs or insurance markets by letting HHS operate AHB exchanges in their states.

The strategy behind this approach is for state lawmakers to tailor the design of their state’s AHB exchange to maximize state government control, restrict the potential for federal interference, minimize market disruptions, limit the associated

8. PL 111-148 § 1311(d)(4)(F).

9. New § 1943(b)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, as added by PL 111-148 § 2201.

costs and risks to the state, and preserve the state's options for responding to potential future changes in federal law.

### Structuring a “Defensive” AHB Exchange

For a state that elects to take a “defensive” approach, the best way to proceed is by disaggregating the functional components of the AHB exchange, determining the best solution for each function, and then networking the components into a whole, along the following lines:

**1. Corporate form and governance.** The state should set up a “shell” AHB exchange and “sub-contract” its various functions to a combination of state agencies and private-sector vendors, based on relevant expertise. While the PPACA allows the exchange to be housed within a state government (either as a new agency or as a subset of an existing one), state lawmakers will likely prefer the alternative PPACA option of establishing their AHB exchange as a specially chartered, state-government-sponsored, independent entity—but without any regulatory powers.<sup>10</sup>

There are three reasons for doing so. First, regulatory powers are retained within the applicable agencies of state government—not delegated to a quasi-independent entity over which state lawmakers have limited control and which will be more inclined to take direction from federal officials. Second, the state government avoids directly managing or funding the exchange's purely administrative functions, with those tasks instead contracted to private-sector vendors and funded by user fees. Third, the state has more flexibility to set governance of the exchange by a board composed of whatever mix of public officials and stakeholder representatives it deems most appropriate.

**2. Certification of insurers and health plans.** Lawmakers should vest their state's insurance department with responsibility for determining which carriers and health plans “qualify” under state and federal law to be offered through the AHB exchange. They should then stipulate that the exchange is to accept, without modification, those determinations by the insurance department and

fulfill its requirement under the PPACA to “certify” participating insurers and plans by simply forwarding the state insurance department's determinations to HHS.

Such an arrangement has several advantages. First, it preserves state authority and accountability with respect to insurance regulation. Second, it avoids the potential for duplication and confusion in market regulation. Third, it keeps insurance regulation in the hands of those with the most extensive technical expertise—existing state insurance regulators. Fourth, it enables the state to more effectively challenge or contest any HHS regulation or interpretation of the PPACA with which the state disagrees. Should such disputes arise, the state will be positioned to deploy in support of its case the data and technical expertise of its insurance department, augmented by the legal resources of the state's Attorney General, if necessary.

As a related measure, state insurance law should be amended to stipulate that the certification of carriers and plans to participate in the exchange is to be implemented by the state's insurance department on an “any willing plan” basis. Meaning, that any plan that meets the applicable federal and state standards in effect at that time—as determined by the state's insurance department—will be automatically certified as eligible to be offered in the exchange. Such a move ensures a level competitive playing field for insurers, avoids the problems that arise when governments try to pick winners and losers, and helps preserve maximum consumer choice in the market.

Lawmakers should also instruct their state insurance department to apply state insurance law until such time as federal law preempts state law, and not to make any preemptive regulatory changes to accommodate federal laws or regulations that have not yet taken effect. In addition to preserving state sovereignty, such an approach has the practical advantages of limiting confusion in the market and serving as a “hedge” against the possibility that one or more of Obamacare's new federal insurance requirements may be postponed, repealed, or significantly altered prior to their statutory effective dates.

**3. Eligibility determination.** State lawmakers

10. PL 111-148 § 1311(d)(1).

should require the exchange to subcontract eligibility determinations to the state's Medicaid program in order to maintain state control. This also gives state lawmakers an opportunity to review their current program eligibility determination process and make improvements. For example, states that currently allow local governments to make program eligibility determinations might want to use this opportunity to consolidate that function at the state level, so as to achieve more consistent and accurate decisions. Under Obamacare, it will be necessary to determine if individuals are eligible for Medicaid under either pre-PPACA rules or under the PPACA Medicaid expansion provisions—with different federal match rates for the two eligibility categories. Also, a much larger share of the state's population that does not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP will be eligible for the new federal subsidies through the exchange, so lawmakers will need to plan for increased funding and system upgrades as well.

**4. Certification of agents and “navigators.”** As with certification of insurers and health plans, state lawmakers should require the exchange to simply accept the determinations of the state's existing professional licensure system when it comes to certifying agents or organizations as “navigators” who assist individuals with enrolling in the exchange and choosing a health plan. State lawmakers will at some point need to amend the applicable state licensure statute and compensation regulations as necessary to conform them to whatever standards HHS eventually issues to implement these provisions of the PPACA.

States will still be able to specify different licensure standards for agents selling health coverage outside of the exchange—if they so choose—though this would be a good opportunity for lawmakers to review those existing statutes and regulations to determine if other changes should be made to them as well.

**5. Administrative functions.** When it comes to the various administrative functions that Obamacare requires the exchange to perform—such as providing a Web site for enrollment, plan comparison and plan selection, toll-free telephone assistance, an online calculator for determining plan costs to enrollees, information transmission to the

U.S. Treasury to calculate and pay enrollee subsidies—the best course of action is for the exchange to simply hire private-sector vendors to provide the necessary software and operational support.

If, at some point, either Congress rescinds funding or the Supreme Court voids Obamacare, then the vendors will stop their work. In the event that Obamacare is still in place when the exchanges are scheduled to begin operation, a state's enabling legislation should require the exchange to fund its subsequent ongoing operations with user fees. Because of the PPACA's minimum loss ratio regulations, the enabling legislation should further specify that the exchange is to charge such user fees to enrollees, not to participating insurers.

In contracting for these administrative and technical services, state lawmakers can either require the exchange to follow existing state government contracting procedures, or permit the exchange's governing board to adopt alternative procedures.

**6. State legislature oversight.** A state that takes this approach should also establish special oversight committees of its legislature to supervise the AHB exchange and the interactions between the exchange and relevant state government agencies and departments. The oversight committees should pay particularly close attention to the state's insurance department, its Medicaid and CHIP programs, and its tax and revenue department (which may be affected by the need to verify income in connection with eligibility determinations for Medicaid and the new federal subsidies).

States will want to vest this oversight responsibility with new special committees—one for each legislative chamber, or, a single bicameral special committee—because implementation will involve several executive branch agencies and the jurisdictions of more than one standing committee. State legislatures typically have standing insurance committees to handle insurance matters, as well as standing health committees with jurisdiction over the state's Medicaid and CHIP programs. Thus, the state's legislative leadership will want to ensure that a special exchange oversight committee includes both members with experience and expertise in insurance law and members with experience and expertise in Medicaid and CHIP. Leadership may

also want to ensure that members with experience and expertise in other areas, such as tax or appropriations, serve on the special oversight committee.

Furthermore, states whose legislatures meet in time-limited sessions will want to authorize any oversight committee as an “interim” committee so that it continues to function between the regular sessions of the legislature. Should an interim oversight committee identify issues that need immediate legislative attention, those states can use their established procedures for calling the full legislature back for a “special” session to consider any relevant legislation.

**7. Sunset provision.** The state’s enabling legislation should also include a sunset provision that automatically terminates the state’s AHB exchange should a Supreme Court ruling void the legislation or should subsequent federal legislation be enacted that repeals the authority granted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish AHB exchanges in states that do not establish such exchanges on their own. Specifically, the sunset provision should be triggered by any future federal repeal or nullification of Section 1321(c) of Public Law 111-148.

## Conclusion

State lawmakers now face important decisions about whether they will pursue their own health insurance market reforms—separate and different from Obamacare—and whether they will create defensive AHB exchanges to shield their states and minimize federal interference while they await the ultimate disposition of Obamacare by Congress or the Supreme Court. State lawmakers should understand that these decisions, while related, are in fact severable. They can opt to pursue their own reforms, create a defensive AHB exchange, do both, or do neither.

State lawmakers should pursue health insurance market reforms of their own design *now*, indepen-

dent of the PPACA, not only to increase access to coverage and provide incentives for better value in the near term, but also as a longer-term hedge against the uncertainties surrounding the timing of the eventual disposition of Obamacare’s exchange provisions, related insurance market regulations, and the new federal subsidy program that the exchanges are intended to administer.

While there are good reasons why some states may decide not to establish AHB exchanges, it is important that state lawmakers inclined toward that option carefully consider its implications for their state’s Medicaid program and insurance market. State lawmakers who feel more comfortable with a strategy that protects their state as much as possible until Obamacare’s fate is decided by Congress or the Supreme Court can instead pursue the alternative approach of adopting a limited, defensive AHB exchange design.

Given the considerable uncertainty surrounding if, when, or how the exchange provisions of the PPACA will be implemented, the wisest course for state lawmakers is to adopt responses that position their states for a range of possible outcomes. While state lawmakers, like everyone else, would obviously prefer to have more certainty regarding Obamacare, the reality is that they cannot expect to obtain such certainty any time soon. Consequently, they will instead need to focus in the near term on finding ways to better manage the new uncertainty that Obamacare has injected into the health care system. Pending further changes at the federal level, state lawmakers need to determine *now* the best approach in each of their respective states for advancing their own positive “counter reforms” while also protecting their constituents from the disruption and adverse effects of this deeply flawed and misguided federal legislation.

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## Hey, Big Spenders: A Memo to Washington Democrats

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### MEMO

**TO:** The Democrats Who Run Washington

**CC:** The American People

**RE:** Your Recent Spending Binge

**DATE:** July 12, 2011

The American people are still asking '[where are the jobs?](#)' and they know the spending spree going on here in Washington is part of the problem, not the solution. If it were, unemployment would be below eight percent today, as per [your 'stimulus' promises](#). Instead, it's more than nine percent and still rising.

Spending in Washington has been out of control for years, and Republicans certainly could have done more to stop it. But we have never presided over a spending binge of the magnitude seen under President Obama – from the 'stimulus' to ObamaCare to the explosion in discretionary spending. It's [his economy](#) that is faltering, failing to produce the jobs and the growth needed to keep us from descending deeper and deeper into debt. That's why [on May 3, Republicans asked the president to send a plan to Congress that would raise the debt limit while cutting spending at the same time.](#)

We have yet to see such a plan.

In the absence of this plan, Americans are left to assume you are proud of – or at least, content with – this record:

- A **24 percent increase in non-defense discretionary spending** over the first two years of the Obama Administration, for a total of \$734 billion in new Washington spending over the next 10 years. This will be [the third year in a row of \\$1 trillion deficits](#).
- A **\$3.7 trillion increase in the national debt** since President Obama took office. The debt is on track to exceed the size of our entire economy [this year](#).
- A **'stimulus' that now carries a \$830 billion price tag** – \$43 billion [more than originally estimated](#) – despite mounting evidence it failed to work as promised.
- **\$1.4 trillion in new Washington spending on a government takeover of health care**, which continues to be subject to [revelations it will cost our economy jobs](#). The fact that it contains "[the largest tax increase since 1993](#)" may have something to do with that.

Republicans recognized we had lost our way. We put forward not just a plan to turn things around – but a [pledge to America](#) that we would do things differently than they had been done in the past under both parties. We've worked hard to [make good on our pledge](#), cutting our own budgets, making it harder to increase spending, enacting real spending cuts, and reining in red tape. We passed [a jobs budget](#) that would spur private-sector job growth and pay down our debt over time. And we've built on the Pledge with a [Plan for America's Job Creators](#) designed to remove government barriers to private-sector job growth – the kind of growth the 'stimulus' promised but failed to deliver.

At every turn, however, you have fought for [more of the same](#) – more spending, more taxes, and more debt – trying to soak families and small businesses to pay for big government. Again, if that Washington-knows-best approach worked, Americans wouldn't still be asking 'where are the jobs?'

Republicans have led on these issues, and Americans are still waiting for President Obama to step up and do the same. A response to Republicans' [May 3 letter](#) would be a good start.

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Healthcare Advisors and Action Officers:

The final healthcare exchange blueprint released last week allows for designees other than Governors to sign the blueprint and obligate the state to a specific course of action. This is new in the final rule. Upon first reading, it appears HHS is attempting to usurp governors and/or legislatures. Lindsay and I will be looking into this but welcome your expert thoughts and ideas at any point. Should we need to message as a group, we'll get ready to do so.

Thanks,  
Marie

### **HHS Allows Governor 'Designee' To Make Exchange Declaration**

**Posted: August 22, 2012**

HHS in the final health insurance exchange "blueprint" guidance allows governor designees, such as elected state insurance commissioners, to declare the type of exchange states intend to create. HHS previously told Inside Health Policy that in some states, insurance commissioners, not governors, sign off on exchanges, but the earlier draft blueprint stated that governors had to sign declarations.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners affirms that its members think state Department of Insurance (DOI) or other designees may sign exchange declaration letters and no additional guidance is necessary.

In the draft blueprint that was released in May, HHS wrote that exchange declaration letters would require the "Signature of Governor or Designee of the State," and that without exception the declaration letter must be signed by the governor. The final blueprint changed that to, "Signature of Governor Designee of the State," and HHS acknowledged that in some states governors might not have the authority to declare partnership exchanges. States in that position should contact CCIIO to work out details, HHS said.

A source tracking exchange implementation says there are 12 or 13 states that have elected insurance commissioners who would be able to make such a declaration. The source says that Kansas is an interesting state to watch because elected Commissioner Sandy Praeger

supports creating a state exchange, and Republican Gov. Sam Brownback and the state's legislature oppose implementation the health care law.

Praeger said at a July 30 Bipartisan Policy Center forum that it would not be wise for her to oppose her governor and legislature. However, she said she hopes to enter into a partnership exchange with the federal government “so our insurance department can continue to approve insurance rates, as well as approve policies offered on the exchange and assist consumers with their complaints.”

HHS encourages states considering a state-based or partnership exchange model to send in their declaration letters as soon as possible. States planning to operate state-based or partnership in 2014 must submit their blueprints to HHS by Nov. 16 so the department can approve the exchanges by Jan. 1. So far, 13 states have formally said that they would move forward with a state-based exchange. In a partnership exchange, a state can oversee plan management, consumer assistance, or both of those functions.

It is unclear which other non-governor state officials might be considering the option of declaring their exchange model. -- Amy Lotven ([alotven@iwpnews.com](mailto:alotven@iwpnews.com))

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Attached please find the briefing slides for this afternoon's 2pm meeting.

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The Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 2:00pm EST in the governors room. We will be joined by Melanie Bella, Director of the Federal Coordinated Health Care Office at CMS. Melanie will provide an overview of her office's work regarding dual-eligibles. An agenda and call-in information are below.

**HHS Committee Meeting**  
**October 27, 2001**

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- I. Melanie Bella, CMS on dual eligibles
- II. Letter discussion – health insurance exchange partnerships (*Revised version attached. Please note that some edits have been modified due to states submitting similar suggestions.*)
- III. Other business

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**HHS Committee Meeting**

**9/14/11**

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- I. Issue updates
  - a. Health insurance exchanges
  - b. SDW
- II. Policy process
- III. Governor outreach

Attachments: Legislative update; timeline for policy process; list of policies

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The Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 3:00pm EST in the governors room. Please note the change in date and time. Below is the agenda and call-in information:

**HHS Committee  
October 20, 2011**

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- I. Update on SDW meeting with HHS
- II. NGA Policy Process (see attached memo)
- III. Letter on health insurance exchange partnership models
- IV. Other business/open discussion

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## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) GUIDANCE ON FEDERALLY-FACILITATED EXCHANGES**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides for the establishment of a Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange) in each state to help individuals and small employers purchase health insurance coverage offered by qualified health plans. Each state may elect to establish an Exchange, rely on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish an Exchange or partner with HHS to establish an Exchange for that state.

On May 16, 2012, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) released General Guidance on Federally-Facilitated Exchanges (“guidance”) which discusses how HHS will operate a Federally-Facilitated Exchange (FFE) in each state where a state-based Exchange is not established. The 19-page document provides additional details on how states can partner with HHS to implement selected functions in an FFE, policies of key Exchange functions, and how HHS will consult with stakeholders to implement an FFE.

Contrary to previous speculation, states that do not establish their own Exchanges will be able to select which pieces of the Exchange establishment and operation they want to implement.

States must submit their Exchange blueprint applications by November 16, 2012. A draft application is available at <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Exchangeblueprint05162012.pdf>. States that do not intend to operate an Exchange are invited to submit a declaration letter but do not need to submit an application.

HHS intends to propose a regulation for further comment to consider amending the final rules regarding Medicaid eligibility determinations made by Exchanges.

### **STATE OPTIONS IN A FEDERALLY-FACILITATED EXCHANGE**

States will have two options to work with an FFE to support administration and operation of selected functions, depending on whether they are fully FFE or a partnership exchange.

Federally-Facilitated Exchange. Under the FFE, the federal government will take on all Exchange responsibilities, including offering qualified health plans (QHPs), providing consumer assistance (including a website and call center), operating a Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) for small businesses and conducting eligibility determinations for affordability programs. Through agreements, the FFEs will operate and regulate in areas traditionally and exclusively governed by state insurance departments.

States may elect to perform or may use the federal government to perform the following activities:

- Reinsurance program; and

- Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility assessment or determination (in coordination with the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services).

The federal government intends to support the operations of the FFE by developing and implementing a system to calculate and collect user fees from participating issuers of QHPs. The details on these payments are due to be released in Fall 2012.

Partnership Exchange. Under the partnership Exchange, the state must operate either or both of the following activities for the individual and small group markets:

- Plan management, with responsibility for the following activities:
  - Certification, recertification and decertification of QHPs;
  - Data collection and transmission; and
  - Issuer oversight and management (subject to federal law and oversight).
- in-person consumer assistance, to assist individuals in the following:
  - Completing and submitting an application;
  - Comparing and selecting a QHP; and
  - Enrolling in coverage.

Additional details on the minimum functions of a Partnership Exchange are available in Chart 1, *Summary of State Partner Functions in Plan Management, Consumer Assistance*, on page 6 of the guidance.

States may elect to perform or may use the federal government to perform the following activities:

- Reinsurance program; and
- Medicaid and CHIP eligibility assessment or determination (in coordination with the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services).

The federal government is ultimately responsible for the operation of the Exchange.

**KEY EXCHANGE FUNCTIONS IN A FEDERALLY-FACILITATED EXCHANGE**

Plan Management. The plan management function includes all aspects of QHP certification, monitoring, oversight and management, to include the following:

- *Reconsiderations of FFE certification decisions:* Each FFE will provide a process for issuers to request reconsiderations of QHP certification decisions.
- *QHP agreements:* HHS will enter into agreements with QHP issuers to memorialize certification and procedural requirements. This process will take place after the end of the QHP certification process.

- *Plan data display on the FFE Web site:* Each FFE will allow issuers to view and validate plan data before public display on the FFE Web site.
- *Recertification and the annual process for plan review:* An FFE will establish a process for recertification. At a minimum, each FFE will annually ensure compliance with issuer licensure, solvency, accreditation data, review network adequacy and plan-level rate and benefit data, and consider changes to service areas and changes in ownership, mergers or acquisitions.
- *Decertification:* Each FFE will establish a process for decertification of QHPs that fall out of compliance with QHP certification standards.
- *User fees:* HHS will support the ongoing operations of FFEs by developing and implementing a system to calculate and collect user fees from participating issuers. HHS will include detailed information about FFE user fees in the draft notice of payment and benefit parameters that HHS plans to release this fall.

With respect to the QHP certification process, each FFE will limit its role and authority to the certification and management of participating QHPs, which does not extend beyond the Exchange or affect otherwise applicable state law governing which health insurance products may be sold in the individual and small group markets. Where possible, QHP certification standards will rely on reviews that state departments of insurance (DOI) currently conduct. Otherwise, HHS will perform the review to evaluate each potential QHP against all applicable certification standards.

Accreditation and Quality Reporting. HHS intends to address accreditation and quality reporting as part of future rulemaking. In the interim, FFEs will display selected Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems results from existing accreditation data.

Eligibility Determination. States will have two options related to Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determination.

- *Option 1: FFE performs Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determination; or*
  - The FFE will determine Medicaid and CHIP eligibility based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) and other state policies.
  - The FFE will electronically submit all information for an eligible applicant to the state Medicaid and CHIP agency.
  - The state Medicaid and CHIP agency will accept the FFE's determination and provide Medicaid or CHIP enrollment and coverage.
- *Option 2: FFE performs Medicaid and CHIP eligibility assessments.*
  - FFE will conduct assessments of Medicaid and CHIP eligibility based on MAGI and other state policies as part of the determination for advance premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.
  - FFE will electronically submit all information for a potentially eligible applicant to the state Medicaid and CHIP agency, which will make the final determination

and notify the FFE if the state Medicaid and CHIP agency finds that the applicant is ineligible.

Agents and Brokers. Each FFE will offer an agent and broker portal, which would allow an agent or broker to assist individuals in enrolling in QHPs using the FFE website. HHS will develop an Application Programming Interface (API) to allow a web-based broker to assist individuals in comparing and selecting QHPs using the broker's website. Agents and brokers will be required to meet certain consumer protection standards.

Federally-Facilitated SHOP (FF-SHOP). For the purpose of SHOP participation, FF-SHOPs will use the upper threshold (50 or 100 employees). Each qualified small employer will choose from among FFE-approved coverage options and select a contribution scheme. The qualified small employer decides whether employees pay individualized or composite rates. Through the FF-SHOP website, qualified small employers can model different coverage scenarios before making choices. The FF-SHOP will provide each qualified small employer with a single monthly bill and collect a single aggregate payment.

#### **STAKEHOLDER INPUT**

HHS will conduct extensive outreach and education on FFE policy and operations through technical assistance to stakeholders and by soliciting stakeholder/consumer input on FFE implementation in their states.

#### **COMMENTS**

Comments on this guidance may be sent to [FFecomments@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:FFecomments@cms.hhs.gov) by June 18, 2012. Comments should be organized by and respond to each section of the guidance.

#### **CONTACT**

If you have any questions about this document or its subject matter, please feel free to contact William Garner, Legislative Director, HHS Committee, [wgarner@nga.org](mailto:wgarner@nga.org) or (202) 624-5369.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2011

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

NGA Staff Contact: [Heather Hogsett](#), 202/624-5360

**Implementation of the Affordable Care Act.** The passage of health care reform legislation in March 2010 set up a series of changes to the U.S. health care system at both the state and federal level, culminating in a significant expansion of the Medicaid program and the creation of 50 state insurance exchanges, both scheduled to take effect January 1, 2014.

The health reform law continues to be a hotly debated subject in the 112th Congress. The dynamic of a Democratic controlled Senate and a Republican controlled House of Representatives, however, means that legislative action in this area is unlikely. The bulk of the actual activity around health reform over the next year will be implementation at the state level and within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as it develops and finalizes detailed guidance and regulations regarding implementation. Thus far, HHS has issued several proposed rules regarding the establishment of health exchanges, Medicaid eligibility, exchange eligibility and employer standards, and eligibility for premium tax credits.

**Special Disability Workload.** Special Disability Workload (SDW) refers to a project to address the federal government's liability for the cost of health care provided by state Medicaid programs that was the responsibility of Medicare. It is estimated that states spent over four billion dollars of their own funds to cover care that should have been provided by the federal government. NGA sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on July 1, 2011, requesting that HHS reimburse states for their expenditures by issuing a credit to be used against the state share of current Medicaid expenditures. NGA continues to work with HHS and the Administration to resolve this long standing issue.

**TANF Reauthorization.** The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is the federal block grant to states to provide cash welfare benefits and other time-limited work supports for low-income families. Created in 1996 to replace the old welfare entitlement program, the TANF program's authorization is currently set to expire September 30, 2011. Full reauthorization would involve a complex discussion of funding levels, allowable uses of program dollars, re-examining the effectiveness of various state approaches, and debates about whether TANF is a work support program, or an anti-poverty program. These contentious issues are unlikely to be resolved in the divided 112th Congress, and as a result, it is highly likely that Congress will simply extend the current authorization temporarily, although the lack of long term stability will make efficient administration of the program difficult at the state level.



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

November 15, 2012

The Honorable Bob McDonnell  
The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Republican Governors Public Policy Committee  
Republican Governors Association  
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Dear Governor McDonnell and Governor Jindal:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Giving states the flexibility they need has been a critical principle in our work to implement the Affordable Care Act since it was signed into law more than two years ago. Our team has worked closely with Governors from across the country to answer their questions and gather their input.

States have and will continue to be partners in implementing the health care law and we are committed to providing states with the flexibility, resources, and time they need to deliver the benefits of the health care law to the American people. We will continue to work directly with individual states to address their particular questions and concerns.

You recently requested additional time to declare whether states will elect to run a State-based Exchange. Under the law, we are required to certify states' plans to run their own Exchange in 2014 by January 1, 2013. While receiving a letter of intent now will help us assist states in finalizing their application, a state may submit both a letter of intent and an application to operate its own Exchange by December 14. States may also apply to operate their Exchange in partnership with the federal government by February 15, 2013. And a state may apply at any time to run an Exchange in future years.

As we have worked to implement the Affordable Care Act, we have issued information and guidance to states regarding provisions of the health care law. Additional guidance will be released in the coming days and weeks and our team will do everything possible to answer questions and provide technical assistance to state leaders.

We are confident Governors will have enough time to decide whether they want to establish an Exchange, work in partnership with the federal government or have a federally- facilitated Exchange in their state. We look forward to working with Governors as we continue to implement the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Sebelius".

Kathleen Sebelius

**From:** [Quam, David](#)  
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To: Washington Reps and State Federal Contacts  
Re: HHS FAQs on Health Insurance Exchange Establishment

Today, HHS released FAQs regarding funding available to states under Affordable Care Act for states to establish a state-based exchange, state partnership exchange, or to prepare state systems for a federally facilitated exchange. We are providing a link here for your reference: <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/factsheets/hie-est-grant-faq-06292012.htm>.

Please contact William Garner with any questions.

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## Helping Americans Keep the Coverage They Have and Promoting Transparency

### Helping Consumers Keep their Coverage

The Affordable Care Act is designed to provide Americans with affordable, high-quality coverage options – while ensuring that those who like their current coverage can keep it. Unfortunately, today, limited benefit plans, or “mini-med” plans are often the only type of insurance offered to some workers. In 2014, the Affordable Care Act will end mini-med plans when Americans will have better access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance plans that cannot use high deductibles or annual limits to limit benefits. In the meantime, the law requires insurers to phase out the use of annual dollar limits on benefits. In 2011, most plans can impose an annual limit of no less than \$750,000.

Mini-med plans have lower limits than allowed under the Affordable Care Act. While mini-med plans do not provide security in the event of serious illness or accident, they are unfortunately the only option that some employers offer. In order to protect coverage for these workers, the Affordable Care Act allows these plans to apply for temporary waivers from rules restricting the size of annual limits to some group health plans and health insurance issuers.

Waivers only last for one year and are only available if the plan certifies that a waiver is necessary to prevent either a large increase in premiums or a significant decrease in access to coverage. In addition, enrollees must be informed that their plan does not meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. No other provision of the Affordable Care Act is affected by these waivers: they only apply to the annual limit policy.

As of today, a total of 733 waivers have been granted for 2011. Key facts about annual limits waivers:

- There was an increase in the number of applications received at the end of 2010 because December 1 was the final day to apply for a waiver for a plan or policy year that begins on January 1 – as many plans do. Over 500 waivers were granted in December. While the number of approved waivers increased by more than 200 percent, the total number of enrollees in plans receiving waivers has increased by only 48 percent since the previous posting.
- Of all the waivers granted to date:
  - *Employment-Based Coverage:* The vast majority – 712 plans representing 97 percent of all waivers – were granted to health plans that are employment-related.
    - *Self-Insured Employer Plans Applicants:* Employer-based health plans received most of the waivers – 359.
    - *Collectively-Bargained Employer-Based Plan Applicants:* Most of the other health plans receiving waivers are multi-employer health funds created by a collective bargaining agreement between a union and two or more employers, pursuant to the Taft-Hartley Act. These “union plans” are employment based group health plans and operate for the sole benefit of workers. They tend to be larger than other typical group health plans because they cover multiple employers. There are also single-employer union plans that have received a waiver. In total, 182 collectively-bargained plans have received waivers.
    - *Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs):* HRAs are employer-funded group health plans where employees are reimbursed tax-free for qualified medical expenses up to a maximum dollar amount for a coverage period. In total, HHS has approved 171 applications for waivers for HRAs.
  - *Health Insurers:* Sixteen waivers were granted to health insurers, which can apply for a waiver for

multiple mini-med products sold to employers or individuals.

- *State Governments:* Four waivers have gone to State governments. States may apply for a waiver of the restricted annual limits on behalf of issuers of state-mandated policies if state law required the policies to be offered by the issuers prior to September 23, 2010.
- The number of enrollees in plans with annual limits waivers is 2.1 million, representing only about 1 percent of all Americans who have private health insurance today.

**Improving Transparency**

HHS periodically posts the list of the plans that have been granted waivers to ensure the public is aware of the waiver process and stakeholders understand how they are affected. Also, on December 9, 2010 HHS issued new rules requiring that health insurers offering mini-med plans must notify consumers in plain language that their plan offers extremely limited benefits and direct them to [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) where they can get more information about other coverage options. The rules require health plans with waivers to tell consumers if their health care coverage is subject to an annual dollar limit lower than what is required under the law. This way, enrollees know when their coverage is limited.

Annual limits waivers are temporary. In 2014 annual dollar limits will be prohibited and mini-med plans will no longer be necessary.

**Approved Applications for Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirements**

**Updated January 26, 2011**

**All Applicants Listed have had 1 or more plans/policies approved.**

**Approved State applicants are listed separately [below](#)**

Applications for waivers from annual limit requirements are reviewed on a case by case basis by Department officials who look at a series of factors including whether or not a premium increase is large or if a significant number of enrollees would lose access to their current plan because the coverage would not be offered in the absence of a waiver. More detailed information on specific criteria can be found at: [http://www.hhs.gov/ociio/regulations/11-05-2010annual\\_limits\\_waiver\\_bulletin.pdf](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio/regulations/11-05-2010annual_limits_waiver_bulletin.pdf). Approved applicants are granted an annual limit waiver for one year. The Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight's sub-regulatory guidance on the process for obtaining waivers of the annual limits requirements may be found at: [http://www.hhs.gov/ociio/regulations/patient/ociio\\_2010-1\\_20100903\\_508.pdf](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio/regulations/patient/ociio_2010-1_20100903_508.pdf)

|          | <b>Applicant</b>                                              | <b>Application Received</b> | <b>Plan Effective Date</b> | <b>Number of Enrollees</b> | <b>Application Completed by Applicant</b> | <b>Waiver Approved</b> |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>24 Hour Fitness</b>                                        | 12/1/2010                   | 1/1/2011                   | 1,758                      | 12/22/2010                                | 12/30/2010             |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Allied Building Inspectors IUOE Local 211 Welfare Fund</b> | 11/29/2010                  | 1/1/2011                   | 2,720                      | 12/23/2010                                | 12/30/2010             |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Alpha Omega Home Health, LLC</b>                           | 11/30/2010                  | 10/1/2010                  | 150                        | 12/13/2010                                | 12/30/2010             |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Andersen Corporation</b>                                   | 11/16/2010                  | 1/1/2011                   | 2,852                      | 12/21/2010                                | 12/30/2010             |

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| 5  | <b>Bowman Sheet Metal Heating &amp; Air-conditioning</b>                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4     | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 6  | <b>Bricklayers Insurance &amp; Welfare Fund</b>                                         | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,997 | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 7  | <b>Bridge, Structural, Ornamental &amp; Reinforcing Ironworkers Local Union No. 60*</b> | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 290   | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 8  | <b>Carey Johnson Oil Co, Inc</b>                                                        | 11/22/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 157   | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 9  | <b>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany*</b>                                     | 12/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 201   | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 10 | <b>Cement Masons' Local No. 502 Welfare Fund</b>                                        | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 450   | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 11 | <b>City of Bloomington VEBA Health Savings Plan*</b>                                    | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 750   | 12/29/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 12 | <b>City of Burnsville*</b>                                                              | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 290   | 12/29/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 13 | <b>City of Olathe*</b>                                                                  | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 624   | 12/14/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 14 | <b>Clausen Miller PC</b>                                                                | 12/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 150   | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 15 | <b>Crystal Run Village, Inc*</b>                                                        | 12/4/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 1,350 | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 16 | <b>Delta Apparel</b>                                                                    | 12/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 67    | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 17 | <b>Discovery Benefits*</b>                                                              | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,739 | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 18 | <b>Dr. Trailer Repair, Inc.</b>                                                         | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 18    | 12/29/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 19 | <b>Employer-Teamsters Local Nos. 175 &amp; 505 Health and Welfare Fund</b>              | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 358   | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 20 | <b>Entrust</b>                                                                          | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4     | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 21 | <b>Fabri-Quilt</b>                                                                      | 11/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 104   | 12/29/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 22 | <b>GC Harvesting, Inc.</b>                                                              | 12/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,500 | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 23 | <b>Glen Curtis, Inc. #2143</b>                                                          | 12/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 227   | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 24 | <b>Heritage Christian Services</b>                                                      | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4,662 | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |

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| 25 | <b>IBEW Local 3 NYC Electrical Division Health &amp; Welfare Fund</b>                             | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 1,072 | 12/16/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 26 | <b>Indiana Area UFCW Union Locals and Retail Food Employers' Health and Welfare Plan</b>          | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 6,885 | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 27 | <b>Ingham County</b>                                                                              | 12/22/2010 | 2/1/2011 | 42    | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 28 | <b>Innovative Driver Services Company</b>                                                         | 12/21/2010 | 2/1/2011 | 36    | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 29 | <b>Integrity Data*</b>                                                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 24    | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 30 | <b>Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.</b>                                                    | 12/21/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 177   | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 31 | <b>Jakov P. Dulcich &amp; Sons</b>                                                                | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 107   | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 32 | <b>Jefferson Rehabilitation Center</b>                                                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 240   | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 33 | <b>JLG Harvesting, Inc.</b>                                                                       | 12/3/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 188   | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 34 | <b>Johnson Machine Works</b>                                                                      | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 191   | 12/16/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 35 | <b>Kent County</b>                                                                                | 12/22/2010 | 2/1/2011 | 10    | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 36 | <b>Laborers' District Council of Virginia Health and Welfare Trust Fund</b>                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 296   | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 37 | <b>Laborers National Health and Welfare Fund</b>                                                  | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 8,690 | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 38 | <b>Local 1245 Health Fund</b>                                                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 3,486 | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 39 | <b>Local 237 Teamsters Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. Health and Welfare Trust Fund</b> | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 328   | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 40 | <b>Local 295 Welfare Fund</b>                                                                     | 12/15/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,228 | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 41 | <b>Local 381 Group Insurance Fund</b>                                                             | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,346 | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 42 | <b>Local 805 Welfare Fund</b>                                                                     | 11/1/2010  | 2/1/2011 | 1,376 | 12/17/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 43 | <b>Marble Industry Trust Fund</b>                                                                 | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,325 | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |

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| 44 | McGregor Schools ISD #4*                               | 12/22/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 38     | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 45 | MJ Soffe                                               | 12/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 270    | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 46 | MO-Kan Teamsters and Welfare Fund                      | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,494  | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 47 | Mounds View Public Schools*                            | 12/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 76     | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 48 | MVP                                                    | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 21,548 | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 49 | North State Bank                                       | 11/30/2010 | 6/1/2011  | 58     | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 50 | North States Industries Inc*                           | 12/3/2010  | 2/1/2011  | 92     | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 51 | Pathways Inc.                                          | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 55     | 12/16/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 52 | Pavers and Road Builders District Council Welfare Fund | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4,303  | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 53 | Phoenix Children's Academy                             | 12/16/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,522  | 12/16/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 54 | Roofers Local 8 Insurance & Trust Fund                 | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,321  | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 55 | San Bernardino IHSS Public Authority                   | 12/1/2010  | 4/1/2011  | 1,317  | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 56 | SCC Healthcare Group, LLP                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 105    | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 57 | Schenectady ARC*                                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 514    | 12/1/2010  | 12/30/2010 |
| 58 | Schoharie County ARC*                                  | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 276    | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 59 | Sieben Polk Law Firm                                   | 11/19/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 3      | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 60 | Sitel, Inc.                                            | 12/21/2010 | 7/1/2011  | 2,060  | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 61 | Southern Graphic Communication Health Fund             | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 411    | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 62 | Springbrook Standalone HRA*                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 524    | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 63 | St. Lawrence NYSARC*                                   | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,734  | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 64 | Sunview Vineyards of California, Inc.                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6,500  | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |

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| 65 | <b>Tandem Eastern Inc. / Consolidated Transport Systems, Inc.</b>                           | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 601    | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 66 | <b>Taylor Farms</b>                                                                         | 11/29/2010 | 2/1/2011  | 121    | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 67 | <b>Teamsters Union Local # 35</b>                                                           | 11/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,109  | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 68 | <b>The Day Care Council/Council of Supervisors and Administrators Welfare Fund</b>          | 12/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 193    | 12/27/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 69 | <b>The Public Authority of San Luis Obispo County</b>                                       | 11/15/2010 | 2/1/2011  | 277    | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 70 | <b>The University Financing Foundation, Inc.</b>                                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 8      | 12/10/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 71 | <b>The Village of Newark Non-Union Employee Plan*</b>                                       | 11/8/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 40     | 12/29/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 72 | <b>Theatrical Stage Employees Local One</b>                                                 | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 9,200  | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 73 | <b>Tuff Shed, Inc.</b>                                                                      | 11/29/2010 | 4/1/2011  | 311    | 12/16/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 74 | <b>U.A. Local 13 &amp; Employers Group Insurance Plan*</b>                                  | 11/30/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 1,039  | 12/21/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 75 | <b>UFCW &amp; Participating Food Industry Employers Tri-State Health &amp; Welfare Fund</b> | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 107    | 12/22/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 76 | <b>UFCW Local 1500 Welfare Fund</b>                                                         | 12/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 16,588 | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 77 | <b>UFCW Local One Health Care Fund</b>                                                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,335  | 12/28/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 78 | <b>Ulster Greene ARC*</b>                                                                   | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,072  | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 79 | <b>Westminster-Canterbury of Lynchburg</b>                                                  | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 192    | 12/23/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 80 | <b>Wine and Liquor Salesmen of NJ</b>                                                       | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,083  | 12/29/2010 | 12/30/2010 |
| 81 | <b>A-1 Transport</b>                                                                        | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 38     | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 82 | <b>AIDS Council of Northeastern New York</b>                                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 78     | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 83 | <b>Avon Central School District</b>                                                         | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 6      | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |

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| 84  | <b>Azeros Health Plans, Inc.*</b>                                             | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 36    | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 85  | <b>Benton County*</b>                                                         | 12/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 200   | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 86  | <b>Bessey Tools, Inc.</b>                                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6     | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 87  | <b>Canandaigua City Schools*</b>                                              | 12/1/2010  | 10/1/2011 | 1,058 | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 88  | <b>City of Eagan*</b>                                                         | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 120   | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 89  | <b>City of Shakopee Post-Employment Health Care Savings Account Plan *</b>    | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 153   | 12/15/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 90  | <b>Community Work and Independence Inc.</b>                                   | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 382   | 11/17/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 91  | <b>Continuing Developmental Services</b>                                      | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 623   | 12/14/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 92  | <b>Crystal Cabinet Works, Inc.</b>                                            | 11/30/2010 | 7/1/2011  | 304   | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 93  | <b>CU*Answers, Inc.</b>                                                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 152   | 12/23/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 94  | <b>Euromarket Designs, Inc., d/b/a Crate and Barrel</b>                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 3,452 | 12/1/2010  | 12/29/2010 |
| 95  | <b>First National Bank of Dieterich</b>                                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 51    | 12/20/2011 | 12/29/2010 |
| 96  | <b>Franziska Racker Centers*</b>                                              | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 795   | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 97  | <b>Fridley Public Schools Health Savings Plan*</b>                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 79    | 12/21/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 98  | <b>FSA/SUNYAB-Campus Dining and Shops</b>                                     | 12/1/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 67    | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 99  | <b>Genesee County ARC*</b>                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 254   | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 100 | <b>Genesee County Economic Development Corp Health Reimbursement Account*</b> | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 9     | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 101 | <b>Grand Island Central School District*</b>                                  | 12/1/2010  | 9/1/2011  | 507   | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 102 | <b>Hammondsport Central School District</b>                                   | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 67    | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 103 | <b>Imperial Wholesale, Inc.</b>                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 14    | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |

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| 104 | <b>Learning Disabilities Association of Western New York</b>                                           | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 90  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 105 | <b>Minnesota State Retirement System Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan - City of Roseville*</b> | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 280 | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 106 | <b>Naples Central School District</b>                                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 10/1/2010 | 151 | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 107 | <b>Naples Central School District Support Staff</b>                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 113 | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 108 | <b>Newark Central School District</b>                                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 436 | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 109 | <b>Niagara-Wheatfield CSD Self Funded</b>                                                              | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 72  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 110 | <b>Panama Central School District</b>                                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 20  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 111 | <b>People 1st Health Strategies, Inc.</b>                                                              | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 9   | 11/30/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 112 | <b>Pipe Fitters' Welfare Fund, Local 597*</b>                                                          | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 709 | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 113 | <b>Ron Clark Construction Health reimbursement Arrangement*</b>                                        | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 18  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 114 | <b>Sherman Central School District</b>                                                                 | 12/1/2010  | 9/1/2011  | 59  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 115 | <b>Silver Creek Central School District*</b>                                                           | 12/1/2010  | 9/1/2011  | 106 | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 116 | <b>Sodus Central School District</b>                                                                   | 12/1/2010  | 9/1/2011  | 122 | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 117 | <b>Telco Construction</b>                                                                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 15  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 118 | <b>Town of Albion</b>                                                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 5   | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 119 | <b>Town of Chenango</b>                                                                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 41  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 120 | <b>Town of Lockport</b>                                                                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 42  | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 121 | <b>Twin City Die Casting*</b>                                                                          | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 148 | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 122 | <b>Western Area Volunteer Emergency Services *</b>                                                     | 12/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 30  | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |

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| 123 | Westfield Academy*                                                                                         | 12/1/2010  | 9/1/2011 | 53     | 12/22/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 124 | Williamson Central School District                                                                         | 12/1/2010  | 7/1/2011 | 278    | 12/20/2010 | 12/29/2010 |
| 125 | American Radio Association Plan                                                                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 32     | 12/15/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 126 | Carpenters Health and Security Trust of Western Washington                                                 | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 8      | 12/15/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 127 | Communicare Health Benefits Trust                                                                          | 11/29/2010 | 5/1/2011 | 10,138 | 12/23/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 128 | District Council 1707 Local 389 Home Care Employees Health & Welfare Fund                                  | 11/23/2010 | 9/1/2011 | 7,867  | 12/22/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 129 | Health and Welfare Plan of the Laundry, Dry Cleaning Workers & Allied Industry Health Fund, Workers United | 11/16/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 4,000  | 12/16/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 130 | Northern Illinois and Iowa Laborers Health and Welfare Fund                                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 133    | 12/16/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 131 | Prell Services                                                                                             | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 63     | 12/21/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 132 | United Food and Commercial Workers Retail Employees and Employers Health and Welfare Plan                  | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 98     | 12/23/2010 | 12/28/2010 |
| 133 | A-1 Realty*                                                                                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 7      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 134 | AABR*                                                                                                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 504    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 135 | ABCO Diecasters*                                                                                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 5      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 136 | Alfred P. Sloan*                                                                                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 41     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 137 | Alizio & Galfunt*                                                                                          | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 4      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 138 | All American Heating and AC*                                                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 21     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 139 | Allied Pilots Association                                                                                  | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 678    | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 140 | Amherst Central School District*                                                                           | 11/30/2010 | 9/1/2011 | 53     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 141 | <b>AristaCare at Meadow Springs*</b>                                                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 115   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 142 | <b>Arthur Sanderson &amp; Sons*</b>                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 15    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 143 | <b>Associated General Contractors of ND Employees*</b>                                 | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,002 | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 144 | <b>Autistic Service, Inc.*</b>                                                         | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 217   | 12/1/2010  | 12/23/2010 |
| 145 | <b>Bartech Group</b>                                                                   | 11/22/2010 | 4/1/2011 | 1,189 | 12/17/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 146 | <b>Basf Fuel Cell, Inc.*</b>                                                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 40    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 147 | <b>Battery Park City Authority*</b>                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 44    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 148 | <b>Battery Park City Conservancy*</b>                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 55    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 149 | <b>Benefit Analysis Inc.*</b>                                                          | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 17    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 150 | <b>Blaze SSI*</b>                                                                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 10    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 151 | <b>Blue Beacon</b>                                                                     | 12/17/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 2,500 | 12/17/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 152 | <b>Board of Trustees for the Operating Engineers Local 101 Health and Welfare Fund</b> | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 4,465 | 12/23/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 153 | <b>Business Wire*</b>                                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 440   | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 154 | <b>Cargo Ventures*</b>                                                                 | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 2     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 155 | <b>Carnegie Corporation of NY*</b>                                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 33    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 156 | <b>Carpenters Local No. 491 Health &amp; Welfare Plan</b>                              | 12/17/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,200 | 12/20/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 157 | <b>Central Laborers' Welfare Fund</b>                                                  | 12/2/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 1,863 | 12/20/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 158 | <b>Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Health and Welfare Fund</b>           | 11/30/2010 | 9/1/2011 | 326   | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 159 | <b>City of Cottage Grove*</b>                                                          | 9/1/2010   | 1/1/2011 | 90    | 12/2/2010  | 12/23/2010 |
| 160 | <b>City of Inver Grove Heights*</b>                                                    | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 130   | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 161 | City Of Roseville MN*                             | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 210    | 12/21/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 162 | Clinton Management*                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 7      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 163 | Cloquet Area Fire Department*                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 22     | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 164 | Cohen Partners*                                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 5      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 165 | Community Bank of Bergen County*                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 8      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 166 | Community Mainstreaming*                          | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 92     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 167 | Contract Cleaners Service Employees Benefit Trust | 11/18/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,772  | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 168 | Cornerstone Search Group*                         | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 5      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 169 | D & D Ag Supply and Construction, Inc.*           | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 8      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 170 | Dial Senior Management, Inc                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 127    | 12/21/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 171 | Douglaston Development*                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 13     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 172 | Dr. Margaret Andrin, MD FACOG LLC*                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 4      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 173 | Dynasil Corporation*                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 16     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 174 | Echo Molding*                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 29     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 175 | Eighth District Electrical Benefit Fund           | 11/16/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 137    | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 176 | Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Fund        | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,994  | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 177 | Enterprise Concrete Products, LLC Texas           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 82     | 12/22/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 178 | Epilepsy Foundation*                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 336    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 179 | Epilepsy Foundation Northeastern New York*        | 12/2/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 19     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 180 | Evans Chemetics*                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 179    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 181 | Excellus Health Plan                              | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 18,860 | 12/22/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 182 | Fairport Central School District*                                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 848   | 12/1/2010  | 12/23/2010 |
| 183 | Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana                                           | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 90    | 12/23/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 184 | Gregory Packaging*                                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 40    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 185 | Gulf Coast Health Care                                                           | 12/1/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 2,497 | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 186 | Handcraft Manufacturing Corporation*                                             | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 48    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 187 | Haver Analytics Health Waiver*                                                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 102   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 188 | Health Care Employees Dental and Medical Trust                                   | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 744   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 189 | Hiawatha Medical, Inc.*                                                          | 12/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 17    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 190 | Highfield Gardens Care Center*                                                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 50    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 191 | Hirsch International*                                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 38    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 192 | Hotel, Restaurant & Bar Employees Health and Welfare Fund                        | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 98    | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 193 | Hypex Inc.*                                                                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 194 | IBEW Local Union No. 126 Health and Welfare Fund                                 | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 3,251 | 12/23/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 195 | International Union of Operating Engineers, Supplemental Benefit Fund Local 409* | 11/16/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 59    | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 196 | Interstate Connecting Components*                                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 78    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 197 | Jacobson Family Investments*                                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 7     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 198 | J-B Wholesale Pet Supplies*                                                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 19    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 199 | JKL International*                                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 9     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 200 | Jump, Scutellaro, and Co., LLP*                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 201 | KC International dba Ekman Recycling*                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 36    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 202 | <b>Kerwin Communications*</b>                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 14    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 203 | <b>Kingstown Capital Management*</b>                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 5     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 204 | <b>Koellman Gear Corporation*</b>                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 7     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 205 | <b>Kramer Electronics*</b>                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 206 | <b>Lakeview Subacute Care Center*</b>                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 61    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 207 | <b>Langan Engineering and Financial Services, Inc.*</b> | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 51    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 208 | <b>LBDD*</b>                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 5     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 209 | <b>League of Minnesota Cities*</b>                      | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 70    | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 210 | <b>Leisure Properties LLC d/b/a/ Crownline Boats*</b>   | 11/30/2010 | 6/1/2011  | 158   | 12/17/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 211 | <b>Liberty House Nursing Home*</b>                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 15    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 212 | <b>Lifetime Assistance, Inc*</b>                        | 12/1/2010  | 7/15/2011 | 1,344 | 12/20/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 213 | <b>Lincoln Hall*</b>                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 296   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 214 | <b>Local 888 UFCW</b>                                   | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4,004 | 12/21/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 215 | <b>Maharishi University of Management</b>               | 10/26/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 154   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 216 | <b>Mamiya America Corporation*</b>                      | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 26    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 217 | <b>Mandt Reiss &amp; Associates PLLC</b>                | 11/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4     | 12/10/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 218 | <b>Margaret P. Muscarelle Child Dev. Center*</b>        | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 13    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 219 | <b>Merrill Farms LLC</b>                                | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 35    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 220 | <b>Micelli Motors, Inc.*</b>                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 221 | <b>Midwest Asphalt Corporation*</b>                     | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 53    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 222 | <b>Midwest Teamsters</b>                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,315 | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 223 | <b>Monroe County*</b>                                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 719   | 12/14/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 224 | <b>Nassau County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc*</b>                                               | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,581 | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 225 | <b>NCHC, Inc.*</b>                                                                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 15    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 226 | <b>New York State Assn. for Retarded Children Erie Co. Chapter dba/Heritage Centers*</b> | 11/29/2010 | 2/1/2011  | 1,125 | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 227 | <b>NJ Society of CPAs*</b>                                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 74    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 228 | <b>North Greece Fire District*</b>                                                       | 11/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 110   | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 229 | <b>Northern Minnesota-Wisconsin Area Retail Food Health &amp; Welfare Fund</b>           | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,100 | 12/17/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 230 | <b>Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation*</b>                                         | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 32    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 231 | <b>Parkview Care and Rehab*</b>                                                          | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 18    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 232 | <b>PCB Machining Solutions*</b>                                                          | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 60    | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 233 | <b>PCB Piezotronics*</b>                                                                 | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 700   | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 234 | <b>Philadelphia Macaroni Company*</b>                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 235 | <b>Phoenix Partners Group, LP*</b>                                                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 236 | <b>Privilege Underwriters, Inc.*</b>                                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 75    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 237 | <b>Progressive AE*</b>                                                                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 81    | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 238 | <b>Quadrant Capital Advisors, Inc.*</b>                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 19    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 239 | <b>Regency Management Group, LLC*</b>                                                    | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 8     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 240 | <b>Rhoads Industries*</b>                                                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 71    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 241 | <b>Roofers Local #96 Health &amp; Welfare Fund</b>                                       | 12/16/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 2,838 | 12/20/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 242 | <b>Rowe and Company, Inc.*</b>                                                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 5     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 243 | <b>Rush-Henrietta Central School District HRA*</b>                                      | 11/30/2010 | 7/1/2011  | 1,327  | 12/21/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 244 | <b>Security Benefit Fund of the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York City</b> | 12/14/2010 | 7/1/2011  | 23,900 | 12/14/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 245 | <b>SEIU Health and Welfare fund, 2000</b>                                               | 12/1/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 161    | 12/1/2010  | 12/23/2010 |
| 246 | <b>Seneca Cayuga ARC*</b>                                                               | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,187  | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 247 | <b>Service Employees 32BJ North Health Benefit Fund*</b>                                | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 7,020  | 12/23/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 248 | <b>Sierra Video Systems*</b>                                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 249 | <b>SMEG*</b>                                                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 250 | <b>Strategic Industries*</b>                                                            | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6      | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 251 | <b>Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare Fund</b>                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 8,950  | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 252 | <b>Teamsters Local Union 966 Health Fund</b>                                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,519  | 12/13/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 253 | <b>Techno Source USA*</b>                                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 16     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 254 | <b>The Alternative Living Group, Inc.*</b>                                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 170    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 255 | <b>The Arc of Otsego (Otsego County Chapter NYSARC, Inc.)*</b>                          | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 535    | 12/17/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 256 | <b>The Arc of Rensselaer County*</b>                                                    | 12/13/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 825    | 12/14/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 257 | <b>The City of Cloquet*</b>                                                             | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 79     | 12/15/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 258 | <b>The Henry Luce Foundation*</b>                                                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 13     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 259 | <b>The Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk, Inc.*</b>                                          | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 39     | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 260 | <b>The Pew Charitable Trusts*</b>                                                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 238    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 261 | <b>The Rehabilitation Center*</b>                                                       | 12/6/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 442    | 12/23/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 262 | <b>The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*</b>                                              | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 223    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |

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| 263 | Topco*                                                         | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 24    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 264 | Totino Grace High School*                                      | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 94    | 12/17/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 265 | Urstadt Biddle Properties*                                     | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 34    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 266 | W.H. Reaves & Co., Inc.*                                       | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 27    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 267 | Walder, Hayden & Brogan, PA*                                   | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 37    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 268 | Walters-Morgan Construction, Inc.                              | 12/6/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 26    | 12/23/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 269 | Wellspring Advisors*                                           | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 27    | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 270 | West Bergen Mental Healthcare*                                 | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 110   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 271 | Westchester ARC*                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 613   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 272 | Westchester JCS*                                               | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 274   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 273 | Western Beef*                                                  | 12/1/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 815   | 12/16/2010 | 12/23/2010 |
| 274 | Hollow Metal Trust Fund                                        | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 2,250 | 12/9/2010  | 12/21/2010 |
| 275 | Theatrical Teamsters Local 817 IBT Welfare Fund                | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 487   | 11/29/2010 | 12/21/2010 |
| 276 | Vestal Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc.                         | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 174   | 11/22/2010 | 12/21/2010 |
| 277 | AccessAbility, Inc.                                            | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 25    | 12/14/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 278 | Ackerman Oil Employee Benefit Trust                            | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 47    | 12/10/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 279 | Albany County Chapter, NYSARC Inc., DBA New Visions of Albany* | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 453   | 12/16/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 280 | American Eagle Outfitters                                      | 11/16/2010 | 3/1/2011 | 9     | 11/26/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 281 | Basin Disposal                                                 | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 9     | 12/8/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 282 | Bengard Ranch, Inc.                                            | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 609   | 12/9/2010  | 12/20/2010 |

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| 283 | <b>Bestway Rental, Inc</b>                             | 10/28/2010 | 8/1/2011 | 202   | 11/26/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 284 | <b>Big Lots, Inc.</b>                                  | 11/11/2010 | 2/1/2011 | 35    | 12/1/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 285 | <b>Byrd Harvest, Inc.</b>                              | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 484   | 11/23/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 286 | <b>Cardinal Hayes Home for Children HRA plan*</b>      | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 284   | 11/30/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 287 | <b>CDS Administrative Services, LLC</b>                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 8     | 11/30/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 288 | <b>Center for Energy and Environment*</b>              | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 105   | 12/13/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 289 | <b>City of Brooklyn Park*</b>                          | 11/18/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 372   | 12/15/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 290 | <b>D'Arrigo Bros. Co. of California</b>                | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 3,816 | 11/19/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 291 | <b>Defender Services, Inc.</b>                         | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 289   | 12/13/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 292 | <b>DineEquity, Inc</b>                                 | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 131   | 12/1/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 293 | <b>Green Leaf Distributors, Inc.</b>                   | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 27    | 11/22/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 294 | <b>IBEW Local Union No. 728 Family Healthcare Plan</b> | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 31    | 12/15/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 295 | <b>Joseph Gallo Farms</b>                              | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 345   | 11/26/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 296 | <b>Life Benefit Plan</b>                               | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 3,476 | 12/13/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 297 | <b>Luther Automotive Group HRA*</b>                    | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 660   | 12/9/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 298 | <b>Metrics Inc.</b>                                    | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 231   | 11/30/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 299 | <b>Nueces County Appraisal District</b>                | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 77    | 12/8/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 300 | <b>Ocean Properties Ltd</b>                            | 11/23/2010 | 2/1/2011 | 750   | 12/8/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 301 | <b>P-R Farms, Inc.</b>                                 | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 128   | 12/15/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 302 | <b>SEIU Health &amp; Welfare Fund</b>                  | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,620 | 12/13/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 303 | <b>Sports Arena Employees' Local 137 Welfare Fund</b>  | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 611   | 12/13/2010 | 12/20/2010 |

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| 304 | Staywell Saipan Basic Plan                                                                                | 11/28/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 113    | 12/8/2010  | 12/20/2010 |
| 305 | Truck Drivers and Helpers Local 355 Health and Welfare Fund                                               | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 905    | 12/13/2010 | 12/20/2010 |
| 306 | Communications Workers of America, Local 1180 Security Benefits Fund                                      | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 19,000 | 12/8/2010  | 12/17/2010 |
| 307 | Health and Welfare Fund of the Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. Police Department City of New York | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 17,924 | 11/22/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| 308 | Man-U Service Contract Health and Welfare Fund                                                            | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 760    | 12/14/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| 309 | Paschall Truck Lines, Inc.                                                                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 54     | 12/13/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| 310 | SEIU Local 300, Civil Service Forum Employees Welfare Fund                                                | 11/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 2,000  | 12/9/2010  | 12/17/2010 |
| 311 | Electrical Welfare Trust Fund                                                                             | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 78     | 12/7/2010  | 12/16/2010 |
| 312 | Highmark West Virginia Inc. d/b/a Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield                                   | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 270    | 12/16/2010 | 12/16/2010 |
| 313 | Advocacy and Resource Center*                                                                             | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,134  | 11/30/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 314 | Amalgamated, Industrial and Toy & Novelty Workers of America, Local 223 Sick Benefit Fund                 | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 2,255  | 11/16/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 315 | Atlanta Plumbers & Steamfitters Fringe Benefit Funds                                                      | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 7,235  | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 316 | Aurora Consulting Group, Inc.*                                                                            | 11/18/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 27     | 12/1/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 317 | Brock Enterprises, Inc.                                                                                   | 11/5/2010  | 3/1/2011 | 1,051  | 11/5/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 318 | Central Texas Health and Benefit Trust Fund Locals 520, 60 & 72                                           | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 500    | 12/7/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 319 | Electricians Health, Welfare & Pension Plans I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 995                                 | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 980    | 12/1/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 320 | Essex County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. dba Mountain Lake Services*                                             | 11/17/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,543  | 12/3/2010  | 12/14/2010 |

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| 321 | <b>Executive Management Services, Inc.</b>                                                       | 11/18/2010 | 8/1/2011 | 161    | 12/3/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 322 | <b>Florida Laborers Health Fund</b>                                                              | 11/2/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 1,700  | 11/24/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 323 | <b>Fulton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc.*</b>                                                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,387  | 11/30/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 324 | <b>General Parts, LLC*</b>                                                                       | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 150    | 11/30/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 325 | <b>Greystone program, Inc*</b>                                                                   | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 240    | 11/24/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 326 | <b>Hacienda Harvesting, Inc.</b>                                                                 | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 118    | 12/9/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 327 | <b>IBEW Local No. 640 and Arizona Chapter NECA Health &amp; Welfare Trust Fund</b>               | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 263    | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 328 | <b>Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie</b>                                                           | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 65     | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 329 | <b>Louisiana Electrical Health Fund</b>                                                          | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 415    | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 330 | <b>Maverick, Inc. Employee Health Care Benefits Plan</b>                                         | 10/26/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 794    | 12/6/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 331 | <b>Memphis Construction Benefit Fund</b>                                                         | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 507    | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 332 | <b>Mid-South Carpenters Regional Council Health and Welfare Fund</b>                             | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 5,465  | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 333 | <b>Mountain Lake Services</b>                                                                    | 11/17/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,543  | 11/17/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 334 | <b>NECA-IBEW Local 480 Health and Welfare Plan</b>                                               | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1,698  | 11/22/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 335 | <b>Plumbers and Pipefitters Welfare Fund of Local Union No. 719</b>                              | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 480    | 11/29/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 336 | <b>Retiree Plan of the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Health and Welfare Fund</b> | 10/22/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 17,440 | 11/23/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 337 | <b>Richmond Community Services*</b>                                                              | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 815    | 11/24/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 338 | <b>Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 177 Health and Welfare, Pension and Vacation Funds</b>          | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 965    | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 339 | <b>Sheet Metal Workers' National Health Fund</b>                                                 | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 4,500  | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |

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| 340 | South Central Laborers' Health & Welfare Fund           | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 330    | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 341 | Southeastern Pipetrades Health & Welfare Fund           | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2,270  | 12/8/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 342 | Telamon Corporation Health Reimbursement Arrangement*   | 11/12/2010 | 4/1/2011  | 596    | 11/12/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 343 | The ARC of Delaware County*                             | 11/18/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 404    | 12/1/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 344 | UFCW Local 1262 and Employers Health & Welfare Fund     | 10/29/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 3,028  | 12/6/2010  | 12/14/2010 |
| 345 | United Cerebral Palsy of Ulster County, Inc*            | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 200    | 11/29/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 346 | Vincent B Zaninovich & Sons, Inc.                       | 11/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,288  | 11/17/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 347 | Wayne ARC Standalone HRA Section 105 Plan*              | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,153  | 11/23/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 348 | Wildwood Program*                                       | 11/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 480    | 11/29/2010 | 12/14/2010 |
| 349 | Allied Welfare Fund                                     | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2,523  | 11/8/2010  | 12/13/2010 |
| 350 | Becker County Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Plan* | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 180    | 11/24/2010 | 12/13/2010 |
| 351 | Becker County VEBA*                                     | 11/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 85     | 11/24/2010 | 12/13/2010 |
| 352 | FIDUCIA*                                                | 11/30/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2      | 11/30/2010 | 12/13/2010 |
| 353 | Triple-S Salud, Inc.                                    | 10/9/2010  | 10/1/2010 | 14,769 | 11/24/2010 | 12/13/2010 |
| 354 | B. R. Company                                           | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 9      | 11/10/2010 | 12/9/2010  |
| 355 | Britz Companies, ET AL                                  | 11/4/2010  | 2/1/2011  | 531    | 11/4/2010  | 12/9/2010  |
| 356 | Century Health and Wellness Benefit Plan and Trust      | 11/11/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 524    | 12/2/2010  | 12/9/2010  |
| 357 | EBSA Foundation                                         | 11/11/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 220    | 12/2/2010  | 12/9/2010  |
| 358 | Encore Enterprises                                      | 11/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 29     | 12/2/2010  | 12/9/2010  |
| 359 | Faurecia USA Holdings                                   | 10/13/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2      | 11/23/2010 | 12/9/2010  |

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| 360 | <b>Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc.</b>                                                  | 10/29/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 43    | 12/3/2010  | 12/9/2010 |
| 361 | <b>Minnesota Cement Masons Health and Welfare Fund</b>                                        | 11/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2,000 | 11/19/2010 | 12/9/2010 |
| 362 | <b>Plumbers Local Union No. 690 of Philadelphia and Vicinity Health Plan</b>                  | 11/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,006 | 11/3/2010  | 12/9/2010 |
| 363 | <b>Robert Heath Trucking Inc</b>                                                              | 10/7/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 100   | 11/18/2010 | 12/9/2010 |
| 364 | <b>Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.</b>                                                  | 10/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4,528 | 12/2/2010  | 12/9/2010 |
| 365 | <b>Sunwest Fruit Company, Inc</b>                                                             | 11/4/2010  | 2/1/2011  | 236   | 11/4/2010  | 12/9/2010 |
| 366 | <b>The Louis Berger Group, Inc.</b>                                                           | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 311   | 12/1/2010  | 12/9/2010 |
| 367 | <b>United Food &amp; Commercial Workers Unions and Employers Midwest Health Benefits Fund</b> | 10/28/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 821   | 12/3/2010  | 12/9/2010 |
| 368 | <b>WD Young &amp; Sons, Inc.</b>                                                              | 11/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 288   | 11/16/2010 | 12/9/2010 |
| 369 | <b>Atlantis Casino Resort Spa</b>                                                             | 11/4/2010  | 2/1/2011  | 16    | 11/22/2010 | 12/7/2010 |
| 370 | <b>United Food and Commercial Workers and Employers Arizona</b>                               | 11/11/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 516   | 11/27/2010 | 12/7/2010 |
| 371 | <b>Act Trust Mini-Med Plan</b>                                                                | 11/11/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 67    | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 372 | <b>Allen's Family Food</b>                                                                    | 10/25/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 885   | 11/17/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 373 | <b>Anderson Media Corporation</b>                                                             | 10/28/2010 | 7/1/2011  | 1,941 | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 374 | <b>Blasters, Drillers &amp; Miners Union Local No. 29 Welfare Fund</b>                        | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,000 | 11/22/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 375 | <b>Care Initiatives, Inc.</b>                                                                 | 10/25/2010 | 8/1/2011  | 287   | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 376 | <b>Cement and Concrete Workers District Council Welfare Fund Plan</b>                         | 10/25/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,498 | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 377 | <b>COARC*</b>                                                                                 | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 357   | 11/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 378 | <b>Construction Workers Local 147 Welfare Fund</b>                                            | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,000 | 11/26/2010 | 12/6/2010 |

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| 379 | Crystal Run Healthcare                                                              | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 315   | 11/23/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 380 | Diamondback Management Services, LTD                                                | 10/25/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 367   | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 381 | Freeman Metal Products                                                              | 11/15/2010 | 11/1/2011 | 33    | 11/24/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 382 | Hardwick Clothes, Inc.                                                              | 11/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 264   | 11/22/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 383 | Hronis, Inc.                                                                        | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,304 | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 384 | International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers                            | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,497 | 11/19/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 385 | Isaacson Isaacson Seridan & Fountain, LLP                                           | 11/19/2010 | 6/1/2011  | 8     | 11/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 386 | Katy Industries, Inc.                                                               | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 191   | 10/28/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 387 | Landscape, Irrigation and Lawn Sprinkler Industry Health and Welfare Plan and Trust | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 210   | 11/22/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 388 | Local 298 Health Benefit Fund Plan                                                  | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 273   | 10/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 389 | Local 803 Health and Welfare Fund                                                   | 10/25/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 88    | 11/16/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 390 | Louisiana Laborers Health and Welfare Fund                                          | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,500 | 11/24/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 391 | M.A. Mortenson                                                                      | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 332   | 11/26/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 392 | Maple Knoll Communities                                                             | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 348   | 11/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 393 | Marshall Durbin Food Corporation                                                    | 11/11/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 45    | 11/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 394 | Minnesota Teamsters Construction Division                                           | 10/28/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 1,248 | 10/28/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 395 | Name Brand, Inc.                                                                    | 10/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 33    | 11/23/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 396 | Oklahoma Goodwill Industries                                                        | 11/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 83    | 11/17/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| 397 | PepsiCo, Inc                                                                        | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 301   | 12/3/2010  | 12/6/2010 |
| 398 | Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 823 Health &                                     | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 285   | 11/18/2010 | 12/6/2010 |

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|            | <b>Welfare Fund</b>                                                                                                  |            |           |        |            |           |
| <b>399</b> | <b>Plumbers &amp; Steamfitters<br/>Local No. 6 Health and<br/>Welfare Fund</b>                                       | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 875    | 11/22/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>400</b> | <b>Regent Care Center</b>                                                                                            | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 432    | 11/17/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>401</b> | <b>Rice Food Markets, Inc.</b>                                                                                       | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 202    | 11/18/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>402</b> | <b>Rice Food Markets, Inc.</b>                                                                                       | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 166    | 11/18/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>403</b> | <b>Ricker Oil Company</b>                                                                                            | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 102    | 11/22/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>404</b> | <b>Skilled Health Care</b>                                                                                           | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,080  | 11/16/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>405</b> | <b>Southwestern Teamsters<br/>Security Fund</b>                                                                      | 10/29/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 589    | 11/23/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>406</b> | <b>Teamsters Local<br/>445 Welfare Plan</b>                                                                          | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 575    | 11/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>407</b> | <b>Teamsters Local 210<br/>Affiliated Health and<br/>Insurance Fund</b>                                              | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 10,613 | 11/15/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>408</b> | <b>Teamsters Welfare Fund of<br/>Northern New Jersey Local<br/>1723</b>                                              | 10/22/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,154  | 10/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>409</b> | <b>The Durango Herald</b>                                                                                            | 10/13/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 55     | 11/17/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>410</b> | <b>The Talbots, Inc</b>                                                                                              | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 22     | 11/22/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>411</b> | <b>Town of Frisco Medical Plan</b>                                                                                   | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 8      | 11/1/2010  | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>412</b> | <b>Tudor Ranch</b>                                                                                                   | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 47     | 11/12/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>413</b> | <b>UNITE HERE Local 74<br/>Welfare and Dental Trust</b>                                                              | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 220    | 11/29/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>414</b> | <b>United Employees<br/>Health Plans</b>                                                                             | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 13     | 11/15/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>415</b> | <b>United Food and Commercial<br/>Workers<br/>Union Local 1000 and Kroger<br/>Dallas Health and Welfare<br/>Plan</b> | 10/26/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 7,389  | 11/30/2010 | 12/6/2010 |
| <b>416</b> | <b>United Service Employees<br/>Union, Local 377, RWDSU,<br/>UFCW</b>                                                | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,142  | 11/4/2010  | 12/6/2010 |

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| 417 | WageWorks, Inc                                                       | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011       | 50,000 | 11/24/2010 | 12/6/2010  |
| 418 | IBEW Local 613 and Contributing Employers Family Health Plan (Union) | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 8,500  | 11/17/2010 | 12/3/2010  |
| 419 | Advantage Benefits Company, LLC                                      | 11/12/2010 | 12/1/2010      | 57     | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 420 | Aerospace Contractors' Trust**                                       | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011       | 2,072  | 12/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 421 | AJFC Community Action Plan**                                         | 10/13/2010 | 10/1/2011      | 215    | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 422 | Altisource Portfolio Solutions                                       | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 200    | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 423 | American Heritage Life Insurance Company                             | 10/15/2010 | 12/1/10-9/1/11 | 69,945 | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 424 | Americare Properties, Inc.                                           | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 547    | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 425 | AMN Healthcare                                                       | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 3,440  | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 426 | Andrews Transport L.P.**                                             | 11/2/2010  | 9/1/2011       | 154    | 11/2/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 427 | Anoka Hennepin Credit Union* **                                      | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 15     | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 428 | APWU Health Plan Conversion Plan                                     | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 518    | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 429 | Aspen Snowmass**                                                     | 10/27/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 376    | 11/10/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 430 | ATCO Rubber Products, Inc                                            | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 185    | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 431 | Baylor County Hospital District                                      | 10/20/2010 | 10/20/2010     | 208    | 11/12/1010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 432 | Belk Farms**                                                         | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011       | 34     | 11/4/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 433 | Bricklayers Local 1 of MD, VA and DC                                 | 11/6/2010  | 1/1/2011       | 1,985  | 11/17/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 434 | Cardon & Associates, Inc**                                           | 11/8/2010  | 3/1/2011       | 342    | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 435 | Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg                      | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011       | 30     | 11/17/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 436 | Central Mills**                                                      | 10/19/2010 | 6/1/2011       | 300    | 11/10/2010 | 11/23/2010 |

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| 437 | Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund** | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,515 | 11/10/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 438 | Cotton Belt Inc.**                                    | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 34    | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 439 | CPC Logistics Health & Welfare Plan**                 | 11/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 5,815 | 11/24/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 440 | Delmarva United Food and Commercial Workers**         | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,405 | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 441 | Dole Food Company**                                   | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,946 | 11/10/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 442 | EchoStar**                                            | 11/8/2010  | 3/1/2011  | 156   | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 443 | First Acceptance Corporation                          | 11/9/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 864   | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 444 | Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects, PC**       | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 27    | 12/7/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 445 | Forest Products Inc. Group Health Plan**              | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 122   | 11/1/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 446 | Fruhauf Uniform Direct Labor                          | 10/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 159   | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 447 | Golden State Bulb Growers, Inc.**                     | 10/6/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 300   | 11/17/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 448 | Greater Kansas City Laborers Welfare Fund**           | 10/21/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 2,398 | 10/21/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 449 | Grower's Transport LLC                                | 10/26/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 25    | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 450 | Heartland Automotive**                                | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 661   | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 451 | Helfman Enterprises, Inc.**                           | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 90    | 12/9/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 452 | Hoosier Stamping and Manufacturing Corp.              | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 14    | 10/20/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 453 | Horizon Bay Realty LLC**                              | 11/12/2010 | 4/1/2011  | 949   | 11/11/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 454 | I.B.E.W. Local 1249 Insurance Fund**                  | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,104 | 11/5/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 455 | Ingomar Packing Company, LLC                          | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 150   | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 456 | Integra Healthcare, Inc. (Integrity Home Care)**      | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 258   | 11/4/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 457 | International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**     | 11/12/2010 | Varies    | 315   | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |

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| 458 | <b>International Brotherhood of Trade Unions Health and Welfare Fund - Local 713</b>  | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 861    | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 459 | <b>International Union of Operating Engineers Local 295-295C Welfare Trust Fund**</b> | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 42     | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 460 | <b>International union of Operating Engineers, Local Union Number 137**</b>           | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,250  | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 461 | <b>Iron Workers Local Union #28 Health and Welfare Fund**</b>                         | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 570    | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 462 | <b>Lamanuzzi &amp; Pantaleo**</b>                                                     | 11/9/2011  | 1/1/2011  | 52     | 11/9/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 463 | <b>Living Resources**</b>                                                             | 11/11/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 553    | 11/11/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 464 | <b>Local 1102 Amalgamated Welfare Fund</b>                                            | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,384  | 10/29/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 465 | <b>Local 1102 Health &amp; Benefit Fund</b>                                           | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4,642  | 10/29/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 466 | <b>Local 1102 Welfare Fund-- Lerner Employees</b>                                     | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 245    | 10/29/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 467 | <b>Local 272 Welfare Fund**</b>                                                       | 10/28/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 12,000 | 10/28/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 468 | <b>Local 338 Affiliated Benefit Funds</b>                                             | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 18,209 | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 469 | <b>Madelia Community Hospital**</b>                                                   | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 38     | 11/23/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 470 | <b>Max Homes, Loc**</b>                                                               | 10/27/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 759    | 11/11/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 471 | <b>Medical Development Corporation**</b>                                              | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 105    | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 472 | <b>Mesa Air Group**</b>                                                               | 11/1/2010  | 4/1/2011  | 1,915  | 11/1/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 473 | <b>Mesa Packing**</b>                                                                 | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 39     | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 474 | <b>Michigan Conference of Teamsters Welfare Fund**</b>                                | 11/12/2010 | 4/1/2011  | 2,323  | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 475 | <b>Minnesota and North Dakota Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers**</b>               | 11/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,876  | 11/3/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 476 | <b>Mission Linen Supply</b>                                                           | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 541    | 11/17/2010 | 11/23/2010 |

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| 477 | <b>NFI Industries</b>                                                       | 10/26/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 945   | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 478 | <b>Operating Engineers Local 835 Health and Welfare Fund</b>                | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 576   | 11/16/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 479 | <b>Opportunity Resources, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan</b>                  | 11/2/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 27    | 11/2/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 480 | <b>Orange County AHRC* **</b>                                               | 11/18/2010 | 7/1/2011  | 1,134 | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 481 | <b>Orscheln Industries</b>                                                  | 10/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 547   | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 482 | <b>Pacific Risk Management**</b>                                            | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3     | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 483 | <b>Pearson Candy Company</b>                                                | 10/27/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 204   | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 484 | <b>Pinnacle PRM**</b>                                                       | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 58    | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 485 | <b>Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 430 Health and Welfare Fund**</b>         | 11/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2,035 | 11/29/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 486 | <b>Progressive Logistics Services**</b>                                     | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,248 | 11/4/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 487 | <b>Pure Air Filter Sales &amp; Service**</b>                                | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 136   | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 488 | <b>Rancho Maria PRM**</b>                                                   | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 28    | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 489 | <b>Reiter Affiliated Companies**</b>                                        | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,474 | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 490 | <b>Retail, Wholesale &amp; Dept. Store Union Local 1034 Welfare Fund</b>    | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 483   | 11/16/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 491 | <b>Rio Farms PRM**</b>                                                      | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 317   | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 492 | <b>Sensient Technologies Corp.</b>                                          | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 94    | 11/17/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 493 | <b>Service Employees International Union Local 1 Cleveland Welfare Fund</b> | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 520   | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 494 | <b>SFN Group</b>                                                            | 11/9/2010  | 5/1/2011  | 1,420 | 11/9/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 495 | <b>Sheet Metal Workers Funds of Local Union 38**</b>                        | 11/3/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 913   | 11/3/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 496 | <b>SMWIA 28**</b>                                                           | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 6,517 | 11/1/2010  | 11/23/2010 |

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| 497 | <b>Southeast OBGYN, PC* **</b>                                                                             | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 20     | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 498 | <b>Southern CA Pipe Trades Trust Fund</b>                                                                  | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 12,700 | 11/2/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 499 | <b>Southern Operators Health Fund**</b>                                                                    | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 3,415  | 12/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 500 | <b>Stonebridge Hospitality Associates**</b>                                                                | 11/17/2010 | 2/1/2011  | 17     | 11/17/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 501 | <b>Sun Healthcare Group, Inc.</b>                                                                          | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,200  | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 502 | <b>Teamsters Local 522 Welfare Fund Roofers Division</b>                                                   | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 270    | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 503 | <b>Teamsters Local Union 72 Welfare Fund**</b>                                                             | 11/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,650  | 11/9/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 504 | <b>Telesis Management Corporation</b>                                                                      | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 148    | 11/16/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 505 | <b>Texas Carpenters and Millwrights Health and Welfare Fund</b>                                            | 10/28/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4729   | 10/28/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 506 | <b>The Mentor Network</b>                                                                                  | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 6,843  | 11/16/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 507 | <b>The Wada Farms, Inc.</b>                                                                                | 11/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 130    | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 508 | <b>The Wilks Group, Inc. dba Ashley Furniture Homestore</b>                                                | 11/12/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 8      | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 509 | <b>The Wright Travel Agency**</b>                                                                          | 11/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 19     | 11/2/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 510 | <b>Town of Grand Island* **</b>                                                                            | 11/19/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 84     | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 511 | <b>Trans-System, Inc.</b>                                                                                  | 10/19/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 232    | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 512 | <b>True Leaf Farms**</b>                                                                                   | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 139    | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 513 | <b>UFCW Local 371 Amalgamated Welfare Fund**</b>                                                           | 11/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 3,800  | 11/2/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 514 | <b>United Crafts Benefits Fund**</b>                                                                       | 11/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2,017  | 11/1/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 515 | <b>United Food &amp; Commercial Workers Unions and Employers Local No. 348 Health &amp; Welfare Fund**</b> | 10/29/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 13,663 | 10/29/2010 | 11/23/2010 |

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| 516 | United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445 New Hampshire                                        | 10/27/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 148    | 11/9/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 517 | United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1459 and Contributing Employers Health and Welfare Fund** | 11/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4      | 11/15/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 518 | United Food and Commercial Workers Local 464a**                                                    | 11/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 8,228  | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 519 | United Food and Commercial Workers Local 911**                                                     | 11/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 582    | 11/19/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 520 | Varsity Contractors, Inc.                                                                          | 11/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 198    | 11/8/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 521 | Waffle House                                                                                       | 10/20/2010 | 6/1/2011  | 3,947  | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 522 | Weckworth Manufacturing**                                                                          | 11/12/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 65     | 11/12/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 523 | Western Express, Inc.                                                                              | 11/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,287  | 11/5/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 524 | Western Harvesting PRM Health Plan**                                                               | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 28     | 11/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 525 | WG Yates and Sons Construction Company**                                                           | 11/16/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 52     | 11/16/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 526 | World Class Automotive**                                                                           | 10/27/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 550    | 11/9/2010  | 11/23/2010 |
| 527 | Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation**                                                               | 10/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 501    | 10/18/2010 | 11/23/2010 |
| 528 | Alaska Pipe Trade U.A. Local 367 Health and Security Trust**                                       | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 93     | 11/5/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 529 | Amalgamated National Health Fund                                                                   | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 24,739 | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 530 | American Farms, PRM Health Plan**                                                                  | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,163  | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 531 | American Growers Cooling, PRM Health Plan**                                                        | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 97     | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 532 | AUTO, LP, dba AutoInc. Health Benefit Plan**                                                       | 10/20/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 145    | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 533 | Better Way Partners, LLC**                                                                         | 10/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 93     | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 534 | Big Valley Labor, PRM Health Plan**                                                                | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 4      | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |

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| 535 | CB Harvesting, PRM Health Plan**                                      | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 62    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 536 | City of Rockwall**                                                    | 10/20/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 168   | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 537 | Cocopah Nurseries, Inc.                                               | 10/26/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 75    | 11/15/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 538 | Express Harvesting, PRM Health Plan**                                 | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 166   | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 539 | Fallen Oak Packing, PRM Health Plan**                                 | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 37    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 540 | FirstCarolinaCare Insurance Company on behalf of Longworth Industries | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 36    | 10/8/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 541 | Foot Locker, Inc.**                                                   | 10/6/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 424   | 11/5/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 542 | Fresh Express                                                         | 10/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,033 | 11/7/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 543 | G&H Farms, PRM Health Plan**                                          | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 146   | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 544 | Gill Ranch, PRM Health Plan**                                         | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 157   | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 545 | Gill Transport, PRM Health Plan**                                     | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 67    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 546 | Gills Onions, PRM Health Plan**                                       | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 295   | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 547 | Green Valley Farm Supply, PRM Health Plan**                           | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 29    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 548 | Greencroft Communities                                                | 9/28/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 150   | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 549 | Growers Express, PRM Health Plan**                                    | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 44    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 550 | Hall Management Group, Inc.**                                         | 9/30/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 226   | 11/8/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 551 | IH Services**                                                         | 10/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 339   | 11/5/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 552 | Independent Group Home Living Program, Inc.                           | 10/26/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 39    | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 553 | King City Nursery, PRM Health Plan**                                  | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 93    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 554 | Meijer Health Benefits Plan/Primary Care Option                       | 10/25/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 7,436 | 10/25/2010 | 11/15/2010 |

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| 555 | Mission Ranches, PRM Health Plan**                                            | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 368    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 556 | Moore's Retread & Tire of the Ark-La-Tex, Inc.                                | 10/20/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 66     | 11/5/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 557 | NOITU Insurance Trust Fund**                                                  | 10/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,309  | 11/12/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 558 | Payroll Solutions                                                             | 9/27/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 382    | 11/9/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 559 | Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 630 Welfare Fund                           | 10/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,166  | 11/8/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 560 | Seco Packing                                                                  | 10/21/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 104    | 10/21/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 561 | Transcorr                                                                     | 10/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 578    | 11/8/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 562 | United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1000                           | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 3,855  | 11/12/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 563 | United Wire, Metal & Machine Health & Welfare Fund**                          | 10/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,955  | 11/12/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 564 | Western Growers Assurance Trust                                               | 9/30/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 18,858 | 11/8/2010  | 11/15/2010 |
| 565 | Wisconsin United Food & Commercial Workers Unions and Employers Health Plan** | 10/14/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 775    | 11/12/2010 | 11/15/2010 |
| 566 | 1199SEIU Greater New York Benefit Fund                                        | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,544  | 10/8/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 567 | A. Duda & Sons, Inc.                                                          | 10/14/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 62     | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 568 | Adecco Group, Inc.                                                            | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 5,760  | 11/2/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 569 | Biomedic Corporation                                                          | 10/12/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 202    | 11/2/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 570 | Buffets, Inc.                                                                 | 10/14/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,483  | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 571 | Carington Health System                                                       | 10/18/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,327  | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 572 | Cleveland Bakers Teamsters                                                    | 9/27/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,000  | 10/29/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 573 | Club Chef LLC                                                                 | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 282    | 10/26/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 574 | Columbia Sussex Mgmt, LLC                                                     | 10/7/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 629    | 11/1/2010  | 11/5/2010  |

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| 575 | CRST International Inc.                              | 10/19/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,600 | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 576 | Darr Equipment, Co.                                  | 10/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 105   | 10/26/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 577 | DC Cement Masons Welfare Fund                        | 10/22/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 225   | 11/3/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 578 | Deaconess Long Term Care                             | 10/14/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 194   | 11/3/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 579 | Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc.                     | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 37    | 11/2/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 580 | ECOM Atlantic, Inc.                                  | 10/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 81    | 10/1/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 581 | FW Walton, Inc.                                      | 10/15/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 38    | 11/2/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 582 | G4S Secure Solutions                                 | 10/11/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 7602  | 11/3/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 583 | GC Services, L.P. & First Community Bancshares, Inc. | 10/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1936  | 10/15/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 584 | Guardsmark, LLC                                      | 10/4/2010  | 2/1/2011  | 8,086 | 10/29/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 585 | Indiana Teamsters Health Benefits Fund               | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 500   | 11/1/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 586 | Knox County Association for Retarded Citizens        | 10/6/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 96    | 10/25/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 587 | Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Local No. 52        | 10/6/2010  | Varies    | 1,547 | 10/21/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 588 | Mars Super Markets, Inc.                             | 10/8/2010  | 7/1/2011  | 174   | 10/29/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 589 | MPS Group, Inc.                                      | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,253 | 11/2/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 590 | Nexion Health                                        | 10/21/2010 | 11/1/2011 | 1449  | 11/3/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 591 | Noodles & Company                                    | 10/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 159   | 10/29/2010 | 11/5/2010 |
| 592 | Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy                        | 10/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 50    | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 593 | Quality Integrated Services, Inc.                    | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 354   | 11/3/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 594 | RE Rabalais Constructors, LTD                        | 10/13/2010 | 12/1/2010 | 70    | 11/1/2010  | 11/5/2010 |
| 595 | RREMC LLC                                            | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 62    | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010 |

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| 596 | Security Forces Inc.                                                                              | 10/12/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 225    | 11/1/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 597 | Shirkey Nursing                                                                                   | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 205    | 10/26/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 598 | Social Service Employees Union Local 371                                                          | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 34,000 | 10/29/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 599 | Spindle, Cooling, & Warehouse                                                                     | 10/5/2010  | 11/1/2010 | 89     | 10/27/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 600 | Strauss Discount Auto                                                                             | 10/14/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 401    | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 601 | Sunburst Hospitality                                                                              | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 197    | 11/5/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 602 | Susser Holding Corp                                                                               | 10/6/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,245  | 10/6/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 603 | Telescope Casual Furniture                                                                        | 9/27/2010  | 10/1/2010 | 32     | 11/1/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 604 | Teletech Holdings, Inc.                                                                           | 10/15/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,083  | 11/4/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 605 | The Brinkman Corporation                                                                          | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 163    | 9/29/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 606 | The LDF Companies                                                                                 | 10/7/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 210    | 10/30/210  | 11/5/2010  |
| 607 | United Food and Commercial Workers Union (Mount Laurel, NJ)                                       | 10/21/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 4100   | 10/25/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 608 | United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1459                                               | 10/14/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,400  | 10/14/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 609 | Universal Orlando                                                                                 | 10/15/2010 | 4/1/2011  | 668    | 11/3/2010  | 11/5/2010  |
| 610 | Valley Services, Inc.                                                                             | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 927    | 10/29/2010 | 11/5/2010  |
| 611 | United Food and Commercial Workers and Participating Employers Interstate Health and Welfare Fund | 10/15/2010 | 5/1/2011  | 9,780  | 10/28/2010 | 11/4/2010  |
| 612 | Protocol Marketing Group                                                                          | 10/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 454    | 10/25/2010 | 11/1/2010  |
| 613 | Sasnak                                                                                            | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 813    | 9/29/2010  | 11/1/2010  |
| 614 | Star Tek                                                                                          | 10/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,423  | 10/26/2010 | 11/1/2010  |
| 615 | Adventist Care Centers                                                                            | 10/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 725    | 10/26/2010 | 10/29/2010 |

|     |                                                                                                   |            |           |        |            |            |
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| 616 | <b>B.E.S.T of NY</b>                                                                              | 10/7/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,200  | 10/27/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 617 | <b>Boskovich Farms, Inc</b>                                                                       | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 165    | 10/28/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 618 | <b>Café Enterprises, Inc.</b>                                                                     | 10/7/2010  | 2/1/2011  | 306    | 10/7/2010  | 10/29/2010 |
| 619 | <b>Capital District Physicians</b>                                                                | 9/22/2010  | Varies    | 23,314 | 10/20/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 620 | <b>FleetPride, Inc.</b>                                                                           | 10/8/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 263    | 10/8/2010  | 10/29/2010 |
| 621 | <b>Gallegos Corp</b>                                                                              | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 86     | 10/28/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 622 | <b>Hensley Industries, Inc.</b>                                                                   | 10/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 357    | 10/28/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 623 | <b>Jeffords Steel and Engineering</b>                                                             | 10/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 112    | 10/28/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 624 | <b>Laborers' International Union of North America Local Union No. 616 Health and Welfare Plan</b> | 10/19/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 188    | 10/19/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 625 | <b>O.K. Industries</b>                                                                            | 10/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,238  | 10/28/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 626 | <b>Service Employees Benefit Fund</b>                                                             | 10/12/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 1,297  | 10/29/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 627 | <b>Sun Pacific Farming Coop</b>                                                                   | 10/6/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 1,109  | 10/6/2010  | 10/29/2010 |
| 628 | <b>SunWorld International, LLC</b>                                                                | 10/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 686    | 10/25/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 629 | <b>UFCW Allied Trade Health &amp; Welfare Trust</b>                                               | 10/5/2010  | 12/1/2010 | 68     | 10/25/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 630 | <b>United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1995</b>                                        | 10/12/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 2,779  | 10/27/2010 | 10/29/2010 |
| 631 | <b>HCR Manor Care</b>                                                                             | 10/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2,666  | 10/26/2010 | 10/28/2010 |
| 632 | <b>IBEW No.915</b>                                                                                | 9/28/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 930    | 10/15/2010 | 10/28/2010 |
| 633 | <b>Integra BMS for Culp, Inc.</b>                                                                 | 10/4/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 34     | 10/25/2010 | 10/28/2010 |
| 634 | <b>New England Health Care Employees Welfare Fund †</b>                                           | 9/27/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 7,454  | 10/26/2010 | 10/28/2010 |
| 635 | <b>Williamson-Dickie Manufacturing Company</b>                                                    | 10/5/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 100    | 10/5/2010  | 10/28/2010 |

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| 636 | <b>Aegis Security Insurance Company †</b>                                            | 10/6/2010  | 11/1/2010 | 67     | 10/25/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 637 | <b>Alliance One Tobacco</b>                                                          | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 138    | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 638 | <b>Asbestos Workers Local 53 Welfare Fund</b>                                        | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 2      | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 639 | <b>Assurant Health (2nd Application)</b>                                             | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 19,024 | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 640 | <b>Captain Elliot's Party Boats</b>                                                  | 10/12/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 10     | 10/25/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 641 | <b>Carlson Restaurants</b>                                                           | 9/22/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 3,381  | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 642 | <b>CH Guenther &amp; Son</b>                                                         | 9/24/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 300    | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 643 | <b>CKM Industries dba Miller Environmental</b>                                       | 10/5/2010  | 11/1/2010 | 34     | 10/25/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 644 | <b>Caribbean Workers' Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Health and Welfare Plan †</b> | 10/14/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 4,500  | 10/18/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 645 | <b>Darden Restaurants</b>                                                            | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 34,000 | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 646 | <b>Duarte Nursery</b>                                                                | 9/23/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 283    | 10/19/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 647 | <b>Employees Security Fund</b>                                                       | 9/29/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 22     | 9/29/2010  | 10/26/2010 |
| 648 | <b>Florida Trowel Trades</b>                                                         | 9/27/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 297    | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 649 | <b>Ingles Markets</b>                                                                | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 917    | 10/25/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 650 | <b>Meijer</b>                                                                        | 10/1/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 4,873  | 10/1/2010  | 10/26/2010 |
| 651 | <b>O'Reilly Auto Parts</b>                                                           | 9/23/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 9,722  | 9/23/2010  | 10/26/2010 |
| 652 | <b>Plumbers &amp; Pipefitters Local 123 Welfare Fund</b>                             | 9/30/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 534    | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 653 | <b>Sun Belt</b>                                                                      | 9/28/2010  | 10/1/2010 | 114    | 10/20/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 654 | <b>UFCW Local 227</b>                                                                | 10/12/2010 | 11/1/2010 | 1,125  | 10/12/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 655 | <b>Uncle Julio's</b>                                                                 | 9/30/2010  | 11/1/2010 | 115    | 10/25/2010 | 10/26/2010 |

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| 656 | <b>United Group</b>                           | 9/24/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 177    | 10/19/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 657 | <b>US Imaging</b>                             | 10/11/2010 | 11/1/2010  | 148    | 10/25/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 658 | <b>Vino Farms</b>                             | 10/8/2010  | 11/1/2010  | 152    | 10/21/2010 | 10/26/2010 |
| 659 | <b>AdvantaStaff, Inc. †</b>                   | 9/20/2010  | 9/1/2011   | 52     | 9/20/2010  | 10/21/2010 |
| 660 | <b>Agricare</b>                               | 9/23/2010  | 11/1/2010  | 437    | 9/23/2010  | 10/21/2010 |
| 661 | <b>Alaska Seafood</b>                         | 9/23/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 262    | 10/15/2010 | 10/21/2010 |
| 662 | <b>American Fidelity</b>                      | 9/22/2010  | 10/23/2010 | 9,358  | 10/14/2010 | 10/21/2010 |
| 663 | <b>Convergys</b>                              | 9/20/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 1,400  | 9/20/2010  | 10/21/2010 |
| 664 | <b>Darensberries</b>                          | 9/28/2010  | 10/1/2010  | 1,450  | 9/28/2010  | 10/21/2010 |
| 665 | <b>Gowan Company</b>                          | 9/23/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 225    | 9/27/2010  | 10/21/2010 |
| 666 | <b>Greystar</b>                               | 9/23/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 1,747  | 10/13/2010 | 10/21/2010 |
| 667 | <b>Macayo Restaurants</b>                     | 9/22/2010  | 12/1/2010  | 46     | 10/18/2010 | 10/21/2010 |
| 668 | <b>Periodical Services</b>                    | 9/27/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 464    | 9/27/2010  | 10/21/2010 |
| 669 | <b>UniFirst</b>                               | 9/23/2010  | 9/1/2011   | 2,659  | 10/14/2010 | 10/21/2010 |
| 670 | <b>Universal Forest Products</b>              | 9/23/2011  | 5/1/2011   | 1,738  | 10/19/2010 | 10/21/2010 |
| 671 | <b>UFCW Maximus Local 455</b>                 | 10/4/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 59     | 10/18/2010 | 10/18/2010 |
| 672 | <b>American Habilitation Services, Inc. †</b> | 9/22/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 400    | 10/12/2010 | 10/14/2010 |
| 673 | <b>GuideStone Financial Resources</b>         | 9/21/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 354    | 9/21/2010  | 10/14/2010 |
| 674 | <b>Local 25 SEIU</b>                          | 9/29/2010  | 10/1/2010  | 31,000 | 10/7/2010  | 10/14/2010 |
| 675 | <b>MAUSER Corp.</b>                           | 9/21/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 47     | 9/24/2010  | 10/14/2010 |
| 676 | <b>Preferred Care, Inc.</b>                   | 9/15/2010  | 1/1/2011   | 918    | 9/15/2010  | 10/14/2010 |

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| 677 | <b>Ruby Tuesday</b>                    | 10/8/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,219  | 10/8/2010  | 10/14/2010 |
| 678 | <b>The Dixie Group, Inc.</b>           | 8/27/2010 | 6/19/2011 | 269    | 10/12/2010 | 10/14/2010 |
| 679 | <b>UFCW Local 1262</b>                 | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 5,390  | 9/20/2010  | 10/14/2010 |
| 680 | <b>Whelan Security Company</b>         | 9/23/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 287    | 10/12/2010 | 10/14/2010 |
| 681 | <b>AMF Bowling Worldwide</b>           | 9/14/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 295    | 10/7/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 682 | <b>Assisted Living Concepts</b>        | 9/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 1,174  | 9/17/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 683 | <b>Case &amp; Associates</b>           | 9/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 87     | 9/17/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 684 | <b>GPM Investments</b>                 | 9/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 275    | 9/17/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 685 | <b>Grace Living Centers</b>            | 9/14/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 534    | 9/14/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 686 | <b>Mountaire Corporation †</b>         | 9/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 2,074  | 9/17/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 687 | <b>Swift Spinning</b>                  | 9/16/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 240    | 9/16/2010  | 10/12/2010 |
| 688 | <b>Belmont Village</b>                 | 9/10/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 785    | 10/4/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 689 | <b>Caliber Services</b>                | 9/13/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 606    | 9/13/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 690 | <b>Cracker Barrel</b>                  | 9/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 16,823 | 9/17/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 691 | <b>DISH Network</b>                    | 9/13/2010 | 3/1/2011  | 3,597  | 9/23/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 692 | <b>Groendyke Transport, Inc</b>        | 9/2/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 1,322  | 9/2/2010   | 10/8/2010  |
| 693 | <b>Pocono Medical Center</b>           | 9/24/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 3,298  | 9/24/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 694 | <b>Regis Corporation</b>               | 9/10/2010 | 3/1/2011  | 3,617  | 10/1/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 695 | <b>The Pictsweet Co.</b>               | 9/13/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 694    | 9/13/2010  | 10/8/2010  |
| 696 | <b>Diversified Interiors</b>           | 9/28/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 300    | 9/28/2010  | 10/1/2010  |
| 697 | <b>Local 802 Musicians Health Fund</b> | 9/29/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 1,801  | 9/29/2010  | 10/1/2010  |

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| 698 | MCS Life Insurance Company<br>†                              | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 6,635   | 9/23/2010 | 10/1/2010 |
| 699 | The Buccaneer                                                | 9/22/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 125     | 9/28/2010 | 10/1/2010 |
| 700 | CIGNA                                                        | 9/17/2010 | 9/26/2010 | 265,000 | 9/30/2010 | 9/30/2010 |
| 701 | Greater Metropolitan Hotel                                   | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 1,200   | 9/24/2010 | 9/30/2010 |
| 702 | Local 17 Hospitality Benefit Fund                            | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 881     | 9/24/2010 | 9/30/2010 |
| 703 | GSC-ILA                                                      | 9/15/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 298     | 9/15/2010 | 9/28/2010 |
| 704 | The Allied Industries Health Fund                            | 9/13/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 127     | 9/13/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 705 | Harden Healthcare                                            | 9/9/2010  | 1/1/2011  | 874     | 9/29/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 706 | Vernon Sheltered Workshop, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan #501 | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 41      | 9/16/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 707 | I.U.P.A.T                                                    | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 875     | 9/23/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 708 | Sanderson Plumbing Products, Inc.                            | 9/22/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 326     | 9/22/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 709 | Transport Workers                                            | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 107     | 9/23/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 710 | United Federation of Teachers Welfare Fund                   | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 351,000 | 9/27/2010 | 9/27/2010 |
| 711 | Aegis                                                        | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 162     | 9/21/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 712 | Aetna                                                        | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 209,423 | 9/16/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 713 | Allflex                                                      | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 34      | 9/22/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 714 | Baptist Retirement                                           | 9/10/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 127     | 9/17/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 715 | BCS Insurance                                                | 9/13/2010 | 9/24/2010 | 115,000 | 9/22/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 716 | Cryogenic                                                    | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 19      | 9/20/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 717 | Fowler Packing Co.                                           | 9/8/2010  | 10/1/2010 | 39      | 9/17/2010 | 9/24/2010 |

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| 718 | Guy C. Lee Mfg.                                                     | 9/15/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 312              | 9/15/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 719 | HealthPort                                                          | 9/17/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 608              | 9/17/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 720 | Jack in the Box                                                     | 9/17/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 1,130            | 9/21/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 721 | Maritime Association                                                | 9/17/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 500              | 9/21/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 722 | Maverick County                                                     | 9/21/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 1                | 9/23/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 723 | Metropolitan D.C. Paving Industry Employees Health and Welfare Fund | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 550              | 9/20/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 724 | PMPS-ILA                                                            | 9/19/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 15               | 9/23/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 725 | PS-ILA                                                              | 9/19/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 8                | 9/23/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 726 | QK/DRD (Denny's)                                                    | 9/16/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 65               | 9/22/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 727 | Reliance Standard                                                   | 9/14/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 33,377           | 9/14/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 728 | Tri-Pak                                                             | 9/20/2010 | 10/1/2010 | 26               | 9/20/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
| 729 | United Agricultural Benefit Trust ††                                | 9/17/2010 | 1/1/2011  | 17,347           | 9/17/2010 | 9/24/2010 |
|     | <b>Total Enrollees</b>                                              |           |           | <b>2,189,636</b> |           |           |

\*Indicates a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). An HRA is an employer-funded plan that reimburses employees for medical care expenses.

\*\*Application approved in November, but posted January 26, 2011.

† Applicant name corrected on February 1, 2011.

†† Plan effective date corrected on February 1, 2011.

## **State-Mandated Policies: Approved Applications for Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirements**

**Updated 1/26/2011**

In some states, issuers offer policies with annual limits below the minimum requirements in order to comply with state laws. These state laws require issuers to market a standardized policy that includes an annual limit well below the restricted annual limits. In such instances, states may apply for a waiver of the restricted annual limits on behalf of issuers of state-mandated policies if state law required the policies to be offered by the issuers prior to September 23, 2010. Although the state may apply on the issuers' behalf, the application must still satisfy the standard that compliance by the issuers would result in a "significant decrease in access to benefits" or a "significant increase in premiums."

|            | States/Plans Covered Under the State Application              | Application Received | Plan Effective Date | Number of Enrollees | Application Completed by Applicant | Waiver Approved |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>730</b> | <b>Massachusetts</b>                                          |                      |                     |                     |                                    |                 |
|            | <b>Fallon Community Health Plan's Young Adult Plans</b>       | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 890                 | 9/20/2010                          | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>HNE Young Adult Plan High and HNE Young Adult Plan Low</b> | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 60                  | 9/20/2010                          | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>Harvard Pilgrim Pulse Plan</b>                             | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 1,467               | 9/20/2010                          | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>Neighborhood Health Plan's Young Adult Plans</b>           | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 1,003               | 9/20/2010                          | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>Tufts Health Plan</b>                                      | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 124                 | 9/24/2010                          | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>MA Total Enrollees</b>                                     |                      |                     | 3,544               |                                    |                 |
|            | <b>Neighborhood Health Plan's Young Adult Plans</b>           | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 1,003               | 1,003                              | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>Tufts Health Plan</b>                                      | 9/20/2010            | 10/1/2010           | 124                 | 9/24/2010                          | 9/27/2010       |
|            | <b>MA Total Enrollees</b>                                     |                      |                     | 3,544               |                                    |                 |
| <b>731</b> | <b>New Jersey</b>                                             |                      |                     |                     |                                    |                 |
|            | <b>Aetna</b>                                                  | 11/19/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 285                 | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>Amerihealth</b>                                            | 11/19/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 4,111               | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>Celtic Insurance Company</b>                               | 11/19/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 1                   | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>CIGNA</b>                                                  | 11/19/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 2                   | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>HealthNet</b>                                              | 11/29/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 13                  | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>Horizon BC/BS of NJ</b>                                    | 11/19/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 55,127              | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>Oxford Health Insurance</b>                                | 11/19/2010           | 9/23/2010           | 8,896               | 11/19/2010                         | 12/17/2010      |
|            | <b>NJ Total Enrollees</b>                                     |                      |                     | 68,435              |                                    |                 |
| <b>732</b> | <b>Ohio</b>                                                   |                      |                     |                     |                                    |                 |

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| <b>Aetna Health Inc</b>                       | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 231 | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>American Medical Security Life Ins Co.</b> | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 2   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>American Natl Life Ins Co of TX</b>        | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>American Republic Insurance Company</b>    | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 5   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Celtic Insurance Company</b>               | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 1   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Community Ins. Co.</b>                     | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 92  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Companion Life Ins. Co.</b>                | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 0   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Coventry Health &amp; Life Ins. Co.</b>    | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 18  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Freedom Life Ins. Co. of America</b>       | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 3   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Golden Rule Ins. Co.</b>                   | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 25  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Health Plan the Upper OH Valley</b>        | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 57  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Humana Ins. Co.</b>                        | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 46  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Independence American Ins. Co.</b>         | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 2   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>John Alden Life Ins. Co.</b>               | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 0   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Ohio</b>  | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 347 | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Madison National Life Ins. Co.</b>         | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 4   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>McKinley Life Ins. Co.</b>                 | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 25  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Medical Mutual of OH</b>                   | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 74  | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Mennonite Mutual Aid Association</b>       | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 3   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>Mid West National Life Ins Co. of TN</b>   | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 0   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
| <b>National Found Life Ins. Co.</b>           | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 0   | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |

|            |                                              |            |          |        |            |            |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|----------|--------|------------|------------|
|            | <b>Pekin Life Ins. Co.</b>                   | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 161    | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>Reserve National Ins. Co.</b>             | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 0      | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>Standard Life &amp; Accident Ins. Co.</b> | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 0      | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>Standard Security Life Ins. Co. of NY</b> | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 4      | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>Summa Ins Co. Inc.</b>                    | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 154    | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>Time Ins. Co.</b>                         | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 13     | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>World Ins. Co.</b>                        | 11/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | 18     | 11/23/2010 | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>OH Total Enrollees</b>                    |            |          | 1,286  |            |            |
| <b>733</b> | <b>Tennessee</b>                             |            |          |        |            |            |
|            | <b>Blue Cross Blue Shield of TN</b>          | 9/17/2010  | 1/1/2011 | 20,205 | 9/17/2010  | 12/17/2010 |
|            | <b>TN Total Enrollees</b>                    |            |          | 20,205 |            |            |
|            | <b>Total Enrollees</b>                       |            |          | 93,470 |            |            |



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Good afternoon - -

Today, the Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act was introduced in the House and we will vote on this bill next week. Below is a summary of the bill's provisions, including pay-fors and spending cuts to ensure that this bill is fully paid for and does not raise taxes.

The text of the bill can be found here:

[http://rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF\\_112\\_1/legislativetext/HR\\_1209.pdf](http://rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF_112_1/legislativetext/HR_1209.pdf). Additional summary documents of specific provisions are also attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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# Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act

## ***GOP Plan Extends Current Payroll Tax Relief, Protects Social Security, Reforms and Extends Unemployment Insurance & Includes Key Jobs Initiatives***

Next week, the GOP-led House of Representatives will vote on the *Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act* to help create thousands of new American jobs while helping Americans struggling with the consequences of President Obama's failed economic policies. The bill extends current payroll tax relief, protects Social Security, reforms and extends unemployment insurance, and extends pro-growth tax relief for businesses of all sizes – while also advancing several bipartisan measures that will directly support the creation of private-sector jobs, including the Keystone XL energy pipeline. Everything in the House bill is offset by spending cuts, rather than through tax increases that would hit small businesses and destroy jobs, as proposed in Senate Democrats' bill.

### **Extends Current Payroll Tax Relief, Protects Social Security**

The bill provides a one-year extension of the temporary payroll tax relief enacted in 2010 and allows Americans to keep more of their own money, rejecting the Democrats' plan to increase taxes on job creators. The measure protects the Social Security Trust Fund from being harmed by cutting government spending and directing those savings to replenish the trust fund. Specifically, the measure:

- Extends the current lower payroll tax rate for employees, which was reduced from 6.2 percent of wages to 4.2 percent, for one year.
- Ensures that taxes will stay lower for the nearly 170 million Americans who pay payroll taxes, with the average working family saving \$1,000 in 2012.
- Rejects the Democrats' proposed tax increase on job creators.

### **Reforms UI Program & Extends Benefits for Americans Struggling in Obama Economy**

The bill permanently reforms the federal unemployment insurance (UI) program and extends benefits to those who are struggling in President Obama's economy. Recognizing that unemployment services should focus on helping Americans get back to work, the bill uses a two-step process to gradually reduce current maximum weeks of benefits from 99 to 59 weeks, a common-sense level that is in line with past recessions and economic downturns (President Obama's own plan recognizes that American taxpayers cannot subsidize benefits for an unprecedented, unending period of time by reducing the maximum weeks by 20 next year).

The measure permanently reforms unemployment insurance to reduce waste, cut costs, and increase state flexibility – consistent with the *Jobs, Opportunities, Benefits & Services (JOBS) Act* approved by the Ways & Means Committee in May. For example:

- The bill requires all state and federal UI recipients to, as a condition of eligibility, search for work, be in a GED program if they have not finished high school (with common-sense exceptions such as for older workers), and participate in reemployment services to help them get back to work.
- The measure increases state flexibility to test and evaluate innovative state-based solutions.
- The bill targets waste, fraud, and abuse by improving the accuracy and administration of UI benefits.
- The measure allows states, if they desire, to perform drug screening and testing as a condition of providing UI benefits in order to improve prospects for future employment.

### **Job Creation Initiatives**

As part of Republicans' continuing focus on jobs, including the GOP's [Plan for America's Job Creators](#), the measure includes several key jobs initiatives:

- The bill accelerates a decision on the Keystone XL energy pipeline, requiring, within 60 days, for the permit to be granted unless the president determines the project is not in the national interest. The measure will create thousands of American jobs and increase America's energy security. Similar legislation passed the House with [bipartisan support](#) earlier this year.
- The measure extends 100 percent business expensing through 2012 to make it easier for employers, small and large, to invest now in new machinery and equipment, grow their businesses, and create jobs.
- The bill includes Rep. Morgan Griffith's (R-VA) *EPA Regulatory Relief Act* (H.R. 2250) to stop the onerous new boiler rule and require the Obama administration to develop a more sensible alternative that balances the need to protect both jobs and the environment. The measure, which would protect more than 200,000 American jobs, was [passed](#) by the House on a bipartisan basis on October 13.
- The measure includes spectrum auctions to advance wireless broadband service, bring interoperable broadband communications to public safety officials, spur billions in private investment, and create thousands of jobs – consistent with Rep. Greg Walden's (R-OR) *Jumpstarting Opportunity with Broadband Spectrum (JOBS) Act*.

#### **Includes Two-Year “Doc Fix,” Further Defunds ObamaCare**

The bill provides a two-year “doc fix” and savings to offset the cost, including further defunding the President’s health care law. A two-year “doc fix” extension is longest stretch of time in nearly a decade. Bringing this level of stability to physicians will pave the way for a permanent fix. Specifically, the bill:

- Extends certain Medicare payment policies, including a two-year “doc fix” to protect Medicare physicians from large reimbursement cuts scheduled to take place next year.
- Repeals \$8 billion in ObamaCare mandatory funding from the unaccountable “prevention and public health fund,” which the House voted to defund earlier this year (saves \$8 billion).
- Forces greater repayment of improper taxpayer-funded subsidies in ObamaCare to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the Democrats’ health care law (reduces deficit by \$13.4 billion).
- Updates certain provider payment methodologies to reduce wasteful spending (saves \$21.5 billion).

#### **Reforms & Extends Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program**

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which replaced the prior open-ended welfare entitlement with a fixed federal block grant as part of the 1996 welfare reform law, expires December 31, 2011. The bill extends the \$16.5 billion TANF block grant at its current funding levels through the remainder of FY 2012, and makes two reforms to (1) improve program administration by standardizing data elements to improve integrity and collaboration; and (2) close the current “strip club loophole” to ensure that welfare funds cannot be accessed in strip clubs, liquor stores, and casinos by blocking welfare electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards from working in ATMs there.

#### **Spending Cuts – Not Tax Hikes on Job Creators – to Offset Payroll/UI Extension**

The bill includes spending cuts in government programs – not tax increases on job creators – to fully pay for extending current payroll tax relief and unemployment insurance benefits. This includes extending the current pay freeze for federal workers, including Members of Congress, eliminating government benefits for millionaires & billionaires, targeting fraud and abuse, and reforming entitlement programs – many ideas for which President Obama has already expressed support. Specifically, the bill:

- Extends the current pay freeze for federal workers (including Members of Congress) through FY 2013 (saves \$26 billion).
- Changes the co-pay structure for civilian federal retirees (saves \$36 billion).
- Raises Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE) guarantee fees to better price the risks GSEs cover and reduce their unfair advantages over the private sector (saves \$38 billion).
- Includes spectrum auctions and other reforms to bring in significant revenues for taxpayers by making more efficient and effective use of the public's airwaves (saves \$16 billion).
- Reforms the National Flood Insurance Program by eliminating the premium subsidy for certain properties (saves \$4 billion).
- Better coordinates with states and localities to prevent Social Security overpayments (saves \$3 billion)
- Ensures that illegal immigrants who are not eligible to work in the U.S. do not get checks from the IRS (saves \$9.4 billion).
- Gradually increases Medicare premiums for high income beneficiaries (saves as much as \$31 billion).
- Prohibits millionaires from receiving unemployment insurance and food stamp benefits (saves \$20 million).

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## WSJ's Rago Wins Pulitzer Prize An editorial writer's ObamaCare critique captures the 2011 award.

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## **CBO Director Says Obamacare Would Reduce Employment by 800,000 Workers**

By Jeffery H. Anderson

THE WEEKLY STANDARD

Feb 10, 2011

Testifying today before the House Budget Committee, Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Director Doug Elmendorf confirmed that Obamacare is expected to reduce the number of jobs in the labor market by an estimated 800,000. Here are excerpts from the exchange:

*Chairman [Paul] Ryan: “[I]t’s been argued...that the new health care law will create jobs and increase labor force participation. But if I recall from your analysis, it was quite the opposite. Is that not the case?”*

*Director [Douglas] Elmendorf: “Yes.”...*

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*Rep. [John] Campbell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, we’ll -- and Dr. Elmendorf -- and we’ll continue this conversation right now. First on health care, before I get to -- before I get to broader issues, you just mentioned that you believe -- or that in your estimate, that the health care law would reduce the labor used in the economy by about 1/2 of 1 percent, given that, I believe you say, there’s 160 million full-time people working in '20-'21. That means that, in your estimation, the health care law would reduce employment by 800,000 in '20-'21. Is that correct?*

*Director Elmendorf: Yes. The way I would put it is that we do estimate, as you said, that...employment will be about 160 million by the end of the decade. Half a percent of that is*

800,000.

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Katie and Andrew,

Attached is a list of potential vendors to fulfill the RFP requirements as set forth in our scope of work. Nicole and I contacted other Planning States and we have included there selected vendors (first two on the list). The other companies listed have talked with Craig Knutson (former OID Chief of State) about providing consultant work.

We have looked into these companies and believe any number of these could fulfill the scope of work requirements.

Respectfully,  
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## Getting to 'Yes'

By James C. Capretta

NRO: The Corner

July 25, 2011

With the collapse of the Boehner-Obama talks, it looks as if something closer to "regular order" in the legislative branch will probably be needed to produce the final deal to raise the debt limit. The House is moving toward taking up a plan drafted by the speaker and his lieutenants, and Senate majority leader Harry Reid is drafting a competing version for his chamber.

This is a good development. Because it's been clear for some time now that President Obama has been the real roadblock.

The president and his advisers wanted to take what looked on its surface like a potential problem for them — the need to raise the debt limit — and turn it into an opportunity. They have had three primary objectives in this fight. First, the president has wanted to force congressional Republicans to agree to a large tax hike. Such a hike would partially mask the government's spending problem for a time (though not permanently), and thus ease the pressure for spending cuts. It would also badly divide the conservative coalition going into an election year. In other words, it would be a real "twofer" for the president and his party and would certainly be trumpeted as such by the mainstream press.

Second, the president has wanted to further advance the Obamacare vision for health care. That has meant no meaningful move toward repeal and replace, and in fact further changes in Medicare and

Medicaid that are in the spirit of Obamacare's central-planning philosophy.

The president's third objective has been to reposition himself politically. His first two years in office were dominated by the so-called "stimulus" proposal and Obamacare — efforts that cemented the electorate's perception of him as a big-spending, big-government liberal. Heading into 2012, the president and his advisers desperately want to change his image, especially among independent voters, and they were hoping that a "\$4 trillion" deficit-cutting plan would do the trick.

Unfortunately for the president, as the details of his talks with Speaker Boehner have spilled out into the press, it hasn't helped him shed his well-earned reputation as a big spender. The dominant story line that has emerged is that the president has insisted on a \$1.2 trillion tax hike to get a deal, and Republicans have said no, especially given the president's insistence that a serious rewrite of the health-care entitlements, including Obamacare, is "off the table." By holding firm, Republicans have — so far — denied the president the ability to shift political blame onto them for the tax hikes he wants to impose on working Americans. Consequently, as matters stand today, the debt-limit talks have only further exposed the president as a big-government liberal.

So Republicans have acquitted themselves remarkably well to date. The question is, what should they do now?

First, House Republicans must realize that, at this stage, they have to pass a credible plan through their chamber. Having rejected the Obama "grand bargain," they need to show the country they are willing to pass a debt-limit increase on reasonable terms to avoid the real, if sometimes exaggerated, risks associated with a debt-limit crisis. The two-step process that Speaker Boehner outlined to his colleagues today looks like it should do the trick in that regard. It would impose discretionary spending caps for a decade, thus producing real restraint on domestic appropriations. The savings — about \$1.2 trillion over ten years — would be accompanied by a substantial and immediate increase in the debt limit.

In addition, the Boehner plan would empower a special bipartisan joint committee of House and Senate members to draft further budget-cutting reforms, including entitlement changes. The target would be an additional \$1.8 trillion in deficit reduction over ten years. The recommendations of this committee would go to an up-or-down vote in both the House and the Senate, probably sometime in early 2012.

Senator Reid and his Democratic colleagues are objecting to the Boehner plan on the grounds that it would force another debt-limit showdown in 2012, almost certainly with the same disputes about taxes and entitlements. Fair enough. House and Senate Republicans should be open to a reasonable counter-offer from Senator Reid, especially if it is an offer that could actually pass in the Senate.

The details of course matter immensely here. The legislation to raise the debt limit needs to include real spending restraint, not gimmicks or smoke and mirrors. But if the cuts in a Reid counter-offer are real, and if they are of a size to comfortably allow an even larger bump up in the debt limit, Republicans should be open to moving in that direction if doing so would produce a final deal with Senate Democrats.

Because, from a strategic point of view, even a resolution of the kind Reid is pursuing — one giving the president a debt-limit hike into 2013 — would give Republicans all they need from this fight, if they spending cuts are indeed real and not focused on defense. There would be no “grand bargain” for the president, and no “Gang of Six” plan. There would be sizeable, even historic spending cuts, with no accompanying tax increase. There would be no tacit approval of Obamacare. And there would be no political fallout from the unpredictable economic turmoil that could accompany a hiatus in federal borrowing.

It’s true that such a deal would also mean giving up on entitlement reform before 2013. But, given what’s happened over the past two months, it’s obvious that genuine entitlement reform isn’t going to happen with this president in the Oval Office.

Republicans have successfully dodged several bullets to this point. It’s now time for them to see that they are in a good position to close a deal on their terms — and then move on.

*— James C. Capretta was an associate director at the Office of Management and Budget from 2001 to 2004.*



## FFIS Weekly Update – July 3, 2012

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**July 3, 2012: Appropriations Continue in the House** Last week, the full House passed its version of the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appropriations bill ([H.R. 5972](#)). The House Appropriations Committee also approved its FY 2013 [Interior-Environment](#) spending measure last week. FFIS will be releasing a budget brief today examining the latest major developments for states across the FY 2013 appropriations process.

**June 29, 2012: President Signs Two-Year Surface Transportation Reauthorization** In its first action to provide long-term authorizing legislation for federal transportation programs since the expiration of SAFETEA-LU on September 30, 2009, the House and Senate passed the conference agreement for H.R. 4348 on Friday, which was then signed into law by the president. According to the American Association of State Transportation Officers, this bill authorizes \$105 billion for surface transportation programs through FY 2014. The conference agreement provides funding for the federal-aid highway program at current levels with a small inflationary adjustment and focuses on consolidating the number of programs within the federal-aid highway system. Included in the agreement was a five year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, which extends the program through September 30, 2017. The bill would also extend the current interest rate of 3.4% on subsidized Stafford loans for an additional year. Finally, the conference report also extends the Secure Rural Schools program through FY 2012. Further FFIS analysis of this bill is forthcoming.

The bill text is available here: [http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF\\_112\\_2/LegislativeText/CRPT-112hrpt-HR4348ih.pdf](http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF_112_2/LegislativeText/CRPT-112hrpt-HR4348ih.pdf)

A joint explanatory statement from Conference Committee is available here:  
<http://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20120625/HR4348crJES.pdf>

**June 28, 2012: House Committee Moves Forward on Digital Goods Bill** The House Judiciary Committee approved H.R. 1860, the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act. The bill is designed to provide a framework for state taxation of digital goods and services provided over the internet. States have expressed concern over H.R. 1860, primarily because it fails to grant jurisdictions with the authority to tax in exchange for sourcing rules. The chairman of the committee committed to work with states to modify the bill before it is considered by the full House. More information can be found at: [http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/Markups%202012/mark\\_06282012.html](http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/Markups%202012/mark_06282012.html)

### EDUCATION

**June 29, 2012: ED Approves NCLB Waivers for Five More States** The Department of Education (ED) approved waivers from certain accountability provisions included in No Child Left Behind (NCLB, P.L. 107-110). The five new states receiving waivers are Arkansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Utah, and

Virginia. To read ED's announcement, click here: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/obama-administration-approves-five-more-states-nclb-waivers>

For more information on the waiver process, see [Issue Brief 12-23](#).

**June 29, 2012: ED Awards \$5.9 Million in HEP and CAMP Grants** ED announced more than \$5.9 million in grants for nine states under the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). A complete list of grantees can be found here:

<http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-awards-more-59-million-grants-help-migrant-students>

## ENERGY

**June 27, 2012: DOE Releases Weatherization Incidental Repair Measure Guidance** The Department of Energy has provided new guidance on incidental repair measures (IRMs) allowable under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This guidance follows recent reviews and comments indicating inconsistency in interpretation of DOE policy concerning IRMs. Access the guidance here:

[http://waptac.org/data/files/website\\_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn12-09-incident-repair-measure.pdf](http://waptac.org/data/files/website_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn12-09-incident-repair-measure.pdf)

A set of frequently asked questions came along with this new guidance:

[http://waptac.org/data/files/website\\_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn12-09-incident-repair-measure-faq.pdf](http://waptac.org/data/files/website_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn12-09-incident-repair-measure-faq.pdf)

**June 27, 2012: DOE Releases Weatherization Guidance on Returning Interest Earned**

DOE has provided new guidance on options for grantees and recipients returning interest earned on advanced federal funds under WAP. Grantees and recipients are required to remit interest earned on advances of federal funds to the government. However, recent WAP financial oversight indicates that grantees and recipients are not returning or not following proper procedures to remit this interest. Access the guidance here:

[http://waptac.org/data/files/website\\_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn12-10-guidance-for-returning-interest-earned.pdf](http://waptac.org/data/files/website_docs/government/guidance/2012/wpn12-10-guidance-for-returning-interest-earned.pdf)

## ENVIRONMENT

**July 2, 2012: GAO Releases Report Calling for Greater Oversight of Sec. 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports that since 2000, 28% of Sec. 319 Nonpoint Source projects did not achieve all objectives originally identified in the project proposal, while many that did so still faced considerable challenges. About half of these challenges could have been identified and mitigated before projects were proposed and selected for funding, such as gaining access to desired properties. GAO recommends, among other things, that EPA provide Sec. 319 oversight guidance to its regional offices and that USDA analyze data to determine if measures were taken to mitigate water quality impacts in Sec. 319 project areas. Click here to access the entire report:

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-335>

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**July 2, 2012: ACF Posts TANF Report to Congress** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) posted to its website the ninth annual report to Congress on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The report covers a variety of topics including caseloads, TANF expenditures and balance, work participation rates, and performance measures. Click here to access the report:

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/annualreport9/9th\\_report-to-congress\\_3-26-12.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/annualreport9/9th_report-to-congress_3-26-12.pdf)

**July 2, 2012: CDC Awards \$971 million for Public Health Disaster Preparedness** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) awarded more than \$971 million in grants under the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP). Awards were made to all 50 states, eight territories, and Chicago, the District of Columbia, Los Angeles, New York City. HHS's announcement can be found here: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120702a.html>

**June 29, 2012: HRSA Publishes Designated Health Professional Shortage Areas** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) published lists of all geographic areas, population groups, and facilities designated as primary medical care, mental health, and dental health professional shortage areas. Many federal programs utilized these designations for funding and eligibility. Click here for more information: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-06-29/pdf/2012-15819.pdf>

**June 28, 2012: ACF Announces State Systems Interoperability and Integration Project** ACF released information about a new competitive funding opportunity for state human service agencies designed to improve interoperability and integration in eligibility and enrollment, business process and workflows, case management, and other related functions across human services information technology systems. More information on this announcement, which is part of the Office for Management and Budget's (OMB) Partnership Fund for Program Integrity Innovation, is available at: <http://www.medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/Events-and-Announcements/Events-and-Announcements.html>

**June 28, 2012: HHS OIG Releases Report on Head Start Eligibility** In response to a May 2010 congressional hearing on potential fraud in the Head Start program, HHS, Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted a study of ACF's oversight of Head Start grantees. The report found that ACF made improvements in its review process of grantees in FY 2011. Click here for more information: <http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-05-11-00140.asp>

**June 27, 2012: ACF Seeks Comment on New Information Collection for Responsible Fatherhood Grants** ACF published the following notice in the Federal Register on a new collection activity related to a baseline survey for an evaluation study of the Responsible Fatherhood Grant Program: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-06-27/pdf/2012-15440.pdf>

**June 26, 2012: GAO Issues Two Reports on Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released two studies on SSI, focusing on children receiving benefits. The first examined trends in the rate of children receiving benefits due to mental impairments and the eligibility process for these children: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-497>

The second report, which is a supplement to the first, looked at state trends in applications, allowances, and benefit receipts for children with mental impairments: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-498SP>

**June 25, 2012: ASPE Posts Report on Housing Assistance for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care** The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) issued the following report that describes how states are using the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and other programs to provide housing assistance to help youth as they age out of foster care: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/chafeefostercare/rpt.shtml>

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

**June 29, 2012: HHS Announces New Funding for Health Insurance Exchanges** HHS will provide states with additional opportunities to apply for funding to establish a state-based exchange, state partnership exchange, or to prepare state systems for a federally facilitated exchange. More details, including new guidance, can be found at: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120629a.html>

**June 28, 2012: U.S. Supreme Court Issues Ruling on the Affordable Care Act (ACA)** In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled to uphold the constitutionality of ACA. The individual mandate is upheld based on Congress's power to tax, but not on the basis of the commerce clause that gives Congress the ability to regulate interstate commerce. The Court ruled that the Medicaid expansion is constitutional though the federal government could not withhold existing Medicaid funding for states that opted not to participate in the expansion.

The full text of the opinion can be accessed here: <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/11pdf/11-393c3a2.pdf>

Additional information on the Medicaid provisions from the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) is available at: <http://medicaiddirectors.org/node/453>

## HOMELAND SECURITY

**June 29, 2012: FEMA Announces Final Allocations for Preparedness Grants** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released final FY 2012 grant allocations for preparedness grants. The final allocations for State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Urban Areas Security Initiative, and Emergency Management Performance Grants are identical to the initial allocations. To view the allocations, go to: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=6178>

## LABOR

**June 29, 2012: Labor Provides Guidance on SQSP** The Department of Labor (DOL) issued additional planning guidance to states on the FY 2013 unemployment insurance (UI) State Quality Service Plan (SQSP). To view the additional guidance materials, click here: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL\\_24\\_12.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_24_12.pdf)

**June 29, 2012: GAO Releases Report on Overlap in Employment Programs for Persons with Disabilities** GAO released a report examining the overlap and overall effectiveness of employment programs that serve persons with disabilities within ED, DOL, and the Department of Veteran Affairs (VETS). GAO's findings can be accessed here: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-677>

**June 28, 2012: DOL Issues Guidance on Handling Personally Identifiable Information** DOL issued guidance to grantees (including states) on compliance with the requirements of handling and protecting personally identifiable information in their grants. The guidance document can be found here: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_39\\_11.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_39_11.pdf)

**June 26, 2012: DOL Announces \$1.8 Million in WANO Awards** DOL announced awards of \$1.8 million in grants to consortia in six states—California, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, and West Virginia—through the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANO) program. To read the full announcement, click here: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20121310.htm>

**June 25, 2012: DOL Provides Guidance on UC Disclosure** DOL issued guidance to states on its interpretation of Section 303(a)(c) of the Social Security Act (P.L. 74-271), which requires states to disclose unemployment compensation (UC) information. DOL's guidance can be accessed here: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL\\_23-12.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_23-12.pdf)

## **NUTRITION**

**June 29, 2012: FNS Announces FY 2011 SNAP Payment Accuracy Rate** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced that the FY 2011 payment accuracy under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) reached 96.2%. FY 2011 is the fifth consecutive year for which the overall payment accuracy rate has increased. To read FNS's complete announcement, click here:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/PressReleases/2012/FNS-4.htm>

**June 29, 2012: FNS Issues Guidance on WIC Universal MIS-EBT Interface** FNS provided guidance to states on the functional requirements for the universal interface between the Special Supplemental Food Program for Woman, Infants, and Children (WIC) management information systems (MIS) and electronic benefit transfer (EBT) systems. To access the guidance, click here:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/EBT/WICUniversalMISEBTInterfaceSpecification.pdf>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**July 2, 2012: DOT Awards \$29 Million to Help Veterans and Military Families Connect to Jobs** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announced \$29 million in grants to provide improved access to local transportation for veterans and their families, wounded warriors, and other military personnel. The grants will support 64 projects in 33 states and the Northern Mariana Islands. Click here for more information: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/fta4112.html>

## **States May Face Showdown With Feds Over Cutting Medicaid Rolls**

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By [MARILYN WERBER SERAFINI](#) and [JULIE APPLEBY](#)

**KHN Staff Writers, Jan 30, 2011**

Financially strapped governors, Congress and the Obama administration could be headed for a showdown over the Medicaid health care program that covers 48 million poor, disabled and elderly people nationwide.

Arizona's governor has already asked for permission to drop people from the joint federal-state program, which states say is eating up huge portions of their budgets. But to do so, they need the green light either from Congress or the Obama administration.

If they don't get one? States warn they may need to slash payments to doctors and hospitals and make deep cuts in other programs such as education. They could even thumb their nose at the law and cut eligibility, which would force the Obama administration to decide whether to cut all federal Medicaid funding to those states.

The new health care law requires states to maintain their Medicaid eligibility levels for adults until 2014, when much of the law kicks in. In the meantime, federal funds that helped most states maintain their Medicaid programs – part of the 2009 stimulus package --comes to an end in June, even as enrollment remains at an all-time high while the nation struggles to recover from the recession.

Republicans in the House generally want to allow states more leeway, but their only hope is to get some members of the Democratic-controlled Senate on board.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, said in an interview he is aware that states are under pressure to cut eligibility and that he will "look at" options. Still, he said, any such effort should "find a way to maintain as much coverage as we can."

He and other Democrats, including Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, said they would like to extend the expiring Medicaid aid until 2014.

The odds are against making such a move. Republicans have complained bitterly about the stimulus funding. Now that they control the House, they're stressing the need to narrow the ballooning federal budget deficit.

Arizona, which says its Medicaid spending has gone from 17 percent of its general fund in 2007 to nearly 30 percent this year, recently asked the administration for permission to drop coverage for 280,000 Medicaid recipients. The state argues it's already more generous than most states – it's one of only 7 states that cover childless adults -- and says Medicaid costs are jeopardizing other priorities.

Other states also are likely to seek waivers. "The states are reaching a crisis point fiscally," said Dan Mendelson, CEO of Avalere Health, a consulting firm. Still, allowing states to drop coverage "runs directly counter to the goals" of the Obama administration, he said, adding that it would lead to "an erosion of coverage before the next (presidential) election."

Earlier this month, the National Governors Association and the Republican Governors Association urged congressional leaders to let them downsize their programs. Matt Salo, director of the Health and Human Services Committee at the NGA, said that some governors' staff members are warning congressional offices that, unless they get help, they might have to ignore the law and change their eligibility rules anyway.

If that occurred, the federal government would have to decide whether to stop sending Medicaid money to those states. Even without the extra stimulus aid, the federal government, on average pays 57 percent of the cost of the joint program; in some states it is as much as 75 percent.

The health law – and the stimulus program – both require states to maintain eligibility, just as do other agreements between the states and Congress where matching federal funds are involved. Without such rules, there "isn't a mechanism that the states will use funding the way it is intended by Congress," says Mendelson. "States have taken a lot of federal money over the past couple of years with strings attached and these are the strings."

Under the law, Medicaid will expand sharply in 2014 when 16 million more people are expected to become eligible for the program. The federal government will pick up the full tab for the newcomers for the first three years. By 2020, the federal share ratchets down to 90 percent.

When asked whether he would support loosening the eligibility rules for states, Donald Berwick, the administrator for the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said that he was sensitive to the states' situation. His solutions, however, were to point states to funding that he said is already available to them, such as subsidies to establish insurance exchanges. Moreover, he added, his agency plans to make recommendations to states on ways to lower costs by improving care. One example is reducing hospital admissions, said Cindy Mann, director of the federal Center for Medicaid and State Operations.

Democrats in Congress have additional ideas, but most have little chance of moving forward because they go against Republican priorities of reducing federal spending and control.

Harkin, for example, said he also plans to look into an idea that has surfaced in the past to turn Medicaid over entirely to the federal government. "Maybe the federal government should take over the whole thing, and in exchange states would do other things," he said.

Mendelson points to another past proposal for the federal government to pick up the nursing home costs for Medicaid enrollees who are also eligible for Medicare, the federal health program for the elderly.

The elderly and disabled account for the majority of Medicaid spending, with a good chunk of that being used for long term care. Medicaid payments represent 40 percent of all nursing home spending, according to the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. (KHN and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured are both part of the Kaiser Family Foundation.)

While AARP's state policy director JoAnn Lamphere says the idea is "intriguing," it is "a long term policy discussion that not going to save the states right now."

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# Agenda

- Stakeholder Engagement: the Utah Experience
- What States Face in the Wake of PPACA
- Exchanges: A Look at State Actions
- Takeaways & Lessons Learned

# The Utah Health Exchange

- Governance
  - Operates within the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)
- Structure
  - Market organizer; not a selective contractor
- Purpose
  - On-line comparison, application, enrollment, and premium aggregation
  - Standardizes plan information; not the plans themselves
  - Facilitates the Utah Defined Contribution Market
    - Small Group
      - Limited Launch, August 2009
      - Full launch, September 2010

# Similarities

## Massachusetts

- State-based solution designed to be responsive to state-specific issues, customs, business practices, etc.
- Consumer-centered approach
- Achieved broad, bipartisan consensus supporting the basic reform elements

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# Differences (I)

## Massachusetts

- Individual mandate
- Employer mandate
- Government role is contracting agent
- Established Massachusetts Connector Authority with broad regulatory responsibilities
- Efforts began in individual market
- Acted first on public sector reforms; now rolling out private insurance market reforms

## Utah

- No individual mandate
- No employer mandate
- Government role is market facilitator
- Regulatory authority strictly limited to establishment of electronic data standards
- Efforts began in small group market
- Began by implementing private market reforms first; public sector reforms to follow

# Differences (II)

## Massachusetts

- No risk adjustment mechanism included
- Upfront appropriation of \$25 million; ongoing funding through retention of a portion of premium
- Staff of approximately 45 employees

## Utah

- Risk adjustment mechanism established to deal with adverse selection issues
- Upfront appropriation of \$600,000; ongoing funding through annual appropriation and technology fees; self-sustaining threshold
- Staff of 3 employees

# Utah Health Exchange Status Report

- 100% employer renewal rate from Limited Launch
- Average 42% growth rate every month since full launch
- 130 employers currently participating
- 20% of employers currently participating previously offered no coverage
- 24% of the business groups participating in the Exchange previously offered coverage with an insurance carrier not participating in the exchange
- 92% of the businesses participating in the Exchange use a broker
- ~3500 covered lives

# Stakeholder Engagement

## **2007** Community Coalition calls for sweeping reforms

- Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
- United Way of Salt Lake

## **2008** Legislative Task Force established; with extensive support from Executive Branch agencies, convenes Perspective-Oriented Work Groups

- Community Group
- Business Group
- Hospital Group
- Non-hospital Provider Group
- Insurance Group (carriers and producers)

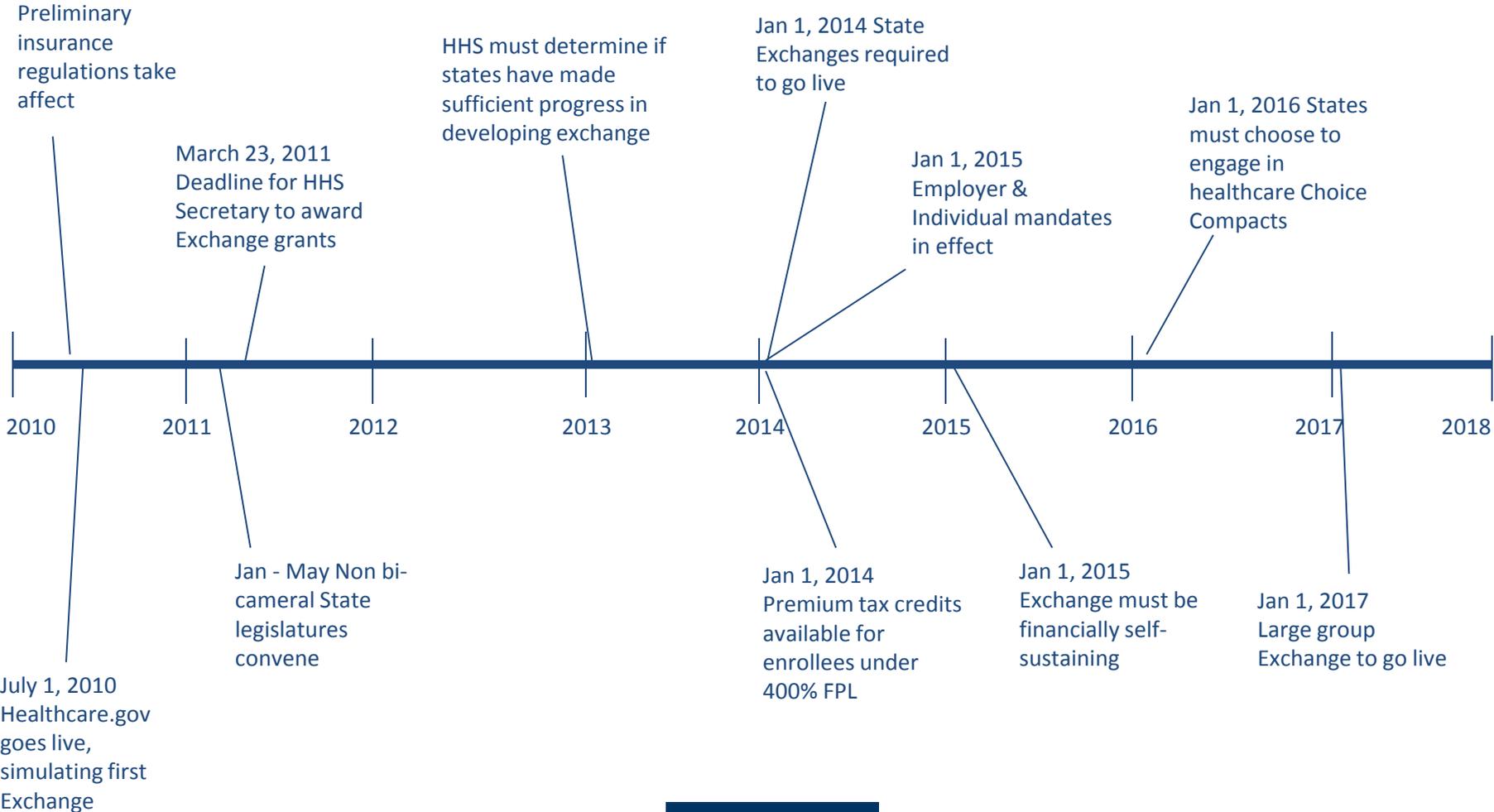
## **2009** Legislative Task Force reauthorized; new approach calls for Task-Oriented Work Groups

- Affordability and Access Group
- Transparency and Quality Group
- Oversight and Implementation Group

## **2010** Task-Oriented Work Groups

- Oversight and Implementation Group
- Cost Containment Group

# PPACA Timeline



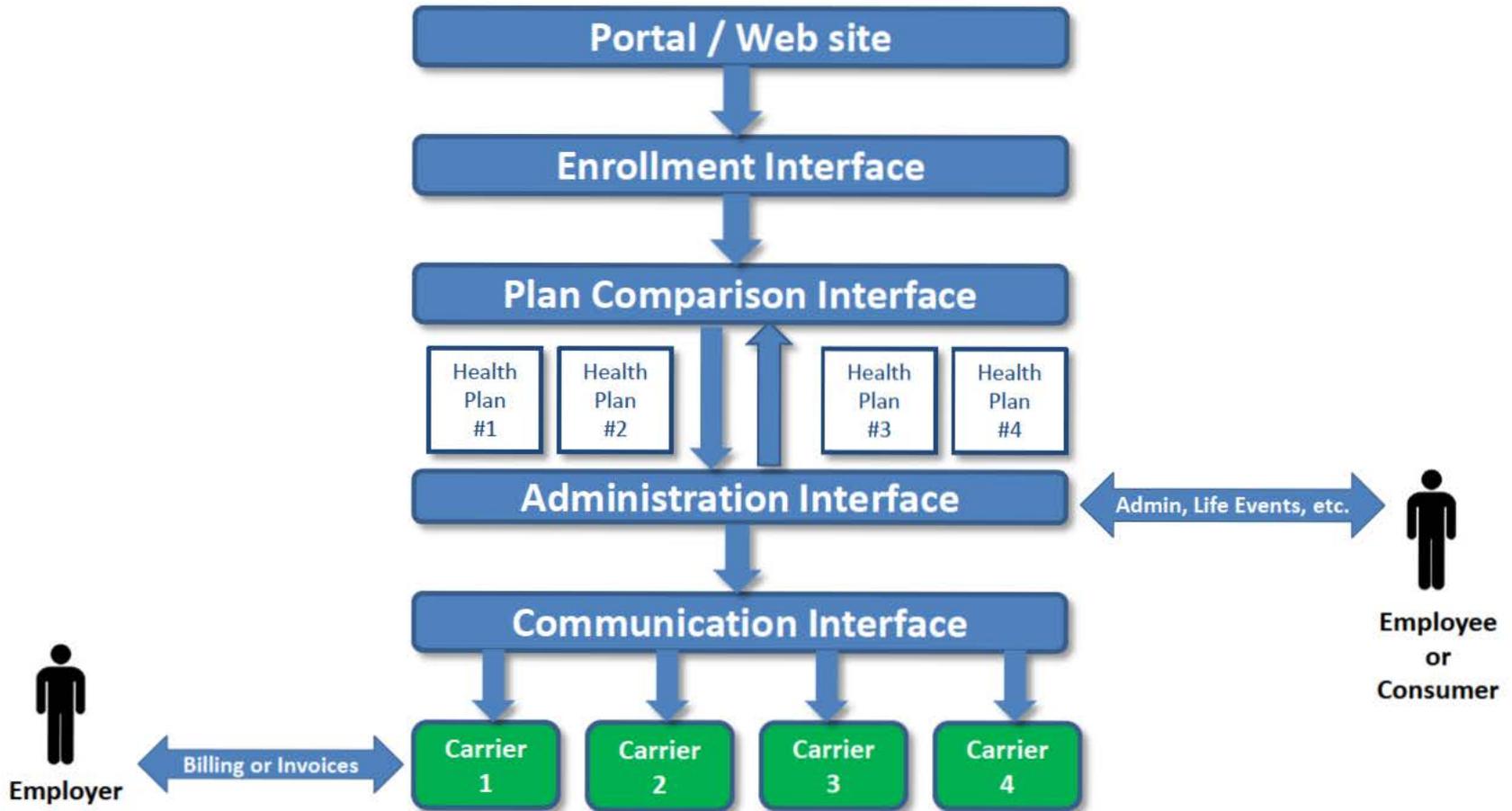
# PPACA: Early Decisions for States

1. Will the state establish the Exchange or default to the Secretary of HHS?
2. How will the Exchange be governed?
3. How will the Exchange be structured?
4. What functions will the exchange perform?
5. What implementation time line will the state follow?

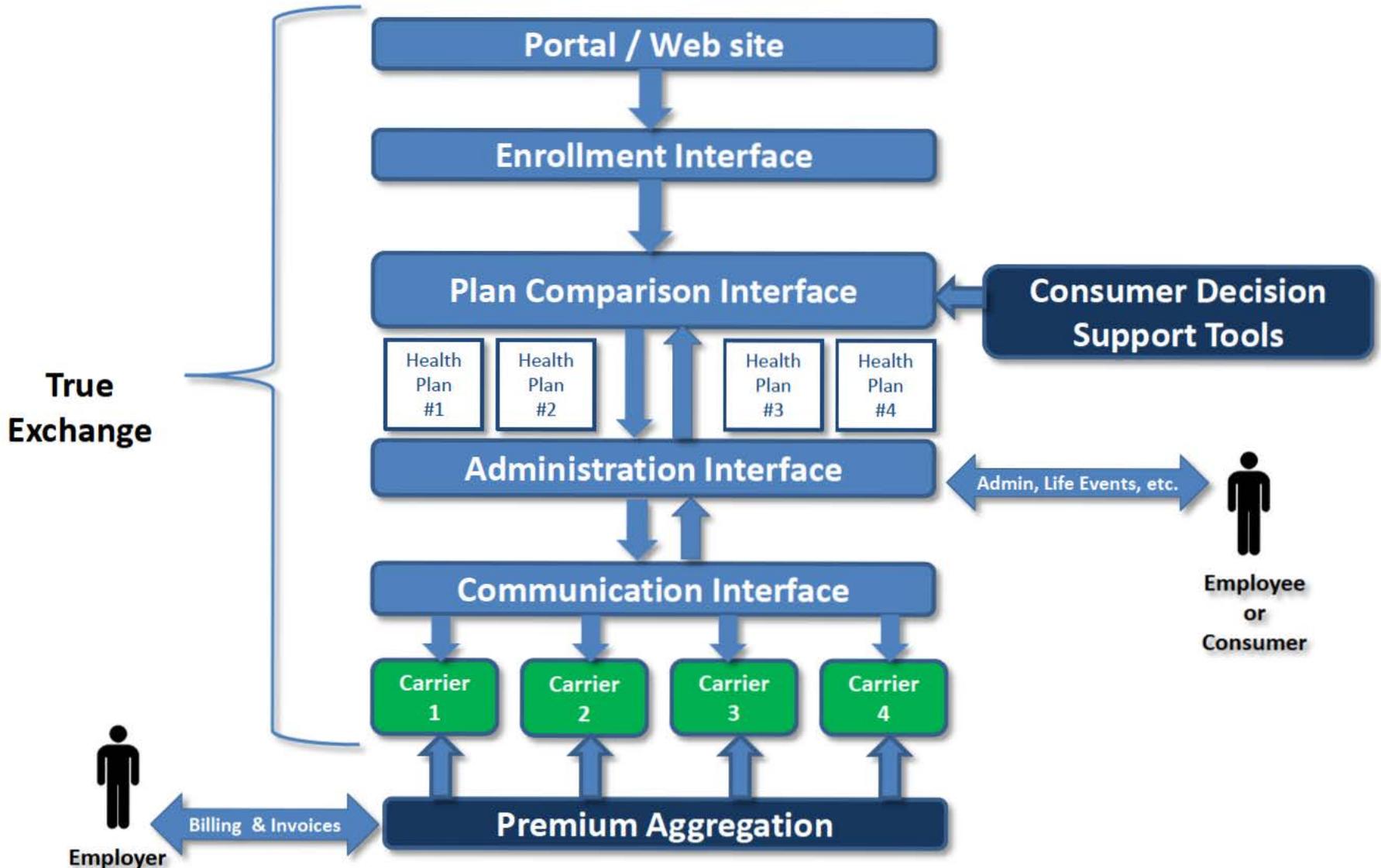
# Exchange Capabilities and Services Fall Into Three Categories

- Core Functions—essential to select and enroll in a plan
- Ancillary Functions—non-core, non-mandated capabilities
- Mandated Functions—required to satisfy PPACA

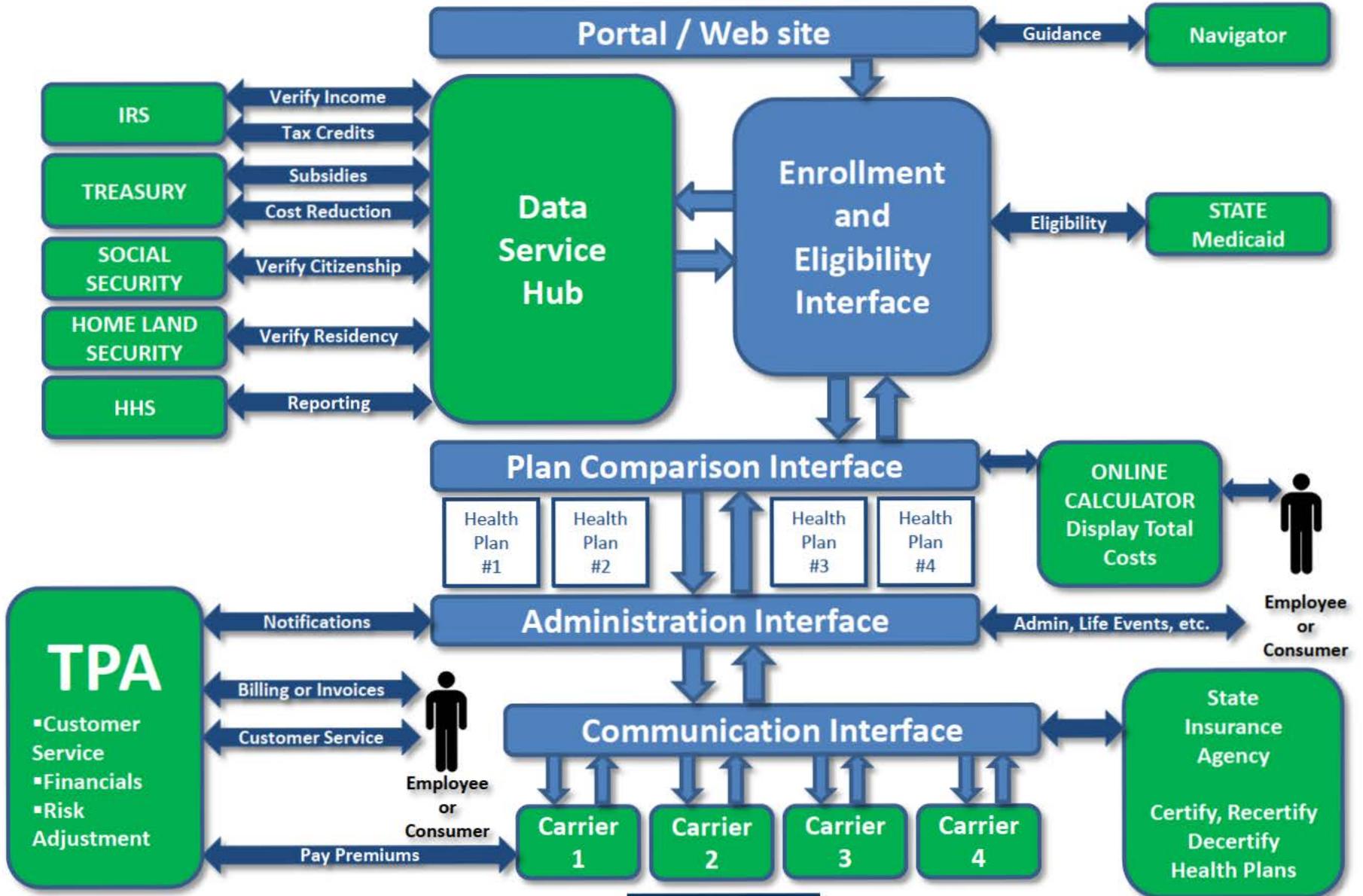
# Core Functions



# The Utah Model



# Mandated Exchange Functions



# Functioning State Exchanges



States with a Functioning Public Exchange

# PPACA Compliance



# Federal Funding for Exchanges (I)



Alaska



Hawaii

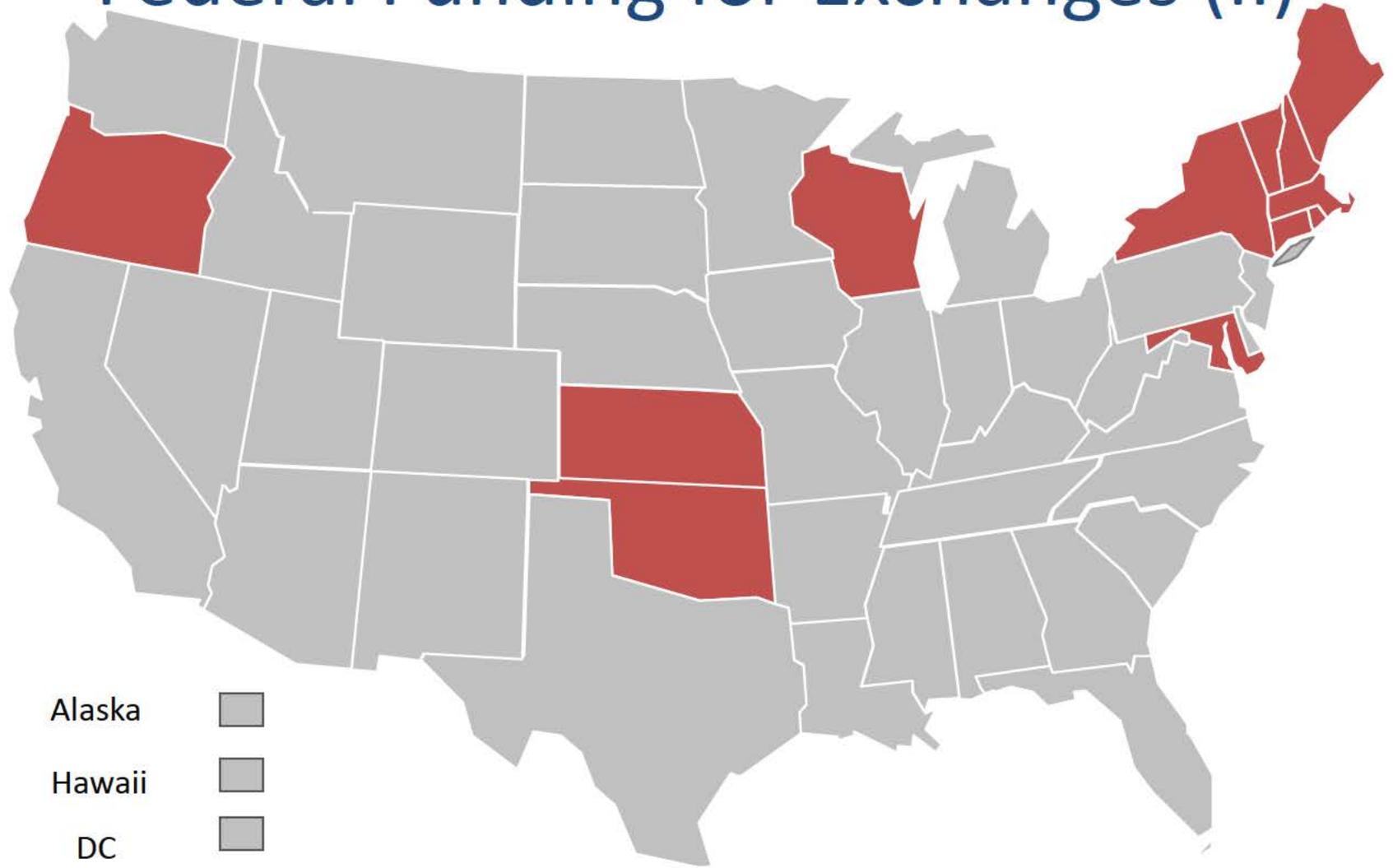


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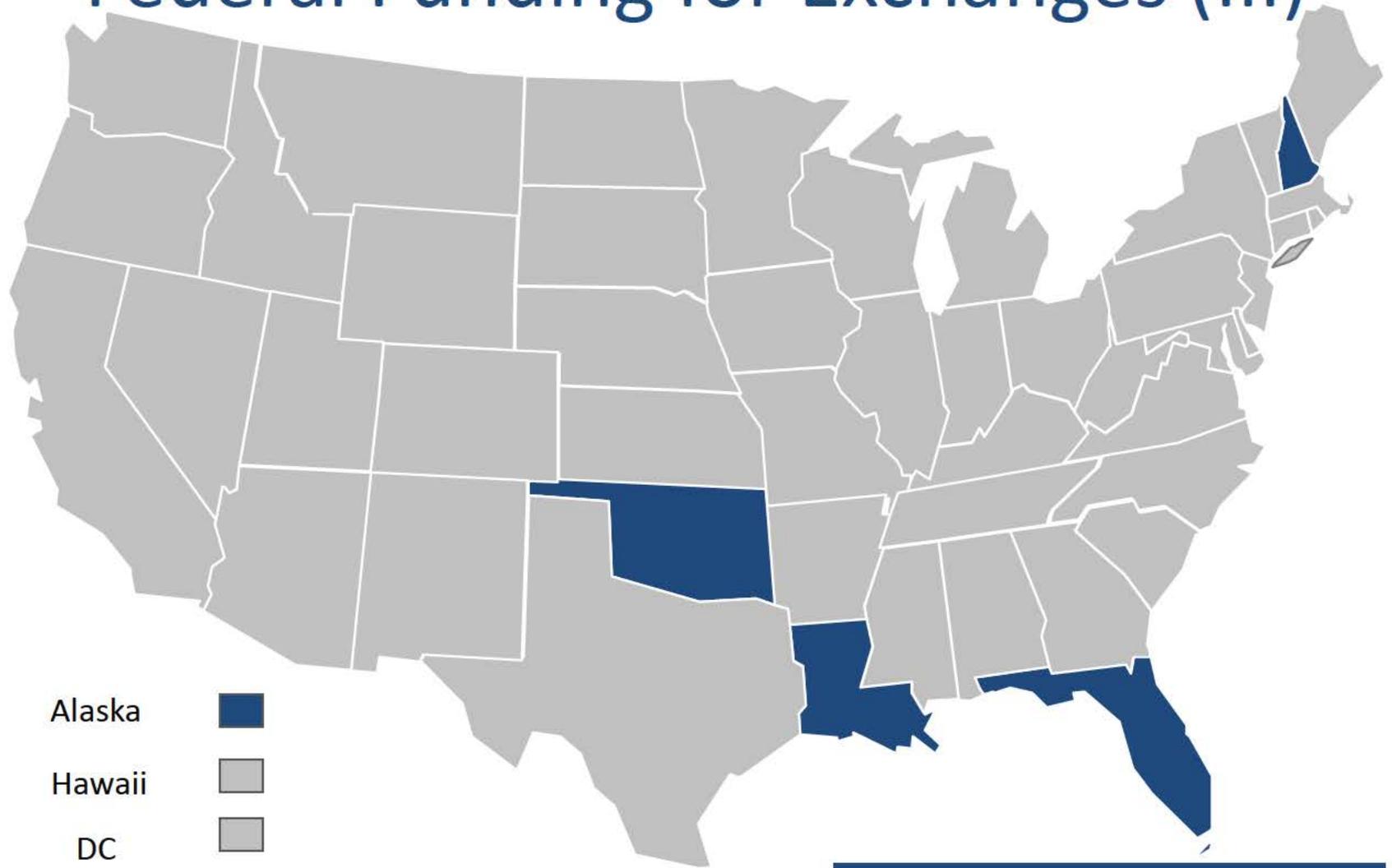
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# Federal Funding for Exchanges (II)



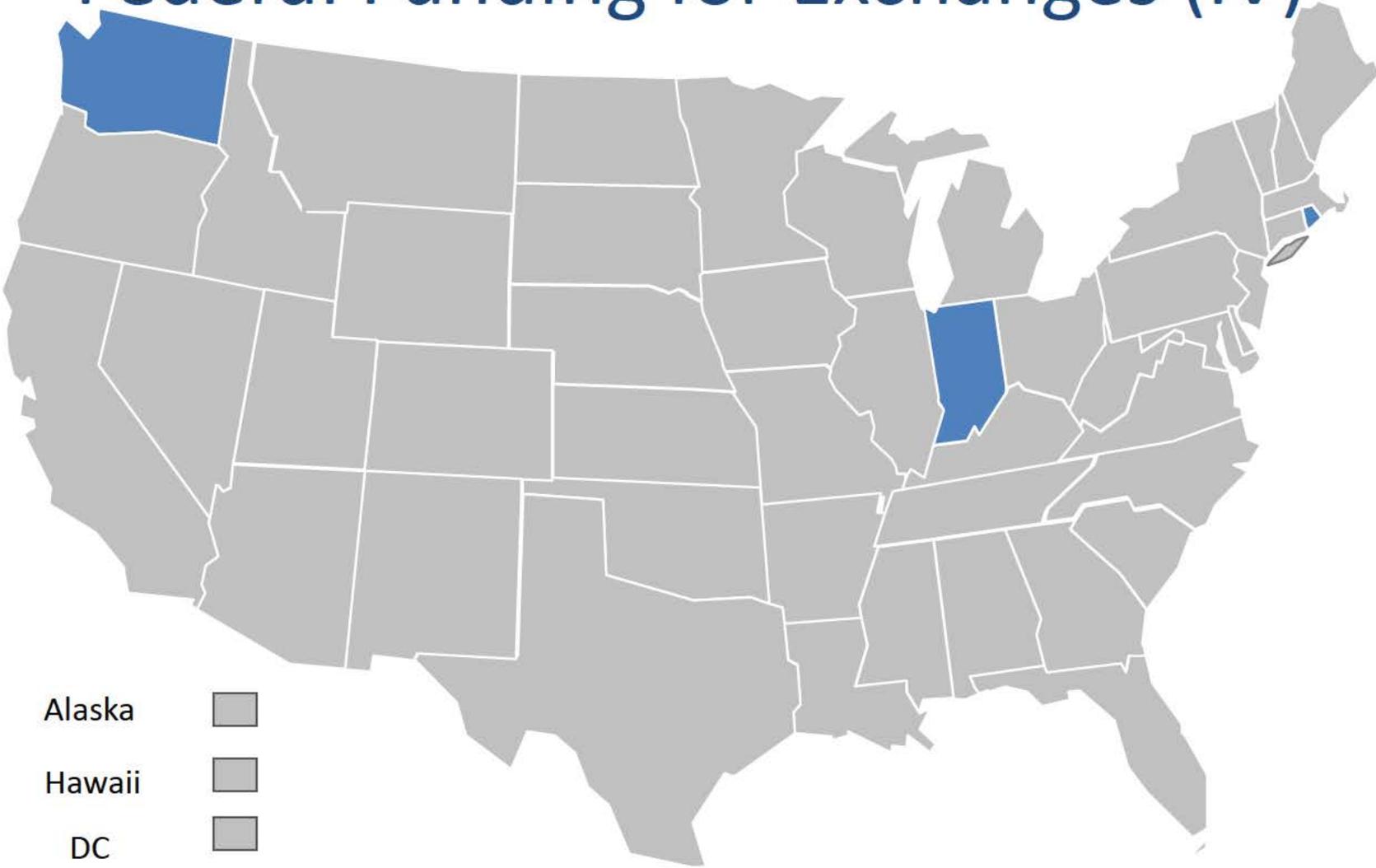
Early Innovator Grant Recipient

# Federal Funding for Exchanges (III)



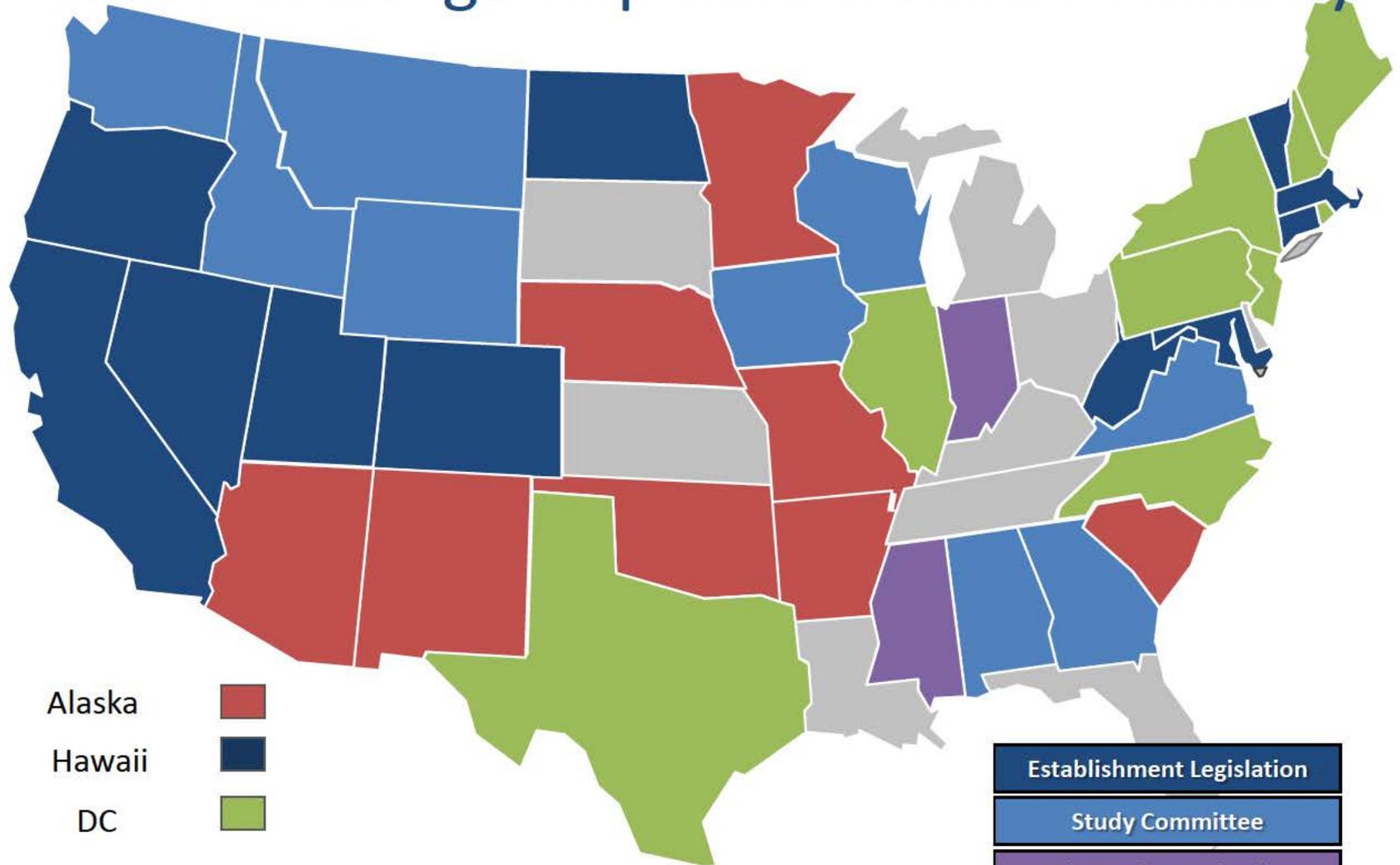
Rejected, Returned, Intend to Return, or Halted Use of PPACA Federal Funds

# Federal Funding for Exchanges (IV)



Level I Round One Grant Recipient

# State Exchange Implementation Authority



Alaska   
Hawaii   
DC 

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| Establishment Legislation |
| Study Committee           |
| Alternative Authority     |
| Legislation Pending       |
| Legislation Failed        |
| No Bill                   |

# Takeaways

- Most states will initiate efforts to build an exchange, though largely on their own terms
- Exchanges will be used as tools to reform Medicaid
- Fully functioning, PPACA compliant exchanges by 2014 is questionable

# Lessons Learned

1. Support and cooperation within and across state government is key
2. Define your vision; begin with the end in mind
3. Identify specific problems to be addressed
4. Demography is destiny
5. Develop a general timeline; include aggressive but reasonable deadlines
6. Implement in phases
7. Leverage existing resources
8. Commit to systemic change
9. Engage stakeholders early and often and in a cooperative dynamic
10. Measure and report progress on a regular basis

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**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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**Cc:** [Kinzel, Will](#); [Lindsay Russell](#); [Seth Levey](#); [Dustin Huffman](#)  
**Subject:** Letter from Chairman McKeon  
**Date:** Monday, April 30, 2012 9:14:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [4-30-2012 McKeon to NGA.PDF](#)

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All- please see attachment from Will for this morning's call.

Thanks,  
Marie

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**From:** Kinzel, Will [mailto:Will.Kinzel@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2012 9:05 AM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Subject:** RE: 4/30 RGPPC Conference Call

Can you send this out to the group as well?

Thanks!

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2012 8:56 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson  
**Cc:** Seth Levey; Lindsay Russell; Dustin Huffman; Deborah Hohlt; Kinzel, Will; White, Brandi (McConnell); Swann, Lanier (McConnell); lauren.kintner@nebraska.gov  
**Subject:** 4/30 RGPPC Conference Call

We will have our RGPPC policy call Mon. 4/30, morning at 10:30 AM EST.

**Agenda and notes below:**

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

- a) **RGPPC Events:** Your energy staff may register for our Charlotte event here:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDJFdlAxc2lYbFhtRmg2QUZrU0ZEM1E6MQ>. As a reminder, the RGPPC

will pay for two energy sr. staffers from each office to attend this symposium. Please note that this symposium is being held at the front end of our Corporate Policy Summit (May 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>) and our Executive Roundtable Meeting (May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) which are also being held in Charlotte, NC.

**Other RGPPC Events:**

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Tuesday, May 15 – Wednesday, May 16, 2012

**2012 RGPPC Energy Symposium**

Ballantyne Hotel

Charlotte, NC

*Who may attend? We are inviting two energy sr. staffers to attend this symposium*

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Wednesday, June 20 – Thursday, June 21, 2012

**2012 RGPPC Healthcare Symposium**

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

Scottsdale, AZ

*Who may attend? We are inviting two healthcare sr. staffers to attend this symposium*

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Thursday, June 21- Friday, June 22, 2012

**2012 Senior Staff Retreat**

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

Scottsdale, AZ

*Who may attend? We are inviting the COS as well as two sr. staffers to attend this retreat.*

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**b) Signed Medical Device Letter (Debbie Hohlt)**

**c) Subcommittee updates:**

1. **Energy and Environment:** Revised principles are attached. Marie and Seth will coordinate individuals calls with those states who need additional conversation. Approval is due by May 2. A separate email regarding our energy effort will be sent to you and your energy advisors and a separate

conference will be set to discuss this in more detail.

2. **Healthcare:** Report is being written. The first draft of the healthcare report will be released to all Republican states for review the second week in May.
3. **Education/Workforce:** Steering committee met on April 16. A first draft of education principles will be released to all states on Monday May 7.
4. **Jobs/Econ Dev/Infrastructure:** Longer term efforts are being prepared by the committee.
5. **Federalism:** reaching out to think tanks, to provide additional info in coming weeks
6. **Budget/Finance/Regulatory:** Preparing data on pension and tax reform. Info to be available this week for download at rgppc.com

#### d) Please Complete Surveys

1. **PPACA and healthcare;** *working with US Senate Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)
2. **Energy and Environment Regs;** *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE\\_Regs\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE_Regs_Survey)
3. **Staff contacts;** *RGPPC is enhancing our distribution of information. We are seeking the appropriate policy advisor for the various issue sets in each office. Survey requests contact information for staff or agency head.* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DR8ZQ7E>

#### 4.House Update: Will (Speaker Boehner)

HASC Chair McKeon letter to governors and discussion regarding the impact of sequestration

#### 5.Senate Update: Lanier (Leader McConnell)

#### 6.NGA Update: Lauren (NE)

NGA Subcommittee updates:

#### 7. Other business?

Thank you, Have a nice week. - RGPPC

**From:** [NGA HHS Committee](#)  
**To:** [HHS Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Letter from HHS and USDA  
**Date:** Thursday, August 11, 2011 11:24:29 AM  
**Attachments:** [FINAL Tri-Agency Letter\\_08-10-11.pdf](#)

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### **HHS and USDA Announce New Flexibilities to Aid in Eligibility Determinations**

Yesterday, the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Agriculture (USDA) announced new flexibilities for states to integrate eligibility determination systems for health and human services programs. As states develop new systems required to operate health insurance exchanges and implement other aspects of the Affordable Care Act by January 2014, they are encouraged to pursue an integrated eligibility system strategy that would allow other human services programs to be included at a later date. In a letter to states, HHS and USDA indicated that states may receive a time-limited exemption from federal cost allocation requirements to allow programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to utilize systems developed specifically for determining an individual's eligibility for health programs without sharing in the common system development costs. The exception will expire on December 31, 2015.

A copy of the letter is attached.

*Heather E. Hogsett*  
*Director*  
*Committees on Health & Human Services and*  
*Homeland Security & Public Safety*  
*National Governors Association*  
*(202)624-5360*

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Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

February 28, 2011

The Honorable Phil Gingrey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
442 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gingrey:

I am writing with regard to the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement with respect to Georgia's Medicaid program and the significant challenge that this federal requirement is placing on the state of Georgia.

At a time when governors across the country are struggling to balance their budgets, the federal government is insisting on tying our hands as it relates to management of one of our state's most costly programs. State and federal governments must work together to remedy this situation; Secretary Sebelius, the Congress and President Obama should remove Maintenance of Effort requirements currently in place. Ensuring our ability to provide healthcare services to our most vulnerable population in the state of Georgia requires flexibility, and that is not provided under current law.

As a result of current MOE requirements, my SFY 2012 Budget Recommendation includes a reduction in Medicaid provider reimbursement of 1% and the elimination of coverage of "optional" benefits, including adult dental, vision and podiatry coverage. Additionally, my recommendation increases member co-pay amounts for covered services to the allowable nominal amount as a result of the limited options under current law. These very difficult decisions stem from austere budget times and stringent federal regulations. Provision of flexibility in our Medicaid program would significantly improve the budgetary landscape and would help us avoid these cuts in service.

As Governor, I call upon members of the Georgia Delegation, the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the President to remove the deleterious MOE requirements on Georgia's Medicaid program that are hampering our ability to manage the program effectively.

As the former Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health, I look forward to the opportunity to testify on the challenges my state faces with management of our Medicaid program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal

**From:** [Cohan, Erin](#)  
**To:** [Reps](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to Secretary Sebelius - Legal Transfer of IT Systems  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2011 9:10:58 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter - Federal IT Sharing.pdf](#)  
[NGA Legal Analysis on Transfer of Information Technology Systems for the Federally-Facilitated Exchange to State Exchanges.pdf](#)

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To: Washington Representatives and State-Federal Contacts  
Re: Legal Transfer of IT Systems

Attached please find a letter from NGA Executive Director Dan Crippen to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius regarding a legal analysis of how the federal government could transfer IT systems developed for the federally-facilitated exchange to states for their use in state-based exchanges.

Please feel free to contact either Heather Hogsett ([hhogsett@nga.org](mailto:hhogsett@nga.org)) or Krista Drobac ([kdrobac@nga.org](mailto:kdrobac@nga.org)) if you have any questions.

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# THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

## INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

March 29, 2011

To: Subcommittee on Health

From: Majority Staff

Re: Subcommittee Markup on March 31, 2011

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On March 31, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health will meet in open markup session to consider five pieces of legislation that would repeal mandatory spending created under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The five bills are as follows:

1. *H.R. 1217, a bill to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund.*

The Prevention and Public Health Fund, Section 4002 of PPACA, is a \$17.75 billion account (FY12-FY21) administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide for “expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs.” The Secretary has full authority to spend funds in this account on any program or activity under the Public Health Service Act the Department chooses.

Section 4002 appropriates \$1 billion for FY 2012; \$1.25 billion for FY 2013; \$1.5 billion for FY 2014; \$2 billion for FY 2015 and each fiscal year thereafter. The proposed legislation would repeal Section 4002 and rescind any unobligated funds.

It is important to note that eliminating this fund does not cut any specific program. The fund was designed to provide the Secretary funds to spend at her discretion above whatever spending amount Congress appropriates. The House-passed health reform bill in the last Congress, H.R. 3962, did create a public health trust fund at a cost of \$34 billion over 10 years. However, this fund would have been subject to Congress appropriating the funds.

2. *H.R. 1216, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization.*

Section 5508 of PPACA authorizes the Secretary to award grants to establish new accredited or expanded primary care residency programs in teaching health centers. PPACA appropriates \$230 million for these activities for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015. The proposed legislation would convert the mandatory appropriation into an authorization subject to the annual appropriations process. The legislation would also rescind any unobligated funds.

In her testimony before the Committee, the HHS Secretary stated that the President's FY 2012 budget eliminates duplication. Specifically, she cites eliminating spending on Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education. While the President's budget proposed eliminating discretionary funding for training at children's hospitals, PPACA provides a \$230 million direct appropriation for medical education at teaching health centers. The legislation converts the mandatory appropriation given to teaching health centers into an authorization so Congress can evaluate the relative value of medical education programs and fund them accordingly.

3. *H.R. 1215, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.*

Section 2953 of PPACA establishes state grants for personal responsibility education programs to educate adolescents about adulthood preparation, including education regarding financial literacy, goal-setting, stress management, contraception use, and development of health attitudes regarding body image. Section 2953 appropriates \$75 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014. The discussion draft would convert the appropriation into an authorization so Congress can determine funding through the normal appropriations process. The legislation would also rescind any unobligated funds.

This provision appears to duplicate existing government programs. For example, the Effective Teaching and Learning for a Well-Rounded Education program provides funding for financial literacy education (the President's FY 2012 Budget requests \$246 million for the program).

4. *H.R. 1214, a bill to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction.*

Section 4101(a) of PPACA authorizes the Secretary to award grants to support the construction of school-based health centers. PPACA provided \$200 million in direct appropriations for the period of FY2010-FY2013. The proposed legislation would eliminate this subsection and rescind any unobligated funds.

It is important to note the funds made available under 4101(a) are limited to expenditures for facilities and there is an express prohibition on using the funds for personnel or to provide health services. \$1.5 billion was also made available to community health centers in the 2009 stimulus bill for construction, renovation, and equipment, for which school-based health centers were also eligible.

Section 4101(b) of PPACA also created a grant program for school based health centers to provide health care services. This grant program is subject to annual appropriations. The President's budget did not request funds for this grant program. H.R. 3962 from last Congress did have a discretionary grant program for school based health centers similar to section 4101(b)

of PPACA but it did not include the mandatory spending grant program for construction of school based health centers.

5. *H.R. 1213, a bill to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges.*

Section 1311(a) of PPACA provides the Secretary of HHS a direct appropriation of such sums as necessary for grants to states to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans in newly created Exchanges. The size of the direct appropriation is solely determined by the Secretary. The Secretary can determine the amount of spending and spend the funds without further Congressional action. The proposed legislation would strike the unlimited direct appropriation and rescind any unobligated funds.

Section 1311(a) funds could be used by states for activities related to developing state insurance exchanges which could include hiring and retaining hundreds of employees to establish their state Exchanges, such as brokers, advertisers, and customer service agents. Grants under this language can be used to “facilitate enrollment” into exchange plans. However, this term is undefined in the statute and could allow the funds to go towards any activity the Secretary determines could “facilitate” enrollment.

In a January 31, 2011, article by Kaiser Health News detailing state budget issues related to Medicaid, an official at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) pointed to funds available to states under Section 1311(a) as a “solution” to state budget deficits and mitigate the burden of new federal Medicaid requirements.

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*If you need more information, please call Ryan Long or Paul Edattel at 5-2927.*



## FFIS Weekly Update – March 6, 2012

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**March 6, 2012: House and Senate Continue Surface Transportation Reauthorization Work** The current surface transportation authorization expires March 31, 2012. Congressional leadership has begun to discuss the idea of another short-term authorization, since long-term reauthorization attempts have been stalled. House leadership has announced that an 18-month reauthorization bill would now provide a fallback option if the House is unable to approve H.R. 7, a five-year reauthorization proposal. The House is scheduled to resume consideration of that bill today. Senate leadership is also likely to meet today to discuss strategy on moving forward with their two-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal. That proposal is now available in its entirety [here](#).

**February 28, 2012: House Repeals Higher Education Regulations** The House passed the Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act (H.R. 2117), which repeals two higher education regulations set forth by the Department of Education (ED) last year. Specifically, the bill repeals the federal definition of a credit hour and ends the federal requirement that colleges comply with state authorization laws in every state in which they operate. Legislative text of H.R. 2117 can be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr2117rfs/pdf/BILLS-112hr2117rfs.pdf>

**February 28, 2012: House Committee Approves Final ESEA Reauthorization Bills** The House Committee on Education and the Workforce approved the final two bills aimed at reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA; P.L. 107-110). The Student Success Act (H.R. 3989) and the Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (H.R. 3990) would reauthorize and make changes to Title I funding, accountability standards, and the teacher quality provisions of ESEA. While drafts of both bills were released earlier this year, the committee approved an amendment during the markup process reducing the number of staff employees at ED. For more information on both of these bills, click here: <http://edworkforce.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=282370>

### GENERAL

**February 29, 2012: OMB Seeks Comment on Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements Reforms** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published an advanced notice of proposed guidance in the *Federal Register* on its reform ideas to standardize information collection across agencies, adopt a risk-based model for single audits, and provide new administrative approaches for determining and monitoring the allocation of federal funds. More information on the reforms are available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-28/pdf/2012-4521.pdf>

**February 28, 2012: GAO Releases 2012 Annual Report on Federal Program Duplication, Overlap, Fragmentation** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released its second annual report to Congress identifying federal programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives, either within departments or government-wide, which have duplicative goals or activities. This annual report for 2012 presents 51

areas where programs may be able to achieve greater efficiencies or become more effective in providing government services. The full report can be found here: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-342SP#mt=summary>

## **AGRICULTURE**

**March 2, 2012: USDA Announces Awards to 18 States for More Kids in the Woods Grants** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced over \$1 million in grants to 18 states for the More Kids in the Woods grants, which will help fund programs to enhance children's outdoor programs. USDA's announcement can be accessed here: <http://tinyurl.com/6tc6ghc>

## **EDUCATION**

**March 2, 2012: ED Extends Deadline for Upward Bound (UB) FY 2012 Applications** ED is extending the deadline and accepting amended applications for the FY 2012 UB competition. ED is providing an extension due to an error contained in the department's materials outlining the competitive preference priorities. For more details, click here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-02/pdf/2012-5165.pdf>

**February 29, 2012: Twenty-Six States, District of Columbia Request NCLB Waivers** Twenty-six additional states and the District of Columbia have requested waivers from key accountability provisions of the No Child Left Behind law (P.L. 107-110). For more information on these new waiver requests, click here: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/26-more-states-and-dc-seek-flexibility-nclb-drive-education-reforms-second-round>

**February 29, 2012: ED Proposes New Regulations for Teacher Innovation Fund (TIF)** ED issued proposed requirements, priorities, and selection criteria for the FY 2012 TIF competition. More information on the proposed regulations can be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-29/pdf/2012-4832.pdf>

## **ENERGY**

**February 28, 2011: Maintaining the Privacy of Weatherization Assistance Applicants** The Department of Energy (DOE) made permanent a final rule requiring that all states and other service providers that participate in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) treat all requests for information concerning applicants and recipients of WAP funds in a manner consistent with the federal government's treatment of information requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Click here to access the final rule: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-28/pdf/2012-4643.pdf>

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**March 6, 2012: ACF Updates TANF Contingency Awards** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) updated its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) contingency award chart to reflect FY 2012 amounts from October 2011 through February 2012. To date, states have accessed \$586 million of the \$612 million appropriated in FY 2012: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/tanf\\_contingency\\_awards.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/tanf_contingency_awards.html)

**March 5, 2012: ACF Proposes to Expand Data Collection Related to National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System** ACF published a notice in the *Federal Register* seeking comments from states on its proposal for additional data collection requirements for the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-05/pdf/2012-5251.pdf>

**March 2, 2012: HHS Announces Administration on Aging (AOA) FY 2012 Awards** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded more than \$1.3 billion in funds to states in FY 2012 for caregiver services, nutrition, and supportive services.

The grant allocations are available at:

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA\\_Programs/OAA/Aging\\_Network/State\\_Allocations/index.aspx#title3](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/OAA/Aging_Network/State_Allocations/index.aspx#title3)

To view the press release, click here:

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press\\_Room/For\\_The\\_Press/pr/archive/2012/March/2012\\_03\\_02.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/For_The_Press/pr/archive/2012/March/2012_03_02.aspx)

**March 2, 2012: HHS OIG Issues Report on Health Centers** The HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted a study to assess the extent to which health centers had quality assurance programs and their patients received primary health services. To view the full report, click here:

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-09-06-00420.asp>

**March 2, 2012: AOA Releases Additional Details on New Evidence-Based Requirement for Health Promotion Services** The FY 2012 enacted budget requires that Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services (Older Americans Act, Title IIID) funding can be used only for programs and activities which have been demonstrated to be evidence-based. More information on this requirement is available at: [http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA\\_Programs/HPW/Title\\_IIID/index.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/HPW/Title_IIID/index.aspx)

**February 28, 2012: HHS Announces Environmental Justice Strategy** HHS released its Environmental Justice Strategy and Implementation Plan, outlining steps that will be taken to protect communities facing greater health and environmental

risks: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/02/20120228a.html>

**February 17, 2012: ACF Releases Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Bulletin on Recipient Index** ACF issued an information memorandum to provide state-level data on reciprocity targeting indexes for elderly and young child households that received LIHEAP heating assistance in FY 2008, and to remind states of strategies that can improve the targeting of LIHEAP vulnerable households. The bulletin is available at:

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/information\\_memoranda/im12-03.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/information_memoranda/im12-03.html)

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

**March 2, 2012: CMS Seeks Comment on Prescription Drug Information Collection Request** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a notice in the *Federal Register* related to the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) it is developing to provide states with a more accurate reference price to base reimbursement for prescription drugs. The information collection request is related to its nationwide survey of pharmacies. Click here for more details:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-02/pdf/2012-5020.pdf>

**March 2, 2012: CMS Seeks Comment on Information Request Related to Health Insurance Exchanges** CMS published the following notice in the *Federal Register* regarding an upcoming Health Insurance Exchange funding announcement and information collection associated with these grants:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-02/pdf/2012-5011.pdf>

**February 29, 2012: CMS Releases Updated Information on National Background Check Program** CMS updated its National Background Check Program for Long Term Care Facilities and Providers FAQ document: <http://www.cms.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/backgroundcheckqanda.pdf>

## LABOR

**March 2, 2012: ETA Provides Guidance on WIA Youth Program** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued guidance to states on ways to increase literacy and math skills gains of out-of-school, basic skills-deficient youth in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth program. To read ETA's complete guidance, click here:  
<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/tegl18-11.pdf>

**March 1, 2012: ETA Releases Two Guidance Documents on Rapid Response** ETA published two documents providing guidance on Rapid Response, which aims to get unemployed workers back to work as quickly as possible. One document outlines the framework of Rapid Response, and the other provides a self-assessment tool for states. The guidance documents are listed below.

Rapid Response Framework: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten2011/ten\\_31\\_11.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten2011/ten_31_11.pdf)

Rapid Response Self-Assessment Tool:

[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten2011/ten\\_32\\_11.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten2011/ten_32_11.pdf)

**February 28, 2012: DOL Releases FY 2012 WOTC Allotments** DOL released the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) allotments to states for FY 2012. To view the new allotments, click here:  
[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/tegl\\_17\\_11.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/tegl_17_11.pdf)

## TRANSPORTATION

**March 2, 2012: DOT Announces \$17 Million for Rail Line Relocation Projects** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that 12 cities and states will share \$16.9 million to relocate, replace, and improve segments of railroad track under the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)'s Rail Line Relocation and Improvement competitive grant program. Click here for more information:  
<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/fra0612.html>

**March 2, 2012: FHWA Encourages Innovative Approaches for States' Use of Federal Funds** DOT's Federal Highway Administration announced the acceptance of proposals by California and Vermont to explore innovative ways of using federal funds to cover certain indirect costs of managing highway projects. The announcement is in keeping with FHWA's "Every Day Counts" initiative, designed to shorten the time for highway project delivery, enhance roadway safety, and protect the environment. For more information on this initiative, follow this link:  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa1210.htm>

**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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**Cc:** [Lindsay Russell](#); [Mike Schrimpf](#); [Dustin Huffman](#)  
**Subject:** Materials: Healthcare call TODAY 5 PM EDT  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 12:51:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012\\_07\\_03\\_PPACA\\_tax\\_provisions.docx](#)  
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Healthcare Advisors and Action Officers:

The governors had a productive call this morning. We will recap today at 5 PM EDT.

Attached you will find

- 1) A list of Tax Provisions in PPACA- (requested by the governors)
- 2) A list of our current "Cost to States" for the Medicaid expansion- please make sure your analysis is still current to continue using in your remarks(requested by the governors)
- 3) A list of "unanswered questions" to be included in a letter to the President. Please take a look at this list and be prepared to comment/provided edits and additions. Some of you have already notified us of your governor's additions.

We look forward to chatting at 5 PM EDT. A great way to kick off your fourth of July holiday.....:)

Best,  
Marie

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Healthcare Advisors and Action Officers:

Before we head into a holiday, we'd like to host a call today, **Tuesday at 5 PM EDT** to recap the governors-only call today and talk about states decisions heading into next week. Please join us for a brief call at 5 PM to discuss moving parts. If you are unable to join, please feel free to follow up with us at another time this afternoon.

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As the Action Officers heard yesterday, the governors will consider writing a letter to the President asking a host of questions regarding unanswered questions for PPACA post SCOTUS decision. Everything from exchanges to MOE to Medicaid to financing mechanisms.

If they decide to head down that trail, we'll work with all of you on content. As an FYI, NGA wrote the Secretary last week. Attached is their letter.

We'll be providing you more communication materials for next week as many of you head into NGA in Williamsburg.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have ideas/questions/ suggestions.

Best,  
Marie

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**Subject:** McDonnell/Upton Op-ed re Obamacare's impact on states.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 9:18:51 AM

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Good morning,

Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton and RGA Chairman Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell have an op-ed in *Investor's Business Daily* today arguing that ObamaCare's uncertainty cripples states and providers. Please see the link and article below.

<http://news.investors.com/print/ibd-editorials-on-the-right/101712-629730-obamacare-implementation-produces-unanswered-questions.aspx>

Best,  
Marie

## ObamaCare's Uncertainty Cripples States And Providers

By GOV. BOB MCCONNELL AND REP. FRED UPTON  
Posted 10/17/2012 06:49 PM ET

Without repeal or delay, the full implementation of ObamaCare is now less than 15 months away. Yet citizens and policymakers face a mounting level of questions, fears and frustrations.

Unfortunately, the administration's continuing silence on its plans leaves patients, states and Congress with more anxiety than answers and taxpayers on the hook for it all

In June, the Supreme Court held as unconstitutional ObamaCare's mandatory expansion of Medicaid. That decision brought some relief to states concerned about this unprecedented expansion of the program at a time when they are already struggling to sustain their current Medicaid rosters.

Yet with relief came more uncertainty regarding the administration's alternative plans to implement key components of the president's health care law.

In July, more than half of the nation's governors sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius requesting information from the department on its plans to implement the now-optional Medicaid expansions and health insurance exchanges nationwide.

Rather than collaborating with states on their important questions, the secretary left these serious and substantive questions generally unaddressed and unanswered.

In a follow-up letter to Sebelius, the governors expressed disappointment with the Obama administration's unwillingness to work together, noting, "With the challenging and detailed work ahead for our nation to address the issues of health care, the letter

(from HHS) was wholly inadequate."

A similar letter requesting greater certainty from HHS was also sent by the National Association of Medicaid Directors — a bipartisan group representing all 50 states. It also went unanswered.

Unfortunately, silence and lack of certainty are not just isolated to state requests. The department's tactic of dodging questions and delaying responses has also been applied to congressional oversight letters seeking greater clarity from this administration.

In August, the House Energy and Commerce Committee sent a letter to Sebelius pressing for a response to the states' urgent request for information, noting, "While it seems the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services intends to delay any major announcements until after November, states do not have the luxury of procrastination."

Dodges and delays are not prescriptions for improving health care; they don't help citizens and policymakers seeking to better understand ObamaCare's real impact and its true costs.

The administration may want to continue to play politics by hiding the ball until after November when it comes to these official information requests, but taxpayers deserve answers. The regulatory uncertainty has crippled states and health providers in their ability to plan.

These issues are neither simple nor inexpensive. According to the Congressional Budget Office, a nationwide expansion of Medicaid could cost more than \$900 billion over the next decade, contributing to the \$5 trillion in federal Medicaid spending over the same time period. Most shocking is that if ObamaCare is fully implemented, more than one in four Americans could become Medicaid enrollees and millions more could be forced into coverage through a federal or state exchange.

Americans are tired of Washington spending money it doesn't have and equally frustrated with a federal government so big it can't find its way out of the regulatory maze it created. They, and we, see the irony in this administration consistently touting its commitment to transparency.

In fact, Obama has said, "My administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government. We will work together to ensure the public trust and establish a system of transparency, public participation and collaboration."

The silence coming from his administration over the last several months doesn't match that stated goal.

The American people and policymakers charged with implementing the law need more than gauzy promises and feel-good rhetoric. And they certainly deserve better than a stiff arm when it comes to clarifying informational requests. We need information.

The governors, Congress and health professionals are fulfilling their duties by attempting to gain clear answers to serious questions about a complicated public policy that will have a direct impact on the citizens. The administration needs to provide those answers. Detaining details in Washington for the next several months

may serve political interests, but it's an indulgence policymakers and citizens cannot afford.

- McDonnell is governor of Virginia and chairman of the Republican Governors Association. Upton, R-Mich., is chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

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**Medicaid Data Analysis**

**State Impact Analysis**

|     | Population<br>(thousand) | Medicaid<br>Enrollment<br>(thousand) | Total Medicaid<br>Expenditure<br>(million) | Federal Share of<br>Total Medicaid<br>Expenditure<br>(million) | Federal % of<br>Total Medicaid<br>Expenditure | Total State<br>Expenditures<br>(Excluding<br>Bonds and<br>Federal Funds)<br>(million) | Total State Tax<br>Collections<br>(million) | Federal Medicaid<br>Expenditure<br>Expressed as a %<br>of State<br>Expenditures** | Federal Medicaid<br>Expenditure<br>Expressed as a %<br>of State Tax<br>Collections** | Federal<br>Medicaid<br>Expenditure Per<br>State Resident |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| AL  | 4,709                    | 955                                  | \$ 4,389                                   | \$ 3,354                                                       | 76.4%                                         | \$ 11,898                                                                             | \$ 8,306                                    | 28.2%                                                                             | 40.4%                                                                                | \$ 712                                                   |
| AK  | 698                      | 129                                  | \$ 1,065                                   | \$ 707                                                         | 66.4%                                         | \$ 9,230                                                                              | \$ 4,956                                    | 7.7%                                                                              | 14.3%                                                                                | \$ 1,012                                                 |
| AZ  | 6,596                    | 1,783                                | \$ 8,665                                   | \$ 6,588                                                       | 76.0%                                         | \$ 16,007                                                                             | \$ 11,134                                   | 41.2%                                                                             | 59.2%                                                                                | \$ 999                                                   |
| AR  | 2,889                    | 756                                  | \$ 3,388                                   | \$ 2,707                                                       | 79.9%                                         | \$ 12,717                                                                             | \$ 7,468                                    | 21.3%                                                                             | 36.2%                                                                                | \$ 937                                                   |
| CA  | 36,962                   | 11,168                               | \$ 40,848                                  | \$ 24,477                                                      | 59.9%                                         | \$ 114,784                                                                            | \$ 101,007                                  | 21.3%                                                                             | 24.2%                                                                                | \$ 662                                                   |
| CO  | 5,025                    | 702                                  | \$ 3,533                                   | \$ 2,116                                                       | 59.9%                                         | \$ 22,359                                                                             | \$ 8,683                                    | 9.5%                                                                              | 24.4%                                                                                | \$ 421                                                   |
| CT  | 3,518                    | 587                                  | \$ 5,668                                   | \$ 3,349                                                       | 59.1%                                         | \$ 15,586                                                                             | \$ 12,160                                   | 21.5%                                                                             | 27.5%                                                                                | \$ 952                                                   |
| DE  | 885                      | 207                                  | \$ 1,211                                   | \$ 739                                                         | 61.0%                                         | \$ 7,204                                                                              | \$ 2,806                                    | 10.3%                                                                             | 26.3%                                                                                | \$ 834                                                   |
| FL  | 18,538                   | 3,422                                | \$ 14,991                                  | \$ 10,124                                                      | 67.5%                                         | \$ 38,907                                                                             | \$ 32,065                                   | 26.0%                                                                             | 31.6%                                                                                | \$ 546                                                   |
| GA  | 9,829                    | 2,048                                | \$ 7,499                                   | \$ 5,592                                                       | 74.6%                                         | \$ 27,559                                                                             | \$ 16,078                                   | 20.3%                                                                             | 34.8%                                                                                | \$ 569                                                   |
| HI  | 1,295                    | 267                                  | \$ 1,276                                   | \$ 848                                                         | 66.5%                                         | \$ 9,333                                                                              | \$ 4,713                                    | 9.1%                                                                              | 18.0%                                                                                | \$ 655                                                   |
| ID  | 1,546                    | 251                                  | \$ 1,252                                   | \$ 990                                                         | 79.1%                                         | \$ 3,982                                                                              | \$ 3,172                                    | 24.9%                                                                             | 31.2%                                                                                | \$ 640                                                   |
| IL  | 12,910                   | 2,908                                | \$ 13,012                                  | \$ 7,806                                                       | 60.0%                                         | \$ 43,327                                                                             | \$ 29,363                                   | 18.0%                                                                             | 26.6%                                                                                | \$ 605                                                   |
| IN  | 6,423                    | 1,197                                | \$ 5,864                                   | \$ 4,356                                                       | 74.3%                                         | \$ 16,561                                                                             | \$ 14,901                                   | 26.3%                                                                             | 29.2%                                                                                | \$ 678                                                   |
| IA  | 3,008                    | 533                                  | \$ 2,896                                   | \$ 2,011                                                       | 69.4%                                         | \$ 12,233                                                                             | \$ 6,985                                    | 16.4%                                                                             | 28.8%                                                                                | \$ 668                                                   |
| KS  | 2,819                    | 373                                  | \$ 2,423                                   | \$ 1,637                                                       | 67.6%                                         | \$ 9,864                                                                              | \$ 6,695                                    | 16.6%                                                                             | 24.5%                                                                                | \$ 581                                                   |
| KY  | 4,314                    | 948                                  | \$ 5,363                                   | \$ 4,205                                                       | 78.4%                                         | \$ 15,827                                                                             | \$ 9,741                                    | 26.6%                                                                             | 43.2%                                                                                | \$ 975                                                   |
| LA  | 4,492                    | 1,258                                | \$ 6,272                                   | \$ 4,950                                                       | 78.9%                                         | \$ 16,456                                                                             | \$ 10,202                                   | 30.1%                                                                             | 48.5%                                                                                | \$ 1,102                                                 |
| ME  | 1,318                    | 367                                  | \$ 2,492                                   | \$ 1,829                                                       | 73.4%                                         | \$ 5,204                                                                              | \$ 3,489                                    | 35.2%                                                                             | 52.4%                                                                                | \$ 1,388                                                 |
| MD  | 5,699                    | 961                                  | \$ 6,341                                   | \$ 3,834                                                       | 60.5%                                         | \$ 23,112                                                                             | \$ 15,286                                   | 16.6%                                                                             | 25.1%                                                                                | \$ 673                                                   |
| MA* | NA                       | NA                                   | NA                                         | NA                                                             | NA                                            | \$ 43,769                                                                             | \$ 19,700                                   | NA                                                                                | NA                                                                                   | NA                                                       |
| MI  | 9,970                    | 2,124                                | \$ 10,527                                  | \$ 7,348                                                       | 69.8%                                         | \$ 28,510                                                                             | \$ 22,758                                   | 25.8%                                                                             | 32.3%                                                                                | \$ 737                                                   |
| MN  | 5,266                    | 885                                  | \$ 7,301                                   | \$ 4,455                                                       | 61.0%                                         | \$ 21,736                                                                             | \$ 17,161                                   | 20.5%                                                                             | 26.0%                                                                                | \$ 846                                                   |
| MS  | 2,952                    | 754                                  | \$ 3,927                                   | \$ 3,278                                                       | 83.5%                                         | \$ 9,221                                                                              | \$ 6,472                                    | 35.5%                                                                             | 50.6%                                                                                | \$ 1,110                                                 |
| MO  | 5,988                    | 1,147                                | \$ 7,648                                   | \$ 5,477                                                       | 71.6%                                         | \$ 15,654                                                                             | \$ 10,302                                   | 35.0%                                                                             | 53.2%                                                                                | \$ 915                                                   |
| MT  | 975                      | 135                                  | \$ 868                                     | \$ 672                                                         | 77.4%                                         | \$ 3,699                                                                              | \$ 2,407                                    | 18.2%                                                                             | 27.9%                                                                                | \$ 689                                                   |
| NE  | 1,797                    | 274                                  | \$ 1,576                                   | \$ 1,054                                                       | 66.9%                                         | \$ 6,587                                                                              | \$ 4,001                                    | 16.0%                                                                             | 26.3%                                                                                | \$ 587                                                   |
| NV  | 2,643                    | 291                                  | \$ 1,377                                   | \$ 871                                                         | 63.3%                                         | \$ 6,712                                                                              | \$ 5,612                                    | 13.0%                                                                             | 15.5%                                                                                | \$ 330                                                   |
| NH  | 1,325                    | 166                                  | \$ 1,308                                   | \$ 740                                                         | 56.6%                                         | \$ 3,125                                                                              | \$ 2,126                                    | 23.7%                                                                             | 34.8%                                                                                | \$ 559                                                   |
| NJ  | 8,708                    | 1,305                                | \$ 9,481                                   | \$ 5,607                                                       | 59.1%                                         | \$ 34,262                                                                             | \$ 27,187                                   | 16.4%                                                                             | 20.6%                                                                                | \$ 644                                                   |
| NM  | 2,010                    | 604                                  | \$ 3,245                                   | \$ 2,556                                                       | 78.8%                                         | \$ 9,953                                                                              | \$ 4,829                                    | 25.7%                                                                             | 52.9%                                                                                | \$ 1,272                                                 |
| NY  | 19,541                   | 5,208                                | \$ 47,679                                  | \$ 28,271                                                      | 59.3%                                         | \$ 83,751                                                                             | \$ 64,756                                   | 33.8%                                                                             | 43.7%                                                                                | \$ 1,447                                                 |
| NC  | 9,381                    | 1,974                                | \$ 10,888                                  | \$ 7,819                                                       | 71.8%                                         | \$ 31,609                                                                             | \$ 20,526                                   | 24.7%                                                                             | 38.1%                                                                                | \$ 833                                                   |
| ND  | 647                      | 80                                   | \$ 567                                     | \$ 401                                                         | 70.7%                                         | \$ 2,569                                                                              | \$ 2,414                                    | 15.6%                                                                             | 16.6%                                                                                | \$ 620                                                   |
| OH  | 11,543                   | 2,297                                | \$ 14,003                                  | \$ 9,898                                                       | 70.7%                                         | \$ 45,291                                                                             | \$ 23,950                                   | 21.9%                                                                             | 41.3%                                                                                | \$ 858                                                   |
| OK  | 3,687                    | 852                                  | \$ 3,767                                   | \$ 2,859                                                       | 75.9%                                         | \$ 11,739                                                                             | \$ 8,188                                    | 24.4%                                                                             | 34.9%                                                                                | \$ 775                                                   |
| OR  | 3,826                    | 608                                  | \$ 3,630                                   | \$ 2,623                                                       | 72.3%                                         | \$ 18,354                                                                             | \$ 7,115                                    | 14.3%                                                                             | 36.9%                                                                                | \$ 686                                                   |

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|------------|---------|--------|------------|------------|-------|--------------|------------|-------|--------------|----------|
| <b>PA</b>  | 12,605  | 2,304  | \$ 17,113  | \$ 10,917  | 63.8% | \$ 40,820    | \$ 30,071  | 26.7% | <u>36.3%</u> | \$ 866   |
| <b>RI</b>  | 1,053   | 224    | \$ 1,875   | \$ 1,184   | 63.2% | \$ 4,934     | \$ 2,586   | 24.0% | <u>45.8%</u> | \$ 1,124 |
| <b>SC</b>  | 4,561   | 930    | \$ 4,546   | \$ 3,560   | 78.3% | \$ 13,516    | \$ 7,637   | 26.3% | <u>46.6%</u> | \$ 781   |
| <b>SD</b>  | 812     | 139    | \$ 708     | \$ 507     | 71.6% | \$ 2,075     | \$ 1,334   | 24.4% | <u>38.0%</u> | \$ 624   |
| <b>TN</b>  | 6,296   | 1,525  | \$ 7,247   | \$ 5,307   | 73.2% | \$ 17,550    | \$ 10,433  | 30.2% | <b>50.9%</b> | \$ 843   |
| <b>TX</b>  | 24,782  | 4,488  | \$ 23,000  | \$ 15,711  | 68.3% | \$ 58,190    | \$ 41,780  | 27.0% | <u>37.6%</u> | \$ 634   |
| <b>UT*</b> | NA      | NA     | NA         | NA         | NA    | \$ 8,553     | \$ 5,423   | NA    | NA           | NA       |
| <b>VT</b>  | 622     | 185    | \$ 1,189   | \$ 814     | 68.5% | \$ 2,788     | \$ 2,506   | 29.2% | 32.5%        | \$ 1,309 |
| <b>VA</b>  | 7,883   | 1,039  | \$ 5,693   | \$ 3,431   | 60.3% | \$ 28,559    | \$ 16,608  | 12.0% | 20.7%        | \$ 435   |
| <b>WA</b>  | 6,664   | 1,159  | \$ 6,555   | \$ 4,038   | 61.6% | \$ 23,392    | \$ 16,408  | 17.3% | 24.6%        | \$ 606   |
| <b>WV</b>  | 1,820   | 417    | \$ 2,421   | \$ 1,963   | 81.1% | \$ 16,493    | \$ 4,787   | 11.9% | <u>41.0%</u> | \$ 1,079 |
| <b>WI*</b> | NA      | NA     | NA         | NA         | NA    | \$ 28,733    | \$ 14,447  | NA    | NA           | NA       |
| <b>WY</b>  | 544     | 82     | \$ 519     | \$ 299     | 57.7% | \$ 5,214     | \$ 2,764   | 5.7%  | 10.8%        | \$ 549   |
| <b>USA</b> | 307,007 | 64,525 | \$ 360,316 | \$ 238,887 | 66.3% | \$ 1,059,508 | \$ 715,496 | 22.5% | <u>33.4%</u> | \$ 778   |

All figures are for Fiscal Year 2009.

\* Some 2009 data for Massachusetts, Utah, and Wisconsin not available.

\*\* States for which federal Medicaid expenditure was more than half of that state's total spending or tax collections indicated in **bold**.

States for which federal Medicaid expenditure was more than one-third but less than half of that state's total spending or tax collections underlined.

States for which federal Medicaid expenditure was more than one-quarter but less than one-third of that state's total spending or tax collections in *italics*.

**Population and Tax Data Source:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Medicaid Data Source:** Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS), Medicaid Financial Management Report

**State Impact Data Source:** National Governors Association/National Association of State Budget Officers Fiscal Survey of States (June 2010)

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As a reminder, **attached is a letter Senator Hatch and Chairman Upton sent to the Administration in July regarding their "blended rate" proposal.** The letter remains unanswered but the "blended rate" issue still poses a threat to states' Medicaid funding. Highlights from the Press Release are pasted below and the full text can be found [here](#).

Additionally, [here](#) is a link to an analysis by Drew Gonshorowski at the Heritage Foundation on how implementing the Medicaid expansions could be even more costly to states that they realize. Gonshorowski notes that the President's "blended rate" proposal, **"is an average of a state's current Medicaid match, its enhanced match rate for the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the expansion match rate. The result of this scheme is a drastic reduction in federal spending at the expense of the states."**

As always, please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

All the best,  
Dustin

## Hatch, Upton Echo Governors' Concerns About Unreliable Funding for Medicaid Expansion

Leaders Push Obama Administration to Explain Impact of "Blended Federal Medicaid Rate"  
WASHINGTON — Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) today echoed the recent concerns expressed by governors across the nation about the uncertain future of Medicaid funding and pressed Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to outline all legislative and policy specifications on the president's Medicaid "blended rate" proposal.

In the letter to Sebelius, Hatch and Upton wrote, "Under the Obama administration, the federal debt has reached an all-time high of nearly \$16 trillion – levels that when considered as a percentage of our total economic output clearly hurt economic growth and stability. With the Medicaid program expected to contribute to that debt by more than \$5 trillion over the next 10 years – not to mention trillions more in taxpayer spending at the state level - it is understandable that governors are concerned about the federal government's ability to maintain its commitment to such a high federal match for the long term.

As one governor recently noted: 'This is just another government program where the federal government will run out of money and they'll put it on the states again.'

Hatch and Upton have expressed concern in the past about the Medicaid expansion and its implications for both federal and state budgets. While the program was enacted with a promise that the federal government would pick up much of the added cost of adding millions more Americans to the Medicaid rolls, their letter explains why more of these costs may eventually be passed along to the states. In either case, such an expansion is projected to cost over a trillion dollars and further exacerbate the fiscal strain on the program.

The House and Senate leaders continued, "The president's FY2013 Budget proposal reinforces those concerns from the governors. In his FY2013 Budget plan, the president outlined a provision that would ultimately decrease the federal match for the newly eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. The president calls for the application of a single blended rate to Medicaid and CHIP that would save nearly \$18 billion over 10 years. A similar policy was included in the president's deficit reduction recommendations in 2011, which called for up to \$100 billion in federal Medicaid savings over 10 years.

"As you know, a blended federal Medicaid rate that reduces Medicaid spending over time is a policy that would reduce federal funding to states through a reduced federal match, notably a reduction to the enhanced match to States for the newly eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. This policy could have a dramatic effect on how much a Medicaid expansion could cost state governments after 2014. We believe the administration should release all the legislative and policy specifications for its blended rate proposal as governors and State legislatures prepare to make a decision on whether or not to implement the largest expansion of Medicaid in history."

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## **Medicaid expansion a tough sell to governors of both parties**

By N.C. Aizenman and Karen Tumulty, Thursday, July 12, 8:12 AM

While the resistance of Republican governors has dominated the debate over the health-care law in the wake of last month's Supreme Court decision to uphold it, a number of Democratic governors are also quietly voicing concerns about a key provision to expand coverage.

At least seven Democratic governors have been noncommittal about their willingness to go along with expanding their Medicaid programs, the chief means by which the law would extend coverage to millions of Americans with incomes below or near the poverty line.

"Unlike the federal government, Montana can't just print money," Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D) said in a statement Wednesday. "We have a budget surplus, and we're going to keep it that way."

The law would add an estimated 84,000 people to Montana's Medicaid program, doubling its size, the governor said. Although the federal government would pay the vast majority of the additional costs, Montana's health and human services department estimates the state's share would reach \$71 million in 2019. Outside groups say the costs would be far lower than that.

The range of state leaders expressing unease suggests that implementing the law could be rough going, with divisions not always breaking along party lines. The topic is likely to factor prominently in this week's meeting of the National Governors Association in Williamsburg, Va. And it has been fueled by a long list of unanswered questions about the choice now before states.

In particular, it is unclear how the court's pronouncement that states cannot be penalized for refusing to adopt the law's more generous eligibility standards for Medicaid in 2014 changes the rules governing the expansion.

Will states that opt in have the option of scaling back in future years? If a state that opts out decides it wants to participate at some later point, will the federal government still pay nearly the full cost of covering those who become newly eligible for Medicaid? And can a state participate only partially — for instance, by raising the income cutoff for its program to a level lower than the ceiling envisioned in the law, which is set at 133 percent of the federal poverty line?

Asked at a forum Wednesday to describe state reactions to the Supreme Court ruling, Dan Crippen, executive director of the National Governors Association, offered a one word

reply: "confusion."

The association was one of several — along with the Republican Governors Association and the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) — to send a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius this week with a voluminous list of queries.

"The answers to these questions are key," said NAMD Director Matt Salo. "States need to be making these decisions now, and it's hard to make them if you don't have clarity."

At least one governor, Mike Beebe (D) of Arkansas, has also tried contacting the Obama administration directly.

According to spokesman Matt DeCample, Beebe is "leaning toward" the Medicaid expansion, which he said would add between 200,000 and 250,000 Arkansans to the Medicaid rolls in a state whose population is around 3 million. Not only would it bring a significant injection of federal funds to the state, but it would be a boon to Arkansas hospitals, which are currently treating many poor people for free.

However, DeCample said, the governor has concerns that there be "state flexibility down the line." So last week, Beebe asked officials at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid whether, in the event of an unforeseen future fiscal calamity, Arkansas would be able to tighten its eligibility rules and still get the full federal match for those who continued to qualify for its Medicaid program.

To date, Beebe has received no answer.

In a letter to the governors Tuesday, Sebelius assured them, "I appreciate that states have questions."

However, she offered little in the way of specific guidance, promising instead to address their concerns at a series of meetings scheduled in various cities across the country beginning July 31.

Wisconsin's secretary of health services, Dennis G. Smith, was skeptical. "I don't think we'll have answers any time soon," said Smith, who directed federal Medicaid operations under President George W. Bush and was appointed to his current post by Republican Gov. Scott Walker, a vocal critic of the health-care law.

"People [in the Obama administration] are putting a brave face on all of this. But they have a mess on their hands."

Smith predicted that many states will ultimately interpret the rules in ways that conflict with the administration's position.

"I suspect that judges are going to be hearing a lot of new cases as a result of this ruling," he said. "I see legal challenges in the future."

The earliest could be brought by the state of Maine.

Last spring, Maine's legislature voted to eliminate Medicaid coverage for about 21,000 state residents. At the time, this unquestionably required the governor to seek a federal

waiver from a “maintenance-of-effort” requirement in the health-care law that bars states from tightening their eligibility rules for Medicaid before 2014.

The Obama administration has signaled that it considers the maintenance-of-effort provision separate from the law’s expansion of Medicaid and therefore untouched by the Supreme Court’s ruling.

However, Adrienne Bennett, a spokeswoman for Maine Gov. Paul LePage (R), said the state attorney general has determined that the court’s ruling means Maine is no longer bound by the maintenance-of-effort mandate.

Bennett said that within a few weeks, the governor will file what effectively amounts to a pro-forma notice informing the Obama administration of Maine’s plan to alter its Medicaid program.

And if Obama officials object?

“The governor has indicated that he is willing to proceed with legal action,” she said.

Staff Writer Sarah Kliff contributed to this report.

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**Reminder:** The NGA Center for Best Practices is hosting a meeting on exchanges September 8-9 in Arlington, Virginia. Below please find the original invitation that was sent to all offices as well as a draft agenda. If you are interested in attending, please register as soon as possible via the link highlighted below. If you have any questions regarding meeting registration or the agenda, please contact Maria Schiff at [mschiff@nga.org](mailto:mschiff@nga.org) or (202)624-5395.

Please also mark your calendars for an HHS Committee meeting next Wednesday, August 24 at 3:00 pm EST in the governors room to discuss the latest proposed rules on health insurance exchanges. Call-in information: [REDACTED]; passcode [REDACTED]

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The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices is pleased to invite each governor to send a state team to a workshop entitled: *"Health Insurance Exchange Implementation: Timelines, State Options and Federal Regulations."* This workshop is designed to offer state teams the opportunity to discuss issues related to the various paths forward envisioned by the statute and recently-issued HHS proposed regulations regarding Exchanges.

The workshop will cover the timelines and state obligations under the different Exchange models. A substantial portion of the workshop will be reserved for state-only discussions. Topics will include Medicaid integration, Exchange operations, risk mitigation and financial issues. Each topic will be introduced by a subject matter expert, followed by small group discussions among similarly situated states.

Additional details can be found in the attached agenda. At the end of the meeting, states will have the opportunity to speak to and hear from representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This meeting will be held in Arlington, Virginia. On-site registration begins at 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The meeting will conclude at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 9, 2011. The NGA Center will reimburse up to two people from each state for travel and lodging expenses. The state may send up to two additional people at state expense (there is no meeting registration fee). HHS has indicated that Exchange Planning Grant funding can be used toward travel for state-funded participants.

The NGA Center will reimburse you for your airfare, hotel, and some other travel related costs. Please note, NGA has strict travel guidelines requiring pre-approved waivers for any exceptions. Please review the guidelines when you register, and if you are traveling under circumstances outside of the norm (to and from different location,

different travel dates, etc), please contact Leslie Donaldson, [ldonaldson@nga.org](mailto:ldonaldson@nga.org), for prior approval.

Click [here](#) to register or like to <http://www.cvent.com/d/9cq7z3>. Please register prior to the registration cut-off date of August 15, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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This memorandum summarizes key federal activities related to the establishment of health insurance exchanges, as required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).<sup>1</sup> **Table 1** summarizes recent regulatory activity related to exchanges, and **Table 2** shows key implementation dates as established in ACA and in regulations and other guidance documents. **Table 3** shows the federal grant funds that have been awarded to states for exchange planning and establishment.

## Health Insurance Exchanges

ACA requires health insurance exchanges to be established in every state by January 1, 2014, either by the state itself or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).<sup>2</sup> ACA provides general direction regarding the establishment and administration of health insurance exchanges and directs federal agencies, particularly HHS, to promulgate regulations that provide further guidance. For example, section 1321 requires the HHS Secretary to promulgate regulations relating to the establishment and operation of exchanges, the offering of health insurance plans through an exchange, the establishment of programs created by the ACA to mitigate risk in the exchanges, and any other requirements the HHS Secretary deems appropriate. Recently, federal agencies have promulgated a number of final regulations related to exchanges (see **Table 1**).

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<sup>1</sup> ACA was signed into law on March 23, 2010 (P.L. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119). A week later, on March 30, 2010, the President signed the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (HCERA; P.L. 111-152, 124 Stat. 1029), which amended multiple health care and revenue provisions in ACA. Several other bills that were subsequently enacted during the 111<sup>th</sup> and 112<sup>th</sup> Congresses made more targeted changes to specific ACA provisions. All references to ACA in this memorandum refer to the law as amended.

<sup>2</sup> §§ 1311(b) and 1321(c) of P.L. 111-148.

**Table 1. Recent Regulatory Action Related to Health Insurance Exchanges**

| Regulation                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Federal Agency                                       | Date Published in Federal Register     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Final rule on health insurance premium tax credit, effective May 23, 2012. Comments will be accepted until August 21, 2012.                                                                                                          | Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury | May 23, 2012<br>(77 Fed. Reg. 30377)   |
| Final rule on standards related to reinsurance, risk corridors, and risk adjustment, effective May 22, 2012.                                                                                                                         | HHS                                                  | March 23, 2012<br>(77 Fed. Reg. 17220) |
| Final rule on Medicaid eligibility changes under ACA, effective January 1, 2014. [Certain provisions of the rule were issued as interim final; comments were due May 7, 2012.]                                                       | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS      | March 23, 2012<br>(77 Fed. Reg. 17144) |
| Final rule on establishment of exchanges and qualified health plans, and exchange standards for employers, effective May 29, 2012. [Certain provisions of the rule were issued as interim final; comments were due by May 11, 2012.] | HHS                                                  | March 27, 2012<br>(77 Fed. Reg. 18310) |

**Source:** Table prepared by Congressional Research Service based on information collected from the Federal Register

Provisions in ACA, its implementing regulations, and other guidance produced by HHS identify dates by which certain requirements must be met in order for exchanges to be in operation in every state on January 1, 2014, and the law requires. **Table 2** summarizes these key dates.

**Table 2. Key Upcoming Exchange Implementation Dates**

| Date              | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 16, 2012 | States seeking to administer all or part of their exchange must submit a complete exchange blueprint no later than this date to be considered for exchange approval by January 1, 2013 |
| January 1, 2013   | Each exchange must be approved to operate by HHS no later than this date                                                                                                               |
| October 1, 2013   | Open enrollment must begin for coverage offered through an exchange for the 2014 coverage year                                                                                         |
| January 1, 2014   | An exchange must be offering coverage in every state                                                                                                                                   |

**Source:** Table prepared by Congressional Research Service based on information collected from (1) ACA (P.L. 111-148, as amended); (2) *77 Federal Register* 18310; and (3) *Draft Blueprint for Approval of Affordable State-based and State Partnership Insurance Exchanges*, at <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Exchangeblueprint05162012.pdf>.

## Health Insurance Exchange Grants

Section 1311 of ACA appropriated indefinite (i.e., unspecified) amounts for planning and establishment grants for health insurance exchanges, which must be operational by the beginning of 2014. For each fiscal year, the HHS Secretary is to determine the total amount that will be made available to each state for exchange grants. However, no grant may be awarded after January 1, 2015. As summarized in **Table 3**, HHS has awarded the following three types of exchange grants.

### Exchange Planning Grants

Exchange planning grants were given to 49 states, the District of Columbia, and four territories.<sup>3</sup> These grants of up to \$1 million each were intended to provide resources to states to help them plan their health insurance exchanges. Three states have returned all (Florida and Louisiana) or a portion (New Hampshire) of their exchange planning grants (see **Table 3**).

### Exchange Establishment Grants

There are two levels of exchange establishment grants. Level one establishment grants provide up to one year of funding to states that have made some progress under their exchange planning grants. States may seek an additional year of level one funding in order to meet the criteria necessary to apply for level two funds. Level two establishment grants are designed to provide funding through December 31, 2014, to states that are farther along in the establishment of an exchange. States applying for level two establishment grants must meet specific eligibility criteria regarding the structure and governance of the exchange they are developing. There are a series of deadlines through 2011 and 2012 for applying for the level one and level two exchange establishment grants.

HHS has announced four rounds of exchange establishment grant awards, the most recent of which was on May 16, 2012.<sup>4</sup> To date, 34 states and DC have received a total of \$856 million in exchange establishment grant funding. Within that group, two states—Rhode Island and Washington—have received both level one and level two funds (see **Table 3**).

### Early Innovator Grants

On February 16, 2011, HHS announced that it was awarding seven grants to help a group of “early innovator” states design and implement the information technology (IT) infrastructure needed to operate health insurance exchanges.<sup>5</sup> The goal is for these states to develop exchange IT models that can be adopted and implemented by other states. Six states and a consortium of New England states received a total of \$249 million in early innovator grant funding. Three states—Kansas, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin—have since returned their early innovator grants (see **Table 3**).

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<sup>3</sup> Alaska is the only state that did not apply for a planning grant.

<sup>4</sup> HHS press release, May 16, 2012, at <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/05/20120516a.html>.

<sup>5</sup> HHS press release, Feb. 16, 2011, at <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/02/20110216a.html>.

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## Additional Information

The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at CMS is responsible for implementing ACA's private health insurance reforms and administering the grant programs discussed above. Detailed information on the grants, including funding opportunity announcements, guidance, news releases, and amounts awarded, is available on CCIIO's website.<sup>6</sup>

**Table 3. ACA Exchange Funding to States and Territories (as of June 13, 2012)**

Funding in Dollars

| State/Territory | Health Insurance Exchange Grants |                      |          |                 |            |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|------------|
|                 | Planning                         | Establishment Grants |          |                 | Total      |
|                 |                                  | Level I              | Level II | Early Innovator |            |
| Alabama         | 1,000,000                        | 8,592,139            | NA       | NA              | 9,592,139  |
| Alaska          | NA                               | NA                   | NA       | NA              | NA         |
| Arizona         | 999,670                          | 29,877,427           | NA       | NA              | 30,877,097 |
| Arkansas        | 1,000,000                        | 7,665,483            | NA       | NA              | 8,665,483  |
| California      | 1,000,000                        | 39,421,383           | NA       | NA              | 40,421,383 |
| Colorado        | 999,987                          | 17,951,000           | NA       | NA              | 18,950,987 |
| Connecticut     | 996,850                          | 6,687,933            | NA       | NA              | 7,684,783  |
| Delaware        | 1,000,000                        | 3,400,096            | NA       | NA              | 4,400,096  |
| DC              | 1,000,000                        | 8,200,716            | NA       | NA              | 9,200,716  |
| Florida         | 0 <sup>a</sup>                   | NA                   | NA       | NA              | 0          |
| Georgia         | 1,000,000                        | NA                   | NA       | NA              | 1,000,000  |
| Hawaii          | 1,000,000                        | 14,440,144           | NA       | NA              | 15,440,144 |
| Idaho           | 1,000,000                        | 20,376,556           | NA       | NA              | 21,376,556 |
| Illinois        | 1,000,000                        | 37,917,831           | NA       | NA              | 38,917,831 |
| Indiana         | 1,000,000                        | 6,895,126            | NA       | NA              | 7,895,126  |
| Iowa            | 1,000,000                        | 7,753,662            | NA       | NA              | 8,753,662  |
| Kansas          | 1,000,000                        | NA                   | NA       | 0 <sup>b</sup>  | 1,000,000  |
| Kentucky        | 1,000,000                        | 65,567,613           | NA       | NA              | 66,567,613 |
| Louisiana       | 0 <sup>c</sup>                   | NA                   | NA       | NA              | 0          |
| Maine           | 1,000,000                        | 5,877,676            | NA       | NA              | 6,877,676  |
| Maryland        | 999,227                          | 27,186,749           | NA       | 6,227,454       | 34,413,430 |

<sup>6</sup> <http://cciio.cms.gov/>

| State/Territory | Health Insurance Exchange Grants |            |             |                         |             |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                 | Establishment Grants             |            |             |                         | Total       |
|                 | Planning                         | Level I    | Level II    | Early Innovator         |             |
| Massachusetts   | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | 35,591,333 <sup>d</sup> | 36,591,333  |
| Michigan        | 999,772                          | 9,849,305  | NA          | NA                      | 10,849,077  |
| Minnesota       | 1,000,000                        | 30,317,000 | NA          | NA                      | 31,317,000  |
| Mississippi     | 1,000,000                        | 20,143,618 | NA          | NA                      | 21,143,618  |
| Missouri        | 1,000,000                        | 20,865,716 | NA          | NA                      | 21,865,716  |
| Montana         | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| Nebraska        | 1,000,000                        | 5,481,838  | NA          | NA                      | 6,481,838   |
| Nevada          | 1,000,000                        | 23,738,273 | NA          | NA                      | 24,738,273  |
| New Hampshire   | 334,000 <sup>e</sup>             | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 334,000     |
| New Jersey      | 1,000,000                        | 7,674,130  | NA          | NA                      | 8,674,130   |
| New Mexico      | 1,000,000                        | 34,279,483 | NA          | NA                      | 35,279,483  |
| New York        | 1,000,000                        | 59,249,717 | NA          | 27,431,432              | 87,681,149  |
| North Carolina  | 1,000,000                        | 12,396,019 | NA          | NA                      | 13,396,019  |
| North Dakota    | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| Ohio            | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| Oklahoma        | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | 0 <sup>f</sup>          | 1,000,000   |
| Oregon          | 1,000,000                        | 15,652,301 | NA          | 48,096,307              | 64,748,608  |
| Pennsylvania    | 1,000,000                        | 33,832,212 | NA          | NA                      | 34,832,212  |
| Rhode Island    | 1,000,000                        | 5,240,668  | 58,515,871  | NA                      | 64,756,539  |
| South Carolina  | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| South Dakota    | 1,000,000                        | 5,879,569  | NA          | NA                      | 6,879,569   |
| Tennessee       | 1,000,000                        | 8,110,165  | NA          | NA                      | 9,110,165   |
| Texas           | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| Utah            | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| Vermont         | 1,000,000                        | 18,090,369 | NA          | NA                      | 19,090,369  |
| Virginia        | 1,000,000                        | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 1,000,000   |
| Washington      | 996,285                          | 22,942,671 | 127,852,056 | NA                      | 151,791,012 |
| West Virginia   | 1,000,000                        | 9,667,694  | NA          | NA                      | 10,667,694  |
| Wisconsin       | 999,873                          | NA         | NA          | 0 <sup>g</sup>          | 999,873     |
| Wyoming         | 800,000                          | NA         | NA          | NA                      | 800,000     |

| Health Insurance Exchange Grants |                      |             |             |                 |               |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| State/Territory                  | Establishment Grants |             |             |                 | Total         |
|                                  | Planning             | Level I     | Level II    | Early Innovator |               |
| Puerto Rico                      | 917,205              | NA          | NA          | NA              | 917,205       |
| Virgin Islands                   | 1,000,000            | NA          | NA          | NA              | 1,000,000     |
| Guam                             | 1,000,000            | NA          | NA          | NA              | 1,000,000     |
| American Samoa                   | 1,000,000            | NA          | NA          | NA              | 1,000,000     |
| Northern Marias                  | NA                   | NA          | NA          | NA              | NA            |
| United States                    | 51,042,869           | 651,222,282 | 186,367,927 | 117,346,526     | 1,005,979,604 |

**Source:** Table prepared by Congressional Research Service based on (1) grant award announcements and other information provided by the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at <http://cciiio.cms.gov>; and (2) data compiled in the HHS Tracking Accountability in Government Grants Systems (TAGGS) at <http://taggs.hhs.gov>.

**Notes:** NA = not applicable (i.e., state/territory has not applied for or received funding).

- a. In February 2011, Florida Governor Rick Scott returned the state's \$1 million exchange planning grant.
- b. In August 2011, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback returned the state's \$31.5 million early innovator grant.
- c. Louisiana's \$998,416 exchange planning grant was returned in March 2011.
- d. The early innovator grant awarded to the University of Massachusetts Medical School is for a multi-state consortium, which includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont.
- e. A New Hampshire bill (HB 601) that became law in July 2011 instructed the state insurance commissioner to return \$666,000 in exchange planning grant funds.
- f. Oklahoma's \$54 million early innovator grant was returned in April 2011.
- g. In January 2012, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker returned the state's \$37.7 million early innovator grant.

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The President calls it an "assault on unions" when governors like Scott Walker seek to reduce collective bargaining rights, but if that's so, the President is himself presiding over such an "assault" on unions at the federal level. The almost two million civilian federal employees do not get to bargain collectively over wages, retirement benefits, or medical benefits -- the terms of employment about which workers care the most. For example, the President's recent unilateral decision to freeze the pay of federal employees shows how little bargaining power they have.

The federal government is also a "right to work" zone. No federal employee is required to join or pay dues to a union, even if that union has been elected by his co-workers as their legal representative to management.

During the health care debate, the President, union bosses and other proponents of ObamaCare often argued that all Americans should have the sort of health care that federal employees enjoy. If the treatment of federal employees is to be the gold standard for how other American workers should be treated, then the President and union bosses should not complain that state governments want to treat their workers as federal workers are treated when it comes to collective bargaining. Nor should they complain when elected leaders want to give employees the freedom to choose whether they want to join a union and pay union dues.

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Energy letter:

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1 Year Anniversary for PPACA is next week. We are working on plans. If you have ideas or know your boss would like to do something/ is planning to do something, please let us know. Please begin compiling information/data/ stats which would be good to use in a press release or op-ed. We'll have another mtg/conference call mid week to discuss our strategy. This will not be a command performance, rather useful for those of you interested. Watch for email on this mtg.

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As noted in the mtg, we are beefing up our RGPPC services to you via our new Policy and Press emails and a website we are creating. In order to better serve you by sending you regular updates about best practices in the states, please add Lindsey and Seth to your press releases where appropriate. Please also send Lindsey, Seth and I any white papers, policy initiatives or data you think would be useful for other governors to see-- and learn from you.

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We will have our RGPPC policy meeting/conference call tomorrow (MONDAY 3/14) at 10:30 AM EST. Those of you DC may meet in the NJ conference room. Dona DeLeon is your contact- room #201 in the Hall of States.

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Agenda:

1. Intro: Marie Sanderson (MS)
2. RGA Report: Marie Sanderson (MS) and Brandy Marty/Travis Richmond (TX)
3. House Report: Will Kinzel (Speaker Boehner's Office)
4. Senate Report: Lanier Swann (Leader McConnell's Office) or designee
5. NGA Report: Lauren Kintner (NE) and committee chairmen
6. EPA Rule 316 Letter- Southern State Energy Board: Jeannemarie Davis (VA)
7. RGPPC Energy letter update: Marie Sanderson (MS)- Draft to be sent to entire caucus Monday for response COB Wed.

8. RGPPC Healthcare Strategy Report: Marie Sanderson (MS)

9. Other business

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Good afternoon,

Per our staff only discussion in today's meeting in Scottsdale, please see below for Mitt Romney's current Health Care plan.

<http://www.mittromney.com/issues/health-care>

## **Mitt's Plan**

On his first day in office, Mitt Romney will issue an executive order that paves the way for the federal government to issue Obamacare waivers to all fifty states. He will then work with Congress to repeal the full legislation as quickly as possible.

In place of Obamacare, Mitt will pursue policies that give each state the power to craft a health care reform plan that is best for its own citizens. The federal government's role will be to help markets work by creating a level playing field for competition.

### **Restore State Leadership and Flexibility**

Mitt will begin by returning states to their proper place in charge of regulating local insurance markets and caring for the poor, uninsured, and chronically ill. States will have both the incentive and the flexibility to experiment, learn from one another, and craft the approaches best suited to their own citizens.

- Block grant Medicaid and other payments to states
- Limit federal standards and requirements on both private insurance and Medicaid coverage
- Ensure flexibility to help the uninsured, including public-private partnerships, exchanges, and subsidies
- Ensure flexibility to help the chronically ill, including high-risk pools, reinsurance, and risk adjustment
- Offer innovation grants to explore non-litigation alternatives to dispute resolution

### **Promote Free Markets and Fair Competition**

Competition drives improvements in efficiency and effectiveness, offering consumers higher quality goods and services at lower cost. It can have the same effect in the health care system, if given the chance to work.

- Cap non-economic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits
- Empower individuals and small businesses to form purchasing pools
- Prevent discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions who maintain continuous coverage
- Facilitate IT interoperability

### **Empower Consumer Choice**

For markets to work, consumers must have the information and the power to make decisions about their own care. Placing the patient at the center of the process will drive quality up and cost down while ensuring that services are designed to provide what Americans actually

want.

- End tax discrimination against the individual purchase of insurance
- Allow consumers to purchase insurance across state lines
- Unshackle HSAs by allowing funds to be used for insurance premiums
- Promote "co-insurance" products
- Promote alternatives to "fee for service"
- Encourage "Consumer Reports"-type ratings of alternative insurance plans

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## Two cheers for Boehner's two-step plan

James Pethokoukis

<http://blogs.reuters.com/james-pethokoukis/2011/07/26/two-cheers-for-boehners-two-step-plan/>

July 26, 2011 10:26 EDT

Now is not time to let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Neither the Reid budget plan nor the Boehner budget plan packs the fiscal wallop of Cut, Cap and Balance. But significant progress on cutting debt can still be made before the Aug. 2 (or is it Aug. 8 or 10 or ...) debt ceiling deadline. And by that measure, the Boehner plan is not only far better than the Reid plan, it is a pretty darn good plan in and of itself. While both plans would cut some \$1.2 trillion in discretionary spending over a decade, Reid would then close up shop until 2013. The only other major cuts would be to future defense spending that no one really expects to happen.

I can't believe S&P and Moody's would find the Reid plan a compelling reason to keep the U.S. debt rating at AAA. While it is better than not cutting spending at all — as President Obama originally intended — and doesn't raise taxes, Americans should expect and demand more from Washington.

Boehner, on the other hand, would keep the debt cutting process going and more likely result in substantive spending cuts of \$3 trillion, nearly three times the Reid plan. (And if you tack on the Reid defense cuts, you suddenly have a \$4 trillion plan, including interest savings. The raters would like that.) I don't think spending hawks should fear the Boehner debt commission if it has real teeth and doesn't create a trigger for higher taxes.

But wouldn't financial markets be upset by the continued uncertainty of having to address the debt limit issue again in a matter of months? Goldman Sachs doesn't sound particularly alarmed in a new

report:

*“A short-term increase, with another shot at deficit reduction later this year? A two-stage process continues to look like the most likely agreement, since it is very difficult to generate savings of the magnitude being discussed without developing more complex policy reforms in a number of areas, including health programs and potentially tax policy, and those would take time.”*

And after that, both parties can use the upcoming election season to make their respective cases to the American public for sweeping entitlement and tax reform. I think Boehner’s plan will pass the House and become the core of the budget bill that actually gets signed by Obama. And the sooner, the better.

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### **Boehner’s Achievement**

By Yuval Levin

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/272730/boehner-s-achievement-yuval-levin>

July 26, 2011

I’ve been relatively optimistic about how the debt ceiling fight would end up throughout the process, but not until the last day or two could I have imagined it could end with as significant a win for Republicans as now seems to be within their grasp.

As the details of the Boehner bill become clearer, it’s increasingly apparent that the bill is just what the moment calls for: significant cuts achieved through statutory sequestration caps, no tax increase, no backsliding on entitlement reform or implicit acceptance of Obamacare, a path to another process that could lead to more cuts without tax increases, and the setting of a precedent that from now on increases in the debt ceiling must be accompanied by proportional spending cuts. It’s far from perfect, of course—meaningful entitlement reform is the only way to really address the debt problem, and even short of that some more significant discretionary cuts would be good—but Republicans don’t control Washington, and given their limited formal power, an end to this process that looks something like this bill would be pretty remarkable.

Even the Reid bill, though its cuts are less real, would be a better conclusion than has seemed plausible throughout much of this process, and there is nothing particularly important about a “short-term” rather than a “long-term” increase, provided a long-term one maintains the one-for-one ratio of spending cuts to debt-ceiling increase. Something between the two bills, which is now perhaps the most that Democrats can hope for, would be an extraordinary win for Republicans.

But frankly, it’s not clear Reid can even get his bill through the Senate. If Boehner can get his through the House, the Senate would have to take up that bill (perhaps with modest amendments) and Republicans would set themselves up for a pretty stunning victory. Either way, if the Boehner bill passes then things will have turned fairly dramatically in favor of the Republicans, and the Democrats will have no one to blame but themselves, and above all the president.

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## **An Open Letter to the House GOP: Accept the victory and move on.**

By Fred Thompson

July 26, 2011

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/272744/open-letter-house-gop-fred-thompson>

As someone who understands the pressures and difficulties you have been going through, I want to say, “Congratulations.” You won, and so did the country.

Absent some major miscalculations, within the next few days there will be official acknowledgement of what has already happened.

At the beginning of the debt-ceiling debate, a realistic, optimistic outcome essentially would have been this: The Republicans would take the initiative and put their plan before the American people. The debt-ceiling increase would be accompanied by corresponding spending cuts. There would be no new taxes. You would drive a hard bargain in the face of unrelenting presidential and Democratic demagoguery — some of it on national television — drawing the attention and focus of the American people to the truth about our country’s fiscal and economic situation. Sure, people would initially ask, “Why are the Republicans now willing to take this thing to the wire when a debt-limit increase has usually been pro forma?” But at the end of the day, more Americans than ever before would understand what is going to happen to us as a country if we continue our current path.

In this optimistic scenario, President Obama’s duplicity would become apparent, and he’d be politically diminished as a result. With his eyes firmly fixed on his own reelection, his political journey would take him from first, calling for a budget with billions in new spending, to second, demanding a “clean” debt-limit bill with no cuts, to third, a proposal for a “big deal,” including vague promises of trillions in spending cuts, to fourth — in order to ensure that such a deal was never accepted — making a demand for billions in additional “revenues” over and above what he previously agreed to accept.

Still, you would stand firm. The president would have miscalculated, a strategic blunder that, along with his petulance, left him marginalized. Obama would make a transparent scramble to get back to the head of the parade. There would be last-minute plans and rejections, but, at the end of the day, the president and the Senate Democrats would reveal that they are willing to do almost anything to push the debt-ceiling limit past the next election, thereby avoiding having to face the electorate again on this issue.

My friends, within the next few days, all of this will have happened. I respectfully suggest that you rake in your chips, stuff them in your pockets, and tell the dealer to deal the next hand.

There is only so much you can do in this deal. Put it into perspective. Right now we are on a path to a \$26 trillion debt in ten years, and this is using bogus assumptions about growth and interest payments. The federal government spends over \$10 billion a day. We have over \$70 trillion in unfunded Medicare liabilities. A problem of this size can be dealt with only by persuading the

American people what must be done on a consistent basis over a long period of time. It can't be done with fits and starts and silver bullets. The issue is not where we will be when the debt-ceiling bill is done, it is where we will be in ten years.

We will never achieve entitlement or tax reform with a doctrinaire liberal in the White House. Any agreements to do so in "out years" would probably be unenforceable even if agreement were achieved. And we can only do so much while controlling one half of one branch of government. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Republicans, you have laid some great groundwork to rectify both of those situations. Now it is the time to accept a well-won victory and move on.

Sincerely,

Your friend,

Fred Thompson

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RGA Chair Bob McDonnell:

“Today’s ruling crystallizes all that’s at stake in November’s election. The only way to stop Barack Obama’s budget-busting health care takeover is by electing a new president. Barack Obama’s health care takeover encapsulates his Presidency: Obamacare increases taxes, grows the size of government and puts bureaucrats over patients while doing nothing to improve the economy. It’s never been more important that we elect a President who understands the marketplace and will make job creation his top priority. By replacing Barack Obama with Mitt Romney, we will not only stop the federal government’s healthcare takeover, but will also take a giant step towards a full economic recovery.”

Christie (NJ):

“I’ve been clear from the very beginning that I do not believe a one-size-fits-all health care program works for the entire country and that each governor should have the ability to make decisions about what works best for their state. Today’s Supreme Court decision is disappointing and I still believe this is the wrong approach for the people of New Jersey who should be able to make their own judgments about health care. Most importantly, the Supreme Court is confirming what we knew all along about this law – it is a tax on middle class Americans.”

Jindal (LA):

“Ironically, the Supreme Court has decided to be far more honest about Obamacare than Obama was. They rightly have called it a tax. Today’s decision is a blow to our freedoms. The Court should have protected our constitutional freedoms, but remember it was the President that forced this law on us. The American people did not want or approve of Obamacare then, and they do not now. Americans oppose it because it will decrease the quality of health care in America, raise taxes, cut Medicare, and break the bank. All of this is still true. Republicans must drive hard toward repeal, this is no time to go weak in the knees.”

Scott (FL):

“The Justices have declared that the central provision of ObamaCare is a judicially mandated tax. A new tax pure and simple. This is just another burden the federal government has put on American families and small businesses, while the economy struggles to recover.”

Haley (SC):

“What a shame for South Carolina and our country on the Court’s ruling of the healthcare mandate.”

Fallin (OK):

“Oklahomans have voiced their opposition to the federal health care bill from the very beginning, having approved a constitutional amendment to block the implementation of this bill in our state. We believe that, rather than Big Government bureaucracy and one-size-fits-all solutions, the free-market principles of choice and competition are the best tools at

our disposal to increase access to health care and reduce costs. “I’m extremely disappointed and frustrated by the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold the federal health care law. President Obama’s health care policies will limit patients’ health care choices, reduce the quality of health care in the United States, and will cost the state of Oklahoma more than a half billion dollars in the process. “Today’s decision highlights the importance of electing leaders who will work to repeal the federal health care law and replace it with meaningful reform focused on commonsense, market based changes.”

Bentley (AL):

“I am deeply disappointed by today’s Supreme Court decision. The health care law is an overreach by the federal government that creates more regulation, bureaucracy, and a dramatic increase in costs to taxpayers. The ACA is the single worst piece of legislation to come out of Congress. This law must be repealed. People need more choices, not fewer choices. Bigger government is not the answer. Market-based solutions are the best solutions to giving the public the most affordable options.”

Branstad (IA):

“Today, the Supreme Court handed down a disastrous decision to uphold President Obama’s destructive health care law, which means a future of higher costs, higher taxes, and increasing debt for lowans. The current health care system is nothing but a federal takeover and continues to exceed its budgeted amount every day. But, as Governor Romney has said many times, no matter what may happen in Court, the American people must remain vigilant in their fight to repeal the law. Our goal is for Iowa to become the healthiest state in the country and to do so lowans will need to take ownership of their own health to reduce health care costs and lead healthier lives.”

Brownback (KS):

“Stopping ObamaCare is now in the hands of the American people. It begins with electing a new president this fall.”

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Chiefs/Action Officers/Healthcare Advisors:

Per the Chairman's request, please share with your governors the below article found this week in the National Review. Your bosses might find the analysis interesting. Also, attached are the letters we have sent the Administration previously and their response to Governor McDonnell in July. Also included in these attachments is our 2011 Medicaid plan. Please let me know if you have any questions on any of our many moving parts.

Thank you,  
Marie

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/333040/obamacare-still-vulnerable-michael-f-cannon>

Obamacare Is Still Vulnerable

By Michael F. Cannon  
November 9, 2012 4:00 A.M.

President Obama has won reelection, and his administration has asked state officials to decide by Friday, November 16, whether their state will create one of Obamacare's health-insurance "exchanges." States also have to decide whether to implement the law's massive expansion of Medicaid. The correct answer to both questions remains a resounding no.

State-created exchanges mean higher taxes, fewer jobs, and less protection of religious freedom. States are better off defaulting to a federal exchange. The Medicaid expansion is likewise too costly and risky a proposition. Republican Governors Association chairman Bob McDonnell (R., Va.) agrees, and has announced that Virginia will implement neither provision.

There are many arguments against creating exchanges.

First, states are under no obligation to create one.

Second, operating an Obamacare exchange would be illegal in 14 states. Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia have enacted either statutes or constitutional amendments (or both) forbidding state employees to

participate in an essential exchange function: implementing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates.

Third, each exchange would cost its state an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million per year, necessitating tax increases.

Fourth, the November 16 deadline is no more real than the "deadlines" for implementing REAL ID, which have been pushed back repeatedly since 2008.

Fifth, states can always create an exchange later if they choose.

Sixth, a state-created exchange is not a state-controlled exchange. All exchanges will be controlled by Washington.

Seventh, Congress authorized no funds for federal "fallback" exchanges. So Washington may not be able to impose Exchanges on states at all.

Eighth, the Obama administration has yet to provide crucial information that states need before they can make an informed decision.

Ninth, creating an exchange sets state officials up to take the blame when Obamacare increases insurance premiums and denies care to the sick. State officials won't want their names on this disastrous mess.

Tenth, creating an exchange would be assisting in the creation of a "public option" that would drive domestic health-insurance carriers out of business through unfair competition.

Eleventh, Obamacare remains unpopular. The latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that only 38 percent of the public supports it.

Twelfth, defaulting to a federal exchange exempts a state's employers from the employer mandate – a tax of \$2,000 per worker per year (the tax applies to companies with more than 59 employees, but for such companies that tax applies after the 30th employee, not the 59th). If all states did so, that would exempt 18 million Americans from the individual mandate's tax of \$2,085 per family of four. Avoiding those taxes improves a state's prospects for job creation, and protects the conscience rights of employers and individuals whom the Obama administration is forcing to purchase contraceptives coverage.

Finally, rejecting an exchange reduces the federal deficit. Obamacare offers its deficit-financed subsidies to private health insurers only through state-created exchanges. If all states declined, federal deficits would fall by roughly \$700 billion over ten years.

For similar reasons, states should decline to implement Obamacare's Medicaid expansion. The Supreme Court gave states that option. All states should exercise it.

Medicaid is rife with waste and fraud. It increases the cost of private

health care and insurance, crowds out private health insurance and long-term-care insurance, and discourages enrollees from climbing the economic ladder. There is scant reliable evidence that Medicaid improves health outcomes, and no evidence that it is a cost-effective way of doing so.

My colleague Jagadeesh Gokhale estimates that expanding Medicaid will cost individual states up to \$53 billion over the first ten years. That's before an emboldened President Obama follows through on his threats to shift more Medicaid costs to states.

Neither the states nor the federal government have the money to expand Medicaid. If all states politely decline, federal deficits will shrink by another \$900 billion.

Now is not the time to go wobbly. Obamacare is still harmful and still unpopular. The presidential election was hardly a referendum, as it pitted the first person to enact Obamacare against the second person to enact it. Since the election, many state officials are reaffirming their opposition to both implementing exchanges and expanding Medicaid.

If enough states do so, Congress will have no choice but to reopen Obamacare. With a GOP-controlled House, opponents will be in a much stronger position than they were when this harmful law was enacted.

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Two additional items ahead of this afternoon's HHS Committee meeting:

- 1) **SDW** – During yesterday's meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), we were informed that, despite a stated desire by DHHS leadership to resolve this issue, the Office of General Counsel has advised that the Secretary lacks authority to resolve this issue administratively. They have suggested we work with Congress to reach a solution. Covington and Burling is drafting a legislative proposal that governors offices will soon be able to review. Joan Kutcher from Covington and Burling will join us for this afternoon's meeting to discuss next steps.
  
- 2) **Health Exchanges Letter** – Attached please find the draft letter on partnership models for health insurance exchanges. We will discuss this today as well.

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The Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 3:00pm EST in the governors room. Please note the change in date and time. Below is the agenda and call-in information:

**HHS Committee**  
**October 20, 2011**

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- I. Update on SDW meeting with HHS
- II. NGA Policy Process (see attached memo)
- III. Letter on health insurance exchange partnership models
- IV. Other business/open discussion

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NYT: Reluctance in Some States Over Medicaid Expansion

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### **NY Times: Reluctance in Some States Over Medicaid Expansion**

**By ROBERT PEAR and MICHAEL COOPER**

WASHINGTON — Millions of poor people could still be left without medical insurance under the national [health care law](#) if states take an option granted by the [Supreme Court](#) and decide not to expand their [Medicaid](#) programs, state officials and health policy experts said Friday.

Republican officials in more than a half-dozen states said they opposed expanding Medicaid or had serious doubts about it, even though the federal government would pick up all the costs in the first few years and at least 90 percent of the expenses after that.

While upholding the most hotly debated part of the health care overhaul law — a requirement that most Americans have [health insurance](#) or pay a penalty — the Supreme Court said in its ruling on Thursday that states did not have to expand Medicaid as Congress had intended — leaving a huge question mark over the law's mechanism for providing coverage to 17 million of the poorest people.

In writing the law, Congress assumed that the poorest uninsured people would gain coverage through Medicaid, while many people with higher incomes would receive federal subsidies to buy private insurance. Now, poor people who live in a state that refuses to expand its Medicaid program will find themselves in a predicament, unable to obtain either Medicaid or subsidies.

That potential gap will probably lead to ferocious statehouse battles in the coming year, as states weigh whether to accept billions of dollars in federal aid to pay for expanded coverage. The health care industry, sensing the skepticism in some states, is preparing a campaign to persuade state officials to accept the money for coverage of the uninsured.

But already, governors in Kansas, Nebraska and South Carolina, among other states, have said they would have difficulty affording even the comparatively small share of costs that states would eventually have to pay.

Gov. Dave Heineman of Nebraska, a Republican who is chairman of the National Governors Association, indicated that he was against expanding Medicaid eligibility.

"As I have said repeatedly, if this unfunded Medicaid expansion is implemented, state aid to education and funding for the University of Nebraska will be cut or taxes will be increased," Mr. Heineman said.

In South Carolina, Rob Godfrey, a spokesman for Gov. Nikki R. Haley, said, "We're not going to shove more South Carolinians into a broken system that further ties our hands when we know the best way to find South Carolina solutions for South Carolina health problems is through the flexibility that block grants provide."

In New Hampshire, State Representative Andrew J. Manuse said he and other Republicans were already working to block the expansion of Medicaid. "We can't afford it," Mr. Manuse said. "It's as simple as that. Thank God the Supreme Court gave us an option."

Obama administration officials played down such concerns. Michael Hash, a senior official at the federal Department of Health and Human Services, said he believed that all states would eventually decide to expand Medicaid. Democratic governors like Pat Quinn in Illinois and Christine Gregoire in Washington welcomed the opportunity to help more of their constituents through Medicaid.

Republican governors in Wisconsin and Louisiana said they would wait to see the results of November's elections before deciding whether to expand Medicaid, in the hope that Mitt Romney will be elected president and undo the health care law. "That's why we have refused to implement the Obamacare health exchange or the Medicaid expansion," said Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana.

Under the law, subsidies are available to people with incomes from the poverty level up to four times that amount, but not to people with incomes below the poverty level (\$23,050 for a family of four).

The federal government would initially pay all the cost of expanding Medicaid to 133 percent of the poverty level. The state share would slowly

rise to 10 percent of the cost by 2020.

“Because the expansion is such a good deal for states, they should move forward and cover low-income adults in their states,” said Judith Solomon, a health policy analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal-leaning research and advocacy group. “But what happens in states that do not go ahead and provide coverage? The poorest adults — primarily parents and other adults working for low wages — will be left out in the cold.”

While states typically leapt at such offers of federal largess in the past, a growing number of Republicans have declined federal aid in recent years — turning down billions of dollars in federal money to build railroads in Wisconsin, Ohio and Florida, for instance, and initially balking at accepting some of the money in the 2009 stimulus law.

In Ohio, where Gov. John R. Kasich has expressed concern about the added health care costs, officials said that they were anticipating higher Medicaid expenses quite apart from the expansion in eligibility. The new requirement for people to have health insurance, they said, could bring several hundred thousand people who are already eligible for Medicaid into the state’s program, at a cost of \$940 million in the first two years.

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, a Republican who is director of the Ohio Department of Insurance, said in an interview that even though the federal government would pick up all of the costs in the first few years of expanded coverage, “our concern is we can’t make decisions for the short term.”

And in New Jersey, Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, called the ruling giving states the choice of whether to expand Medicaid “a ray of sunshine in an otherwise cloudy day.”

Another Republican governor, Phil Bryant of Mississippi, also cast doubt on the expansion, saying. “I would resist any expansion of Medicaid that could result in significant tax increases or dramatic cuts to education, public safety and job creation.”

Health care providers who treat low-income patients strongly support the expansion of coverage.

Richard J. Umbdenstock, the president of the American Hospital Association, said that hospitals around the country would lobby for the Medicaid expansion. “If states do not avail themselves of this opportunity,” he said, “the federal money will go to other states, and hospitals will be left with large numbers of the uninsured.”

Nancy M. Schlichting, chief executive of the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, said she “absolutely will lobby” for the expansion of Medicaid. She said she expected Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican, to support the expansion, but she added, “he may have trouble” getting it through the Michigan Legislature.

Congress has repeatedly expanded Medicaid in the last 25 years, and states often had new sources of revenue, like money from the settlement of lawsuits against major tobacco companies. “But this time is different,” said Dennis G. Smith, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. “Virtually all states are struggling to sustain their current Medicaid programs.”

Illinois, facing severe financial problems, has already delayed Medicaid payments to some health care providers.

“Many hospitals are not being paid for six months or more after they provide services and file claims,” said Danny Chun, a spokesman for the Illinois Hospital Association. “Illinois is dead broke.”

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The Supreme Court ruling left the Democratic health care law intact — but it also left Republicans in a stronger bargaining position when it comes to Medicaid.

The ruling gives them the right to opt out of the Medicaid expansion envisioned under the law. But they know one thing: President Barack Obama wants them to stay in, and so many might just go along and take the money — after they’ve squeezed out as many other concessions as they can get from the feds.

(See also: Full coverage of the health care reform decision)

One of the most health care-savvy governors, Louisiana’s Bobby Jindal, is already wondering whether this creates a backdoor way to achieve

the Holy Grail for Republican governors — turning his federal Medicaid dollars into a block grant.

“I believe [the feds] can go to the states and negotiate” to convert their Medicaid dollars into unrestricted lump payments “for states that want to do this,” Jindal said Friday in a call with reporters.

There’s a long road to get from Thursday’s ruling to serious negotiations, of course.

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Several governors immediately responded to the ruling by hinting they won’t expand their Medicaid program — though most have been careful to leave themselves an out in case they decide it’s to their advantage.

“I would resist any expansion of Medicaid that could result in significant tax increases or dramatic cuts to education, public safety and job creation,” Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant said in a statement.

Even Texas Gov. Rick Perry isn’t saying “never” to a Medicaid expansion. “The governor’s office will be working with Attorney General Abbott and appropriate state agencies to determine the impact of yesterday’s Supreme Court decision on the state of Texas, and the appropriate course of action moving forward,” Perry spokesman Josh Havens said in an email. “Gov. Perry will stand up and do what is right for Texas, based on the priorities of fiscal responsibility and the best interests of Texas taxpayers.”

Of course, there’s a lot of political pressure on Republicans to take advantage of a court-sanctioned escape from a major health reform provision.

Republicans on Capitol Hill are sending signals to their governors that they should use it if they know what’s good for them.

“The more states that would do that, I think the better,” said Florida Rep. Tom Rooney. “Anything that a state can do to try to water [health reform] down, the better.”

But if Republicans don’t sweep Washington in the fall and manage to repeal the health care law, governors could have very different pressures weighing on them when budget time comes around.

That’s why many experts believe that states could still come to the table. And digging in their heels now may actually strengthen their bargaining position when negotiations begin.

“You have two sets of calculus, the fiscal calculus and the political calculus,” said Diane Rowland, executive director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Bypassing expansion not only means leaving “money on the table,” she said — it also means the states would have to pay the price tag for leaving millions uninsured.

The federal government will pick up all of the extra costs of insuring everyone who joins Medicaid under the expansion, at first, and then phase down to covering 90 percent of the costs. Under the health reform law, the program — now targeted at poor kids and the low-income disabled — will cover everyone under 133 percent of the federal poverty line starting in 2014.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that if all 50 states enacted the expansion, they would spend 2.8 percent more between 2014 and 2022 than they would spend by leaving their programs as they are.

But this actually overstates the cost to states, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. States pick up some of the expenses for hospitals that treat people who have no insurance — and they will save these funds if they allow the Medicaid program to insure them almost entirely on the federal government’s dime.

And the hospitals will be pushing hard to get their governors to sign up. They still are left on the hook for much of the care they provide to the uninsured, and they want as many of their poor patients enrolled in Medicaid as possible.

Not everyone agrees with this math, of course. Many state lawmakers, who have been struggling with the costs of their Medicaid programs since the recession began, worry that the additional burden is more than they can bear.

“Medicaid is already crushing state budgets all over America,” said Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, who chairs the Republican Governors Association. “This is a colossal expansion of Medicaid spending.”

But if they play the game right, states might be able to benefit from the increased federal dollars and get to make some of the changes to their existing programs that they believe will bring down costs.

These include some market-driven reforms favored by conservatives, which might give them a way to harmonize the “political and fiscal calculus.” They can say to their critics on the right that they only took “Obamacare” dollars to make their Medicaid programs more market-driven.

While Jindal’s hope of getting HHS to remove all strings to federal Medicaid dollars may be ambitious, there are other options that may be more realistic for Republican governors dealing with a Democratic administration.

For example, they could expand a pilot program begun in five Florida counties to allow beneficiaries to choose between competing private

health care plans instead of enrolling in government-run Medicaid. They also could ask for the authority to let Medicaid beneficiaries set up health savings accounts and charge them copayments, so that they are more sensitive to the cost of their care.

And both conservative and liberal experts predict HHS will be satisfied if they only agree to cover people with incomes under 100 percent of the federal poverty level, instead of 133 percent as the health reform law requires. Those between 100 percent and 133 percent will be able to get heavily subsidized private insurance in the exchanges, though beneficiary advocates worry that people at this income level won't be able to afford even modest premiums and out-of-pocket spending in private plans.

"They want Medicaid reform — they don't want to expand the program as is," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, who has advised President George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain.

With the Supreme Court's help, they now stand a better chance of getting their way.

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Obama moves up date to let states seek health-care waivers

From NBC's Chuck Todd and Domenico Montanaro

President Obama is endorsing a plan to let states ask for waivers on mandates in the health-care law earlier, starting 2014, instead of 2017. The news was first reported by the New York Times <[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/01/us/politics/01health.html?\\_r=1&hp%20](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/01/us/politics/01health.html?_r=1&hp%20)> . Some bullet points:

-- This doesn't mean states can opt-out of hitting specific coverage targets, but if they have other ideas that would still cover as many people, they can circumvent some of the health-care law's requirements.

-- He will endorse the concept of the Ron Wyden-Scott Brown legislation, which moves up the start date when states can seek waivers from the health-care law from 2017 to 2014, they are called "innovation waivers" - if they can come up with ways to incentivize people to buy insurance rather than require it.

As the law currently stands, an individual state can basically seek a waiver from any part of the law starting in 2017, if they can prove they will meet the coverage and affordability options stated in the president's health-care law.

This allows states to:

- introduce new options for coverage
- have some flexibility in choosing whether to make some Medicaid recipients purchase insurance through exchanges
- seek a waiver from the individual mandate

This new plan would move that start date up to 2014.

The Times frames this as Obama "seeking to appease disgruntled governors." More from the Times:

Senior administration officials said Mr. Obama would reveal to the National Governors Association in a speech on Monday morning that he backs legislation that would enable states to request federal permission to withdraw from the law's mandates in 2014 rather than in 2017. The earlier date is when many of the act's central provisions take effect, including requirements that most individuals obtain health insurance and that employers of a certain size offer coverage to workers or pay a penalty.

The announcement is the first time Mr. Obama has called for changing a central component of his signature health care law, although he has backed removing a specific tax provision that both parties regard as onerous on business. The shift comes as the law is under fierce attack in the courts and from Republicans on Capitol Hill and in statehouses around the country.

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Guys, we need to prepare messaging for what the White House announced today. Below you will find background on the Wyden Brown legislation as well as the White House announcement. Let's starting thinking about our coordinated response. Thanks.

The Wyden-Brown legislation is a date change from the waiver in PPACA (2017 to 2014). It does nothing to address PPACA's major structural flaws:

- 1) Under the waivers, states would still have to provide insurance coverage that is at least as comprehensive as provided under PPACA, so states would not be able to change the benefit mandates in order to make coverage more affordable.
- 2) States would still have to provide insurance coverage that maintains PPACA's cost-sharing and out-of-pocket spending restrictions. So there would be little, if any, flexibility to encourage HSAs or other consumer-directed plans.
- 3) The way the PPACA waiver is drafted, it would be nearly impossible for states to roll back the individual and employer mandates as they still have to get the insured numbers that PPACA gets through its onerous mandates and unsustainable spending.
- 4) The waiver concept does nothing to address the new spending under PPACA.
- 5) The waiver does nothing to give states flexibility from Washington's rigid Medicaid rules.

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Fact Sheet

The Affordable Care Act: Supporting Innovation, Empowering States

On February 28, President Obama reiterated his belief that States should have the power and flexibility to innovate and find the health care solutions that work best for them and announced his support for accelerating State Innovation Waivers and allowing states to apply for them starting in 2014.

Beginning in 2017, the law allows States the flexibility to receive a State Innovation Waiver so they may pursue their own innovative strategies to ensure their residents have access to high quality, affordable health insurance. These strategies – which must provide affordable insurance coverage to at least as many residents as the Affordable Care Act and must not increase the federal deficit – could include allowing large employers to purchase coverage through State Exchanges or increasing the number of benefit levels to provide more choices for individuals and small businesses.

Under the bipartisan "Empowering States to Innovate Act" introduced by Senators Ron Wyden, Scott Brown, and Mary Landrieu, State Innovation Waivers would be available three years earlier than under current law, so long as States meet certain criteria, including certifying that their proposals would cover at least as many of their residents as the policies in the Affordable Care Act would have covered.

The proposal offers States more flexibility while ensuring that all Americans, no matter where they live have access to affordable, accessible health insurance. Additionally, the proposal includes built-in protections to ensure that these waivers do not increase the Federal budget deficit.

The Affordable Care Act already creates a critical role for States. It provides them with the flexibility and resources necessary to innovate and implement reform in the manner that works best for them. The law has already made nearly \$2.8 billion available to states and every State has taken steps – and, in some cases, bold actions – to implement the law and improve health insurance accountability and affordability for their citizens. States can design their own Exchanges, shape their Medicaid programs, and take the lead in enforcing patient protections and reviewing rates increases of private insurers.

#### Empowering States to Innovate

Under the Affordable Care Act, State Innovation Waivers allow States to propose and test alternative ways to meet the shared goals of making health insurance affordable and accessible to all Americans, including those living with pre-existing conditions. Specifically, State Innovation Waivers are designed to allow States to implement policies that differ from the new law so long as they:

- Provide coverage that is at least as comprehensive as the coverage offered through Exchanges – a new competitive, private health insurance marketplace.
- Make coverage at least as affordable as it would have been through the Exchanges.
- Provide coverage to at least as many residents as the Affordable Care Act would have provided.
- Do not increase the Federal deficit.

State Innovation Waivers are provided for up to five years, with the option of renewal. If a State's innovation fails to meet the criteria outlined above, the policies outlined in the Affordable Care Act would take effect.

#### Potential State-Based Innovations

The Affordable Care Act offers considerable flexibility to States without waivers. It also recognizes that new, creative effective ideas may emerge. While States have the freedom to develop their own proposals that may qualify for a State Innovation Waiver, some proposals that could qualify include:

- \* A streamlined system that links tax credits for small businesses with tax credits for low-income families.
- \* Alternatives to the individual responsibility provision – such as automatically enrolling individuals in health plans – that achieve similar outcomes.
- Alternative health plan options to increase competition and provide consumers with additional choices.
- \* An increase in the number of benefit levels to provide more choices for individuals and small businesses.
- \* Immediately allowing large businesses interested in doing so to purchase health insurance through the new private marketplace, the State-based health insurance Exchange.

The law also allows States to submit a single application that includes Medicaid waiver requests which could, for example, seek to give people eligible for Medicaid the choice of enrolling in Exchange plans.

#### Maintaining Important Consumer Protections

The Affordable Care Act ends the worst insurance company abuses and gives Americans more freedom and control over their health care choices. Already, under the law, most insurance companies:

- Cannot impose lifetime limits on the dollar amount they will spend on health benefits.
- Must offer young adults without access to job-based coverage the option of remaining on their parent's plan until their 26th birthday.
- Must cover recommended preventive services without cost sharing.
- Must allow patients to choose their own doctor in their network.
- Cannot drop your coverage solely due to your getting sick.
- Must spend at least 80 percent of premium dollars on health care, rather than executive salaries and administrative costs.

Starting in 2014, insurance companies cannot charge more, carve-out benefits, or deny coverage

because of a pre-existing condition. States that receive a State Innovation Waiver would be required to maintain these important consumer protections that prevent insurance companies from denying, capping or limiting care.

#### Waiver Evaluation

Under the Affordable Care Act, the Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Treasury are responsible for evaluating State Innovation Waiver applications and ensuring proposals will meet the shared goals of making health insurance affordable and accessible to all Americans, including those with pre-existing conditions. Under the proposed legislation, the Secretaries would continue to play this role and be empowered to grant waivers beginning in 2014. Once complete, State Innovation Waiver applications must be reviewed within 180 days of being received. The Departments of Health and Human Services and Treasury will issue proposed regulations outlining the process for applying for a State Innovation Waiver this spring. The Departments will accept public comment, including comments from States, on this proposed regulation.

#### President's Plan to Cut Red Tape, Give States Flexibility

President Obama will also take an additional important step to help States, improve outcomes, and lower costs for the American taxpayer. This week, the President will issue a memorandum directing Executive Departments and Agencies to work with State, Tribal, and local governments to reduce unnecessary regulatory and administrative burdens in order to focus resources on achieving better outcomes at lower cost. In this memorandum, the President is:

- \* Instructing the Director of OMB to lead a collaborative process of Federal agencies, State, Tribal, and local governments to coordinate and streamline procedures that cut across agency, program and geographic bounds.

- \* Requiring agencies to work closely with States, Tribes, and local governments to identify administrative, regulatory, and legislative barriers in Federally-funded programs that currently prevent them from efficiently using tax dollars to achieve the best results for their constituents.

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## MYTH VS. FACT: The Bipartisan Agreement to Cut Spending to Support Job Creation

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*MYTH: "Most of the cuts in the agreement aren't real cuts. Many are cuts that were already scheduled to happen, and were proposed in the president's budget."*

The spending cuts in the legislation are real cuts that help to clear a path for Chairman Paul Ryan's landmark Path to Prosperity budget. The agreement includes a gross spending cut of nearly \$45 billion – a net spending cut of nearly \$40 billion, as a result of the \$5 billion increase for the Defense Department that Speaker Boehner fought for and won. Democrats accurately note that some of the spending cuts in the agreement were proposed in the president's budget, but disingenuously fail to note that many of those cuts were used in the president's budget to offset additional or new spending elsewhere. In the context of the agreement, those cuts are now real cuts – chopping billions of dollars off the baseline, rather than being used to offset other Washington spending sought by the administration. As Chairman Ryan said Tuesday, the agreement "[secures] tens of billions of dollars in spending cuts, forcing the President and his party's leaders to retreat from their reckless spending spree. The historic spending cut turns the page from Washington's pervasive culture of spending, sending a welcome signal to job creators and cleaning up the unprecedented budget mess left by the last Congress."

*MYTH: "President Obama got most of what he wanted."*

The agreement is imperfect, but it's hardly a "win" for President Obama or the Democratic Party agenda of bigger government and increased spending. As a result of the agreement, the federal government will spend \$78.5 billion less than President Obama proposed spending this year. The agreement eliminates one Obamacare program, cuts a second nearly in half, and eliminates four of the Obama Administration's controversial "czars" – including the president's health czar charged with overseeing his government takeover of health care, his auto czar responsible for managing the federal government's takeover of U.S. auto manufacturers, and his climate change czar tasked with implementing the president's job-crushing national energy tax. The agreement secures Senate votes and debate on de-funding of two presidential priorities – Obamacare and Planned Parenthood – while saving the successful D.C. school choice program Democrats have been trying to eliminate for years.

*MYTH: "The cuts in the agreement will have no impact on the long-term trajectory of government spending."*

The agreement will chop an estimated \$315 billion out of the federal budget over the next 10 years, setting the table for Chairman Paul Ryan's Path to Prosperity budget, which cuts trillions. The notion that cuts in mandatory spending are not "real" cuts is a potentially lethal misconception for conservatives to accept. Dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory ("autopilot") spending are essential to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth, and the agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

*MYTH: "The agreement is just more of the same. It doesn't really signal any kind of shift in the direction of our government."*

While imperfect, the agreement marks the beginning of a major shift in economic policy – a shift that defined clearly by the GOP budget for which it sets the table, Chairman Ryan's Path to Prosperity. As late as a few months ago, President Obama was calling for zero spending cuts, clinging to his trademark Keynesian arguments and insisting that spending cuts would hurt the economy. With the agreement, the White House has unceremoniously abandoned that "stimulus" argument. Liberals have slammed President Obama for the agreement, noting it means the White House has, in effect, admitted the "stimulus" spending binge is over. "Princeton University professor Paul Krugman noted that by agreeing to this level of budget cuts, Obama had accepted the premise that the economy has recovered enough to withstand the withdrawal of federal spending. Despite the fragile economic recovery, the economy is still not strong enough, Krugman argued," according to [Politico](#). And it's notable that the agreement includes zero earmarks – a stark contrast to two years ago, when President Obama accommodated a Democratic House and Senate and signed into law a massive omnibus spending bill containing an estimated 9,000 earmarks.

*MYTH: "The agreement really only cuts about \$14 billion in spending. Most of the cuts are from non-discretionary spending, which doesn't change the baseline."*

Discretionary spending cuts account for more than half of the nearly \$45 billion in gross spending cuts that are made in the agreement. As previously noted, the agreement will chop an estimated \$315 billion out of the federal budget over the next 10 years, setting the table for Chairman Paul Ryan's Path to Prosperity budget, which cuts trillions. The notion that cuts in mandatory spending are not "real" cuts is a potentially lethal misconception for anyone to accept. Dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory ("autopilot") spending are essential to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth, and the agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

*MYTH: "The provisions eliminating President Obama's 'czars' for health care, climate change and other topics are meaningless. The administration has already vacated these posts or scheduled them for elimination."*

The agreement means these posts won't be coming back – good news for Americans discomforted by

the Obama Administration's agenda of government takeovers and bailouts. And perhaps more importantly, the provisions establish a precedent that Congress can deny the president funding for such positions -- effectively challenging their constitutionality.

*MYTH: "The agreement is a win for President Obama because it includes a mix of discretionary spending cuts and mandatory spending cuts, rather than just discretionary spending cuts."*

The bill passed by the House in February, H.R. 1, also included mandatory spending cuts. Like H.R. 1, the agreement makes real cuts in discretionary spending and includes no tax increases. After initially opposing any spending cuts, the White House and Congressional Democrats abandoned that position during negotiations and tried to cut their losses by demanding tax increases and trying to prevent virtually any cuts to discretionary spending. Republican negotiators rebuffed this gambit and forced the White House to accept an agreement with a mix of cuts from both discretionary and mandatory spending programs, and zero tax hikes. As noted previously, dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory spending are needed to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth. The agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

*MYTH: "The agreement just nicks a few programs; it doesn't actually eliminate anything."*

The agreement terminates more than 40 ineffective programs at the U.S. Department of Education alone, including Educational Technology State Grants, Even Start, Advanced Credentialing, Mental Health Integration, Exchanges with Historic Whaling Partners, Women's Educational Equity, Tech-Prep Education State Grants, Smaller Learning Communities, Legal Assistance Loan Repayment Program, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Scholarships, and B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships. For a full list of federal programs that are cut or eliminated by the agreement, go [here](#). The bill also eliminates the ability of students to draw down two Pell Grant awards at the same time, saving an additional \$35 billion over the next 10 years.

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## **NCSL PPACA Conf. Call**

Supreme Court upheld major provisions of PPACA in its opinion. Individual mandate constitutional under Article 1 taxing authority. Court did not agree that Commerce Clause was a reason to uphold the individual mandate due to the fact that there is no regulation commerce. Mandate does not go to regulate existing commerce activity, but instead compelled others to participate in commerce.

Court ruled that Medicaid expansion is coercive. Court held that this exceeds Congressional spending clause authority. Congress can attach conditions to grants, but states must knowingly accept the terms. Incentives are ok, but compelling participation is beyond the scope of Congressional authority. Court held that Medicaid expansion is a new program with a new funding stream. If states don't participate, they won't lose all funding, just new funding.

Scalia, Kennedy, Alito, and Thomas believe the entire act is unconstitutional. When states have no choice but to administer federal programs, that is unconstitutional. Individual mandate violates taxing authority. Agreed with majority that the power to attach conditions to states regarding Medicaid is limited. Also felt that because Congress didn't devise a backup scheme, its intent was to force states to comply. Believe that because the individual mandate and Medicaid expansion were so intrusive the entire statute must fall.

States have until Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to send to the feds a document indicating whether they will operate a state exchange, partner with the feds in an exchange, or if they want the fed government to set up an exchange. State doesn't need legislation passed by then, but they have to declare their attention. By Jan. 2013, HHS Sec. will approve or disapprove the submitted plan. States must also decide whether to operate the risk adjustment plan. States must change laws regarding pre-existing conditions, etc. or their laws will be pre-empted by the fed govt.

Much of the decision making on Medicaid will need to be made at HHS in the coming weeks. HHS Sec. cannot impose statutory penalty if states choose not to go forward with the expansion. The expansion is now voluntary. Not sure if parts of the expansion can be treated separately. There are now essentially two separate Medicaid programs: existing program and expansion program.

The primary people in the expansion are single, childless adults under age 65 with income below 133% of the poverty level. A 5% income disregard is applied to every individual effectively making it 138% of poverty. Important to note that individual mandate has some exemptions: people who qualify for religious/conscience exemption, members of health sharing ministries (church sponsored health plans), incarcerated individuals, & members of an Indian tribe. There is an affordability exemption. If their premium exceeds 8% of household income, they would not be required to purchase health insurance because it would be deemed unaffordable. Taxpayers with income below the filing threshold are exempt.

*What's next for states behind schedule in compliance?*

It's based on what the state wants to do. State based exchanges may be difficult at this point, but there is federal funding available. Processes have been developed for states that want to meet the minimum standard. If states can't get an exchange ready for 2013, they can partner with the feds and then operate their own exchange in 2014.

*If a state chooses not to accept new Medicaid funding, must it create an insurance exchange?*

States don't have to create an exchange, but if they do not, the feds would operate it. An exchange will be implemented, it's just a matter of who does it.

*What is the cost to states if the feds operate the exchange and what is the cost to states if they do it?*

Haven't received that information from the feds. The feds will make assessments on the plans in order to offset the cost of operating the exchange. If the feds are operating the exchange, they only have the authority to charge assessments on the insurance plans operating in the exchange.

*When do states have to decide if they will expand Medicaid?*

Not sure. HHS still has to determine the date. Anticipate that there will be a template for a state plan amendment that will allow states to detail what they plan to do in 2014. Nothing received from HHS in terms of how they plan to move forward.

*If states have passed law forbidding participation in exchanges, what will happen?*

While the individual mandate is compulsory, how it is done is not something the Court talked about. The state laws would most likely be pre-empted. Federally facilitated exchange may not be able to work on its own without some cooperation with the state due to the Medicaid provisions. How the state proceeds in working with HHS is up to the state. Nobody in the state can receive a subsidy unless they work through an exchange.

**Governor Dave Heineman**  
Health Insurance Exchanges  
November 15, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Remarks, As Prepared for Delivery:

Good afternoon.

The State of Nebraska faces several difficult dilemmas regarding the Affordable Care Act. As you know, the majority of Nebraskans oppose the new federal health care law. This has been a highly politicized issue. However, the elections are over. It's now time to focus on the policy.

All fifty governors will be making a decision on the operation of an exchange based upon what they think is best for their state. Some governors will choose a federal exchange and some will opt for a state exchange. The State of Nebraska has been studying and evaluating how to comply with the law for more than two years.

On September 6, I sent a letter to Secretary Sebelius asking her for more detailed information about the Affordable Care Act, and I have never received a response from her. The federal government has not completed its rules and regulations process, yet they are demanding the states make a decision about the exchange by tomorrow.

I want to note that the United States Supreme Court ruled that the insurance exchanges were constitutional, but when it comes to the Medicaid expansion, the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government could not force the states to expand Medicaid. I've made it very clear that I am opposed to this massive, unfunded Medicaid expansion because it would cost the State of Nebraska hundreds of millions of dollars. If implemented, this Medicaid expansion would lead to reduced funding for the education of Nebraska's children or higher taxes on middle class Nebraskans.

The other issue is what to do about an insurance exchange. The current law requires the states to choose between a federal exchange and a state exchange. Like many Nebraskans, my initial thoughts were we would prefer a state exchange because Nebraska would be in control of the exchange. As we conducted our review and analysis of the new federal health care law and the regulations from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, it became apparent that the Affordable Care Act contains one federal mandate after another.

On the key issues, there is no real operational difference between a federal exchange and a state exchange. A state exchange is nothing more than the state administering the Affordable Care Act with all of the important and critical decisions made by the federal government.

The Affordable Care Act is being totally dictated and totally controlled by the federal government.

*(continued)*

In addition to our concerns that the State of Nebraska would not have any significant control of a state exchange, I am even more concerned about the cost of an exchange. Whether the State of Nebraska chooses a federal or state exchange, there are costs associated with that decision.

Based upon the best information that the Department of Insurance and the Department of Health and Human Services have, the cost of a state insurance exchange for Fiscal Years 2013-2020 is \$646 million; while the cost of a federal insurance exchange is \$176 million. The cost of a state exchange to Nebraska taxpayers is \$470 million more than a federal exchange.

It is simply too expensive to do a state insurance exchange.

Just like the Medicaid expansion, building a state exchange controlled by the federal government will result in reduced state aid to education for Nebraska's public schools, reduced funding for the University of Nebraska and other higher education institutions or higher taxes on hard-working, middle class Nebraskans. Building a state exchange would result in reduced funding for key state priorities.

The bottom line is a state insurance exchange is really controlled by the federal government, and the cost of operating a state insurance exchange is very expensive.

Finally, I want to share with Nebraskans that I have listened to all sides of this issue. It is a very polarizing issue but my focus now is on implementing the Affordable Care Act in the most efficient and cost effective manner for Nebraskans and their families. Reasonable people will disagree on this issue, but one thing is very clear – a state exchange is too costly to our citizens. Therefore, the State of Nebraska will comply with the Affordable Care Act by being part of the federal exchange.

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**Dave Heineman**  
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November 15, 2012

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I am writing to notify you that I have elected to have the State of Nebraska participate in the federally-facilitated health insurance exchange. After extensive analysis and planning for a state-based exchange for my state, I have determined that the fiscal cost differential is too great to warrant the establishment of a separate state-based health insurance exchange.

I have directed Bruce Ramage, Director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance, and Vivianne Chaumont, Director of the Medicaid Division, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, to contact your staff in order to facilitate a smooth and timely transition on issues related to the implementation of a federally-facilitated health insurance exchange in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Heineman".

Dave Heineman  
Governor

cc: Bruce Ramage, Director, NE Department of Insurance  
Vivianne Chaumont, Director, NE Division of Medicaid  
Kerry Winterer, Chief Executive Officer, NE Department of Health & Human Services



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September 6, 2012

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I am writing you today regarding the federal health care law. The State of Nebraska has many unanswered questions that we hope your Department can answer.

Our questions are as follow:

- As a result of the United States Supreme Court ruling, which Medicaid provisions still apply and which do not? Please address maintenance of effort, modified adjusted gross income, consolidation of eligibility groups, no wrong door and additional eligible populations such as children to 138% and former foster children to age 26.
- Nebraska has a single application for all public assistance programs. The new federal health care requirements for a streamlined application for the exchange and Medicaid will make our entire process more burdensome and less consumer friendly. Will your Department grant us a waiver from the new federal health care law so that we can maintain a single application for all public assistance programs?
- If a state chooses not to expand its Medicaid program, is a state exchange still expected to do a Medicaid assessment and determination?
- If a state chooses not to expand its Medicaid program, is a state exchange still expected to use a single application for the exchange and Medicaid?
- Will your Department provide enhanced funding for non-systems related, ACA-required, operational changes to the Medicaid program?

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
September 6, 2012  
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- What will the charges for a state exchange be to use the federal data hub, advance premium tax credit/cost-sharing reduction service, risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance programs?
- When will the states learn sufficient details about a federal exchange in order to compare its costs to building a state exchange?
- Many grant deadlines have been extended. Will the implementation date for enrollment be extended from October 1, 2013 to some future date?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Heineman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Heineman  
Governor

Fiscal Impact  
State Exchange vs. Federal Exchange

**Department of Insurance**

|                         | <u>FY2013</u>     | <u>FY2014</u>     | <u>FY2015</u>     | <u>Total<br/>FY14/15</u> | <u>FY2016</u>     | <u>FY2017</u>     | <u>FY2018</u>     | <u>FY2019</u>     | <u>FY2020</u>     | <u>Total<br/>FY13/20</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>State Exchange</b>   |                   |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                          |
| Administration          | 25,805,875        | 42,456,144        | 43,386,721        | 85,842,865               | 44,192,870        | 47,929,562        | 49,731,664        | 50,935,892        | 53,087,704        | 357,526,432              |
| Technology              | 22,600,577        | 29,451,047        | 11,712,870        | 41,163,917               | 9,346,603         | 14,096,298        | 14,358,479        | 9,633,641         | 9,922,560         | 121,122,075              |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>48,406,452</b> | <b>71,907,191</b> | <b>55,099,591</b> | <b>127,006,782</b>       | <b>53,539,473</b> | <b>62,025,860</b> | <b>64,090,143</b> | <b>60,569,533</b> | <b>63,010,264</b> | <b>478,648,507</b>       |
| <b>Funding Sources</b>  |                   |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                          |
| Federal                 | 47,306,452        | 69,907,191        | 53,099,591        | 123,006,782              | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | 170,313,234              |
| State                   | 1,100,000         | 2,000,000         | 2,000,000         | 4,000,000                | 53,539,473        | 62,025,860        | 64,090,143        | 60,569,533        | 63,010,264        | 308,335,273              |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>48,406,452</b> | <b>71,907,191</b> | <b>55,099,591</b> | <b>127,006,782</b>       | <b>53,539,473</b> | <b>62,025,860</b> | <b>64,090,143</b> | <b>60,569,533</b> | <b>63,010,264</b> | <b>478,648,507</b>       |
| <b>Federal Exchange</b> |                   |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                          |
| Administration          | 540,000           | 1,090,625         | 1,112,141         | 2,202,766                | 1,134,194         | 1,156,799         | 1,179,969         | 1,203,718         | 1,228,061         | 8,645,507                |
| Technology              | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                        | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                        |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>540,000</b>    | <b>1,090,625</b>  | <b>1,112,141</b>  | <b>2,202,766</b>         | <b>1,134,194</b>  | <b>1,156,799</b>  | <b>1,179,969</b>  | <b>1,203,718</b>  | <b>1,228,061</b>  | <b>8,645,507</b>         |
| <b>Funding Sources</b>  |                   |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                          |
| Federal                 | 540,000           | 1,090,625         | 556,071           | 1,646,696                | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | 2,186,696                |
| State                   | -                 | -                 | 556,071           | 556,071                  | 1,134,194         | 1,156,799         | 1,179,969         | 1,203,718         | 1,228,061         | 6,458,812                |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>540,000</b>    | <b>1,090,625</b>  | <b>1,112,141</b>  | <b>2,202,766</b>         | <b>1,134,194</b>  | <b>1,156,799</b>  | <b>1,179,969</b>  | <b>1,203,718</b>  | <b>1,228,061</b>  | <b>8,645,507</b>         |

Fiscal Impact  
State Exchange vs. Federal Exchange

**Department of Health and Humans Services**

|                        | <u>FY2013</u>    | <u>FY2014</u>     | <u>FY2015</u>     | <u>Total</u><br><u>FY14/15</u> | <u>FY2016</u>     | <u>FY2017</u>     | <u>FY2018</u>     | <u>FY2019</u>     | <u>FY2020</u>     | <u>Total</u><br><u>FY13/20</u> |
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| <b>State Exchange</b>  |                  |                   |                   |                                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |
| Administration         | -                | 4,254,020         | 8,757,096         | 13,011,116                     | 9,013,620         | 9,277,842         | 9,549,990         | 9,830,302         | 10,119,022        | 60,801,892                     |
| Technology             | 2,750,000        | 35,225,000        | 34,705,000        | 69,930,000                     | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 107,180,000                    |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,750,000</b> | <b>39,479,020</b> | <b>43,462,096</b> | <b>82,941,116</b>              | <b>15,913,620</b> | <b>16,177,842</b> | <b>16,449,990</b> | <b>16,730,302</b> | <b>17,019,022</b> | <b>167,981,892</b>             |
| <b>Funding Sources</b> |                  |                   |                   |                                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |
| Federal                | 2,475,000        | 33,829,510        | 35,613,048        | 69,442,558                     | 9,681,810         | 9,813,921         | 9,949,995         | 10,090,151        | 10,234,511        | 121,687,946                    |
| State                  | 275,000          | 5,649,510         | 7,849,048         | 13,498,558                     | 6,231,810         | 6,363,921         | 6,499,995         | 6,640,151         | 6,784,511         | 46,293,946                     |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,750,000</b> | <b>39,479,020</b> | <b>43,462,096</b> | <b>82,941,116</b>              | <b>15,913,620</b> | <b>16,177,842</b> | <b>16,449,990</b> | <b>16,730,302</b> | <b>17,019,022</b> | <b>167,981,892</b>             |

**Federal Exchange**

|                        |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
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| Administration         | -                | 4,254,020         | 8,757,096         | 13,011,116        | 9,013,620         | 9,277,842         | 9,549,990         | 9,830,302         | 10,119,022        | 60,801,892         |
| Technology             | 2,750,000        | 35,225,000        | 34,705,000        | 69,930,000        | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 107,180,000        |
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| Federal                | 2,475,000        | 33,829,510        | 35,613,048        | 69,442,558        | 9,681,810         | 9,813,921         | 9,949,995         | 10,090,151        | 10,234,511        | 121,687,946        |
| State                  | 275,000          | 5,649,510         | 7,849,048         | 13,498,558        | 6,231,810         | 6,363,921         | 6,499,995         | 6,640,151         | 6,784,511         | 46,293,946         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,750,000</b> | <b>39,479,020</b> | <b>43,462,096</b> | <b>82,941,116</b> | <b>15,913,620</b> | <b>16,177,842</b> | <b>16,449,990</b> | <b>16,730,302</b> | <b>17,019,022</b> | <b>167,981,892</b> |

Fiscal Impact  
State Exchange vs. Federal Exchange

**Summary**

|                        | <u>FY2013</u>     | <u>FY2014</u>      | <u>FY2015</u>     | <u>Total<br/>FY14/15</u> | <u>FY2016</u>     | <u>FY2017</u>     | <u>FY2018</u>     | <u>FY2019</u>     | <u>FY2020</u>     | <u>Total<br/>FY13/20</u> |
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| <b>State Exchange</b>  |                   |                    |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                          |
| Administration         | 25,805,875        | 46,710,164         | 52,143,817        | 98,853,981               | 53,206,490        | 57,207,404        | 59,281,654        | 60,766,194        | 63,206,726        | 418,328,324              |
| Technology             | 25,350,577        | 64,676,047         | 46,417,870        | 111,093,917              | 16,246,603        | 20,996,298        | 21,258,479        | 16,533,641        | 16,822,560        | 228,302,075              |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>51,156,452</b> | <b>111,386,211</b> | <b>98,561,687</b> | <b>209,947,898</b>       | <b>69,453,093</b> | <b>78,203,702</b> | <b>80,540,133</b> | <b>77,299,835</b> | <b>80,029,286</b> | <b>646,630,399</b>       |
| <b>Funding Sources</b> |                   |                    |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                          |
| Federal                | 49,781,452        | 103,736,701        | 88,712,639        | 192,449,340              | 9,681,810         | 9,813,921         | 9,949,995         | 10,090,151        | 10,234,511        | 292,001,180              |
| State                  | 1,375,000         | 7,649,510          | 9,849,048         | 17,498,558               | 59,771,283        | 68,389,781        | 70,590,138        | 67,209,684        | 69,794,775        | 354,629,219              |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>51,156,452</b> | <b>111,386,211</b> | <b>98,561,687</b> | <b>209,947,898</b>       | <b>69,453,093</b> | <b>78,203,702</b> | <b>80,540,133</b> | <b>77,299,835</b> | <b>80,029,286</b> | <b>646,630,399</b>       |

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| <b>Federal Exchange</b> |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| Administration          | 540,000          | 5,344,645         | 9,869,237         | 15,213,882        | 10,147,814        | 10,434,641        | 10,729,959        | 11,034,020        | 11,347,083        | 69,447,399         |
| Technology              | 2,750,000        | 35,225,000        | 34,705,000        | 69,930,000        | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 6,900,000         | 107,180,000        |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>3,290,000</b> | <b>40,569,645</b> | <b>44,574,237</b> | <b>85,143,882</b> | <b>17,047,814</b> | <b>17,334,641</b> | <b>17,629,959</b> | <b>17,934,020</b> | <b>18,247,083</b> | <b>176,627,399</b> |
| <b>Funding Sources</b>  |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| Federal                 | 3,015,000        | 34,920,135        | 36,169,119        | 71,089,254        | 9,681,810         | 9,813,921         | 9,949,995         | 10,090,151        | 10,234,511        | 123,874,642        |
| State                   | 275,000          | 5,649,510         | 8,405,119         | 14,054,629        | 7,366,004         | 7,520,720         | 7,679,964         | 7,843,869         | 8,012,572         | 52,752,758         |
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## New Report: ObamaCare Will Eliminate Health Coverage, Cost American Jobs

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The President's promise that "if you like your health care plan, you can keep it" has once again been proven false because ObamaCare is forcing job creators to stop offering health coverage. As businesses begin planning for the onslaught of ObamaCare taxes, mandates, regulations, and penalties coming down the pike, many are left with two untenable choices: stop offering health care for their employees, or eliminate full-time jobs and keep wages low. According to [a survey](#) released yesterday by McKinsey & Company:

- 30 percent of employers – and 28 percent of large employers – “will definitely or probably stop offering” coverage after 2014.
- Employers who are more aware of ObamaCare's provisions are more likely to consider dropping coverage – “upward of 60 percent will pursue some alternative” to their existing plans.
- “At least 30 percent of employers would gain economically from dropping coverage even if they completely compensated employees for the change through other benefit offerings or higher salaries.”

Just as troubling, the McKinsey & Company analysis also discussed ways in which companies can force more of their health care costs onto the government, at the expense of taxpayers and employees, to deal with higher costs associated with ObamaCare. This analysis says employers could:

- Replace full-time workers with more part-time workers to avoid triggering the employer mandate.
- Restructure companies into two parts: one comprising management and corporate employees who would receive employer-sponsored coverage, and the other with lower-wage employees who would not.
- Keep premiums above 9.5 percent of household income for lower-wage workers to force these employees into government-run exchanges.

The findings of the report should come as no surprise to the Obama Administration, which has already been forced to issue [more than 1,300 waivers](#) exempting employers from the law - a tacit admission that ObamaCare destroys jobs, threatens economic growth and jeopardizes coverage for millions of Americans. In [a post](#) on *National Review Online* today, Jim Geraghty explains how ObamaCare is already costing American jobs:

*“While many of its rules have yet to take full effect, Obama health care plan’s impact on businesses can be seen in at least two ways right now. In the not-too-distant future, companies with more than 50 employees will face a penalty of at least \$2000 per employee if any worker is collecting federally-subsided insurance through an exchange. If you have less than 50 employees, this rule is moot. If you’re a company with 40 something employees, how eager are you to hire more, cross the threshold, and take on those additional potential costs?”*

*“Secondly, a business or union or other entity can avoid all of these mandates if the Secretary of Health and Human Services likes them and grants them a waiver. Somehow it is less than surprising to learn half the waivers are to unions and 20 percent have been given to Nancy Pelosi’s district in San Francisco. The lesson of this waiver system is that expensive regulatory burdens are waived for the politically well-connected – another element of risk and a diversion of business energy, attention and funds from their true job (serving their customers and shareholders) to somehow buttering up Kathleen Sebelius.”*

The new House majority has already voted to repeal ObamaCare, and is working to [replace the law](#) with commonsense reforms that will lower costs and protect jobs. That was our [Pledge to America](#), and we intend to keep it.

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### This Just In

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1. **This Week in Congress**

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#### **Legislative Focus: Small Business Tax Relief, Health Care Repeal Legislation, Water Projects, Minerals Regulations**

Lawmakers return from the July 4 recess today to work on small business tax legislation and a repeal of the health care law.

The Senate will hold a vote on the motion to proceed to the Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act (S. 2237) early in the week. The bill would create a 10 percent income tax credit, capped at \$500,000 per employer, for employers who grow their payroll in 2012. The measure also would extend 100 percent bonus depreciation on qualified capital expenditures through 2012 for all employers in an effort to encourage investment. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) filed cloture June 29. If cloture is invoked, the Senate could possibly vote on Reid's measure and on a Republican alternative, likely the text of a House-passed bill (H.R. 9), which would reportedly give a 20 percent deduction to small businesses with less than 500 employees, but would limit the value of the deduction of W-2 wages to 50 percent.

The Senate is also scheduled for an executive session July 10 to consider the nomination of John Thomas Fowlkes Jr., to be a U.S. district judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

The House is expected to start the July 9 week with votes on seven measures under suspension of the rules, including a pair of veterans' jobs bills and the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act (H.R. 5892), which would authorize nearly 300 water projects at various stages of study or construction along the East coast. Tuesday, the House is scheduled to begin consideration of the Repeal of Obamacare Act, sponsored by House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.). The bill would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Wednesday, the House is expected to take up the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act (H.R. 4402), which would streamline regulations on the development of minerals that are considered critical to energy, domestic industries, and national defense.

**Senate Floor.** The Senate convenes at 2:00 p.m. today to take up a one-year payroll tax credit. No roll call votes are expected. Tuesday, and for the remainder of the week, the Senate will consider the payroll tax credit bill and judicial nominations.

**House Floor.** The House convenes at 2:00 p.m. today to take up seven measures under suspension of the rules. Tuesday, the House is scheduled to consider one measure subject to a rule. Wednesday and Thursday, the House will take up two measures subject to a rule. The House is not in session on Friday.

## **Key Hearings & Markups**

### **Agriculture**

- Full Committee Markup of the 2012 Farm Bill: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Longworth 1300.

### **Armed Services**

- The Readiness Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee will hold a discussion on "Department of the Air Force Aircraft Force Structure Reductions." Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., Rayburn 2212.

### **Energy and Commerce**

- The Energy and Power Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a series of hearings titled: "The American Energy Initiative." Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2322 and July 12, 2012 at 9:15 a.m., Rayburn 2123.
- The Health Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled: "Helping Veterans with Emergency Medical Training Transition

to Civilian Service,” focusing on legislation that would provide demonstration grants to states to help with veterans trained as emergency medical technicians in the military transfer into similar civilian medical occupations: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 10:15 a.m., Rayburn 2123.

### **Finance**

- The Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing titled “Boosting Opportunities and Growth Through Tax Reform: Helping More Young People Achieve The American Dream.” Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., Dirksen 215.

### **Financial Services**

- The Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee of House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing on the impacts of the Dodd-Frank Act of job creators, credit and financial institution customers, focusing on the impact of the act’s derivatives provisions and the Volker Rule will have on job creators, consumers and investors: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2128.

### **Health, Education, Labor & Pensions**

- The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled “Beyond Seclusion and Restraint: Creating Positive Learning Environments for All Students.” Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Dirksen 106.

### **Homeland Security**

- The Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee of House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled: “Building a Secure Community: How Can DHS Better Leverage State and Local Partnerships?” Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 1:00 a.m., Cannon 311.
- The Transportation Security Subcommittee of House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled: “Challenging the Status Quo of TSA: Perspectives on the Future of Transportation Security.” Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 12:30 p.m., Cannon 311.

### **Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs**

- The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled: Evolving and Emerging Threats: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Dirksen 342.
- The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled: “The Evolution of the Roles and Missions of the Department of

Homeland Security.” Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Dirksen 342.

### **Oversight and Government Reform**

- The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled: “Examining the Impact of Obamacare on Job Creation and the Economy.” Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., Rayburn 2154.
- The Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives Subcommittee of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled: “Examining the Impact of Obamacare on Doctors and Patients.” Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2154.

### **Ways and Means**

- The House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the implications of the Supreme Court ruling that the individual mandate is constitutional on the grounds that it is a tax and that Congress has the broad power to levy taxes far beyond the historic scope of raising revenue: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., Longworth 1100.

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### **Today's Meetings**

Monday, July 9

1. Washington Reps Weekly Meeting, 1:30pm, Washington, DC, Hall of the States, Room 283/5, Contact: [Erin Cohan](#)

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### **2012 NGA Annual Meeting Information**

The 2012 NGA Annual Meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, July 12-15. Registration and housing arrangements for governors, their family members, governors’ staff and security can be made at <http://www.subnet.nga.org/AM12/5z2/gov/> .

Arrangements for other state government attendees and attendees from local, federal and foreign governments, governors’ associations, media, business, non-profit organizations and family members of any of these attendees can be made at <http://www.subnet.nga.org/AM12/3yy/gen/> .

NGA meetings are invitation only, so please do not forward registration links to those outside the governor's office.

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The websites contain information about the business agenda, which will be updated periodically, so please check the websites regularly for new information.

#### HOUSING AND REGISTRATION

Please go online to register for the meeting and request hotel accommodations as soon as possible. NGA cannot guarantee housing accommodations for requests made after Friday, June 15. Online meeting registration ends at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 10. After that time, attendees must register onsite.

#### ONSITE REGISTRATION

Meeting registration will be located in the Old Craft House at 305 South England Street. The building is located adjacent to the parking lot between the Williamsburg Lodge and the Williamsburg Inn, directly across the street from the main entrance to the Lodge. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 12 and will be open daily throughout the meeting. The majority of the NGA business sessions will be held in the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center.

For questions about meeting logistics, contact Susan Dotchin at [sdotchin@nga.org](mailto:sdotchin@nga.org) or 202-624-5327.

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **U.S. Supreme Court to Review Health Care Reform**
2. **Spending Bill with CR Clears Conference**
3. **Unemployment Insurance Extension Bills Introduced**

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#### **U.S. Supreme Court to Review Health Care Reform**

The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday announced that it would review the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act this spring during an historic five and one-half hours of arguments. The Court will hear arguments on the mandate requirement, severability, limits on challenges by public and private parties under the Anti-Injunction Act (26 USC 7421(a)) to the mandate requirement, and whether the Act's expansion of Medicaid oversteps the Spending Clause. The questions come from these cases accepted for review: National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius (No. 11-393); Florida, et al. v. HHS (No. 11-400); and, HHS, et al. v. Florida, et al. (No. 11-398).

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#### **Spending Bill with CR Clears Conference**

House and Senate appropriators cleared a conference report for a bill to fund the departments of Agriculture, Justice, Commerce, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. The bill also includes a continuing resolution to fund the government through December 16. The current CR ends this Friday. Leaders in the House and Senate are hopeful that the additional time will allow Congress to wrap up

all spending bills before adjourning for the holiday break. The first spending “minibus” made it out of conference Monday night and is set for passage by Friday.

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### **Unemployment Insurance Extension Bills Introduced**

Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.) and Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-Tex.) recently introduced companion bills, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2011 (S.1804 and H.R. 3346). The legislation would extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program and 100% federal funding for the Extended Benefits (EB) program through the end of 2012. Current extensions to both programs are set to expire at the end of December. States with outstanding federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund loans would be relieved from interest payments due by September 2012, contingent upon their agreement to maintain the amount, duration and access to state funded unemployment compensation.

Agreement to this “non-reduction clause” would also apply to Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) employer tax increases that are due in January 2012 in states with outstanding UI Trust Fund loans. States without an outstanding federal UI Trust Fund loan would receive a 2 percent increase on the interest paid on their trust fund balances in 2012.

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### **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Tuesday, November 15

1. Special Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety Briefing on D Block Governance: 10:00am, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-800-322-6099; passcode 6732948#
2. Meeting of the Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Reps: Policy Review, 2:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877-261-8991; passcode 6485844#
3. Meeting of the Economic Development and Commerce Reps: Policy Review, 3:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877-261-8991; passcode 9668613#
4. (November 14-15) NGA Chair’s Initiative: Regional Summit on Growing State Economies, Nashville, Tennessee

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## **NGA Committee Action**

Please be advised of the upcoming committee deadlines surrounding the new NGA policy process.

### **Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee**

Tuesday, November 15 – Discuss edits

Tuesday, November 22 – Finalize edits/staff vote

Thursday, December 1 – All committee work on policies must be complete

### **Economic Development and Commerce Committee**

### **Health and Human Services Committee**

Wednesday, November 16 – Finalize edits/staff vote

### **Natural Resources Committee**

Ongoing side conversations on NR-1, NR-2 and NR-3 should take place before Thursday, November 17

### **Special Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety**

Thursday, November 17 – Finalize edits/staff vote

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### This Just In

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1. **Appropriations Moving Forward**
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#### **Appropriations Moving Forward**

The two houses are likely to conference the recently passed minibus appropriations bill passed by the Senate earlier this week. That bill, which includes funding for Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, passed the Senate 69-30. If an agreement can be reached, the minibus may form the basis for a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government running past November 18 when the current CR expires. The Senate meanwhile may take up a second minibus next week that includes funding for Energy and Water programs, Financial Services and State Department and foreign operations.

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#### **Senate to Vote on Competing Transportation Bills**

Today, the Senate will consider two transportation and infrastructure bills (S. 1769, S. 1786). One measure would provide \$60 billion for transportation spending, offset with a 0.7 percent increase in taxes on certain incomes in excess of \$1 million. It would also provide \$50 billion for spending on roads, bridges, airports, railroads and transit systems, plus \$10 billion in seed money to create a national infrastructure bank. The other proposal, introduced Wednesday by Orrin G. Hatch, (R-Utah) would extend certain surface transportation programs through the end of fiscal 2012. The proposal

is paid for by rescinding \$40 billion in unobligated discretionary funds.

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## **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Thursday, November 3

1. Meeting of the Natural Resources Reps, 1:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877/261-8991; passcode 5057912#
2. Meeting of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Reps 2:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-800/322-6099; passcode 6732948#
3. Meeting of the Economic Development and Commerce Reps, 4:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877/261-8991; passcode 9668613#

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## **NGA Correspondence**

1. [November 2, 2011 letter](#) (from Governor Branstad and Governor Quinn) to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius submitting comments on the design of the state-federal partnership health insurance exchange models related to the Proposed Rule regarding Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

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**Legislative Focus: 3 Percent Withholding, Health Care Programs Eligibility, EU Emissions Reduction**

The House returns from recess this week to take up a number of measures, including a bill to repeal a law that requires 3 percent withholding on payments for government contractors, and legislation related to eligibility for health insurance exchange subsidies, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The House is expected to begin the week with consideration of several measures under suspension of the rules, including a bill (H.R. 2594) to prohibit operators of U.S. civil aircraft from participating in the European Union emissions schemes, and six other bills, including public lands transfers measures. The House will also consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, including IRS code legislation and an Arizona land conveyance bill (H.R. 1904).

Wednesday, the House is scheduled to take up a bill that would modify adjusted gross income levels for the purpose of determining eligibility for certain health care-related programs. The House Ways and Means Committee approved the bill on a vote of 23-12. The measure would modify the definition of income for determining eligibility for health insurance exchange subsidies, Medicaid, and CHIP. The provision is the same as

one included in President Obama's deficit reduction plan. The bill would amend Section 36B of the tax code to include the non-taxable portion of Social Security benefits in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's definition of modified adjusted gross income for determining eligibility.

The House is expected to vote on the 3 percent withholding repeal legislation (H.R. 674) at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. That bill was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee on October 13. The House Rules Committee is expected to meet October 25 to discuss floor debate for both H.R. 674 and H.R. 2576.

**Senate Floor.** The Senate is in recess this week.

**House Floor.** The House convenes today at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business and to take up 7 measures under suspension of the rules. Tuesday, and for the remainder of the week, the House will take up three measures under suspension of the rules and three measures subject to a rule. The House is not in session on Friday.

### **Key Hearings & Markups**

#### **Defense**

- The House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled "Economic Consequences of Defense Sequestration": Wednesday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn Building.

#### **Education and Workforce**

- The Higher Education and Workforce Training Subcommittee of the House Education and the Workforce Committee will hold a hearing titled "Government-Run Student Loans: Ensuring the Direct Loan Program is Accountable to Students and Taxpayers": Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.
- The House Education and the Workforce Committee will mark up the Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act: Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.

#### **Energy and Commerce**

- The Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled "Internet Gaming: Is there a Safe Bet?": Tuesday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn Building.
- The Energy and Power Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011: Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m., 2322 Rayburn Building.

## **Financial Services**

- The Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing titled “Insurance Oversight: Policy Implications for U.S. Consumers, Businesses and Jobs”: Tuesday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m., 2128 Rayburn Building.
- The International Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing titled “The Eurozone Crisis and Implications for the United States”: Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn Building.

## **Homeland Security**

- The Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled “Five Years Later: An Assessment of the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act”: October 26 at 10:00 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

## **Natural Resources**

- The House Natural Resources Committee will hold an oversight hearing titled “The President’s New National Ocean Policy – A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities”: Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth Building.

## **Oversight and Government Reform**

- The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled “Lights Out II: Another Look at EPA’s MACT Rule”: Thursday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m., 2154 Rayburn Building.

## **Science and Technology**

- The Investigations and Oversight and the Energy and Environment Subcommittees of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a joint hearing to review the draft recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future: Thursday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn Building.

## **Small Business**

- The House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing titled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration’s Financing Programs”: Wednesday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m., 2360 Rayburn Building.

## Transportation

- The House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled: “The Economic Importance of Seaports: Is the United States Prepared for the 21st Century Trade Realities?”: Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m., 2167 Rayburn Building.

## Ways and Means

- The House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the U.S.-China economic relationship, focusing on trade practices and non-tariff barriers that hinder U.S. companies from competing in the domestic Chinese market: Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m., 1100 Longworth Building

## Super Committee

- The Joint Select Deficit Reduction Committee will hold a hearing titled “Discretionary Outlays, Security and Non-Security”: Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m., 216 Hart Building

## September’s State and Regional Unemployment Rates Released

On Friday, the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 25 states experienced unemployment rate decreases in September, while 14 states recorded rate increases and another 11 states saw no change. One territory saw its jobless rate drop 0.9 percent to 15.1 percent in September. The national jobless rate remained at 9.1 percent for the third month in a row and was 0.5 percentage points lower than a year earlier. The regional jobless rate was highest in the West at 10.4 percent, despite a 0.2 percent drop over the previous month. Unemployment rates in both the South (9.1 percent) and the Midwest (8.7 percent) remained unchanged for the second month in a row, while the Northeast recorded the lowest rate of 8.2 percent, which is unchanged since July. For state unemployment rates and to view a copy of the report visit: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/laus.pdf>.

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## Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar

Monday, October 24

1. Washington Reps Weekly Meeting, 1:30pm, Washington, DC, Hall of the States, Room 283/5, Contact: [Erin Cohan](#)

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### This Just In

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1. **House CR Clarifies Full-Year Cuts to WIA Statewide Activities Funding**
2. **HHS Releases Information Regarding Partnership Options on Insurance Exchanges**
3. **Dept. of Ed Opens Statewide Data Systems Grant Competition**
4. **White House to Release NCLB Waiver Plan**

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#### **House CR Clarifies Full-Year Cuts to WIA Statewide Activities Funding**

The House proposed FY2012 continuing resolution (H.J. Res. 79) amends a provision in the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 to clarify the congressional intent of a two-thirds reduction to the 15 percent set-aside for statewide activities under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The original language in the FY2011 bill was unclear, and the U.S. Department of Labor subsequently applied the cut to only a single quarter of the program year, pending further congressional action. The clarifying language in the proposed CR reduces funds for statewide activities under WIA from 15 percent to 5 percent for the entire 2011 fiscal year, amounting to approximately a \$206 million reduction of funds for states. Under the bill, the funds that would have gone to states would be used in part to fund a new federal competitive grant program called the "Workforce Innovation Fund". The remaining savings would be passed down to local workforce areas. The state is required to perform certain mandated activities with the remaining 5 percent of the funds. To view the provision in H.J. Res. 79 see page 14, Sec. 134:

[http://rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF\\_112\\_1/Floor\\_Text/FY12CR%20FY11914.pdf](http://rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF_112_1/Floor_Text/FY12CR%20FY11914.pdf).

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### **HHS Releases Information Regarding Partnership Options on Insurance Exchanges**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released additional information yesterday regarding opportunities for states to partner with the federal government to operate health insurance exchanges as required by the Affordable Care Act. Under the proposed partnership model, states may choose to perform health plan management, consumer assistance or both functions. If choosing to perform plan management, the state would conduct plan analysis, monitoring and data collection while the federal government would assist with consumer complaints and enrollment reconciliation. The consumer assistance model would allow the state to oversee in-person consumer assistance, manage the Navigator program to help individuals sign up for insurance and conduct outreach and education. The federal government would assist with functions that can be centralized such as call center operations and website management. These proposals were discussed yesterday during a meeting hosted by HHS for state health officials. HHS is seeking feedback on these proposals as states submit comments to the proposed rule on health exchange establishment for which the comment period closes on September 28, 2011.

NGA Contact: [Heather Hogsett](#), 202/624-5360

### **Dept. of Ed Opens Statewide Data Systems Grant Competition**

The U.S. Department of Education is calling for state education agencies that did not receive a fiscal year 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant to apply for a new Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program. Grants will range from \$1 million to \$5 million for a three-year grant period. Although the basic requirements for the program are specified in the America COMPETES Act, this year's competition will require states to focus on one of three priority areas: early childhood data, K-12 or postsecondary and/or workforce data. Within each priority area, states must use grant funds to address minimum capacity requirements in three categories: governance and policy requirements, technical requirements and data use requirements. State applications are due by December 15, 2011. To view the grant solicitation visit:

[http://dataqualitycampaign.org/files/FY12%20SLDS%20Announcement.pdf?utm\\_source=Data+Quality+Campaign&utm\\_campaign=b91c77f535-3.23&utm\\_medium=email](http://dataqualitycampaign.org/files/FY12%20SLDS%20Announcement.pdf?utm_source=Data+Quality+Campaign&utm_campaign=b91c77f535-3.23&utm_medium=email).

NGA Contact: [Joan Wodiska](#), 202/624-5361; [Patrick Baker](#), 202/624-5496

### **White House to Release NCLB Waiver Plan**

On Friday, September 23rd, at 10:10am ET in a Rose Garden Ceremony, President Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will release plans for their No Child Left Behind waiver proposal for states. The U.S. Department of Education extended invitations to Governors from Race to the Top winning governors from Round I, II, and the nine governors eligible for RTT Round III to attend the Rose Garden ceremony. The

White House also invited state chief state school officers.

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## **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Tuesday, September 20

1. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Reps, 2:00pm
2. Meeting of the Economic Development and Commerce Reps: Discussion on Priorities and Policy Process, 3:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877/261-8991; passcode 9668613#
3. (September 20-21) NGA Center for Best Practices Workshop: Public Private Partnerships for Transportation - A Workshop for State Officials, Washington, DC (Limited Attendance) Contact: [Greg Dierkers](#)

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **President Unveils Jobs Plan Before Joint Session of Congress**
2. **Virginia Court Rejects Challenges to Health Reform Law**
3. **Senate Approves Patent Reform Bill**
4. **President Urges Infrastructure Investments; FAA Extension Bill Introduction Expected in the House; THUD FY12 Appropriations Approved by House Panel**
5. **USDA Announces School Meal Pilot Opportunity**

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#### **President Unveils Jobs Plan Before Joint Session of Congress**

Last night the President presented his plan to boost the economy and create jobs during a special joint-session of Congress. The plan calls for \$447 billion in tax reductions and spending and is to be fully paid for by adding the amount to the total deficit reductions that are to be identified by the Select Committee. Highlights of the plan include reductions in employer payroll taxes and incentives for hiring new workers, an extension of the 100% expensing provisions for new capital investments in 2012; \$35 billion for states to hire or rehire teachers and first responders; \$30 billion to modernize schools; \$50 billion for surface transportation and funds to establish an infrastructure bank. The proposal also includes reforms to the unemployment system and extends benefits and encourages wireless communications deployment and the creation of a nationwide, interoperable wireless system for first responders. To view a White House fact sheet on the American Jobs Act, visit:

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/jobs\\_act.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/jobs_act.pdf)

NGA Contact: [David Quam](#), 202/624-5309

#### **Virginia Court Rejects Challenges to Health Reform Law**

Yesterday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit threw out two challenges to the federal health reform law by the State of Virginia and Liberty University. Both cases argued that the mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) that requires nearly all Americans to buy health insurance is unconstitutional. In the case of *Virginia ex rel. Cuccinelli v. Sebelius*, the Court ruled that the state did not have standing to challenge PPACA because “the sole provision challenged here – the individual mandate – imposes no obligations” on the state itself. In the case of *Liberty University Inc. v. Geithner*, the court said the legal challenge was premature. To view the *Virginia* opinion, go to: [http://op.bna.com/hl.nsf/id/mapi-8lhmzx/\\$File/virginia.pdf](http://op.bna.com/hl.nsf/id/mapi-8lhmzx/$File/virginia.pdf). To view the opinion in the *Liberty University* case, visit: <http://op.bna.com/hl.nsf/r?Open=mapi-8lhn3c>.

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### **Senate Approves Patent Reform Bill**

The Senate yesterday approved 89-9 the House-passed version of the America Invents Act (H.R. 1249). The bill will shift the U.S. from a "first to invent" to a "first to file" standard, establish a first window post grant review, and allow third parties to provide information on pending applications. The Senate defeated three amendments that would have required all Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) fees be used for PTO purposes, removed a provision to establish a new review process for business-method patents and changed the way patent extensions are calculated. The bill now heads to the President's desk for signature.

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### **President Urges Infrastructure Investments; FAA Extension Bill Introduction Expected in the House; THUD FY12 Appropriations Approved by House Panel**

During last night's speech on the American Jobs Act, the President urged Congress to support an infrastructure bank aimed at attracting private capital to make loans for projects based on need and benefits to the economy, referencing the BUILD Act (S. 652) introduced by Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.) in March. In other transportation news, text of a Federal Aviation Authorization (FAA) extension bill could be released by House Transportation and Infrastructure Chair John Mica (R-Fla.) as early as today. Finally, the House Appropriations Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Subcommittee approved by voice vote fiscal year (FY) 2012 appropriations for THUD programs. The bill would cut federal-aid highways obligation limitation from \$41.107 billion in FY11 to \$27 billion in FY12 and mass transit obligation limits from \$8.343 billion in FY11 to \$5.2 billion in FY12, which is consistent with the House-passed Ryan (R-Wis.) budget plan and House Transportation and Infrastructure Chair Mica's reauthorization bill outline. The bill also would cut Amtrak operating funding, would eliminate TIGER discretionary surface transportation grants, and would not provide additional funding for high-speed rail or for a new National Infrastructure Bank. Text of the appropriations bill is available at:

[http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12THUD\\_xml.pdf](http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12THUD_xml.pdf).

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### **USDA Announces School Meal Pilot Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an invitation to state agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to apply to participate in demonstration projects that will evaluate the effectiveness of directly certifying students eligible for free meals using the Medicaid program. The demonstration and evaluation projects will begin July 1, 2012, and will be phased in over a three year period in a limited number of LEAs and States across the country. To participate, states must notify USDA of their intent to apply by October 5, 2011 and applications will be due December 5, 2011. For more information, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/whatsnew.htm>

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### **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Friday, September 9

1. NGA Center for Best Practices Health Insurance Exchanges Workshop, Arlington, Virginia, Crystal City Hyatt (Limited Attendance)

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **Administration Announces Efforts to Reduce Red Tape**
2. **HHS Considering Models for State-Federal Partnership on Health Exchanges**

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#### **Administration Announces Efforts to Reduce Red Tape**

Yesterday, the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs announced that its efforts to reduce regulatory red tape could yield \$10 billion in savings over the next five years. Earlier this year the Administration announced efforts to review all regulations with an objective of streamlining or eliminating regulations that are overly burdensome and not cost effective. Several agencies have proposed rules to make changes within their jurisdiction. Details of the agency plans are available at [www.whitehouse.gov/21stcenturygov/actions/21st-century-regulatory-system](http://www.whitehouse.gov/21stcenturygov/actions/21st-century-regulatory-system).

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#### **HHS Considering Models for State-Federal Partnership on Health Exchanges**

The Department of Health and Human Services is considering several models for state-federal partnership for states that choose not to run their own health insurance exchange as required by the Accountable Care Act. Several models being considered include one in which the state would establish and operate a small business health options program (SHOP) exchange and the federal government would operate an individual exchange. Other proposals include allowing the state to maintain responsibility for governance and policy decisions while allowing the federal

government to operate the exchanges or allowing the state to create and operate the exchanges while having the federal government or a third party perform a variety of functions. It is anticipated that these proposals will be discussed next month at the NGA Center workshop on health exchanges as well as at a later meeting hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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## Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar

Wednesday, August 24

1. Meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee: Update on Proposed Rules on Health Exchanges and September NGA Health Exchanges Workshop, 3:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call [REDACTED]; passcode [REDACTED]

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## NGA Correspondence

1. [August 22, 2011 letter](#) (from Governor O'Malley and Governor Mead) to Senate National Guard Caucus Co-Chairs Senator Leahy and Senator Graham expression the appreciation of the nation's governors for their work to support the National Guard and thanking them for introducing the *National Guard Empowerment and State-National Defense Integration Act of 2011*.
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## Press Clips

Press clips that are relevant to state issues and Governors' offices are available from the NGA Office of Communications through the NGA Daily Email each Wednesday. In addition, the clips page has links to national news sources, which can be accessed any day of the week.

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### This Just In

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1. **HHS and Treasury Release Proposed Rules on Health Exchanges**
2. **DOT Publishes Final TIGER Grant NOFA**

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#### **HHS and Treasury Release Proposed Rules on Health Exchanges**

Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury released three proposed rules regarding insurance exchanges to be established under the Affordable Care Act. The rules cover exchange eligibility and employer standards, the health insurance premium tax credit and Medicaid eligibility. The Medicaid eligibility rule discusses how the exchange will interact with Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The proposed rule also includes the increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rates that will be available to cover the expansion of Medicaid eligibility beginning in January 2014, and includes three proposed methodologies for states to use to apply the appropriate FMAP for expenditures.

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#### **DOT Publishes Final TIGER Grant NOFA**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Friday published the final notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the third funding round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive discretionary grant program, which includes additional details on the project readiness characteristics that DOT considers when evaluating applications. DOT is authorized to award \$527 million in TIGER grants that eligible states and local governments can use to complete

national infrastructure projects. Pre-applications must be submitted by October 3, 2011, and final applications are due by October 31, 2011. To view the final NOFA, please go to: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-08-12/pdf/2011-20577.pdf>.  
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### This Just In

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### Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar

Monday, August 15

1. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Washington Reps, 1:30pm

2. NGA Health and Human Services Committee Update on SDW: 2:30pm,  
Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference Call 1-877/261-  
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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. FAA Shutdown Resolved This Morning
2. FCC Requests Additional Comments on Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation Reform Proposals

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### Front & Center

"Front and Center" delivers weekly information on Center projects and events, state best practices, federal policies affecting states, links to respected research, and quick analysis on hot topics. This week's highlights: Young Farmers; Crime Fund; Tech jobs; Degree Completion; Nursing Loans.

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### Center Application and Event Opportunities

1. [NGA Center Policy Forum on Early Dropout Prevention through Middle School](#)

[Reform](#) -- The NGA Center for Best Practices is holding a policy forum on Early Dropout Prevention through Middle School Reform.

2. [NGA Center Hosts Policy Forum on Evaluating Principal Effectiveness](#) -- The NGA Center for Best Practices, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the National Conference of State Legislatures are holding a policy forum on Evaluating Principal Effectiveness.
3. [NGA Center Offers Grant Opportunity to Strengthen Postsecondary Accountability Systems](#) -- As the concluding action of the 2010-11 NGA Chair's Initiative *Complete to Compete*, the NGA Center released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to all states in good standing to participate in a policy academy on strengthening postsecondary accountability systems.
4. [Health Insurance Exchange Workshop](#) -- The NGA Center is hosting a states-only workshop on health insurance exchanges **September 8-9, 2011** in Arlington, Virginia.
5. [Identifying, Evaluating and Scaling Best Practices in STEM Education](#) -- NGA Center is hosting a webinar on **Thursday, September 15** from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET to discuss identifying, evaluating, and scaling best practices in STEM Education.
6. [NGA Center Workshop: Public Private Partnerships for Transportation](#) -- The NGA Center is partnering with the National Conference of State Legislatures to create a Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships in Transportation (P3 Workshop) **September 20-21, 2011** in Washington D.C.

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## NGA Correspondence/News Releases

1. August 4, 2011 letter (from Governor Heineman and Governor Markell) to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith and Ranking Member John Conyers urging Congress to oppose H.R.1439, the "Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011". As with similar bills in previous Congresses, this bill represents an unwarranted federal intrusion into state affairs that will harm states' ability to manage their finances and assist in recovery.

To view this letter, go to:

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## This Just In (Text Version)

### FAA Shutdown Resolved This Morning

During today's pro forma session, the Senate approved under unanimous consent the

House-passed Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) extension (H.R. 2553) through September 16, 2011, to end the FAA shutdown that began on July 23. H.R. 2553 includes provisions that would reduce Essential Air Services subsidies to some rural airports, but U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary LaHood is expected to use his authority to waive many of the targeted airports from the subsidy cuts.

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### **FCC Requests Additional Comments on Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation Reform Proposals**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Wednesday issued a further notice of inquiry in its federal Universal Service Fund (USF) and intercarrier compensation (ICC) reform proceeding after the agency voted in February to begin reforming the systems. The notice requests public comment on reform proposals the agency has received including the "America's Broadband Connectivity Plan" submitted last week by six major telecommunications firms, which proposes to establish two new universal service programs, the Connect America Fund and an Advanced Mobility/Satellite Fund, to subsidize broadband in high cost rural areas where broadband is unavailable. The FCC's inquiry includes questions on the state role in a new universal service structure, such as if states should collect information regarding customer complaints and whether states could assess certain eligibility triggers that would determine if a provider is eligible for universal service support under a new right-of-first-refusal model for incumbent providers. To view America's Broadband Connectivity Plan, please go to: <http://americasbroadbandconnectivity.org/the-plan/>. For more information on the FCC's inquiry, please go to:

[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-11-1348A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-11-1348A1.pdf).

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This Just In

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1. **This Week in Congress**
2. **House Passes CJS Appropriations Bill**

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### **Legislative Focus: Export-Import Bank, Defense Authorization, Mobile Workforce, Violence Against Women Act**

The House is set to take up defense authorization the May 14 week, while the Senate is expected to continue work on legislation to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.

The Senate is expected to begin the week with votes on several judicial nominations, including that of George Levi Russell III to be a U.S. district judge for Maryland, and John J. Tharp Jr. to be a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Once these votes are complete, the Senate will vote on a cloture motion on the Export-Import Bank reauthorization bill (H.R. 2072), which the House approved last week on a vote of 330-93. The bank's current charter is set to expire May 31.

If the Export-Import Bank legislation is approved, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has said he may bring up the Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act (S. 2237) this week. The bill would provide a temporary 100 percent depreciation credit for small businesses and offer a 10 percent tax credit for small firms that increase their payrolls through either new hires or wage increases during 2012. The maximum credit per employer would be capped at \$500,000.

The House will spend most of the week on the FY 2013 Defense authorization bill (H.R. 4310), which cleared the House Armed Services Committee May 10. The measure authorizes \$554 billion in funding for national defense activities of the Department of Defense and defense-related programs in the Department of Energy. An additional \$88 billion in funding was authorized for overseas

contingency operations, bringing the total authorization level to \$642 billion. The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet May 15 to consider a rule for the floor debate of the DOD bill.

The House is also expected to consider several measures under suspension of the rules, including a bill (H.R. 365) that would create a stronger nationwide network for "blue alerts," public announcements made when law enforcement officers are either injured or killed in the line of duty. In addition, the House will take up the Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act (H.R. 1864), which would limit the authority of states to tax the income of non-resident employees who work for a limited amount of time in the state, allowing such individuals to be taxed only if they work in the state for 31 days or more.

The House also plans to take up the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4970), depending on action by the House Rules Committee.

**Senate Floor.** The Senate convenes at 2:00 p.m. today and is expected to consider Export-Import Bank reauthorization legislation and several judicial nominations.

**House Floor.** The House is not in session today but will convene at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday to take up 11 measures under suspension of the rules, including the Mobile Workforce bill (H.R. 1864). Wednesday, and for the remainder of the week, the House is scheduled to consider two measures subject to a rule, including the Defense authorization bill.

### **Key Hearings & Markups Appropriations**

- The House Appropriations Committee will mark up draft legislation that would make fiscal 2013 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security and related programs and agencies: Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 a.m., 2359 Rayburn Building.
- The House Appropriations Committee will mark up draft legislation that would make fiscal 2013 appropriations for military construction programs: Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 a.m., 2359 Rayburn Building.
- The House Appropriations Committee will meet to consider a report on the revised suballocations of budget allocations for fiscal 2013: Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 a.m., 2359 Rayburn Building.
- The House Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold hearing on proposed fiscal 2013 appropriations for departments, agencies and programs under its jurisdiction: Date and Time TBA, 2359 Rayburn Building.

### **Armed Services**

- The Senate Airland Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee will mark up portions of the fiscal 2013 defense authorization under its jurisdiction: Tuesday, May 22, 3:30 p.m. CLOSED, 232-A Russell Building.
- The Senate Armed Services Committee will mark up the fiscal 2013 defense authorization: Wednesday, May 23, 2:30 p.m., CLOSED, 222 Russell Building; Thursday, May 24, 9:30 a.m., CLOSED, 222 Russell Building; Friday, May 25, 9:30 a.m., (if needed), CLOSED, 222 Russell

Building.

### **Conference Committee**

- The House and Senate Conferees will meet to consider legislation that would reauthorize federal highway programs: TBA, 216 Hart Building.

### **Education and the Workforce**

- The Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee of the House Education and Workforce Committee will hold a hearing titled "Exploring State Successes in Expanding Parent and Student Options:" May 16, 10:00 a.m., Rayburn Building.

### **Energy and Commerce**

- The Communications and Technology Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold an oversight hearing on broadband loans and grants funded by provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

### **Finance**

- The Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing titled "Tax Reform: What It Could Mean for Tribes and Territories." Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 a.m., 215 Dirksen Building.

### **Judiciary**

- The Senate Judiciary Committee will vote on pending nominations and mark up pending legislation including 2. 2086, a bill to improve security at state and local courthouses: Thursday, May 17, 10:00 a.m.
- The House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the implementation of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act: May 16, 10:00 a.m., 2141 Rayburn Building.
- The Immigration Policy and Enforcement Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on legislation that would direct the Secretary of State to address inefficiencies in the visa processing system that discourage overseas businesses and leisure travel to the United States.
- The Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearing titled "Health Care Consolidation and Competition after PPACA:" May 18, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn Building.

### **Natural Resources**

- The House Natural Resources Committee will hold a Subcommittee Field Hearing on Efforts to Promote Effective Forest Management: Monday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m., Montrose Elks Civil Bldg., 107 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose, Colo.

### **Senate Appropriations**

- The Senate Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up draft legislation that would make fiscal 2013 appropriations for departments, agencies, and programs under its jurisdiction: Tuesday, May 15 at 3:30 p.m., 192 Dirksen Bldg.
- The Senate Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up draft legislation that would make fiscal 2013 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction: Tuesday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m., 138 Dirksen Building.
- The Senate Defense Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the FY2013 appropriations: May 16, 10:30 a.m., and May 17, 2:00 p.m., SCV-217 Capitol Visitor Center.
- The Senate Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold hearings on proposed FY2013 appropriations for departments, agencies, and programs under its jurisdiction: Wednesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., 124 Dirksen Building.
- The Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up draft legislation that would make fiscal 2013 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security and related programs and agencies: Thursday, May 17, Time TBA (Tentative), 192 Dirksen Building.
- The Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up draft legislation that would make fiscal 2013 appropriations for military construction and programs: Thursday, May 17, Time TBA (Tentative), 192 Dirksen Building.
- The Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on proposed fiscal 2013 appropriations for departments, programs and agencies: Date and Time TBA, 124 Dirksen Building.

### **Veterans Affairs**

- The Economic Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the April 27 Executive Order 13607 that aims to protect veterans from aggressive and deceptive targeting by educational institutions, especially for-profit schools: May 16, 2:00 p.m., 340 Cannon Building.
- The House Veterans Affairs Committee will hold an oversight hearing titled "Reviewing the Implementation of Major Provisions of the VOW [Veterans Opportunity to Work] to hire Heroes Act of 2011:" May 31, 10:15 a.m., 224 Cannon Building.

### **Ways and Means**

- The Human Resources Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the spending by the states on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANIF) program: May 17, 2:00 p.m., Longworth Building.

### **House Passes CJS Appropriations Bill**

The House of Representatives passed H.R. 5326, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013 last week by a vote of 247-163. The bill provides \$24.9 billion for the Department of Justice, an increase of approximately \$11 billion above the FY 2012 level. State and local law enforcement assistance programs would receive \$962.5 million, including \$392 million for the Byrne JAG program and \$165 million for the State

Criminal Alien Assistance Program. Ahead of final passage, an amendment offered by Rep. Michael Grimm (R-N.Y.) was approved that increased funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services hiring program to \$166 million, the same as the FY 2012 levels. A second amendment offered by Rep. Jon Runyan (R-Mich.) increased funding for the Office of Violence Against Women to \$420 million, an increase of approximately \$8 million above the FY 2012 level. The Senate is expected to take up its bill in the next few weeks. A final version of the House passed bill can be found [here](#).

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## Today's Meetings

Monday, May 14

1. Washington Reps Weekly Meeting, 1:30pm, Washington, DC, Hall of the States, Room 283/5, Contact: [Erin Cohan](#)

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## NGA Correspondence

1. [May 11, 2012 letter](#) (from Governor Heineman and Governor Markell) to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Chairman Barbara Boxer and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman John Mica encouraging the enactment of a new authorization bill that meets the needs of states and provides the level of federal policy and funding predictability and stability states need to invest wisely in our surface transportation infrastructure.
2. [May 11, 2012 letter](#) (from Governor Malloy and Governor Daugaard) to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Chairman Barbara Boxer and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman John Mica supporting the enactment of a new, long-term transportation authorization bill and urging adoption of several provisions added to the legislation during consideration in the Senate.

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**This Just In**

This Just In headlines:

1. House Passes Department of Energy Appropriations Bill

**House Passes Department of Energy Appropriations Bill**

Last week, the House approved the Energy and Water appropriations bill which funds the Department of Energy (DOE), the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management. The overall cost of the bill is \$1 billion less than fiscal year 2011 levels. The proposal would reduce \$141 million from the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for a total of \$33 million. The Committee report stated that the DOE has the authority to alter the WAP funding formula to give the funds to states that spent all of their Weatherization funds provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The House passed by voice vote an amendment by Representative Todd Young (R-Ind.) to prohibit the use of funds to pay DOE employees for implementation of WAP funds received through ARRA. The bill proposes to reduce funding to the State Energy Program by half for a total of \$25 million. Overall the office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) would receive \$491 million less than fiscal year 2011; fossil energy research would receive an increase of \$32 million over fiscal year 2011 levels and the DOE Loan Guarantee program would receive an increase of \$160 million. The Corps of Engineers would receive an increase of \$706 million for its Operations and Maintenance and a decrease of \$47 million for construction. With the exception of an amendment by Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) to increase the EERE budget by \$10 million with an offset to Departmental Administration, the House defeated a series of amendments that would have alternately reduced or increased funding to the EERE account. Many of the amendments would have transferred the savings to the spending reduction account. The House agreed to an amendment by Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA) that would increase funding for the Advanced

Research Projects Agency-Energy program by decreasing funding for the Departmental Administration. The House defeated an amendment by Representative Jim Moran (D-Va.) to strike language that prohibits funds from being used by the Corps to implement new guidance related to the definition of Waters of the U.S. The House passed by voice vote an amendment by Representative Bill Flores (R-Tex.) to prohibit the use of funds to enforce a law that prohibits federal agencies from procuring synthetic fuel unless its life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions are less than those for conventional petroleum sources. The House also passed an amendment by Representative Brad Sherman (D-CA) to prohibit the use of funds to be used for any portion of EERE's international activities in China.

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## Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar

Tuesday, July 19

1. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Reps, 2:00pm
2. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Economic Development and Commerce Reps, 3:00pm

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## NGA News Releases

1. [NGA Kicks off 103rd Annual Meeting in Utah](#)
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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **House Labor Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Discusses WIA Set-Aside**
2. **U.S. Supreme Court Concludes Oral Arguments on Health Care Law**

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#### **House Labor Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Discusses WIA Set-Aside**

Yesterday, the House Appropriations Committee, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on the Department of Labor's budget request for fiscal year 2013. Chairman Rehberg (R-Mont.) questioned Secretary of Labor Solis specifically about the governor's set-aside under the Workforce Investment Act. Secretary Solis indicated that set-aside funds have been moved to support other programs. Rehberg noted that reducing the set-aside from 15% to 5% was not intended to be permanent, and that the subcommittee would be closely examining the status of the set-aside during this year's appropriation's deliberations.

NGA Contact: [Joan Wodiska](#), 202/624-5361; [Craig Sundstrom](#), 202/624-3623

#### **U.S. Supreme Court Concludes Oral Arguments on Health Care Law**

The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday completed oral arguments on constitutional issues associated with the new federal health care law. Pub. L. 111-148, as amended. Yesterday's morning argument examined whether portions of the law could remain in force if the Court were to strike down the individual mandate as unconstitutional. The justices considered three positions: (1) if the mandate goes the entire law must be struck down, (2) if the mandate is unconstitutional other sections

of the law must be struck down too, or (3) if the mandate is struck down the rest of the law still stands. *National Federation of Independent Business, et al. v. Sebelius and Florida, et al. v. Department of Health and Human Services* (Nos. 11-393 and 11-400). The afternoon argument addressed the coercive effect on the states from the law's expansion of Medicaid. *Florida, et al. v. Department of Health and Human Services* (No. 11-400). Copies of yesterday's transcripts are available [here](#) and [here](#). Opinions are expected in these cases by late June.

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## Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar

Thursday, March 29

1. Meeting of the Natural Resources Reps: Briefing on Edison Electric Institute's Troops to Energy Initiative, 1:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877-261-8991; passcode 5057912#
2. Meeting of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Reps: Briefing on Fusion Centers and , 2:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference Call [REDACTED]; passcode [REDACTED]

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1. [Governors to Hold Biennial Seminar in California](#)

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **House Budget Released**
2. **Senate Votes On JOBS Amendment, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization**
3. **Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization Bill Introduced**

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#### House Budget Released

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) released the House FY 2013 budget proposal yesterday calling for changes to the tax code and entitlement programs along with cuts in spending. The plan calls for \$3.530 trillion in spending for 2013 and \$2.734 trillion in revenues, generating a deficit of \$797 billion for the fiscal year. Non-defense domestic spending is set at \$1.028 trillion, which is below the \$1.047 limit put in place by the Budget Control Act. The plan also calls for six House committees to come up with \$261 billion in spending cuts over the next 11 years, block grants the Medicaid program and reduces the number of individual income tax brackets from six to two.

NGA Contacts: [David Quam](#), 202-624-5309

#### Senate Votes On JOBS Amendment, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization

The Senate yesterday failed to approve two amendments relating to the House-passed JOBS Act (H.R. 3606). The first was a Democratic substitute to address concerns regarding investor protections in the JOBS Act. The second was an amendment by Senator Cantwell (D-Wash.) that would have reauthorized the Export-Import Bank through 2015 and gradually increase its current loan limit from \$100 billion to \$140

billion. The Senate is scheduled to proceed to a cloture vote today on the underlying JOBS Act, which is a package of six bills designed to help startups and entrepreneurs access capital and create jobs. NGA Contacts: [David Parkhurst](#), 202-624-5328; [Rachael Mason](#), 202-624-5376

### **Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization Bill Introduced**

Yesterday, U.S. Representatives John Tierney (D-Mass.), Ruben Hinojosa (D-Tex.), and George Miller (D-Calif.) introduced a bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. According to the bill sponsors, the Workforce Investment Act of 2012 aims to streamline workforce programs and will require states to establish unified plans to coordinate job training, adult education and postsecondary education programs. The legislation also establishes performance measures for WIA programs and expands access for adults, youth and disabled individuals. The bill comes one week prior to Secretary of Labor Solis' scheduled appearance before the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee on proposed fiscal 2013 appropriations.

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### **Today's Meetings**

Wednesday, March 21

1. Meeting of the Health and Human Services Reps: Discussion on Health Insurance Exchange Regulation, 2:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877-261-8991; passcode 6010576#
2. Briefing on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, 3:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference Call [REDACTED]; passcode [REDACTED]

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### **Press Clips**

Press clips that are relevant to state issues and governors' offices are available from the NGA Office of Communications through the NGA Daily Email each Wednesday. In addition, the clips page has links to national news sources, which can be accessed any day of the week.

To view these press clips and links to national news sources, go to:

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **President Obama Signs Payroll Tax Bill**
2. **CMS Releases Two Final Rules**
3. **HHS Announces Affordable Insurance Exchange Grants**
4. **Supreme Court Issues Opinion in Medicaid Case**

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#### **President Obama Signs Payroll Tax Bill**

President Obama yesterday signed the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act", which extends the payroll tax holiday through the end of the year. The bill also extends Unemployment Insurance benefits, prevents the scheduled cut in Medicare payments to doctors, and includes the reallocation of the D-block to public safety; a long-time priority of NGA. In addition, the bill extends through the end of 2012 the Medicare qualified individual (QI) programs for states to cover Part B premiums for qualifying seniors, and transitional medical assistance (TMA) for low-income families who are transitioning into employment. The bill also extends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program for one year. The House and Senate approved the bill February 17.

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#### **CMS Releases Two Final Rules**

Yesterday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released two final rules pursuant to the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). The first rule codifies requirements to increase transparency of the Medicaid waiver development and approval processes

at the state and federal levels. The second rule outlines the steps states may pursue in order for a state to receive a state innovation waiver to provide comprehensive, affordable health insurance under section 1332 of the ACA. The final rule for Section 1115 may be found [here](#). The final rule for Section 1332 may be found [here](#).

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### **HHS Announces Affordable Insurance Exchange Grants**

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced nearly \$229 million in Affordable Insurance Exchange awards to help create Health Insurance Exchanges (Exchanges) in Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. HHS anticipates these awards will give recipients increased resources and flexibility in developing their respective Exchanges. For the HHS press release, visit this [link](#).

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### **Supreme Court Issues Opinion in Medicaid Case**

The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday in a 5-4 decision sidestepped whether, under the Supremacy Clause, private parties may pursue legal action against a state law that the parties believe federal law preempted, even if the underlying federal law does not create a direct right to take legal action. *Douglas v. Independent Living Center of Southern California* (No. 09-958, consolidated) involved new California laws that reduced the reimbursement rates paid to Medicaid providers and beneficiaries. Those providers and beneficiaries argued that the California statutes violated federal Medicaid law and secured temporary injunctions blocking implementation. Before the Court heard the case last October, however, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in an administrative action held that the California statutes did not violate federal Medicaid law. The Court's opinion yesterday vacated the injunctions and remanded the cases back to the Ninth Circuit for the parties to argue the legality of the California laws subject now to the HHS administrative decision. This would change the legal standard of review and increase judicial deference to the HHS decision, making it very difficult for the parties to win. Chief Justice Roberts, in dissent, argued that there was no private right of action permitted under federal Medicaid law and that the Supremacy Clause does not provide a default right of action. NGA filed an *amicus curiae* brief in support of California in this case.

Also yesterday, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous opinion, reversed a Montana Supreme Court decision that a power company owed the State nearly \$41 million in rent for eight years of riverbed use (*PPL Montana, LLC v. Montana* [No. 10-218]). In 2003, parents of Montana schoolchildren filed a federal suit claiming that the power company's dam facilities were on riverbeds that were state-owned and part of Montana's school trust lands. The Court held that the Montana Supreme Court misinterpreted its rules of navigability-in-fact for title under the "equal footing"

doctrine.

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## Today's Meetings

Thursday, February 23

1. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Natural Resources Reps, 1:00pm
  2. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Reps, 2:00pm
  3. (February 23-25) National Association of State Liaisons for Workforce Development Partnerships – Winter Meeting, Washington, DC, Contact: [Martin Simon](#)
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## 2012 NGA Winter Meeting Information

Advance Registration for the NGA 2012 Winter Meeting closed at Noon (EST) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. You may register onsite at the JW Marriott Hotel beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 25. Contact the hotel (202-393-2000) directly if you need housing; however, you may find the hotel is sold out on some nights during the meeting and if rooms are available, they may be at a rate higher than the NGA meeting rate.

### Program Information

The websites contain information on the business agenda for the meeting. Be sure to check again during the coming weeks for program updates.

### Housing Information

Special reduced rates are available through the NGA housing block at the JW Marriott Hotel. Attendees are encouraged to book their hotel rooms online through the NGA websites. By using the Marriott room block reserved for NGA attendees, you are helping the association better manage meeting costs.

### Special Registration and Security Notice

Each meeting attendee must present two forms of identification, including a current, government issued photo id (driver's license or passport), to have photo ID credentials made and receive meeting materials. The second form of identification must confirm the individual's business affiliation (business card or organizational ID); personal credit cards are not a valid form of identification. Security personnel will be stationed throughout the meeting facility, and NGA meeting credentials will be required to

access the meeting room floors. **No exceptions will be made.**

For questions about meeting logistics, contact Susan Dotchin at [sdotchin@nga.org](mailto:sdotchin@nga.org) or 202-624-5327.

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### This Just In

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1. **President Obama Denies Keystone Permit**
2. **White House Issues New Report on State Implementation of Health Insurance Exchanges**
3. **House Passes Debt Limit Increase Disapproval Resolution**

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#### **President Obama Denies Keystone Permit**

Yesterday, the Obama Administration declined to issue a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline which was to carry oil from Canada's tar sands to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. The President had a Congressionally-mandated deadline of February 21 to make the decision. TransCanada, the pipeline company, can reapply for the permit with an alternative route that must be negotiated with the State of Nebraska.

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#### **White House Issues New Report on State Implementation of Health Insurance Exchanges**

Yesterday, the White House released a report on the diverse approaches taken by twenty-eight states regarding the establishment of health insurance exchanges. To read the report, please visit [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/01-18-12\\_exchange\\_report.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/01-18-12_exchange_report.pdf).

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#### **House Passes Debt Limit Increase Disapproval Resolution**

Yesterday, in a 236 to 176 vote, the House passed H.J. Res. 98 disapproving the \$1.2 trillion increase in the debt limit to \$16.394 trillion. The resolution is not expected to pass in the Senate. Should the resolution pass in the Senate, it is not likely that either house could get the two-thirds majority needed to override President Obama's expected veto.

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## Today's Meetings

Thursday, January 19

1. Meeting of the Natural Resources Reps: Briefing by USDA and the Department of the Navy on Advanced Biofuels Development, 1:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877-261-8991 passcode: 5057912#.
  2. Meeting of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Reps, 2:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call [REDACTED]
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## 2012 NGA Winter Meeting Information

The registration and housing websites are now available for the 2012 NGA Winter Meeting, which will be held in Washington, D.C., Friday-Monday, February 24-27.

Registration and housing arrangements for governors, their spouses and other family members, staff and security can be made on <http://www.subnet.nga.org/WM12/dx2/gov/>

Arrangements for other attendees from state, federal, foreign and local government offices; governors associations; business; nonprofits; media; and family members of any of these attendees can be made on <http://www.subnet.nga.org/WM12/a9m/gen/>

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## This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **House to Call for Conference on Payroll Tax Extension**
2. **HUD Releases Proposed Rule to Amend HOME Program**
3. **HHS Releases Bulletin on Essential Health Benefits for Insurance Exchanges**

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### House to Call for Conference on Payroll Tax Extension

The House Rules Committee approved two rules last night to govern today's debate on extending the payroll tax cut. H.Res.501 supports passage of the House version of H.R.3630. H.Res.502 rejects the Senate version of H.R. 3630 and calls for a conference with the Senate. The Rules Committee defeated an amendment to allow for an up or down vote of the Senate's two-month extension. Votes are expected this morning after 10:30 a.m.

NGA Contact: [David Quam](#), 202-624-5309

### HUD Releases Proposed Rule to Amend HOME Program

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) December 16 released a proposed rule that would amend the HOME Investment Partnership program to address certain operational challenges related to recent housing market conditions. The HOME program (42 USC §12721 et seq.) provides formula grants to states and local governments to assist with the production and maintenance of affordable housing for rent and homeownership. Among other elements, the proposed rule would introduce new accountability, reporting, and performance standards for states and local governments. Comments on the proposed rule are due February 14, 2012. To read HUD's proposed rule, visit: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-16/pdf/2011-31778.pdf>.

NGA Contact: [David Parkhurst](#), 202-624-5328

## **HHS Releases Bulletin on Essential Health Benefits for Insurance Exchanges**

Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a bulletin outlining proposed policies for “essential health benefits” to ensure that health insurance plans offered in the individual and small group markets provide a comprehensive scope of benefits and services, both inside and outside of health insurance exchanges. States must ensure the essential health benefits package covers at least ten categories of care (including preventive care, emergency services, maternity care, hospital and physician services and prescription drugs) or be equal in scope to the benefits and services covered by a typical employer plan in their state. For benchmarking, states would choose one health insurance plan (from the three largest small group plans in the state by enrollment; the three largest state employee health plans by enrollment; the three largest federal employee health plan options by enrollment; or the largest HMO plan offered in the state’s commercial market by enrollment). The default benchmark health insurance plan would be the small group plan with the largest enrollment in the state. The benefits and services included in the benchmark health insurance plan would be the essential health benefits package for the state. Plans could modify coverage within a benefit category so long as they do not reduce the value of coverage. States would defray the cost of benefits required by state law in excess of essential health benefits for individuals enrolled in any plan offered through an exchange. To view the HHS bulletin, visit [http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/12162011/essential\\_health\\_benefits\\_bulletin.pdf](http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/12162011/essential_health_benefits_bulletin.pdf). NGA Contacts: [Heather Hogsett](#), 202-624-5360; [William Garner](#), 202-624-5369

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## **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Tuesday, December 20

1. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Reps, 2:00pm
2. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Economic Development and Commerce Reps, 3:00pm
3. NGA Center for Best Practices Webinar: Helping States Increase Natural Gas Vehicles in State Fleets, 2:00pm, Phone Access: 1-800-749-9945; Password: 7238008#. Webinar Access: <https://portal.nga.org/meeting/15642160>; Password: B7uh4Fn5. Contact: [Greg Dierkers](#)

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **D Block Legislation Released in the House**
2. **HHS Announces Affordable Insurance Exchange Grants**

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#### **D Block Legislation Released in the House**

The House Energy and Commerce Committee released draft spectrum legislation yesterday that will be marked up by the Communications and Technology Subcommittee tomorrow. The draft legislation -- the "Jumpstarting Opportunity through Broadband Spectrum Act of 2011" (JOBS Act) -- is sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) and would reallocate the D block to public safety, provide up to \$6.5 billion to help states construct the nationwide public safety broadband network and establish a national Administrator and National Planning Board to govern the nationwide network. The bill would also require public safety to give back the 12 MHz of narrowband spectrum they currently hold in the 700 MHz band once standards are developed to allow public safety voice communications over broadband networks. The narrowband spectrum is adjacent to the public safety broadband spectrum and is currently used for interoperable voice communications. Also yesterday, Representatives Waxman (D-Calif.) and Eshoo (D-Calif.), the ranking members of the full committee and subcommittee, respectively, introduced spectrum legislation. Their legislation, the "Public Safety Broadband and Wireless Innovation Act of 2011", is very similar to the bipartisan Senate legislation that passed the Senate Commerce Committee this summer. The Waxman-Eshoo bill would reallocate the D block, provide \$11 billion to construct the network and establish a national

corporation to help govern the nationwide network and ensure nationwide coverage and interoperability.

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### **HHS Announces Affordable Insurance Exchange Grants**

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced nearly \$220 million in Affordable Insurance Exchange awards to help create Health Insurance Exchanges (Exchanges) in Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Vermont. HHS anticipates these awards will give recipients increased resources and flexibility in developing their respective Exchanges. As part of this announcement, HHS also released Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to address common questions states may have as they continue to develop policies to support Exchange implementation. The FAQ addresses a number of concerns, including costs states may incur, the use of a Federally-managed data services hub, and processes for Medicaid eligibility determination. For the HHS press release, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/11/20111129a.html> and for the FAQ, visit

[http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files%202011282011/exchangeqa\\_11\\_29\\_11.pdf](http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files%202011282011/exchangeqa_11_29_11.pdf).

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### **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Wednesday, November 30

1. CANCELLED: Meeting of the Health and Human Services Reps, 2:00pm

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### **Press Clips**

Press clips that are relevant to state issues and Governors' offices are available from the NGA Office of Communications through the NGA Daily Email each Wednesday. In addition, the clips page has links to national news sources, which can be accessed any day of the week.

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### This Just In

This Just In headlines:

1. **House Approves Senate-Amended Three Percent Withholding Repeal**
2. **House Passes Conceal-and-Carry Legislation**
3. **EPA and DOT Propose New Fuel Economy Standards**

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#### House Approves Senate-Amended Three Percent Withholding Repeal

By a 422-0 vote, the House last night approved H.R. 674, as amended by the Senate last week, to repeal the 3 percent withholding requirement on government payments to vendors that provide goods and services. The Senate amendments provided employer incentives to hire military veterans. President Obama is expected to sign the bill. First enacted in 2006, implementation of the 3 percent provision was delayed by a series of temporary postponements.

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#### House Passes Conceal-and-Carry Legislation

The House passed H.R. 822, the National Right-to-Carry Act of 2011, on Wednesday on a vote of 272-154. Under the legislation, states that issue conceal-and-carry weapons permits would be required to recognize permits issued by other states. Jurisdictions that prohibit the issuance of concealed weapons permits are exempt from the bill. Any conditions and limitations concerning the carry of concealed weapons set by a state would apply to both residents and non-residents. Individuals unable to obtain a permit in their home state would not be able to carry a concealed weapon by

obtaining a permit in another state. Currently, no similar legislation to H.R. 822 has been introduced in the Senate.

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### **EPA and DOT Propose New Fuel Economy Standards**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) announced yesterday a joint proposal to increase fuel economy and greenhouse gas standards for model year 2017-2025 passenger cars and light trucks. The proposal will require fleet wide fuel efficiency of 54.5 mpg by 2025, an increase of about 5 percent annually for passenger cars. Light trucks will have a lower target of 44 mpg by 2025, while passenger cars will have to meet a 62 mpg target. According to DOT/EPA estimates, by 2025 the new standards are expected to save drivers \$1.7 trillion, nearly \$8,000 per vehicle, and reduce oil usage by 12 billion barrels. Current fuel efficiency standards stand at just over 27 mpg and are scheduled to rise to 35.2 mpg by 2016. The proposal has a 60-day comment period. A final rule is expected next July. For more information on the EPA/DOT proposed rulemaking visit:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy>.

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### **Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar**

Thursday, November 17

1. Meeting of the Natural Resources Reps, 1:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call 1-877/261-8991; passcode 5057912#
2. Meeting of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Reps 2:00pm, Washington, DC, NGA Governors Conference Room, Conference call [REDACTED]; passcode [REDACTED]

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### **NGA News Releases**

1. [Six States Selected to Participate in Technical Assistance for Health Insurance Exchange](#)
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## **NGA Committee Action**

Please be advised of the upcoming committee deadlines surrounding the new NGA policy process.

### **Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee**

Tuesday, November 22 – Finalize edits/staff vote

Thursday, December 1 – All committee work on policies must be complete

### **Natural Resources Committee**

Ongoing side conversations on NR-1, NR-2 and NR-3 should take place before

Thursday, November 17

### **Special Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety**

Thursday, November 17 – Finalize edits/staff vote

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TODAY'S MEETINGS/NGA CALENDAR  
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Monday, June 13

1. Washington Reps Weekly Meeting, 1:30pm, Washington, DC, Hall of the States, Room 283/5, Contact: [Erin Cohan](#)

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LEGISLATIVE FOCUS: FY 2012 APPROPRIATIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, PATENT REFORM

The Senate is slated to spend the week on bills related to the Economic Development Administration while the House returns from recess to take up appropriations bills.

The Senate this week will take up the Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2011 (S. 782), which would authorize EDA programs for five years, extending funding for programs that fund infrastructure investments in economically distressed communities. The Senate began consideration of the bill last week, rejecting an amendment that would have delayed new Federal Reserve rules on debit card interchange fees. The Senate is scheduled to resume consideration of the bill June 14, with several additional amendments still pending.

The Senate also plans to consider the nominations of Claire C. Cecchi and Esther Salas, both to be U.S. district judges for New Jersey.

The House is expected to spend most of the June 13 week working on FY 2012 appropriations measures. The House will first resume consideration of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies bill (H.R. 2055), which includes \$72.5 billion in discretionary funding, a decrease of \$615 million compared to last year's funding level and \$1.2 billion below the president's FY 2012 budget request. The proposed reduction in spending comes from declined funding for the Base Realignment and Closure process and projected savings in construction costs. The House is also scheduled to take up Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2112), which includes \$125.5 billion in funding for the Department of Agriculture and its related agencies. The version of the bill approved May 31 by the House Appropriations Committee cuts discretionary spending by approximately \$2.7 billion from FY 2011, and is \$5 billion less than the president's request. The agriculture bill could come to the House floor by June 15.

The House is also slated to consider the America Invents Act (H.R. 1249) this week, which would amend federal patent law by awarding patents for claimed inventions to the first person to file an application for a patent. The current system awards patents to the first inventor.

SENATE FLOOR. The Senate is set to convene at 2:00 p.m. today with no roll call votes expected. Tuesday, and for the balance of the week, the Senate is scheduled to take up two judicial nominations and economic development programs legislation.

HOUSE FLOOR. The House convenes at 2:00 p.m. today to take up the Military Construction-VA spending bill, subject to a rule. Tuesday, and for the balance of the week, the House is scheduled to consider the Agriculture appropriations bill, subject to a rule, and patent law overhaul legislation. The House is not in session Friday.

#### KEY HEARINGS & MARKUPS

##### APPROPRIATIONS

- House and Senate Appropriations Committees will be holding extensive hearings during the June 13 week. Please contact [Erin Cohan](#) with questions about specific programs.

##### COMMERCE, SCIENCE & TRANSPORTATION

- The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on emerging threats to rail security: Tuesday, June 14 at 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Building.

##### EDUCATION & THE WORKFORCE

- The House Education and the Workforce Committee will mark up pending legislation: Wednesday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.
- The Workforce Protections Subcommittee of House Education and the Workforce Committee will hold a hearing titled "Is OSHA Undermining State Efforts to Promote Workplace Safety?": Thursday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.

##### ENERGY & COMMERCE

- The Health Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled "PPACA's Effects on Maintaining Health Coverage and Jobs: A Review of the Health Care Law's Regulatory Burden.": Wednesday, June 15 at 3:00

p.m., 2322 Rayburn Building.

- The Energy and Power Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a series of hearings titled "The American Energy Initiative.": Thursday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn Building.

#### ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the wildfire management programs of the federal land management agencies: Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., 366 Dirksen Building.

#### ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled "The Clean Air Act and Public Health.": Wednesday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m., 406 Dirksen Building.

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES

- The Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee of House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing titled "Does the Dodd Frank Act End 'Too Big to Fail'?": Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn Building.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY

- The Border and Maritime Security of House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled "Securing the Nation's Ports and Maritime Border - A Review of the Coast Guard Post 9/11 Homeland Security Missions.": Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

#### JUDICIARY

- The Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on taxation of rental cars: Tuesday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn Building.

#### OVERSIGHT & GOVERNMENT REFORM

- The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled "Achieving Transparency and Accountability in Federal Spending.": Tuesday, June 14 at 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Building.

#### SCIENCE, SPACE & TECHNOLOGY

- The Technology and Innovation Subcommittee of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled "Transportation Research Priorities: Maximizing Return on Investment of Taxpayer Dollars.": Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn Building.
- The Energy and Environment Subcommittee of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled "An Examination of DOE's Clean Technology Programs.": Wednesday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn Building.
- The House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled "STEM Education in Action: Learning Today ... Leading Tomorrow.": Thursday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn Building.

#### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, "How Best to Improve Bus Safety on

Our Nation's Highways." : Monday, June 13 at 2:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn Building.

- The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled "Creating Jobs and Increasing U.S. Exports by Enhancing the Marine Transportation System." : Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., 2167 Rayburn Building.

#### WAYS & MEANS

- The Human Resources Subcommittee of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on improving programs designed to protect at-risk youth: Thursday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m., B-318 Rayburn Building.

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NGA ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION  
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The 2011 NGA Annual Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 15-17. Registration and housing arrangements for governors, their family members, security and governors' staff can be made at <http://www.subnet.nga.org/AM11/4gl/gov/>.

Arrangements for other state government attendees and attendees from local, federal and foreign governments, governors' associations, media, business, non-profit organizations and family members of any of these attendees can be made at <http://www.subnet.nga.org/AM11/lp7/gen/>.

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The websites contain information about the business agenda for the meeting and will be updated as more information becomes available.

#### HOUSING AND REGISTRATION

Please go online to register for the meeting and request hotel accommodations as soon as possible. NGA cannot guarantee housing accommodations for requests made after Friday, June 24. Online meeting registration ends at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 12. After that time, attendees must register onsite.

#### ONSITE REGISTRATION

Meeting registration will be located at The Grand America Hotel in the Envoy Room on the First Floor. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. MDT on Thursday, July 14 and will be open daily throughout the meeting. All NGA business sessions will be held in The Grand America Hotel.

For questions about meeting logistics, contact Susan Dotchin at [sdotchin@nga.org](mailto:sdotchin@nga.org) or 202-624-5327.

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**Legislative Focus: Continuing Resolution, FISA Extension, Veterans Job Corps**

Congress returns from a five-week break today for a brief but busy session before recessing again for campaign season in early October. Both the House and Senate this week are expected to work on a stopgap spending measure this month, as well as a number of other “must-do” bills including drought relief, tax extenders, Cybersecurity and Russia trade relations.

House leadership is expected to bring a continuing resolution to the floor this week that would fund most federal programs through March 31. Under a deal reached prior to the August recess, the bill is expected to reflect provisions in the Budget Control Act, with a funding level at \$1.047 trillion. However, the agreement only addressed the overall funding amount and length of the extension; exact program funding levels and other details have yet to be worked out. Senate staff have indicated that, based on the Congressional schedule, House and Senate leadership must work out the details of the bill by September 14 for the House to approve the bill next week and send it to the Senate for consideration by the September 30 deadline.

The House is also set to debate 33 measures under suspension of the rules, which are expected to take up the first half of the week. Among the measures is the SAFE WEB Act (H.R. 6131), which would extend spam and spyware control regulations and allow

the Federal Trade Commission to share cross-border fraud information with foreign consumer protection agencies; a bill to create an electronic tracking system to track hazardous waste shipments (S. 710); and a federal campaign finance measure (H.R. 406). The House may take up legislation (H.R. 5949) to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Amendments Act for five years. The statute is slated to expire at the end of this year.

The Senate will begin the week considering the nomination of Stephanie Marie Rose to be a U.S. district court judge for the Southern District of Iowa. Tuesday, the Senate is scheduled to hold a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to a bill (S. 3457) that would direct the secretary of veterans affairs to create a veterans job corps.

Action on many other items is likely to be postponed until the lame-duck session, including a farm bill and legislation to reform the U.S. Postal Service, as well as decisions to address the “fiscal cliff”.

**Senate Floor.** The Senate convenes at 2:00 p.m. today with roll call votes expected on a judicial nomination. Tuesday, and for the remainder of the week, the Senate is expected to consider a veterans’ jobs bill.

**House Floor.** The House convenes at 2:00 p.m. today to take up 11 measures under suspension of the rules. Tuesday, and for the balance of the week, the House is set to 21 measures under suspension of the rules and five measures subject to a rule.

## **Key Hearings & Markups**

### **Armed Services**

- The House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled “Framework for Capacity Building Programs and Authorities to Meet 21st Century Challenges.” Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2118.
- The Military Personnel Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program which was established to make absentee voting easier for military personnel, their families and other U.S. citizens living abroad. Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 11:30 a.m., Rayburn 2212.

### **Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs**

- The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the semi-annual report to Congress of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Dirksen 538.

## **Education & the Workforce**

- The Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee and Higher Education and Workforce Training Subcommittee of House Education and Workforce Committee will hold a joint hearing titled “Expanding the Power of Big Labor: The NLRB’s (National Labor Relations Board) Growing Intrusion into Higher Education. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:00a.m., Rayburn 2175.

## **Energy & Commerce**

- The Environment and the Economy Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled “The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program: A Progress Report.” Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2322.
- The Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a series of hearings titled “Where the Jobs Are” focusing on efforts to overcome obstacles to job growth and promote opportunities for job creation. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., Rayburn 2322.
- The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled “Department of Energy’s (DOE) Nuclear Weapons Complex: Challenges to Safety, Security and Taxpayer Stewardship.” The hearing will focus on a range of management and administrative challenges confronting DOE, including a recent security breakdown at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2123.
- The Energy and Power Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a series of hearings titled “The American Energy Initiative.” Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2322.
- The Energy and Power Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a series of hearings titled “The American Energy Initiative”: Friday, September 14, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., Rayburn 2123.

## **Energy & Natural Resources**

- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on pending legislation: S. 3469, a bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., Dirksen 366.

## **Environment & Public Works**

- The Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee and the full Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a joint oversight hearing titled “NRC’s (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) Implementation of Recommendations for Enhancing Nuclear Reactor Safety in the 21st Century. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Dirksen 406.

### **Financial Services**

- The TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs Subcommittee of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee of House Financial Services Committee will hold a joint hearing titled “The JOBS Act (PL 112-106): Importance of Prompt Implementation for Entrepreneurs, Capital Formation, and Job Creation.” Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2154.
- The Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee of House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing titled “Housing for Hero’s: Examining How Federal Programs Can Better Serve Veterans,” focusing on barriers that homeless and low-income veterans face in securing housing assistance and services from federal agencies. Friday, September 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., Rayburn 2128.

### **Health, Education, Labor & Pensions**

- The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled “Improving College Affordability: A View From the States.” Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., Dirksen 430.

### **Homeland Security**

- The Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee of House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled “Eleven Years Later: Preventing Terrorists from Coming to America.” Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Cannon 311.
- The Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications Subcommittee of House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled “Resilient Communications: Current Challenges and Future Advancements.” Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., Cannon 311.
- The Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications Subcommittee and Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies Subcommittee of House Homeland Security Committee will hold a joint hearing titled “Bio- Watch Present and Future: Meeting Mission Needs for Effective Biosurveillance?” Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., Cannon 311.

## Special Aging

- The Senate Special Aging Committee will hold a roundtable discussion titled “Let the Sunshine in: Implementing the Physician Payments Sunshine Act.” Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 2:30 p.m., Dirksen 562.

## Transportation & Infrastructure

- The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled “Tenth Anniversary of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (PL 107-295): Are We Safer?” Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Rayburn 2212.

## Ways and Means

- The Oversight Subcommittee of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the implementation and administration by the IRS of the tax provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (PL 111-152), including the individual mandate taxes, restrictions on the use of Flexible Spending Arrangements and Health Savings Accounts. Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Longworth 1100.
- The Health Subcommittee of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the implementation of health insurance exchanges and related provisions of the Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (PL 111-152). Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Longworth 1100.

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## Today's Meetings/NGA Calendar

Monday, September 10

1. Washington Reps Weekly Meeting, 1:30pm, Washington, DC, Hall of the States, Room 283/5, Contact: [Erin Cohan](#)

To view the NGA calendar, go to:

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# memorandum

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**To:** National Governors Association

**From:** Christopher E. Condeluci, Of Counsel, Venable LLP

**Date:** December 8, 2011

**Re:** The Transfer of Information Technology Systems for the Federally-Facilitated Exchange to State Exchanges

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## Issue

The National Governors Association (“NGA”) recently requested a legal analysis on the issue of whether the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) may provide to a state information technology (“IT”) systems that private contractors are currently building (or have built) for a “Federally-facilitated Exchange.”<sup>1</sup> In other words, the NGA would like to confirm whether there is a legal path through which HHS can “transfer” these IT systems to the states. Currently, there is question as to whether Federal procurement law prohibits HHS from transferring to the states property of the Federal government acquired through private contracts.

## Executive Summary

Based on the following, in general, HHS is not prohibited from transferring to a state any or all of the IT systems built for the Federally-facilitated Exchange. Unless otherwise specified in the contract with a private vendor or in cases where the IT systems are developed at private expense, HHS owns, and has unlimited rights to, the IT systems created for the Federally-facilitated Exchange. As a result, HHS is permitted to allow others to use the IT systems, including the states.

Under the law, an effective way of transferring the IT systems to the states is through a grant. It is important to emphasize that a grant may be in the form of property (instead of money). The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,<sup>2</sup> as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act<sup>3</sup> (“ACA”) gives HHS grant making authority to make awards to states to help states “establish” a State-based Exchange. In this case, HHS may grant the IT systems to the states that are seeking such capabilities as they work toward establishing their Exchange.

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<sup>1</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 155.105(f) (providing that if a state chooses not to establish an Exchange or a state does not have an approved or conditionally approved Exchange by January 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) must establish and operate an Exchange within the state (i.e., a Federally-facilitated Exchange)); *see also*, Developing the Federally-Facilitated Exchange, HHS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, State Exchange Grantee Meeting, September 19-20, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 111–148.

<sup>3</sup> Public Law 111–152.

## Analysis

### **The contract between HHS and a private contractor to build IT systems for a Federally-facilitated Exchange is a procurement contract.**

It has been reported that HHS recently contracted with private vendors to create and support the integral IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange. In this case, it appears that any contract to build IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange would be considered a “procurement contract” as defined under the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Act.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, a procurement contract is used when “the principle purpose of the instrument is to acquire (by purchase, lease, or barter) property or services for the direct benefit or use of the United States Government.”<sup>5</sup> In the case of the IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange, the principal purpose of awarding a contract to a private vendor is to acquire the IT systems so that the United States Government (i.e., HHS) can use this property for the benefit of HHS (i.e., to operate the Federally-facilitated Exchange). Thus, it is reasonable to characterize this type of contract as a procurement contract.

### **HHS has “unlimited rights” to the IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange.**

In general, a procurement contract between HHS and a private vendor is governed by HHS Acquisition Regulations<sup>6</sup> and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (“FAR”).<sup>7</sup> Under the FAR, the Federal government generally retains unlimited rights in all “data” produced and delivered in the performance of a contract with the Federal government at public expense (as compared to private expense).<sup>8</sup> Data is defined as recorded information, technical data, or computer software.<sup>9</sup> Computer software means computer programs, computer databases, and related documentation.<sup>10</sup> Technical data means data other than computer software which are of a scientific or technical nature.<sup>11</sup> In cases where the Federal government has unlimited rights to such data, the government may use, disclose, reproduce, and prepare derivative works in any manner and for any purpose and to have or permit others to do so.<sup>12</sup> Conversely, data developed at private expense confers fewer rights to the Federal government and will typically require the Federal government to pay a license fee.

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<sup>4</sup> 31 U.S.C. §§ 6301-6308.

<sup>5</sup> 31 U.S.C. § 6303.

<sup>6</sup> 48 C.F.R. Chapter 3, Parts 301-370.

<sup>7</sup> 48 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Parts 1-99.

<sup>8</sup> Federal Acquisition Regulation (“FAR”) § 27.404(a). Ownership rights in “data” fall under two general categories – (1) that which is developed at private expense and (2) that which is developed at public expense.

<sup>9</sup> FAR § 27.401.

<sup>10</sup> FAR § 2.101.

<sup>11</sup> FAR § 27.401.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

Based on the facts as we know them, the IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange will be developed solely with funds provided by the Federal government and the contract terms do not confer proprietary rights to the private vendor. As a result, because HHS's contracts to build IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange are governed by the FAR, and because it is reasonable to conclude that the IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange would constitute "data," "computer software," and/or "technical data" (as those terms are defined under the FAR), HHS generally has unlimited rights to the IT systems. Therefore, HHS has the ability to use these systems in any manner HHS deems appropriate without being subject to a license fee. HHS may also allow others to, for example, use the IT systems. Specifically, HHS could, in its discretion, permit states to use the IT systems.

**HHS can "transfer" the IT systems for the Federally-facilitated Exchange to the states through grants.**

The Federal government and states enter into agreements or other contractual arrangements for a myriad of reasons. One such reason is for the Federal government to provide "assistance" to the states. Federal assistance to the states can come in many forms. One such form of assistance is a "grant." A grant is a contractual arrangement where "the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value to [a] State or local government or other recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States...and substantial involvement is not expected between the executive agency and the State...when carrying out the activity contemplated in the agreement."<sup>13</sup> The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act defines a grant as "money, or property instead of money, that is paid or provided by the United States Government under a fixed annual or total authorization, to" an eligible beneficiary, which includes state and local governments.<sup>14</sup> Thus, a Federal grant that may be made to a state may include property.<sup>15</sup>

While Federal agencies generally have "inherent" authority to enter into contracts to procure goods or services for their own use, there is no comparable inherent authority to enter into assistance relationships, that is, to give away the government's money or property, either directly or by the release of vested rights, to benefit someone other than the government.<sup>16</sup> To do so, the assistance relationship must be authorized under Federal legislation.<sup>17</sup> Under the ACA, the Secretary of HHS has authority to make grant awards out of appropriated funds in amounts determined by the Secretary to be used by the states "for activities (including planning activities) relating to establishing an [Exchange]."<sup>18</sup> The authorizing language makes no specification that the grant award cannot be property.

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<sup>13</sup> 31 U.S.C. § 6304.

<sup>14</sup> 31 U.S.C. § 6501(4)(A) and (B).

<sup>15</sup> Principles of Federal Appropriations Law, Third Edition, Volume II, GAO-06-382SP, page 10-14.

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at page 10-17 (citing 65 Comp. Gen. 605, 607 (1985) and B-210655, Apr. 14, 1983).

<sup>17</sup> *Bennett v. Kentucky Department of Education*, 470 U.S. 656, 669 (1985) (holding that federal grant programs originate in and remain governed by statutory provisions expressing the judgment of Congress concerning desirable public policy); *see also*, 64 Comp. Gen. 582, 584 (1985).

<sup>18</sup> Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act ("ACA") § 1311(a).

In the case of the IT systems owned by HHS and used for the Federally-facilitated Exchange (i.e., property), HHS may enter into a grant agreement with a state to “transfer” a “thing of value” (i.e., the IT systems) “to carry out a stimulation authorized by a law of the United States” (i.e., establish a State-based Exchange as required under the ACA).<sup>19</sup> It is not expected that HHS will have substantial involvement in establishing a State-based Exchange, provided the state meets the statutory deadline for receiving “approval” to operate a State-based Exchange.<sup>20</sup> HHS may value the IT systems (i.e., place a dollar amount on such systems) and debit that amount from the appropriations set aside for providing assistance to states to “establish” a State-based Exchange.

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<sup>19</sup> An argument can also be made that the grant is being made to “carry out a public purpose,” which is establishing a State-based Exchange to meet the public policy goal of expanding health insurance coverage.

<sup>20</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 155.105.

**From:** [Cohan, Erin](#)  
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**Subject:** NGA Letter on Health Insurance Exchange Partnership Models  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 3:47:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Sebelius -- exchange partnership models.pdf](#)

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To: Washington Representatives and State-Federal Contacts  
Re: Letter on Health Insurance Exchange Partnership Models

The attached letter was sent this afternoon to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius regarding proposed partnership models for health insurance exchanges.

*Heather E. Hogsett*  
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*Committees on Health & Human Services and*  
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SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2011**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**\*\*NOTE: EACH BREAKOUT SESSION WILL BEGIN WITH A SHORT OVERVIEW; STATES WILL THEN DIVIDE INTO GROUPS FOR DISCUSSION TAILORED TO STATE PREFERENCES AND EXCHANGE GOALS\*\***

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| <b>8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.</b>                          | <b>REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.</b>                          | <b>OPENING PLENARY</b><br><br>Setting the stage: overview of different Exchange models, state roles under State/Hybrid/Federal Exchanges, timelines, and how to chart a path forward.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 1<br/>9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.</b>  | <b>MEDICAID, ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT</b><br><br>Discussion will include issues facing states in integrating the Medicaid program with the Exchange, including data sharing agreements, data flow, financing, coordinating with the federal data hub and other programs; timeline of necessary decisions; and state obligations. The idea of “federal partnership” will also be discussed as well as possible federal expectations related program integration.              |
| <b>11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.</b>                        | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 2<br/>11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.</b> | <b>CREATION AND OPERATION OF EXCHANGES UNDER VARYING SCENARIOS</b><br><br>Discussion will include issues related to the establishment and operation of individual and SHOP Exchanges, by either the Federal government, a state or a hybrid model, including legislation, governance, sustainability, degree of state “ownership,” timeline of necessary decisions, estimated timeframe for selected areas, elements requiring further Federal guidance and state obligations. |
| <b>12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.</b>                         | <b>INFORMAL NETWORKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 3<br/>2:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.</b>   | <b>QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS AND OPM PLANS</b><br><br>Discussion will include issues related to qualified health plans, including network adequacy, benefit design standards, criteria for participation in the Exchange, timeline of necessary decisions, and state obligations (and/or federal functions) under the different scenarios (state, federal, and hybrid).                                                                                                           |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 4<br/>3:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.</b>   | <b>FINANCIAL ISSUES AND INSURANCE REGULATION</b><br><br>Discussion will include issues related to insurance market stabilization, risk mitigation, non-Exchange market considerations, reinsurance, risk corridors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                             | and risk adjustment, timeline of necessary decisions, premium collection; federal subsidies and state obligations. |
| <b>5:00 P.M. –6:30 P.M.</b> | <b>RECEPTION</b>                                                                                                   |

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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| <b>7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.</b>                         | <b>BREAKFAST</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 5<br/>8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b> | <b>MARKETING AND OUTREACH</b><br><br>Discussion will include issues related to consumer information, navigators, small and large employer involvement, stakeholder involvement, timeline of necessary decisions, and state obligations (and/or federal functions) under different scenarios (state, federal, and hybrid). |
| <b>10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.</b>                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.</b>                       | <b>SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS: CLARIFYING THE PATH FORWARD</b><br><br>What do you need/want from the federal government, short and medium term? What do you want from NGA and each other?                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>11:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.</b>                       | <b>SUMMARY OF STATE THEMES, CONCERNS AND NEEDS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.</b>                        | <b>INFORMAL NETWORKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.</b>                         | <b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION WITH HHS OFFICIALS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2:45 P.M. –3:00 P.M.</b>                          | <b>CLOSING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| <b>8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.</b><br><br><b>TBD</b><br><br><b>HENRY CHAO?</b>                                                                              | <b>OPENING PLENARY</b><br><br>Setting the stage: overview of different Exchange models, state roles under State/Hybrid/Federal Exchanges, timelines, and how to chart a path forward.<br><br>The plenary will conclude with a short update from an HHS official on the federal data services hub                                                                                |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 1<br/>9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.</b><br><br><b>BRETT GRAHAM &amp;<br/>BOB CAREY</b>                                                   | <b>CREATION AND OPERATION OF EXCHANGES</b><br><br>Attendees will divide into two groups; session will focus on issues related to the establishment and operation of individual and SHOP Exchanges, by either the state, the federal government or in a hybrid approach.                                                                                                         |
| <b>11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 2<br/>11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.</b><br><br><b>TBD</b><br><br><b>MOLLY VORIS,<br/>WASHINGTON STATE<br/>HEALTH CARE<br/>AUTHORITY</b> | <b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; FINANCING OF EXCHANGES</b><br><br>Session will focus on issues related to cross-agency collaboration, budget forecasting and exchanges, and cost allocation requirements.<br><br>Breakout topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing and budgeting for federal/hybrid exchanges</li> <li>• Project management/work plans</li> </ul> |
| <b>12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.</b><br><br><b>CINDY GILLESPIE</b>                                                                                           | <b>LUNCH</b><br><br>An Analysis of a State's Health Insurance Market:<br>How it can Inform Decision-Making                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>BREAKOUT SESSION 3<br/>2:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.</b><br><br><b>KAREN POLLITZ<br/>NORM THURSTON &amp;<br/>CINDY GILLESPIE</b>                           | <b>POLICY CHOICES: NAVIGATORS AND PRODUCERS, SMALL AND LARGE BUSINESSES AND EXCHANGES</b><br><br>Breakout topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigator programs, agents/brokers</li> <li>• Small business engagement, large employer issues, and private exchanges</li> </ul>                                                                                     |

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| <p><b>BREAKOUT SESSION 4</b><br/><b>3:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>BETH SAMMIS,</b><br/><b>DEPUTY</b><br/><b>COMMISSIONER,</b><br/><b>MARYLAND</b><br/><b>INSURANCE</b><br/><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p><b>BRIAN WEBB,</b><br/><b>MANAGER, HEALTH</b><br/><b>POLICY AND</b><br/><b>LEGISLATION,</b><br/><b>NATIONAL</b><br/><b>ASSOCIATION OF</b><br/><b>INSURANCE</b><br/><b>COMMISSIONERS</b></p> | <p><b>RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURER PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>Session will focus on issues related to insurance markets and risk mitigation, as well as qualifying health plans for participation in the exchange.</p> <p>Breakout topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adverse selection issues: reinsurance, risk corridors and risk adjustment, enrollment periods</li> <li>• 2014 Market Reforms: Guarantee Issue; Rating Reforms; Mandates; Subsidies; etc.</li> <li>• Qualifying health plans, OPM Plans</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>5:00 P.M. –6:30 P.M.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>Conference attendees, speakers and NGA health care corporate fellows are invited to a reception with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

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| <p><b>7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.</b></p>                                                                                                          | <p><b>BREAKFAST</b></p> <p><b>PANEL OF EARLY INNOVATOR STATES (INVITED)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>BREAKOUT SESSION 5</b><br/><b>8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>DEBORAH BACHRACH</b><br/><b>VERN SMITH</b><br/><b>MATT SALO</b></p> | <p><b>MEDICAID, ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT</b></p> <p>Session will focus on issues facing states in processing new applicants through the Exchange.</p> <p>Breakout topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90/10 match opportunity and associated requirements</li> <li>• Medicaid eligibility/enrollment under a predominately federal exchange</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.</b></p>                                                                                                        | <p><b>BREAK</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.</b></p>                                                                                                        | <p><b>SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS</b></p> <p>What do you need/want from the federal government, short and medium term? What do you want from NGA and each other?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.</b></p>                                                                                                        | <p><b>SUMMARY OF STATE THEMES, CONCERNS AND NEEDS</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>MARK MCCLELLAN</b></p>                                                                            | <p><b>LUNCH</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.</b> | <b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION WITH HHS</b> |
| <b>2:45 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b> | <b>CLOSING</b>                           |

**From:** [Marie Sanderson](#)  
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**GOP on health care: Repeal quickly, replace slowly**

By David Espo Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans intend to seek quick repeal of any parts of the health care law that survive a widely anticipated Supreme Court ruling, but don't plan to push replacement measures until after the fall elections or perhaps 2013.

Instead, GOP lawmakers cite recent announcements that some insurance companies will retain a few of the law's higher-profile provisions as evidence that quick legislative action is not essential. Those are steps that officials say Republicans quietly urged in private conversations with the industry.

Once the Supreme Court issues a ruling, "the goal is to repeal anything that is left standing," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., a member of the party's leadership.

Beyond that, "we ought to go step by step to lower the cost" of health care, he added, a formula repeated by numerous other Republicans interviewed in recent days.

Across the political aisle, neither President Barack Obama nor congressional Democrats have said how they will react to a high court ruling that could wipe out the legislation they worked so hard to enact.

"We're not spending a whole bunch of time planning for contingencies," Obama said this spring at the annual meeting of The Associated Press. He expressed confidence the court would uphold the law, and neither he nor his aides have said what fallback plans are under discussion. "We will be prepared in any eventuality," White House aide David Plouffe said Sunday on ABC's "This Week," although he declined to elaborate.

Among Republicans, aides to Speaker John Boehner, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and other key lawmakers have convened a series of meetings in recent weeks to plan a post-ruling strategy.

A Supreme Court ruling is expected within the next two weeks on a challenge to the law, which has drawn fierce opposition among most Republicans for its requirement that most individuals carry health insurance.

While three big insurance companies announced plans this past week to retain certain protections for an estimated 40 percent of all individuals who receive their coverage through work, there has been no advance word from the drug industry on how prescription costs for older people might be affected by a finding that the law is unconstitutional.

Even so, Republicans say they have no plans for assuring continuity of a provision that reduces out-of-pocket costs for seniors with high drug expenses. This coverage gap is known as "doughnut hole."

"I don't think anybody intends to get involved" in the portion of Medicare that provides prescription drug coverage. The program is "working better than we designed it," said Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., referring to studies that show the program's cost is lower than was originally estimated.

The drug industry has yet to disclose its plans.

House Republicans have voted 30 times to eliminate, defund or scale back parts or all of the health law, most recently approving a measure to wipe out a tax on medical devices.

Senate Democrats have blocked nearly all of the previous attacks. Forcing another vote would allow Republicans to signal a continued commitment to supporters of repeal, while simultaneously requiring Democrats to take another stand on a measure that has failed to generate significant public support and might by then also have been found deficient by the Supreme Court.

"Democrats don't want to talk about health care between now and the election, especially Obamacare," said Don Stewart, a spokesman for McConnell, referring to the law signed in 2010.

Many members of the GOP rank and file campaigned on a motto of "repeal and replace" in 2010 when it came to the law. But now, nearly two years later, they express no urgency to replace a law drafted by Democrats, and one they hope the court will kill, with a different one of their own.

"We're not going to repeat the mistakes made by the Democrats who run Washington when they passed a 2,700-page bill that no one had actually read," said Michael Steel, a spokesman for Boehner, R-Ohio.

While Republicans say the recent insurance industry announcements eased the political pressure on them to act, some cited other reasons for moving carefully on replacement legislation.

With the party united around repeal of the existing law, they said they want to avoid an internal squabble over the details of any replacement legislation, at least until after the elections this fall.

In addition, they want to wait until they know whether GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney wins the White House in November.

Romney has provided few details about his plans for health care legislation. He supports repeal of the current law, in part citing a requirement for individuals to obtain coverage, even though as governor of Massachusetts he signed a law with a similar provision.

On one big-ticket item, Romney and House Republicans already have parted company.

Both criticize Obama and Democrats for cutting Medicare by \$500 billion over the next decade as part of the health care law.

But Romney's aides say he wants to restore the money to Medicare, while the budget that the Republicans pushed through the House would instead put the money toward deficit reduction.

In interviews, several Republicans drew attention to recent announcement from a few insurers pledging to retain some recent changes regardless of a court ruling.

UnitedHealth Group, Humana and Aetna said that regardless of the court's ruling, they will continue to cover preventive care such as immunizations and screenings without requiring a copayment. They also said children up to age 26 may be covered through their parents' insurance plans.

Additionally, UnitedHealth Group Inc. and Humana Inc. said they will not reimpose lifetime dollar limits on benefits, a provision most important for patients with cancer and other expensive-to-treat diseases.

The actions left in question the fate of other provisions in the health care law, including a requirement for new coverage for children up to age 19 with existing medical conditions.

Nor do the voluntary announcements cover everyone.

United Health and Humana said their announcements would affect customers with individual policies and those who receive small-group coverage through work.

Workers and families who receive coverage from large employers that pay their own medical claims are unaffected. Those employers will make their own decisions how to respond to the court's ruling.

Neither company provided an estimate of how many of their customers would be affected by their announcement.

The nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that 60 percent of covered workers are in plans that are self-funded by their employers.

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## Obama Administration Policies Weakening Economy; GOP Plan Will Help Create More American Jobs

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This week's headlines say it all: "[Report: Private sector job market sluggish in May](#)," "[Home prices hit lowest level since April '09 in double dip](#)," "[U.S. economy: manufacturing slowdown the latest sign the recovery is faltering](#)," "[Signs point to an economy growing more slowly](#)."

The Obama Administration's failed economic policies have piled more debt on the backs of our kids and grandkids, while failing to deliver on the 'stimulus' promise of more American jobs and stronger economic growth. Here's what news outlets and experts are saying about the impact the Obama Administration's policies – from the job-crushing ObamaCare law, to the mountain of debt, to the miles of red tape coming out of Washington – are having on the struggling economy:

- **“Strong-Performing Economies Need Clarity. [President] Barack Obama Has Given Ours Indecision Stretching to the Horizon.”** “It is sometimes unfair to tag presidents with blame for an underperforming economy. Not this time. This president made conscious policy choices during a deep recession to reorder vast swaths of American industry. Strong-performing economies need clarity. Barack Obama has given ours indecision stretching to the horizon. And economic growth, like a long gray day, sits still below 3%.” (Daniel Henninger, op-ed, "[Obama's Cloud Economy](#)," *The Wall Street Journal*, 6/2/11)

- **President Obama's 'Stimulus' "Was a Complete Bust."** "Aside from his explosion of federal deficits, Obama's economic policies to date have consisted of bullying businesses to help union allies, undermining economic confidence with ferocious, personal attacks on business lenders, and rolling out hundreds of suffocating new regulations. His \$800 billion economic stimulus package was a complete bust. ... When will Obama acknowledge ownership of the economic problems he has mismanaged for the past 28 months, and try something different?" (Editorial, "[Obama Has Only Himself to Blame for Economic Doldrums](#)," *The Washington Examiner*, 6/2/11)
- **"Extraordinarily Reckless Fiscal Profligacy Is Hurting Our Recovery."** "Economists also widely believe that our extraordinarily reckless fiscal profligacy is hurting our recovery. From 2008 to 2010, the U.S. borrowed over \$3.1 trillion. It will borrow another \$1.5 trillion this year. At the same time, the Fed has added \$2 trillion to its balance sheet, mostly to buy all that new debt. As Michael Pento, senior economist at Euro Pacific Capital, noted Wednesday, 'genuine government stimulus comes from low taxes, stable prices, reduced regulation and low debt. Our economic policymakers have scrupulously avoided such remedies.' Bingo." (Editorial, "[U.S. Is Already in a Growth Recession](#)," *Investor's Business Daily*, 6/2/11)
- **"What's Lacking Here is Confidence."** "If there was a serious pro-growth movement in Washington to accelerate tax-reform overhaul and pin-back regulatory barriers like the National Labor Relations Board war with Boeing, the EPA war against energy and the Obamacare threats that are too numerous to count, that just might revive the animal spirits. But what we know for sure is that small businesses are barely hiring today, and that brand new startups are few and far between. What's lacking here is confidence." (Larry Kudlow, "[Boneheaded Stimulus Never Works](#)," *National Review*, 6/1/11)

The new House majority has put forth [A Plan for America's Job Creators](#) that will help spur private-sector job creation and bolster the sluggish economic recovery. The plan builds on the GOP's [Pledge to America](#) and includes proposals to simplify the tax code for families and small business, boost American energy production, and rein in the red tape that is making it harder to create jobs. Learn more here: <http://www.gop.gov/jobs>.

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I have a feeling that most of your bosses would prefer that businesses have a chance to grow in your states (and generate more tax revenue) -- rather than the dilemma of hiring more people vs. being subject to the individual mandate...

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### **Obama solicitor general: If you don't like mandate, earn less money**

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President Obama's solicitor general, defending the national health care law on Wednesday, told a federal appeals court that Americans who didn't like the individual mandate could always avoid it by choosing to earn less money.

Neal Kumar Katyal, the acting solicitor general, made the argument under questioning before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati, which was considering an appeal by the Thomas More Law Center. (Listen to oral arguments here.) The three-judge panel, which was comprised of two Republican-appointed judges and a Democratic-appointed judge, expressed more skepticism about the government's defense of the health care law than the Fourth Circuit panel that heard the Virginia-based Obamacare challenge last month in Richmond. The Fourth Circuit panel was made up entirely of Democrats, and two of the judges were appointed by Obama himself.

During the Sixth Circuit arguments, Judge Jeffrey Sutton, who was nominated by President George W. Bush, asked Kaytal if he could name one Supreme Court case which considered the same question as the one posed by the mandate, in which Congress used the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution as a tool to compel action.

Kaytal conceded that the Supreme Court had “never been confronted directly” with the question, but cited the Heart of Atlanta Motel case as a relevant example. In that landmark 1964 civil rights case, the Court ruled that Congress could use its Commerce Clause power to bar discrimination by private businesses such as hotels and restaurants.

“They’re in the business,” Sutton pushed back. “They’re told if you’re going to be in the business, this is what you have to do. In response to that law, they could have said, ‘We now exit the business.’ Individuals don’t have that option.”

Kaytal responded by noting that there's a provision in the health care law that allows people to avoid the mandate.

“If we’re going to play that game, I think that game can be played here as well, because after all, the minimum coverage provision only kicks in after people have earned a minimum amount of income,” Kaytal said. “So it’s a penalty on earning a certain amount of income and self insuring. It’s not just on self insuring on its own. So I guess one could say, just as the restaurant owner could depart the market in Heart of Atlanta Hotel, someone doesn’t need to earn that much income. I think both are kind of fanciful and I think get at...”

Sutton interjected, “That wasn’t in a single speech given in Congress about this...the idea that the solution if you don’t like it is make a little less money.”

The so-called “hardship exemption” in the health care law is limited, and only applies to people who cannot obtain insurance for less than 8 percent of their income. So earning less isn't necessarily a solution, because it could then qualify the person for government-subsidized insurance.

Throughout the oral arguments, Kaytal struggled to respond to the panel's concerns about what the limits of Congressional power would be if the courts ruled that they have the ability under the Commerce Clause to force individuals to purchase something.

Sutton said it would be “hard to see this limit” in Congressional power if the mandate is upheld, and he honed in on the word “regulate” in the Commerce clause, explaining that the word implies you’re in a market. “You don’t put them in the market to regulate them,” he said.

In arguments before the Fourth Circuit last month, Kaytal also struggled with a judge's question about what to do with the word “regulate,” to the point where the judge asked him to sit down to come up with an answer. (More on that exchange [here](#)). Kaytal has fallen back on the Necessary and Proper clause, insisting that it gives broader leeway to Congress.

Judge James Graham, a Reagan district court appointee who is temporarily hearing cases on the appeals court, said, “I hear your arguments about the power of Congress under the Commerce Clause, and I’m having difficulty seeing how there is any limit to the power as you’re defining it.”

Kaytal responded by referencing the *United States v. Morrison*, in which the Supreme Court struck down parts of the Violence Against Women Act, and *United States v. Lopez*, which struck down gun free school zones. In those cases, Kaytal responded, the Supreme Court set the limit that the Commerce Clause had to regulate economic activities.

The health care market is unique, Kaytal responded, because everybody will eventually participate. With the mandate, Kaytal said, “What Congress is regulating is not the failure to buy something. But failure to secure financing for something everyone is going to buy.”

Graham acknowledged Kaytal's arguments, yet reiterated that he was “having trouble seeing the limits.”

The problem with the “health care is unique” argument – and this is me talking – is that it just creates an opening for future Congresses to regulate all sorts of things by either a) arguing that a particular market is also special or b) finding a way to tie a given regulation to health care.

For instance, the example that's come up often is the idea of a law in which government forces individuals to eat broccoli.

During the Sixth Circuit argument, Kaytal said that such an example doesn't apply, because if you show up at a grocery store, nobody has to give you broccoli, whereas that is the case with health care and hospital emergency rooms.

Yet that argument assumes that Congress passes such a law as a regulation of the food market. What if the law was made as part of a regulation of the health care market? It isn't difficult to see where that argument can go.

The broccoli example is really a proxy for a broader argument about whether the government can compel individuals to engage in healthy behavior – it could just as well be eating salad, or exercising. There's no doubt that a huge driver of our nation's health care costs are illnesses linked to bad behavior. People who are overweight and out of shape cost more because they have increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, and so on. Those increased costs get passed on to all of us, because government pays for nearly half of the nation's health care expenses, a number that's set to grow under the new health care law. Is it really unrealistic to believe that future Congresses, looking for ways to control health care costs, could compel healthy behavior in some way? More pertinently, is there any reason why that would be unconstitutional under the precedent that would be set if the individual mandate is upheld?

With most experts expecting the case to go before the Supreme Court, it seems the biggest obstacle for the Obama administration is figuring out where power would be limited if the mandate were upheld. Those challenging the law have made a clear and understandable limit by drawing a

distinction between regulating activity and regulating inactivity (i.e. the decision not to purchase insurance). But simply saying the health care market is unique doesn't actually create a very clear or understandable limit to Congressional power.

The 11th Circuit hears the case next week brought by 26 states led by Florida.

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## Health Policy Matters



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### ObamaCare a Factor in Bleak Jobs Report

By Grace-Marie Turner

Creation of new jobs has hit a wall, with employers creating just 18,000 jobs last month and sending the unemployment rate to 9.2%. The numbers would have been **even worse** had so many Americans not simply given up hope looking for work.

I talked about this on FOX News this morning in the context of health care, of course. Here is the **clip**:



**In every meeting, speech, and media interview** where I have a chance to talk with business owners, it is clear that the mandates in the health law are an important factor in depressing job creation. Small business is the engine for job growth in America, but a recent survey found that 70% of them have no plans to increase hiring in the next year.

There are many reasons they aren't hiring -- they don't have enough customers to justify expansion, they can't get credit from the banks, and they are uncertain about the future tax, regulatory, and economic climate. But the ObamaCare mandates are a big factor:

- Some businesses are worried that hiring more workers would put them over the 50-employee limit and expose them to the expensive employer mandate.
- Small businesses that already have more than 50 workers worry about the cost of providing new government-mandated coverage for their workers or the fines they would have to pay if they don't comply.
- And larger companies are doing everything they can to pare back on hiring and automate entry-level jobs to avoid

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the added cost of mandatory health insurance. McDonald's is putting in electronic ordering kiosks, and CVS drug stores are putting in electronic checkout systems to replace live people, for example. Is it any wonder that youth unemployment is at an all-time high as these entry-level jobs vanish?

**Unemployment is a tragedy.** It weakens our country when people who are willing and want to work simply can't find jobs. It weakens families because of the terrible pressures of financial stress. And it weakens our future as young people can't get the jobs to get their foot on the economic ladder and learn the skills they need to move on.

It's not just the fear of ObamaCare, of course. Tax policy must be reformed and modernized. Regulations must be lifted so businesses can focus on customers, not federal agents. And federal spending must be controlled to avoid the tsunami of red ink that threatens to destroy any chance of future prosperity.

We can do this. The American spirit is alive, and people WANT to work.

**When I get discouraged,** I go back to a conversation I had with my good friend, economic guru Art Laffer, when I spoke at one of his company's seminars recently.

"This economy is ready to soar," he said. But for that to happen, he said, we must lift the burdens of outdated and oppressive tax, regulatory, and trade policies.

Art is right. We believe in America. But politicians must undo the damage of decades of burdensome public policies so the people can turn this ship aright.



**IPAB:** And tune in to CSPAN this coming Tuesday morning. I will be testifying before the House Budget Committee's **hearing** on the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB).

There is growing bi-partisan opposition to giving 15 unelected, unaccountable appointees unprecedented power over hundreds of billions of dollars in Medicare spending. I will argue that the Constitution gives the power of the purse to Congress so that elected representatives can be accountable to the voters for their decisions. The IPAB would turn this principle upside down.

We will have a link to my testimony in next week's newsletter.

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Speaking on the Senate floor during his open, Senator Reid claimed that **"It's very clear that private sector jobs have been doing just fine"**; it's the public sector jobs where we've lost huge numbers."

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Government intervention in the form of Obamacare is one of the reasons private sector firms haven't been hiring. So why does Senator Reid think that yet more government intervention – this in the form of new "stimulus" spending, coupled with a tax on job creators – will do anything different?

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Amidst continuing record-high unemployment and economic stagnation, it's worth looking at the one area of the economy that HAS succeeded in creating jobs under President Obama – the federal government. According to Office of Personnel Management [statistics](#), from [September 2008](#) (just before President Obama was elected) through [December last year](#), **the Department of Health and Human Services grew by 9,424 employees.** That's a double-digit increase in the number of HHS bureaucrats in just a three-year period.

Judging from the data, it's very clear that those new bureaucrats are being used to implement Obamacare. For instance, employment in the Office of the Secretary went up by more than 3,000 (a 22% jump), and the number of bureaucrats at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services increased by over 800 (nearly a 20% increase). The Office of the Secretary and CMS are two offices most responsible for implementing Obamacare's stifling new regulations and mandates.

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So in fairness, Obamacare is creating many thousands of new jobs. It's just that those jobs are the wrong kind of jobs – new taxpayer-funded government bureaucrats that hinder private sector economic growth and new hiring.

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FYI- Information on today's Exchange Regulation release.

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HHS just released part of its Exchange regulations – a 244-page regulation regarding the [establishment of Exchanges](#), and a separate 103-page regulation [regarding risk adjustment](#). While the Administration is [trying to sell Exchanges](#) as providing competition and flexibility, **the 347 pages of regulations contain the word “require” a whopping 811 times** (628 instances in the Exchange regulation, and 183 in the risk adjustment regulation). It's worth asking: **How flexible can a piece of regulation that has 811 separate references to mandates and requirements be?**

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ObamaCare's Mandate Tax Will Be Families Earning Less Than  
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### New CBO Data: 'The Middle Class — Will Have To Pay'

"Congressional budget analysts are now estimating that nearly 6 million Americans — most of them in the middle class — will have to pay a tax penalty for not getting health insurance once President Barack Obama's health care law is fully in place. That's 2 million more than a previous estimate found..." (["Tax Penalty To Hit Nearly 6M Uninsured People." AP, 9/19/12](#))

- "The average penalty will be nearly \$1,200." (["Tax Penalty To Hit Nearly 6M Uninsured People," AP, 9/19/12](#))
- Four out of five who will pay penalty have an adjusted gross income of less than \$123,000. (["Payments Of Penalties For Being Uninsured Under The Affordable Care Act," CBO, P.2, 9/12](#))

**BROKEN PROMISE: 'Absolutely Not A Tax Increase'**

STEPHANOPOULOS: "Under this mandate, the government is forcing people to spend money, fining you if you don't. How is that not a tax?" ... PRESIDENT OBAMA: "No. That's not true, George. The — for us to say that you've got to take a responsibility to get health insurance is absolutely not a tax increase. What it's saying is, is that we're not going to have other people carrying your burdens for you anymore than the fact that right now everybody in America, just about, has to get auto insurance. Nobody considers that a tax increase." (["Obama: Mandate Is Not A Tax," ABC News, 9/20/09](#))

SEN. BARACK OBAMA (D-IL): "And if you're a family making less than \$250,000 a year, my plan won't raise your taxes one penny -- not your income taxes, not your payroll taxes, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes." (Barack Obama, Remarks, Orlando, FL, 8/3/08)

**Household Income Down: 'Middle Class Lost Ground Again Last Year'**

The Washington Post: "The middle class lost ground again last year, falling to an all-time low in their share of how much income they take in, new census data released Wednesday showed." (["Census: Middle Class Shrinks To An All-Time Low," The Washington Post, 9/12/12](#))

U.S. Census Bureau: "Real median household income in the United States in 2011 was \$50,054, a 1.5 percent decline from the 2010 median and the second consecutive annual drop." (["Income, Poverty And Health Insurance Coverage In The United States: 2011 Press Release" U.S. Census Bureau, 9/12/12](#))

- Household income down \$777. "2010 Median income, All households: \$50,831 ... 2011 Median income, All households: \$50,054." (["Income, Poverty And Health Insurance Coverage In The United States: 2011 Press Release" U.S. Census Bureau, P.6, 9/12/12](#))
- "In 2011, real median household income was 8.1 percent lower than in 2007, the year before the most recent recession..." (["Income, Poverty And Health Insurance Coverage In The United States: 2011 Press Release" U.S. Census Bureau, 9/12/12](#))
- "Real median earnings of both men and women who worked full time, year-round declined by 2.5 percent between 2010 and 2011." (["Income, Poverty And Health Insurance Coverage In The United States: 2011 Press Release" U.S. Census Bureau, 9/12/12](#))

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## OBAMACARE vs. ROMNEYCARE

| OBAMACARE                                                                                         | ROMNEYCARE                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mandates that everyone be insured or pay a tax                                                    | Mandates that everyone be insured or pay for their own healthcare                                                                                                               |
| Mandate upheld by Supreme Court as a tax                                                          | Mandate upheld by 10th Amendment of U.S. Constitution as a penalty                                                                                                              |
| Funding: \$2.6 trillion over 10 years (overall costs are unknown)                                 | Funding: Medicaid funds allow individuals who can't afford insurance to purchase policies                                                                                       |
| Increases taxes by \$500 billion (to fund plan)                                                   | No increase in taxes to fund bill                                                                                                                                               |
| Cuts Medicare by \$500 billion (to fund plan)                                                     | No cuts to Medicare                                                                                                                                                             |
| Enacted despite no purposed budget in place, massive federal spending and soaring deficit records | Enacted after state budget was balanced, adding only modest cost increase (1%)                                                                                                  |
| Significantly expands federal government to regulate healthcare system and insurance industry     | Market driven solution to healthcare                                                                                                                                            |
| Everybody is in, nobody is out: no one allowed to opt out                                         | Everybody is free to choose to either purchase health insurance or pay for their own healthcare                                                                                 |
| Mandated benefits for healthcare coverage                                                         | No mandated benefits for healthcare coverage                                                                                                                                    |
| Dictates and regulates provider services                                                          | Does not dictate or regulate provider services                                                                                                                                  |
| "One size fits all" plan for entire USA                                                           | A state solution to a state problem, pertaining to residents of Massachusetts only                                                                                              |
| Goal is to create single-payer government-run insurance for all citizens                          | Goal is to insure residents who do not have health insurance and to prevent "free-riders" who can afford insurance from purposely using emergency room as their healthcare plan |
| Employer penalty (tax) for not providing health Insurance                                         | No employer penalty for not providing health insurance                                                                                                                          |
| Establishes 15 member board of unelected bureaucrats to control and ration healthcare benefits    | Maintains patient/doctor relationship for determining individual's care                                                                                                         |
| No bipartisan input or support in passing bill                                                    | Very strong bipartisan input and support in passing bill                                                                                                                        |

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Speaker of the House John Boehner



## ObamaCare: One Year of Broken Promises

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**"If there's a constant in the story of ObamaCare, it's broken promises,"** House Speaker John Boehner says in a new video marking one year of the job-crushing health care law, and all its fewer jobs, higher costs, and reduced coverage. [Watch Boehner here:](#)



As Boehner says in [the video](#), "Instead of creating jobs, employers have been handed more uncertainty and more headaches. Instead of lower costs, families and small businesses are being squeezed even further. Instead of keeping what they like, millions are being forced off their coverage."

It's no wonder that a majority of Americans opposed the law a year ago -- and still oppose it today. **Republicans are listening and made a [Pledge to America](#) to [repeal ObamaCare](#) and [replace it with common-sense reforms that lower costs and protect jobs](#).**

Since January, the House has worked to keep that pledge and voted to fully [repeal the \\$2.6 trillion health care law](#); to [defund the law](#) as part of H.R. 1; and to repeal the job-destroying [1099 small business mandate](#). And last week, Speaker Boehner announced the House will soon vote to [eliminate mandatory spending slush funds](#) in ObamaCare.

To stay up to date on the fight to repeal and defund this job-crushing law, stay connected with the Office of the Speaker on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and on [Speaker.gov](#).

**- Speaker Boehner's Press Office**

**P.S. [Scrapping ObamaCare](#) is just one part of our pledge to end the uncertainty facing small businesses so they can start hiring again.** Republicans are also [cutting spending](#) to address our [job-crushing debt burden](#), reining in [excessive government regulations](#), and promoting the [American Energy Initiative](#) -- an ongoing effort to address rising gas prices and create new jobs by expanding American energy production and implementing an all-of-the-above energy strategy. [Click here](#) to learn more and to "Like" the [American Energy Initiative](#) on Facebook:



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## FFIS Weekly Update – October 16, 2012

### AGRICULTURE

**October 11, 2012: Forest Service Awards \$3 Million for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative** The Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service announced \$3 million in grants to six states—Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois, and Indiana—under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The funds will help states improve tree canopy, forest cover, and water quality. Details on the new awards can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/8ldbvxxy>

**October 11, 2012: USDA Announces \$1.95 Billion for Rural Utilities** USDA's Rural Utility Service (RUS) announced a total \$1.95 billion in loan guarantees to improve the efficiency of rural electric generation and transmission systems. Utility and electric cooperatives in 23 states will receive funds. More information on the RUS funding can be accessed here: <http://tinyurl.com/8nhe4mt>

### ENERGY

**October 11, 2012: DOE Releases New Guidance on Property Acquired under WAP** The Department of Energy (DOE) released new guidance to clarify the regulatory obligations that apply to property acquired under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Formula and ARRA grants. Click here to access the guidance: [http://waptac.org/data/files/website\\_docs/government/guidance/2013/wpn-13-04.pdf](http://waptac.org/data/files/website_docs/government/guidance/2013/wpn-13-04.pdf)

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**October 12, 2012: ACF Provides Information on Title IV-E Demonstrations** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released the following document that provides a summary of the nine child welfare waiver demonstrations approved for FY 2012:  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/title-ive-waiver-summaries>

**October 11, 2012: SAMHSA Posts 2012 Grant Awards** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) posted to its website a complete listing of grant awards for FY 2012:  
<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1210114353.aspx>

**October 11, 2012: CMS Provides Information on Medicare Part D Clawback Charges** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the following information bulletin to states to provide details on the phased-down state contribution per capita rates for January-September 2013:  
[http://www.ffis.org/sites/ffis.org/files/public/2013\\_Phase\\_Down\\_State\\_Contribution.pdf](http://www.ffis.org/sites/ffis.org/files/public/2013_Phase_Down_State_Contribution.pdf)

**October 10, 2012: SAMHSA Proposes Uniform Application Guidance for Two Major Block Grants** SAMHSA is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the FY 2014-2015 guidance and instructions for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and the

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant into a uniform application. More details, including a summary of comments received on the proposal, are available at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-10/pdf/2012-24862.pdf>

**October 10, 2012: CMS Releases Bulletin on Annual Reassignments for Certain Low-Income Subsidy Eligible Individuals** CMS released the following bulletin on the next steps in the annual reassignment process to assist states in understanding their role in ensuring that dual eligible beneficiaries have coverage under the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/CIB-10-10-12.pdf>

**October 9, 2012: ACF Announces 2012 Adoption Excellence Awards** ACF presented the 2012 adoption excellence awards, which honor states, local agencies, private organizations, courts, businesses, individuals, and families for making key contributions to increasing the number of children from foster care who are adopted. Click here for a list of awardees:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/adoption-excellence-awards-2012>

**October 5, 2012: ACF Issues Guidance on Head Start Noncompetitive Awards** ACF issued the following guidance to advise grantees of the process to request consideration for a noncompetitive five-year grant award: [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/PIs/2012/resour\\_pri\\_003\\_100512.html](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/PIs/2012/resour_pri_003_100512.html)

**ACF Releases Adoption Incentive Awards** ACF awarded \$32 million in adoption incentive awards for earning year 2011. A list of current and past awards is available at:

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/adopt\\_incentive\\_history.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/adopt_incentive_history.pdf)

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

**October 12, 2012: CCIIO Announces Additional Awards for Consumer Oriented and Operated Plan (CO-OP) Program** The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) announces awards for the CO-OP program on a rolling basis. Updated award information can be found at:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2012/02/coops02212012a.html>

**October 11, 2012: HHS Announces National Health Service Corps Awards** In FY 2012, the National Health Service Corps made nearly 4,600 loan repayment and scholarship awards, totaling \$229.4 million. More details are available on the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) website:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/10/20121011a.html>

**October 5, 2012: CMS Releases Cost Allocation Questions and Answers** CMS issued supplemental guidance on cost allocation for health insurance exchanges and Medicaid information systems:

<http://www.medicaid.gov/AffordableCareAct/Provisions/Downloads/Key-Cost-Allocation-QAs-10-05-12.pdf>

**October 5, 2012: CMS Releases Online Application for Waivers** CMS unveiled online applications for section 1115 demonstration waivers and for section 1915(b)(4) waivers for fee-for-service selective contracting. See the links below for more information.

Section 1115 template: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/application.html>

Section 1915(b): <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/Downloads/1915b4-FFS-Application.pdf>

**September 2012: GAO Issues Report on Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF)** The Government

Accountability Office (GAO) released a report that details those activities funded from the PPHF in FYs 2010 and 2011. The report describes the activities, the process/criteria used to allocate funds, and HHS's reporting of the outcomes. The full report can be accessed at:

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/650/648310.pdf>

## HOUSING

**October 11, 2012: HUD Awards \$5 Million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that 17 communities will receive \$4.95 million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants. These grants are intended to provide communities with funding to craft comprehensive, community-driven plans to revitalize public or other HUD-assisted housing and transform distressed neighborhoods. Click here for more information:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2012/HUDNo.12-164](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2012/HUDNo.12-164)

## JUSTICE

**October 11, 2012: State Justice Institute Publishes Grant Guidance** The State Justice Institute published FY 2013 grant guidelines in the *Federal Register*. These guidelines set forth the administrative, programmatic, and financial requirements for its grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. Click here to view the information: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-11/pdf/2012-24990.pdf>

## LABOR

**October 10, 2012: ETA Releases New Disaster Unemployment Weekly Benefit Amounts** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) released calculations for the new minimum disaster unemployment assistance (DUA) weekly benefit amounts. These DUA amounts will be used for all major disasters declared during the first quarter of FY 2013 (October 1, 2012-December 31, 2012). To access ETA's guidance, click here:

[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL\\_2\\_13.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_2_13.pdf)

**October 9, 2012: DOL Announces \$20 Million for Public-Private Partnerships in Nine States** DOL announced \$20 million in awards for 10 public-private partnerships in nine states. The partnerships were awarded through the Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge, which is a competitive, multi-agency grant awarded to strengthen advanced manufacturing at the local level. To read more about the grants, click here:

[http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20122056.htm#.UHWimG\\_A8oM](http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20122056.htm#.UHWimG_A8oM)

## NUTRITION

**October 9, 2012: FNS Releases Two Fact Sheets on School Meal Guidelines** USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released two fact sheets on USDA's new school meal guidelines. The first fact sheet summarizes requirements for calories served under school meals. The second fact sheet provides an explanation for after-school meal service and athletic programs as they relate to the meal guidelines. The fact sheets can be accessed through the links below.

Calories: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/HHFKAfactsheet-calories.pdf>

After-school meals and athletic programs:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/HHFKAfactsheet-athletics.pdf>

## TRANSPORTATION

**October 12, 2012: DOT Announces \$2.3 Million for State Maritime Academies** The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Maritime Administration announced that six state maritime academies will receive an additional \$2.3 million total from a government program that recycles obsolete vessels. Click

here for details: <http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-announces-23-million-state-maritime-academies>

**October 11, 2012: DOT Awards States and Communities \$45 million in Pipeline Safety Grants** DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced that 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands will receive nearly \$44 million in Pipeline Safety Base grants and 23 communities around the country will share nearly \$1 million in Technical Assistance Grants to augment state and local pipeline safety efforts. Click here for details:

<http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/usdot-awards-states-and-communities-45-million-pipeline-safety-grants>

#### **ARRA**

**September 28, 2012: OIG Releases Report on Districts' Use of ARRA Funds** The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) released a report on how school districts across the country used funds provided under ARRA and the Education Jobs Fund. To read the report, click here:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2012/a09l0006com.pdf>

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Katie – Per your request, attached, is the current stakeholder list signed up for workgroups. Individuals are continuing to sign up so this list will continue to grow, but this is what we have as of this evening.

We will follow with some information regarding possible Consumer and Advocacy group representatives.

Thank you,  
Nicole

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# Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2011  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ODMHSAS Training Center  
Rose Rock Conference Room  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Exchange Project Managers:  
Derek Lieser  
Nicole Prieto Johns

## Purpose of the meeting:

1. Begin process of developing a common understanding of what a healthcare exchange in Oklahoma must do.
2. Discuss Planning Grant requirements and objectives.
3. Share a plan to involve stakeholders in identifying and refining a set of issues to be considered in planning for an Oklahoma exchange.
4. Discuss Exchange Planning Timeline and establishment of objectives to be met prior to the next general stakeholder meeting.

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## Agenda

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### I. Welcome and Meeting Overview

### II. What an exchange is expected to do / Questions

Overview presentation of exchange purpose, discussion of key business functions of an Oklahoma state based health insurance exchange and the role of Exchange planning stakeholders.

### III. Recent Events

- a) Award of Federal Planning Grant
- b) RFP to engage gap analysis contractor
- c) Application for Early Innovator Grant
- d) Oklahoma Health Information Trust (HIE)

### IV. Organization of Stakeholder Key Planning Task Groups

- a) Present and discuss high-level exchange issues, and key questions to be analyzed
- b) Discuss development of Key Planning Task Groups
- c) Discuss objectives to be met prior to next general stakeholder meeting
- d) Planning project timeline

### V. Stakeholder Participation

- a) Discuss available volunteer opportunities and how to participate
- b) Presentation on available video conferencing capabilities

### VI. Open Forum

### VII. Overview objectives for next meeting / Adjournment

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**OHX Steering Committee Members:**

Attached is the Agenda for the Steering Committee Meeting this afternoon for your review prior to the meeting. Also attached is HB2130, a bill sponsored by Speaker of the House, Kris Steele. It is a revision of the original HUB (HB2026) bill that was passed in 2009. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have regarding the agenda items.

Thank you,  
Nicole

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Respectfully,  
Derek

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Per the request of the Steering Committee.

This is the direct link to the RFP: <http://www.dcs.state.ok.us/Solicitations.nsf> Bid Number 3400000941

The RFP has been posted to the DCS website. A copy of the Project Preferred Vendor List is attached. The document itself is now open to the public and may be shared with any partners. Please note that all contact with vendors regarding this RFP must be coordinated with DCS. If you are contacted by a vendor regarding the RFP, please document the date, time, company name, individual name, and the content of the conversation and forward this information to me. Information provided to a vendor should be limited to directing them to contact the DCS Contracting Officer identified in the solicitation (Jan Hall) with any questions.

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The deadline for vendors to submit questions regarding the RFP is March 8. We will have 48 hours to respond in writing and for DCS to issue an amendment with our response to the questions. The RFP will close on March 17, at which time DCS will hold a public bid opening. DCS will then tabulate the responses and we will hopefully be able to pick up our copies on the 18<sup>th</sup> for evaluation. The evaluation process should be concluded as quickly as possible, to allow sufficient time for negotiation (if necessary) an award by the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the bid process and I'll speak with the Contractor Division here at OSDH.

Respectfully,  
Derek

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Hi Katie/Andrew:

RGPPC has been tracking internally where various states land on the PPACA moving parts. In order to best advise our governors and staff for Thursday's staff call and Friday's governors' call, we would like to understand A) If what we have on file is accurate for your state, 2) May we share this information with other states.

Thanks again for your fast attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Dustin.

Best,  
Marie

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## Oklahoma

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**Medicaid Expansion:**

Decision: Undecided, waiting until after the election  
Announced: July 23, 2012

**Insurance Exchange:**

Decision: Undecided

**Important Websites:**

Health care ruling: Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin says state needs to study implications of the high court decision

<http://newsok.com/health-care-ruling-oklahoma-gov.-mary-fallin-says-state-needs-to-study-implications-of-the-high-court-decision/article/3688400>

Fallin won't decide on expanding Medicaid until after election

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120724\\_336\\_0\\_GovMar820522](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=336&articleid=20120724_336_0_GovMar820522)

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[Shepherd Mall Floor Plan\\_map.pdf](#)

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**RE: Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange – ADVISORY WORK GROUP Signup Information**

Greetings Oklahoma Healthcare Exchange Stakeholders & Interested Parties:

In follow up to the previous email you were sent advising you of the public meeting to be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the ODMHSAS Training Center in the Shepherd Mall, this email contains information regarding Advisory Work Groups to be formed.

Developing a common understanding of what an Oklahoma State Healthcare Exchange must do is a critical first step in the creation of a strategic road map for the Exchange. To accomplish this step, Key Advisory Work Groups and sub-groups will be formed to develop recommendations on Exchange related issues. Each Work Group and sub-group will be responsible to meet, discuss and perform research to develop recommendations and advise on language to be used for the development of a strategic plan for the Exchange. Advisory Work Group participation will require an estimated 3 month commitment.

Following are Key Issues, around which Advisory Work Groups and sub-groups will be created:

1. Governance & Administrative Structure
2. Eligibility Process & Infrastructure
3. Enrollment
4. Information Technology
5. Carrier & Plan Selection
6. Financial Management
7. Education & Marketing

Attached to this email is a spreadsheet listing questions and considerations for each of the seven Key Issues. The spreadsheet also identifies the Project Manager who will act as liaison for each Advisory Work Group. Please keep in mind that the list of questions and considerations is not intended to be exhaustive and is provided as a tool which can be used by the Advisory Work Groups to initiate and focus group discussions. Each Advisory Work Group will be provided additional resources by the Project Managers as well as be responsible to perform independent research on its assigned Key Issue.

In preparation of our meeting next Wednesday, please review the attached list and take careful consideration as to which Advisory Work Group(s) you would like to participate. Advisory Work Group and sub-group participation will be assigned based upon the knowledge, demonstrated leadership experience and

areas of expertise of each participant as well as each participant's ability to commit the time, effort and resources needed to adequately address the assigned Key Issue. In most cases participants will be assigned to the Advisory Work Group(s) of their choice.

Your active participation will be a deciding factor in determining Oklahoma's success in the development of an Exchange. Additional information about the formation and requirements of the Work Groups will be provided at the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am -12:00pm, General Stakeholder meeting. We look forward to seeing you then to further discuss your participation in an Advisory Work Group.

***Thank you!***

Exchange Project Managers,  
Nicole Prieto Johns & Derek Lieser

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Below please find editorials from Speaker Boehner (POLITICO) and Bill Kristol (WEEKLY STANDARD).

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### **Change direction of federal spending**

By Rep. John A. Boehner

POLITICO

April 13, 2011 11:47 PM EDT

Six months ago, shortly before the election, the Democrats who run Washington were preparing an “omnibus” spending bill loaded with earmarks and job-crushing tax hikes on small businesses. Today, the people’s House is due to vote on a bill that cuts \$315 billion from the federal budget over the next 10 years — the largest non-defense spending cut in our history, earmark-free and with zero tax hikes. These are real cuts.

It isn’t cause for celebration or back-patting. It’s what happens when the American people speak out. It’s what government should be doing.

This agreement isn’t perfect. But it is exactly what we need to pave the way for the “Path to Prosperity” budget offered by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), which moves the debate from cutting billions of dollars to cutting trillions. It also cleans up the budget mess left by the last Congress — sending a signal to job creators nationwide that we have begun to end Washington’s spending binge.

“This first step,” the Stanford economist John B. Taylor wrote, “helps establish the credibility needed for the budget strategy to increase economic growth and encourage private investment.”

Specifically, House Republicans – up against a Democratic-run Senate and Democratic-controlled White House – forced an agreement that cuts nearly \$40 billion, compared to FY 2010 spending levels. This means the federal government will spend \$78.5 billion less this year than President Barack Obama proposed.

The total spending cut would have been even higher – nearly \$45 billion – had we not fought for and secured a \$5 billion increase in defense spending. This ensures that our troops have the tools they need to accomplish their multiple missions.

The American people are concerned not just about how much we’re spending, but how we’re spending it. One Obamacare program is eliminated altogether in this agreement; a second is cut nearly in half.

Four of the Obama administration’s controversial “czars” are eliminated – and the president is prohibited from replacing them. These include the “czars” charged with overseeing his government takeover of health care and tasked with implementing the president’s job-crushing national energy tax. They’re gone. The administration is signaling it will challenge the constitutionality of these provisions. We say: Bring it on.

The agreement also secures Senate votes and debates on de-funding two of the president’s top priorities – his job-crushing health care law and Planned Parenthood. It saves the successful D.C. school choice program that Democrats have been trying to eliminate for years.

The Environmental Protection Agency, considered a prime source of government overregulation, is to have its budget cut by 16 percent. Students will no longer be able to draw two Pell Grant awards at the same time — saving taxpayers \$35 billion over the next 10 years.

More than 40 other ineffective Department of Education programs will also be eliminated — including Educational Technology State Grants, Even Start, Advanced Credentialing, Mental Health Integration, Exchanges with Historic Whaling Partners, Women’s Educational Equity, Tech-Prep Education State Grants, Smaller Learning Communities, Legal Assistance Loan Repayment Program, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Scholarships and B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships.

This is all happening just months after the president and his Democratic allies called for zero cuts – and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

Liberals like the economist Paul Krugman have slammed the president for the agreement — noting it means the White House has, in effect, admitted the “stimulus” spending binge is over.

They’re right. No matter how imperfect the agreement may be, we’re poised to make historic cuts to both discretionary and mandatory “autopilot” spending. For anyone who believes Washington

should be spending more, taxing more and borrowing more — this is a defeat.

It's true that many of the cuts in the agreement were proposed in the president's budget — but those cuts were used by the president to offset additional or new spending elsewhere. Now those cuts are real cuts. We're chopping billions of dollars off the baseline rather than allowing the Obama administration simply to shift the savings toward other spending.

Think of it this way: You have \$100 in your wallet that you were going to use to buy new clothes. You haven't spent it yet, because you haven't found shirts you like or decided you didn't need them. Then someone comes along and takes away your \$100.

Now you can't spend it — not on clothes or anything else you were considering. The money's gone — your budget's been cut. We're taking away tens of billions of taxpayer dollars from the Obama administration.

The new Republican majority began this Congress armed with a pledge: to create a better environment for private sector job growth by cutting spending and removing barriers that make it harder for small businesses to hire new workers.

That's exactly what we're doing, one step at a time. The spending cut agreement to be voted on today isn't perfect — not by a long shot. But it's an important step toward getting Washington spending under control and eliminating some of the barriers that are hurting job growth. There are many more steps, more cuts, and more reforms to come.

### **Say Yes to the CR Mess**

*Don't be distracted from the main fight.*

By William Kristol

WEEKLY STANDARD

April 14, 2011 9:11 AM

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/say-yes-cr-mess\\_557400.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/say-yes-cr-mess_557400.html)

Let's assume for the purpose of argument that our friends at National Review <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/264599/strike-one-editors> are at least partly right in their analysis of the deal on the continuing resolution (CR) that's to be voted on today in the House of Representatives (but see John McCormack's post [http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/budget-confusion\\_557395.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/budget-confusion_557395.html) for some context). In their recommendation of a No vote, they seem to me misguided.

Even if the savings from the CR are a "pittance," and the deal is "shot through with gimmicks and one-time savings;" even if it's "a dog's breakfast of budgetary legerdemain" that was "oversold and dependent on classic Washington budget trickery" and that embodies "business as usual"—even so, NR is wrong, I think, to conclude, "We'd vote 'no,' even if we understand the impulse to move on to more important matters and to avoid a leap into the dark that might include a politically damaging shutdown."

I'd vote yes.

The CR may well be a mess. It's certainly a sideshow. Perhaps John Boehner could have gotten a better deal, but it wouldn't have made much difference in the big-picture budget fight anyway. That fight is now underway, and the 2011 CR will be little noted, nor long remembered--unless the squabble over the CR fractures Republicans, and unless it prevents them from being able to focus the nation on what NR admits are "more important matters." The fact is the only way the 2011 CR will end up making much difference is if the deal is defeated in the Republican House, and the rejection leads to NR's "politically damaging shutdown" which then endangers future conservative prospects this year, and next.

So don't let the CR make a difference. Pass it. Don't risk a shutdown for a trifle. Forget about sniping at John Boehner. Help defeat Barack Obama in the major struggle that's now been joined on the budget <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnNOX-fi5ds> --and the future. Focus on Obama's unbelievable irresponsibility, not Boehner's alleged negotiating deficiencies. Figure out what big things (Medicaid reform?) can be added to the upcoming debt limit vote. Educate the public so as to improve the current only slightly better than even split in public opinion <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2011/images/04/12/rel6d.pdf> on the GOP budget.

Conservatives who seek to govern this country will have a better chance of success if we behave as adults working towards victory in an important cause, rather than reveling in our incorruptible purity over on stage right, while neglecting what's happening at center stage.



# Payroll Tax Holiday Agreement

*Protecting Americans from a Tax Increase, Reforming Unemployment and Welfare Programs, and Preventing Cut to Medicare Doctors*

## Payroll Tax Holiday Extended Through 2012

- The payroll tax holiday is extended through December 31, 2012.
- The amount of revenue that is foregone to the Social Security Trust Funds as a result of the payroll tax reduction is fully replaced with savings from Treasury's General Fund.
- Over the course of the year, a typical middle-class worker earning \$50,000 would see his or her take-home pay increase by \$1,000 as a result of this tax holiday.

## Reforms & Extends the Unemployment Program

### **Reforms to the unemployment program**

- **Job Search Requirements:** Requires those receiving unemployment benefits at both the state and federal level actually look for a job.
- **Drug Screening & Testing:** Overturns a 1960s-era Department of Labor ban on States' screening and testing UI applicants for illegal drugs. Specifically, the agreement allows every state to drug screen and test anyone who (1) lost their job because they failed or refused an employer drug test, or (2) is seeking a job that generally requires a drug test.
- **Re-employment Programs:** Allows waivers for up to 10 states for innovative re-employment programs like Georgia Works.

### **Reduces the number of weeks to levels typically seen in a recession**

- **Eliminates 20 Weeks of EB:** Effectively eliminates the "Extended Benefits" program, which allowed states to receive an additional 20 weeks of federal benefits.
- **63 weeks vs. 93 Weeks:** Ensures that by the end of the year the vast majority of states (36) receive a maximum of 63 weeks of benefits, compared to 46 states currently receiving 93 weeks of benefits – a reduction of 30 weeks. This is a level comparable to prior recessions.

## No More Welfare Benefits At Strip Clubs & Liquor Stores

- **Extends Welfare Benefits:** The agreement extends the nation's primary welfare program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, through Fiscal Year 2012.
- **Closes the "Strip Club" Loophole:** The legislation ensures that welfare funds cannot be accessed at ATMs in strip clubs, liquor stores, and casinos.
- **Data Standardization:** Improves data matching and program integrity by requiring standardized data and Health and Human Services coordination of exchanges across State TANF programs.

## Protects Seniors & Reforms Certain Medicare Programs

- **Eliminates 27.4% Cut to Doctors:** The agreement averts a 27.4 percent cut to physician payment rates and ensures seniors and the disabled have continued access to the physicians serving our Medicare beneficiaries.
- **Doc Fix Through End of 2012:** The agreement extends through the end of the year payment rates for Medicare doctors.
- **Eliminates & Reforms Certain Medicare Programs:** The Senate had sought to blindly extend all Medicare extenders. The agreement eliminates two of those programs (mental health add-on payments and an ObamaCare provision that increased payments for bone density scans). The agreement phases-out two programs: Section 508 hospitals and special pathology payments, while providing time for these providers to adapt to these changes. Extends and reforms the therapy cap exception process by requiring greater accountability, which will eliminate wasteful spending.
- **Extends Certain Medicare Programs with Greater Oversight:** Ambulance add-on payments, physician work floor, and outpatient hospital hold harmless payments are all extended, but the agreement requires GAO, MedPAC and CMS to report to Congress on their effectiveness and ways to better protect taxpayer dollars.

## No Tax Increases & Government Spending Is Fully Offset

### **Rejects Senate's insistence on higher taxes for higher spending**

- No job-killing tax hikes to pay for more government spending.
- All government spending is fully offset with spending cuts and government reforms.

### **Unemployment benefits are fully paid for**

- Firmly establishes that extensions of unemployment benefits must be paid for. Democrats added nearly \$200 billion to our nation's debt by extending an unprecedented level of unemployment benefits.
- The agreement offsets all unemployment program spending through:
  - Spectrum Auctions, which spur innovation, investment and job creation in the high-tech field.
  - Requiring new civilian federal employees and Members of Congress to contribute more towards their defined benefit pension programs.

### **Repeals key parts of ObamaCare and includes other health savings**

- Cuts to ObamaCare pay for more than half (\$11.6 billion) of the health spending in the agreement.
- Cuts an ObamaCare slush fund (the Harkin Prevention Fund) by \$5 billion.
- Eliminates an ObamaCare giveaway to Louisiana saving \$2.5 billion.
- Reduces Medicaid spending (DSH rebase) by more than \$4 billion.
- Other health savings total \$9.6 billion and include reductions to Medicare "bad debt" (\$6.9 billion) and clinical laboratory payments (\$2.7 billion).

# Maximum Weeks of Unemployment Benefits

| <b>Unemployment Rate<br/>(States)</b> | <b>Current Law</b> | <b>Conference<br/>Agreement<br/>(September 2012)</b> | <b>Conference<br/>Agreement vs.<br/>Current Law</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Under 6%                              | 60                 | 40                                                   | -20 weeks                                           |
| 6.0-6.4%                              | 73                 | 54                                                   | -19 weeks                                           |
| 6.5-6.9%                              | 86                 | 54                                                   | -32 weeks                                           |
| 7.0-7.9%                              | 86                 | 63                                                   | -23 weeks                                           |
| 8.0-8.4% (U.S.<br>AVERAGE)            | 93                 | 63                                                   | -30 weeks                                           |
| 8.5-8.9%                              | 99                 | 63                                                   | -36 weeks                                           |
| 9% and above                          | 99                 | 73                                                   | -26 weeks                                           |

INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL EVENTS AND ISSUES  
OVERHANG ON PRESIDENTIAL/CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS  
As of 07/11/2012

**Political And Economic Issues That Will Help Determine The Outcome Of The  
Presidential And Congressional Campaigns:**

1. The Congressional Legislative Collision Of The "Fiscal Cliff", "Taxmageddon", "The Sequester".
2. What Happens In The European Union
  - Unemployment in many countries is over 11%, in Spain it's over 24%
  - Five euro-zone countries have requested a bailout. The amount totals €489 billion Euro, or \$611.3 billion USD. They are Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus.
  - Nine countries have experienced a change in government: France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Great Britain, Ireland, Portugal, Denmark, and Finland. There will be a vote in Romania on presidential impeachment by the end of the month.
  - 26% of U.S. Trade is with Europe
3. Fallout from the Supreme Court Decisions:
  - The ACA decision upheld (5-4) the health insurance mandate under the taxing power of Congress. The rest of the law survives intact. The Medicaid expansion provision was upheld on the interpretation that Congress could not strip a state of *all* Medicaid funding for failure to expand coverage.
  - In the Arizona immigration law case the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the provision requiring state law enforcement to determine the immigration status of anyone they stop or arrest with reason to suspect the individual maybe undocumented. The Court held the other three provisions void as preempted, or trumped, by federal law.
4. The Middle East Stability/Uncertainty
  - Israel vs. Iran - Nuclear Issues
  - Iran vs. Europe/U.S. - Oil Issues
  - Egypt, Syria, Libya - Instability Issue
5. Super PACs
  - As of 07/10 there are 653 groups organized as Super PACs, and, according to Forbes, there are 390+ billionaires in the U.S.

# **The Congressional Legislative Collision Of "Kick-The-Can-Down-The-Road" "Perfect Storm" "Budget Time Bomb" "Fiscal Cliff" "Train Wreck" or "Taxmageddon"...The Clock is Ticking**

## **The Calendar is Short** (as of July 11, 2012)

- House of Representatives Scheduled Number of Legislative Work Days Until the August Recess: **14**
- House of Representatives Scheduled Number of Legislative Work Days Until the October Recess for Election: **27**
- Total Number of Calendar Days To The Presidential Election: **118**
- Total Number of Calendar Days To Year End: **173**

## **Budget Control Act Of 2011 Mandated Events Prior to the Political Conventions**

- August 15 -CBO releases a preliminary sequestration report
- August 20 -OMB releases a preliminary sequestration report (done on an account-by-account basis)

## **Key Legislative Events Before January 2013**

- Between The Election And The End Of Next Year A \$1.2 Trillion Debt Ceiling Increase Must Pass The Congress According To The U.S. Treasury. Both Moody's and S&P have indicated publicly that increasing the debt ceiling will trigger a downgrade of U.S. debt.
- Tax Cuts/Tax Credits/Deductions/ Medicare Reimbursements Scheduled to Expire in 2011 or 2012
  - Payroll tax holiday -Extended 2 times
  - Unemployment benefits -Extended 10+ times
  - Medicare "doc fix" -10 -year fix over \$300 billion
  - Estate tax -1-year fix approx. \$32.6 billion
  - Alternative Minimum Tax -10-year fix over \$1 trillion
  - Various research and development tax credits
  - 2001 -2003 Bush Tax rate cuts / other tax credits and tax relief items Extended 1 year -Approx. \$248.1 billion
  - Dividend tax rate increase
  - Marriage penalty relief
  - Biodiesel/renewable diesel fuel tax credits, incentives for alternative fuel mixtures, and incentives for alcohol fuels
  - State and local sales tax deductions
  - Coal production credit
  - Tax credit for first-time DC homebuyers
  - Indian employment tax credit
  - Energy efficient homes and appliances
  - Teacher's school supplies tax credit
  - Employer provided mass transit and parking
  - Various business depreciation deductions including sec. 179
  - Various charitable deductions
  - Increase of the standard deduction for married filers
  - Expansion of the Hope Credits -Qualified tuition
  - Earned income tax credit

- **Key Legislative Events Before January 2013--Continued**

- Employer provided child care tax credit
- Adoption tax credit
- Tax credits for hiring Vets and military reservists
- Dependent care tax credit
- Individual Charitable deduction expiration
- Charitable deduction for corporate contributions of computer equipment for educational purposes
- Tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes
- Discharge of indebtedness on principal residence excluded from gross income of individuals
- FERC Sales Rules
- Suspension of 100% of net income limitation on percentage depletion for oil & gas from marginal wells
- Grants for specified energy property in lieu of tax credits & credit for certain nonbusiness energy property
- Credit for alternative fuel vehicle refueling property
- Special rules for contributions of capital gain property made for conservation purposes
- Above the line deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses
- Definition of gross estate for regulated investment company "RIC" stock owned by a nonresident not a citizen of the United States and treatment of certain dividends of RICs
- 15-year straight-line cost recovery for qualified leasehold and restaurant building improvements, and retail enhancements
- Enhanced charitable deduction for contributions of food delivery
- Election to expense advanced mine safety equipment
- Special expensing Rules for certain film and television productions
- Expensing of environmental remediation costs
- Work opportunity tax credit
- Qualified zone academy bonds and empowerment zone tax incentives
- Premiums for mortgage insurance deductible as interest that is qualified residence interest
- Credit for electric drive motorcycles, three-wheeled vehicles, and low-speed vehicles and plug-in electric vehicles
- Treatment of military basic housing allowances under low-income housing credit

**Government Spending Reductions That, Because Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011, Are Mandated To Occur Through A Sequester Process. The Law Requires A Sequester Of \$1.2 Trillion Of Reductions Over 10 Years. On January 2, 2013 The Required Cuts By Sequester Will Begin (Approximately \$109 Billion) For FY2013 (October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013)**

- CBO releases a preliminary sequestration update report on August 15, then OMB releases a preliminary sequestration update report (done on an account-by-account basis) by August 20
  - Obama can't use the savings from the drawdown in Iraq to protect other programs.
- 10 days after the end of the Congressional Session the CBO releases their final sequestration report, OMB follows 5 days later with their final sequestration report.
- The final sequestration report will be published on the same day that the reductions in discretionary spending for FY 2013 are implemented - January 2, 2013.
  - All reductions are for a period of the 9 months that remain in FY 2013, which means a higher effect on account-by-account reductions.
- The BCA's formula for establishing specific cuts begins by reducing the \$1.2 trillion by 18% (\$216 billion) to account for interest savings that will flow from the spending cuts. This leaves \$984 billion that must be achieved through equal amounts of spending cuts in each of the nine years between fiscal year 2013 and 2021, or about \$109 billion per year. (For FY-13 sequester will cut approximately \$12.11 billion per month. For other years, the sequester will cut approximately \$9.08 billion per month.)
- The total annual spending cut of about \$109 billion is divided as follows:
  - 50% of the cuts from the Department of Defense
  - 48% of the cuts from all other non-defense programs  
(not listed below)
  - 2% of the cuts from Medicare

- The sequester cannot touch the following programs (from the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 as amended):
  - Pell Grants
  - Social Security
  - Medicaid
  - The Postal Service
  - Class Act (Voluntary long-term health care benefits created in ObamaCare)
  - Most unemployment benefits
  - VA benefits
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Federal Retirement
  - SNAP (the food stamp program)
  - SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program)
  - TANF (Temporary assistance to Needy Families)
  - Child Tax Credit
  - Earned Income Tax Credit
  - Railroad retirement benefits
  - Farm Credit Insurance Fund
  - Comptrollers general retirement system
  - Pensions for former presidents
  - Grants-in-Aid for Airports
  - US Treasury Check Forgery Insurance Fund
  - Black Lung Disability Trust Fund
  - Geothermal Resources Development Fund
  - Payments to widows and heirs of deceased Members of Congress
  - All "emergency designations"
  - All "unanticipated circumstances"
  - Congressional concessions for disaster relief

# Debt Held By the Public

As of 07/09/2012

Since January 2012, the Federal Government has is paying in Public Debt interest:

Per Calendar Day: \$623 million

Per Hour: \$25.9 Million

Since Obama's inauguration, the debt held by the public has risen \$154 million dollars per hour (\$2.57 million dollars per minute).

Debt Held By the Public on Inaugural Day (01/20/2009): \$6.3 T

Debt Outstanding on 07/09/2012: 11.1 T

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Total Increase in Debt: 4.8 T

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Daily Increase in Debt (1,267 Days): \$ 3.8 B

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Total Debt Held By the Public on the day the Republicans took control of the House (01/03/2011): \$9.4 T

Total Debt on 07/09/2012: 11.1 T

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Total Increase in Debt: 1.7 T

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Daily Increase in Debt (554 Days): \$ 3.1 B

B = Billions

T = Trillions

# **Presidential and Congressional Approval/Disapproval**

## **Polling Analysis January 2011 to July 9, 2012**

**Data compiled from Real Clear Politics ([www.realclearpolitics.com](http://www.realclearpolitics.com))**

### **President Obama Job Approval**

Most recent polls:

Rasmussen Reports: (July 6): Approval: 47%, Disapproval: 52%

Total Polls since Jan. 2011: 261  
    Negative: 143  
    Positive: 98  
    Tied: 18

21 different polling organizations have been used since Jan. 2011

Highest approval: + 60% (AP/GfK May 5 to May 9, 2011)

Highest disapproval: - 56% (Rasmussen March 11 to March 13, 2011)

### **Congressional Job Approval**

Most recent poll:

Associated Press/GfK(June 14-18): Approval 22%, Disapproval 75%

Total Polls since Jan. 2011: 67 (All Negative)

10 different polling organizations have been used since Jan. 2011

Highest approval: + 31% (Fox News Feb. 7 to Feb. 9, 2011)

Highest disapproval: - 87% (AP/GfK Aug. 18 to Aug. 22, 2011)

Congressional Job Approval has been negative since Real Clear Politics started compiling polls in Jan., 2005.

## "HMO With A Twist" Perspective

The ultimate health care reform for job growth and job creation  
[moving fast, seizing momentum and not letting it go]

CADILLAC health care policy for all:

There will be three universal health plans, which can be replicated in every state in the United States. These are State Plan, Employers' Plan, and Medicare Plan. Expanded universal coverage is the **Cadillac** health care policy for all at no extra cost. All three plans will cover acupuncture, ambulance, chiropractic services, dental care, doctor visits, family planning services, hearing, hospital and emergency care, laboratory, maternity and newborn care, mental health services, radiology, prescription drugs, preventive health care, specialty care and vision care. The **State Plan** will cover all those who are unemployed or employed [and their dependents] whose employers do not provide health insurance. Funding will principally come from Medicaid [Medi-Cal in California]. In addition, it is proposed that 1% from the sales tax from the state would be earmarked for this plan. All those who are employed and whose employers provide health insurance for their employees and their dependents will be covered by the **Employers' Plan**. All those eligible for Medicare benefits will be under the **Medicare Plan**. Medicare is federal health insurance coverage for people 65 and older, certain disabled people, and those with end-stage renal disease [ESRD]. With fewer employers subsidizing health coverage for their current retirees and their spouses, the Medicare Plan can provide health insurance coverage for those older workers - the age group that has the hardest time buying individual policies. There are 54 million Medicare beneficiaries throughout the United States.

NEXT TO NOTHING:

All three plans will have low co-payments and no deductible except for Medicare patients where CMS [Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services] will determine and retain control over individual premiums and deductible for Part A and B. There will be no out-of-pocket cost for Part D except for co-pay since prescription drugs will be covered under the three plans.

FISCAL IMPACT:

- The plan will bring about a change in consumer spending. It is proposed that 1% from the total sales tax generated from the state should be earmarked for one of the plans, the State Plan. The sales tax will definitely make a direct impact on every American.
- Every time one makes a purchase, the thought that a fraction of the transactions will help support the health insurance coverage for a segment of the society is enough incentive to boost the sale and purchase of any product or services. If the buying spree stimulates the sagging economy, so much the better. As membership in the HMO/medical facility increases, more jobs will be created. This might even help bring unemployment down.
- The program will generate monthly income to every state. The HMO/medical facility will have to pay \$1.00 good will fee to the state for each member enrolled in its organization. In California alone, this translates to approximately \$38.5 million a month, \$462 million a year.
- Disbursement of the collected funds from the good will fee will rest solely on the discretion of the Governor of the state as he/she deems it fit and proper.
- The HMO/medical facility will have to exercise due diligence in keeping track of its members and at the same time providing an accurate monthly roster to the three payers [Medicaid/Medical in California, the employers and Medicare].

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Stock Futures Point Higher as Traders Mull Data, Earnings ([Fox Business](#))

S&P 500 Futures Rise as Commodities Gain ([Bloomberg](#))

Wall St set to rise on strong retailer earnings ([Reuters](#))

Wholesale Prices Increase ([WSJ](#))

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United States Investing \$510 Million in Biofuels ([autoevolution.com](#))

For the military clean energy saves lives ([CNN Money](#))

### **Education**

Iowa education board pushes reform efforts ([Muscatine Journal](#))

Pilot program seeks to prepare Arkansas students for high-tech careers ([Arkansasnews.com](#))

### **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Brownback supports new wind power infrastructure ([cjonline.com](#))

Transportation deadlock worries states ([Stateline.com](#))

### **Healthcare**

Nebraska weighing choices for health care exchange ([Bloomberg](#))

Group exploring options for Georgia health insurance exchange ([ajc.com](#))

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New Republican Governors Finding Success with Fiscally Conservative Policies ([Human Events](#))

Deadlock in Ohio Over Union Rights ([WSJ](#))

McDonnell reports surplus, braces for federal cuts ([Hamptonroads.com](#))

#### **Energy & Environment**

Maine Passes Historic Law to Reduce Oil Use ([switchboard.org](#))

Christie approves spending \$157 million for open space ([philly.com](#))

A New Energy Frontier: Greater Production Would Create Jobs, Increase Revenue ([US Chamber Magazine](#))

#### **Education**

Oklahoma's Fallin Weighs Possible Effects of U.S. Defense, Education Cuts ([Bloomberg](#))

Wyoming Department of Education takes PAWS to public meetings ([trib.com](#))

#### **Immigration**

U.S. Alters Policy on Deporting Immigrants ([WSJ](#))

US plans to make it a priority to deport illegal immigrants who are convicted criminals ([Washington Post](#))

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## **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Tenn. gov wants quicker national online tax rules ([Businessweek](#))

Snyder wants quick state Supreme Court ruling on emergency manager law ([Detroit News](#))

## **Healthcare**

Oklahoma's Fallin resists 'Obamacare' ([Washington Times](#))

Health care law action draws GOP criticism ([sctimes.com](#))

Gov. LePage Appoints Members to Maine's Health Insurance Exchange Committee ([The Free Press](#))

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Removing the obstacles to economic growth ([Washington Post](#))

Falling oil and gas prices: A blessing and a curse ([CNN Money](#))

How Not to Grow an Economy ([WSJ](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Oil Prices Set to Slip if Rebels Win Libya ([WSJ](#))

The EPA's giant green jobs-killer ([NY Post](#))

Climate Footprint of Marcellus Shale Gas Could Be Less Than That of Coal ([Scientific American](#))

Most Offshore Areas Still Closed to Drilling ([RealClearEnergy](#))

### **Education**

Five ways students will feel budget cuts ([Stateline](#))

Brownback seeks higher academic rankings ([cjonline.com](#))

Both parties say they're ready to tackle education issues ([The Gazette](#))

### **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Governor predicts bridge approval ([Windsor Star](#))

Governor's panel: Allow red-light cameras statewide ([The Morning Call](#))

### **Immigration**

Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer: At Last Obama Has a Jobs Plan — for Illegal Immigrants ([Newsmax](#))

Border Sheriffs Seek Donations to Unblock Arizona Immigration Law ([FOX News](#))

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A Tale of Two States: Why Kansas and Oklahoma Rejected Federal Funding for Health Insurance Exchanges ([Becker's Hospital Review](#))

Should Wyo. develop its own health insurance exchange? ([WyomingNews.com](#))

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Michigan's Pension Changes May Be Model for Struggling States ([Bloomberg](#))

Wall Street Shrinkage ([WSJ](#))

Gov. Rick Snyder calls on Michigan to help with one key change to turn around state ([mlive.com](#))

States Adding Drug Test as Hurdle for Welfare ([NYT](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

25 states urge court to make EPA delay power plant rule ([Reuters](#))

White House fast-tracks environmental review of 14 infrastructure projects ([The Hill](#))

The Year of Peril and Promise in Energy Production ([NYT](#))

How America can outpump OPEC ([NY Post](#))

Crude is on a fracking record pace ([The Globe and Mail](#))

### **Education**

More Republican governors push for education overhaul ([Stateline](#))

Updating No Child Left Behind ([Politico](#))

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Drivers paying more tolls to use roads, bridges ([USA Today](#))

Branstad tells lawmakers not to rule out gas tax increase ([Sioux City Journal](#))

State's transportation projects continue on ([Bowling Green Daily News](#))

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Florida Readies Its Own Health Insurance Exchange ([Kaiser Health News](#))

Wyoming Gov. Mead supports state health exchange recommendation ([trib.com](#))

Drug treatment cheaper than filling more prison cells ([St. Petersburg Times](#))

ACLU amends complaint on abortion insurance ([LJWorld.com](#))

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A Bipartisan Triumph ([WSJ](#))

Slumping cities face service cuts, layoffs — and even bankruptcy ([Kansas City Star](#))

Very bad Nevada economy threatens Obama ([AP](#))

Alternatives to juvenile incarceration sought ([Stateline](#))

### **Energy & Environment**

Governors return to Neb. for Missouri River talks ([NTV](#))

McDonnell's 2nd annual energy conference begins 3-day run in Richmond on Monday ([The Republic](#))

What Is the Keystone XL Pipeline — and Why Is It So Controversial? ([ProPublica](#))

Stopping the next Solyndra ([Orange County Register](#))

For Alternative Energy, Storage Makes All the Difference ([Bloomberg](#))

America Must “Out-Innovate” Foreign Competitors ([The Energy Collective](#))

### **Education**

New state law links teacher performance and student learning ([mlive.com](#))

Deal launches college financing study ([Atlanta Business Chronicle](#))

Advocates: Iowa schools reform could cost millions ([Sioux City Journal](#))

SD schools tap reserves, trim spending ([Rapid City Journal](#))

### **Immigration**

Appeals court curtails Alabama immigration law, for now ([Christian Science Monitor](#))

### **Healthcare**

ObamaCare Starts to Unravel ([WSJ](#))

Some states seek flexibility to push health-care overhaul further ([Washington Post](#))

State looks at digital health records ([Montgomery Advertiser](#))

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Fed Remains Noncommittal About New Stimulus, Despite Sluggish Economy (HuffPost): [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/03/fed-qe3\\_n\\_916681.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/03/fed-qe3_n_916681.html)

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Energy industry sees its agenda stall (Politico): <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0811/60525.html>

Oil near \$93 as weak US economy drags markets down (Chicago Sun Times): <http://www.suntimes.com/business/6857866-420/oil-near-93-as-weak-us-economy-drags-markets-down.html>

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Policy shift will help more immigrant entrepreneurs get green cards (NY Daily News): [http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2011/08/03/2011-08-03\\_could\\_get\\_easier\\_to\\_be\\_green\\_carded\\_but\\_only\\_if\\_you\\_want\\_to\\_start\\_a\\_new\\_biz\\_in\\_a.html#ixzz1TyX5oXCW](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2011/08/03/2011-08-03_could_get_easier_to_be_green_carded_but_only_if_you_want_to_start_a_new_biz_in_a.html#ixzz1TyX5oXCW)

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Senate fails to fund FAA, leaving 4,000 on unpaid furlough (LA Times): [http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-faa-shutdown-20110803\\_0\\_5449960\\_story?track=rss&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+latimes%2Fnews%2Fnationworld%2Fnation+%28LA+Times++National+News%29](http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-faa-shutdown-20110803_0_5449960_story?track=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+latimes%2Fnews%2Fnationworld%2Fnation+%28LA+Times++National+News%29)

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**Subject:** Politico: Southern governors secede from Medicaid  
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Good evening, FYI on article posted a couple of hours ago. We'll provide a new round-up of articles tomorrow. -mts

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# POLITICO

## Southern governors secede from Medicaid

By: [Jonathan Allen](#) and [Kathryn Smith](#)  
July 10, 2012 08:18 PM EDT

House Republicans are lining up to repeal the [Affordable Care Act](#) on Wednesday, but GOP governors in the South have a real plan to gut the law.

Govs. [Rick Perry](#) in Texas and Rick Scott in Florida have both said they won't expand Medicaid to more of the working poor in their states — rejecting a central part of the law designed to cover 15 million more Americans.

The governors can do it because the [Supreme Court](#) ruled last month that states can opt out of the expansion without paying a penalty.

Unlike the symbolic votes in the House this week, the governors' tough talk has real-world consequences: Texas and Florida are among five hell-no states, meaning 3 million of the potential Medicaid beneficiaries — or about 1 in 5 nationwide — won't get coverage through President Barack Obama's health care law, according to a POLITICO analysis of data compiled by the Urban Institute. The governors of Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina also have said Washington can keep its Medicaid money and the new requirements that come with it.

"The bottom line here is that Medicaid is a failed program," Perry said in a Monday appearance on Fox News. "To expand this program is not unlike adding a thousand people to the Titanic."

Dave Carney, a New Hampshire-based GOP operative who advised Perry for more than a decade, said that it's a smart move for governors to come out against Obama on Medicaid because it fits with the GOP message of cutting government.

"It's good politics because it's good economics," he said. "Ultimately, it's a winning argument. It's something that will go hand in hand with the rest of the campaign in terms of congressional, gubernatorial and presidential."

But not all Republican governors are convinced and most have taken a more measured approach. The Medicaid expansion is still in doubt in at least eight other states with GOP governors who are leaning no. Among the big-state governors who have still yet to make a decision: Wisconsin's Scott Walker, New Jersey's Chris Christie, Virginia's Bob

McDonnell and Georgia's Nathan Deal.

Some may join what Perry calls the “growing chorus” rejecting the expansion. The National Governors Association has a meeting in Williamsburg, Va., beginning Friday, and Perry already has been a ringleader for the anti-expansion forces. He and the other governors in that camp — Scott, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, Phil Bryant of Mississippi and Nikki Haley of South Carolina — have discussed their positions with each other, according to a source in Perry's camp.

Come November, all the governors will have a better idea of what the right political call was. But for now, five are out on their own.

The reluctance of other GOP governors suggests they're not at all sure that rejecting a big infusion of Medicaid cash makes for good policy or good politics. In fact, they're trying to recast the problem as one that Obama must solve.

In a letter sent to the president on Tuesday, McDonnell, the chairman of the Republican Governors Association, posed 30 questions to Obama about the implementation of the Medicaid expansion and the health care law's insurance exchanges.

“While we continue to believe the best option is to fully repeal and replace the [law], states now confront numerous deadlines and face major policy decisions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision,” McDonnell wrote. “Before making any final policy decisions, governors must carefully consider the short and long-term implications of an expanded entitlement program and the consequences of significantly increasing the size of government to manage these programs.”

In contrast to the governors who raced to reject the Medicaid expansion, McDonnell raised concerns about the human pain of cutting off the Medicaid expansion in addition to the economic cost.

“If states determine that a Medicaid expansion is not in the best interests of its citizens, it is likely that there will be a significant gap in coverage for low-income individuals who do not qualify for tax credits,” he wrote.

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius responded to McDonnell saying her agency would give states “as much flexibility” as necessary to implement the law.

“I am hopeful that state leaders will take the opportunity provided to insure their poorest working families with the unusually generous federal resources while dramatically reducing the burden of uncompensated care on their hospitals and other health care providers,” Sebelius wrote.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, a Republican, told POLITICO that his state won't rush to judgment.

“I think we're wise to kind of wait and see what the results of the November election are before we jump,” Herbert said. The election will determine “what's going to be the face of health care reform going forward.”

The Obama administration says the expansion is a great deal for states: The federal government is funding 100 percent of the expansion for the first three years, and will

eventually scale back to match \$9 to every \$1 spent by states. According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), the federal government would pay \$931 billion of the cost of the Medicaid expansion to all 50 states through 2022 — while the states would be asked to chip in \$73 billion, or about 7 percent.

But governors, even some who may end up accepting the expansion, say it's still too expensive for them. Perry said the expansion would just “enlarge a broken system that is already financially unsustainable.”

And Mississippi's Gov. Phil Bryant says aside from the cost of providing coverage, the administrative costs of setting up the expansion would prove to be too much for his budget. “Simply put, Mississippi cannot afford a Medicaid expansion,” his spokesman said. However, CMS says has offered help in that area — last year, it announced it would provide 90 percent of funding for states that need to overhaul their IT systems to prepare for the Medicaid expansion, separate from the funding for coverage.

Texas is second only to California in the size of its eligible populations for the expansion — without it, about 1.3 million people who were expected to get insurance through Obamacare will be left uncovered. In Florida, almost a million people will find themselves without options through the law.

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Eddie Calvo Guam NO  
Butch Otter Idaho NO  
Mitch Daniels Indiana YES  
Terry Branstad Iowa NO  
Sam Brownback Kansas YES  
Bobby Jindal Louisiana YES  
Paul LePage Maine YES  
Rick Snyder Michigan NO  
Phil Bryant Mississippi YES  
Dave Heineman Nebraska YES  
Brian Sandoval Nevada YES  
Chris Christie New Jersey YES  
Susana Martinez New Mexico YES  
Jack Dalrymple North Dakota YES  
Benigno Fitial No. Mariana Islands  
John Kasich Ohio YES  
Mary Fallin Oklahoma YES  
Tom Corbett Pennsylvania YES  
Luis Fortuno Puerto Rico  
Nikki Haley South Carolina NO  
Dennis Daugaard South Dakota YES  
Bill Haslam Tennessee YES  
Rick Perry Texas YES  
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All:

As you know, late Friday evening, the Obama Administration released **two major rules** regarding implementation of the Affordable Care Act, CMS issued a [fact sheet on FFEs](#) (with no new info – just links to earlier guidance), and HHS announced a [new application deadline of 12/28/2012](#) for states to apply for level I and level II exchange grants.

Below you will find a few key provisions of the aforementioned proposals, links to more detailed synopses, and highlights from the press:

#### **PPACA; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014 ([HHS](#))**

- User fees to finance Federally-facilitated Exchanges are proposed to be set at a rate of **3.5% of premiums**. This fee will be levied on insurers who sell in the marketplace and is subject to change.
  - “For the 2014 benefit year, we propose a monthly user fee rate equal to 3.5 percent of the monthly premium charged by the issuer for a particular policy under the QHP. **Because we seek to align this rate with rates charged by State-based Exchanges, we may adjust this rate to conform with State-based Exchange rates** in the final Payment Notice.”
- The pre-existing conditions provision of the PPACA is implemented with this proposed rule.
  - “...prohibiting the use of factors such as health status, medical history, gender, and industry of employment to set premium rates...”
- The proposal addresses the parameters that will be used for “premium stabilization” programs – the risk-adjustment, reinsurance and risk corridor programs.

For a more detailed synopsis of this proposed rule click [here](#).

#### **PPACA; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges ([Office of Personnel Management](#))**

- The proposed rule implements the Multi-State Plan Program (MSPP) pursuant to the PPACA.
- The OPM, which runs the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, will contact with at least two insurers (one must be a non-profit) to offer multi-state plans in at least 31 states initially and all 50 states by the end of four years.
  - “In the first year the MSP is offered, it must be offered in at least 60 percent of the States (31 States),” and “[By the fourth year], the MSPP issuer must offer the MSP in all States and District of Columbia”.

For a more detailed synopsis of this proposed rule click [here](#).

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Feds propose 3.5 percent fee on insurers who want to participate in new health care markets ([WaPo](#))

Health Insurers Will Be Charged to Use New Exchanges ([New York Times](#))

Insurers to Pay Fees in States Rejecting U.S. Health Law ([Bloomberg](#))

HHS sets new fees for insurers in federal exchange ([The Hill](#))

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CMS posts risk-management proposals ([LifeHealthPRO](#))

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AHIP sees insurer user fee boosting coverage costs ([Modern Healthcare](#))

We will continue to track these moving parts and provide relevant updates. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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## President Obama's Failure to Address Debt Crisis Would Guarantee Benefit Cuts for Seniors

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President Obama's congressional campaign arm is out today accusing Republicans of proposing "radical benefit cuts" to programs like Social Security when - in fact - **it is the president's own budget that by doing nothing would lead to "radical benefit cuts" for seniors and future retirees**, while piling more debt onto the backs of our kids and grandkids.

Is this President Obama's idea of an "[adult conversation](#)?" Consider:

**President Obama's budget proposal fails to address our [job-crushing debt-crisis](#) and ignores the need to protect entitlement programs for future generations...**

- "On tax and entitlement reform, **the Obama budget does nothing at all.**" ([Obama wimps out on the budget deficit](#), *Houston Chronicle*, 2/20/11)
- "He [Obama] says he refuses to pass the problem on to another generation of Americans,' said Riedl. 'And this in his budget he did just that and **ignored the biggest budget issue of our era.**" ([Obama fails to include cuts to entitlement spending in budget proposal](#), *The Daily Caller*, 2/15/11)
- "The president wants us to believe that the way he is going to fix the most pressing problem

facing the nation is -- presto -- to do nothing about it!" ([Not-so-tough choices: Behind Bam's budget punt](#), *New York Post*, 2/16/11)

***But doing nothing to protect and preserve America's biggest entitlement programs will itself lead to automatic benefit cuts for seniors and future retirees...***

- "...if we dither long enough, ultimately we will indeed face the threat of benefits being 'slashed' by a full 22%, according to last year's Social Security Trustees' report. It's not a reformed Social Security system that threatens to cut benefits, but the status quo—and our elected leaders would do well to acknowledge this reality." ([Nobody Is Proposing to 'Slash' Social Security Benefits](#), *Wall Street Journal*, 2/3/11)
- "...keep in mind, if nothing is done, when those trust funds are exhausted, benefits would have to be cut by 22 percent in 2037, and more each year after that, according to the most recent report of the system's trustees. By 2084, the system will generate only enough revenue to pay for 75 percent of promised benefit levels." ([Democrats Deny Social Security's Red Ink](#), *FactCheck.org*, 2/25/11)
- "The drastic reductions in Medicare reimbursements under ObamaCare will create havoc and chaos in health care for seniors. ... [S]eniors are not going to get the health services, treatment and care they expect." ([How ObamaCare Guts Medicare](#), *Wall Street Journal*, 9/9/10)
- "Chuck Blahous, one of two public trustees for Social Security and Medicare, says that doing nothing will ultimately result in benefits being cut by a full 22 percent." ([Americans Are Ready for Entitlement Reform, Politicians Aren't](#), *US News*, 3/17/11)

At a time when Washington is already borrowing 42 cents for every dollar it spends, *Politico* reports that "[e]ighty-one percent of those surveyed for a Washington Post-ABC News poll... said they think that if no changes are made to Social Security, the program will be in trouble." And they're right.

So while the president's political arm pitches misleading attacks and the White House pushes a status quo budget plan that would guarantee future benefit cuts, **House Republicans have pledged to [lead where the president has failed](#) and introduce a budget that addresses our [job-crushing debt crisis](#)**. Failing to address our debt crisis means more uncertainty for our small businesses who create jobs, and more uncertainty for every American who counts on programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Without a real plan to protect these programs, they simply won't be there for future generations. And that's unacceptable.

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President Who Began 2011 Saying "No Cuts" Now Poised to Sign Largest Spending Cut Since WWII

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White House spin merchants are in overdrive this week, contending that their boss – who just months ago called for a spending freeze that would result in no cuts to federal spending levels – will be getting most of what he asked for from Congress when he signs into law the largest non-defense spending cut in American history. The White House-spun yarn goes something like this: "Despite his January call for zero spending cuts, the president has actually always been in favor of spending cuts, as long as they are cuts in mandatory spending. And since the final agreement contains significant cuts in mandatory spending along with significant cuts in discretionary spending, it means the president won."

Here are the facts:

\* Republicans believe dramatic reductions in both discretionary and mandatory ("autopilot") spending are essential to help reduce uncertainty in our economy and create a better environment for job growth, and the agreement makes historic cuts in both types of spending -- just months after President Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress called for zero cuts and claimed spending cuts would hurt the economy.

\* Democrats note that some of the spending cuts in the agreement were proposed in the president's budget, but disingenuously fail to note that many of those cuts were used in the president's budget to offset additional or new spending elsewhere. In the context of the agreement, those cuts are now real cuts – chopping billions of dollars off the baseline, rather than being used to offset other Washington spending sought by the administration.

\* As Chairman Paul Ryan said Tuesday, the agreement "[secures] tens of billions of dollars in spending cuts, forcing the President and his party's leaders to retreat from their reckless spending spree. The historic spending cut turns the page from Washington's pervasive culture of spending, sending a welcome signal to job creators and cleaning up the unprecedented budget mess left by the last Congress."

\* The agreement cuts nearly \$40 billion compared to FY 2010 spending levels (nearly \$38 billion compared to the March 4 continuing resolution) – the largest non-defense spending cut in American history – and will cut \$315 billion from the federal budget over the next decade, clearing a path for the landmark Path to Prosperity budget offered by Chairman Ryan, which cuts trillions more over the next decade. The bill also eliminates the ability of students to draw down two Pell Grant awards at the same time, saving an additional \$35 billion over the next 10 years.

\* The gross spending cut in the bill is nearly \$45 billion. The total spending cut would be nearly \$45 billion had the Speaker not fought for – and won – a \$5 billion increase in defense spending, which is included in the agreement.

\* As a result of the agreement, the federal government will spend \$78.5 billion less than President Obama proposed spending this year.

\* The agreement eliminates one Obamacare program, cuts a second nearly in half, and eliminates four of the Obama Administration's controversial "czars" – including the president's health czar charged with overseeing his government takeover of health care, his auto czar responsible for managing the federal government's takeover of U.S. auto manufacturers, and his climate change czar tasked with implementing the president's job-crushing national energy tax.

\* The agreement secures Senate votes and debate on de-funding of two presidential priorities – Obamacare and Planned Parenthood – while saving the successful D.C. school choice program Democrats have been trying to eliminate for years.

\* The agreement includes zero earmarks – a stark contrast to two years ago, when President Obama accommodated a Democratic House and Senate and signed into law a massive omnibus spending bill containing an estimated 9,000 earmarks.

\* The agreement makes real cuts in discretionary spending and includes no tax increases. After initially opposing any spending cuts, the White House and Congressional Democrats abandoned that position during negotiations and tried to cut their losses by demanding tax increases and trying to prevent virtually any cuts to discretionary spending. Republican negotiators rebuffed this gambit and forced the White House to accept an agreement with a mix of cuts from both discretionary and mandatory spending programs, and zero tax hikes.

\* The agreement terminates more than 40 ineffective programs at the U.S. Department of Education alone, including Educational Technology State Grants, Even Start, Advanced Credentialing, Mental Health Integration, Exchanges with Historic Whaling Partners, Women's Educational Equity, Tech-Prep Education State Grants, Smaller Learning Communities, Legal Assistance Loan Repayment Program, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Scholarships, and B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships.

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For a full list of federal programs that are cut or eliminated by the agreement, click here <<http://speaker.gov/Components/Redirect/r.aspx?ID=129875-3477662>>.

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# PROFITS BEFORE PRINCIPLES



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How AARP Wins When Seniors Lose

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## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- AARP functions as an insurance conglomerate with a liberal lobbying arm on the side. Independent experts and former AARP executives admit that the organization's billions of dollars raised from its business enterprises – most notably the sale of health insurance plans – have compromised the organization's mission and independence.
- AARP depends on profits, royalties, and commissions to make up over 50% of its annual budget. Membership dues from seniors account for only about 20% of AARP's revenue.
- AARP's \$458 million in health insurance revenue in 2011 would rank it as the nation's sixth-most profitable health insurer.
- The health care law, which AARP lobbied heavily for, could lead to over \$1 billion in new AARP health insurance profits over the next decade by forcing seniors off Medicare Advantage plans into Medigap supplemental coverage.
- AARP earns more profit the higher premiums rise on seniors in Medigap plans, charging a "royalty fee" of 4.95% of every premium dollar paid by seniors on these plans.
- In 2011, AARP failed to disclose to its senior membership that it lobbied Congress to oppose Medigap reform, legislation that could lower senior premiums by as much as 60%, and save seniors \$415 per year on average.
- AARP could lose as much as \$1.8 billion in revenue over ten years if Medigap reforms pass and successfully lower senior premiums.
- Documents show close coordination between Obama Administration and AARP, including efforts to deceive the public. In November 2009, a senior AARP executive wrote to the White House saying "we will try to keep a little space between us" on health care – because AARP's "polling shows we are more influential when we are seen as independent, so we want to reinforce that positioning....The larger issue is how best to serve the cause."
- AARP has benefitted by supporting the Obama Administration's unpopular health care law. Unlike other forms of insurance, AARP's Medigap insurance plans were exempted from many of the health care law's mandates, including the ban on pre-existing condition discrimination.
- The Obama Administration has not publicly criticized AARP's business practices, even though it has publicly attacked other insurance companies with much smaller profit margins than those generated by AARP's Medigap insurance.
- Democrats continue to praise AARP – HHS Secretary Sebelius called them the "gold standard" for "accurate information" – even though AARP earns more profit the higher Medigap premiums rise for seniors.
- Even though President Obama has criticized Republicans for placing seniors at the mercy of insurance companies, the health care law he signed allows organizations like AARP to continue discriminating against Medigap applicants with pre-existing conditions.

# Profits Before Principles

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## INTRODUCTION

The AARP bills itself as the nation's premier senior advocacy group, but has opposed important reforms to Medigap supplemental insurance that would save seniors, on average, hundreds of dollars a year.

Why? There are \$1.8 billion reasons.

The reforms currently being proposed to Medigap would drastically reduce the "royalty fees" AARP generates by peddling insurance to its members by an estimated \$1.8 billion over ten years. If AARP supported these reforms, which are sure to save seniors money, the lobbying group would lose billions.

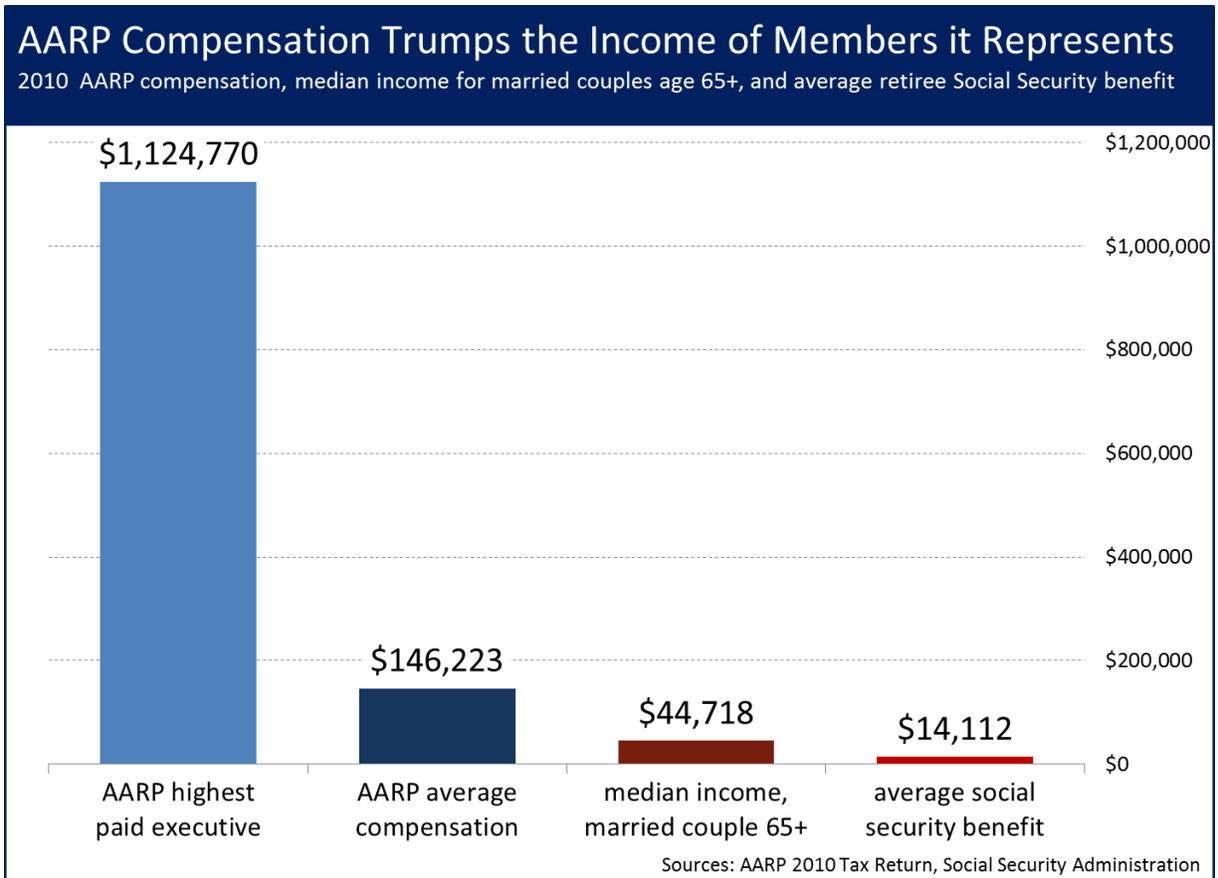
This report shows how the AARP has a history of being compromised by its lucrative insurance businesses. The pressure group's opposition to Medigap reform is just the latest instance where its financial enterprises have trumped the well-being of its members.

AARP is mounting a "You've Earned a Say" campaign to solicit member viewpoints about how to reform entitlements, but our examination of the organization's actions over the years shows AARP executives, who seek to boost their bottom lines, always have the biggest say.



## THE AARP EMPIRE

Founded in 1958, AARP is now an organization with an annual budget exceeding \$1 billion. The organization spent \$206 million to acquire its headquarters building in Washington, DC more than a decade ago.<sup>1</sup> According to its most recently filed tax returns, AARP spent more than \$246 million on postage, and over \$280 million on compensation in 2010.<sup>2</sup> In that same year, AARP provided compensation of over \$100,000 to 543 separate employees, including one senior executive who received nearly \$1.2 million in compensation.<sup>3</sup>



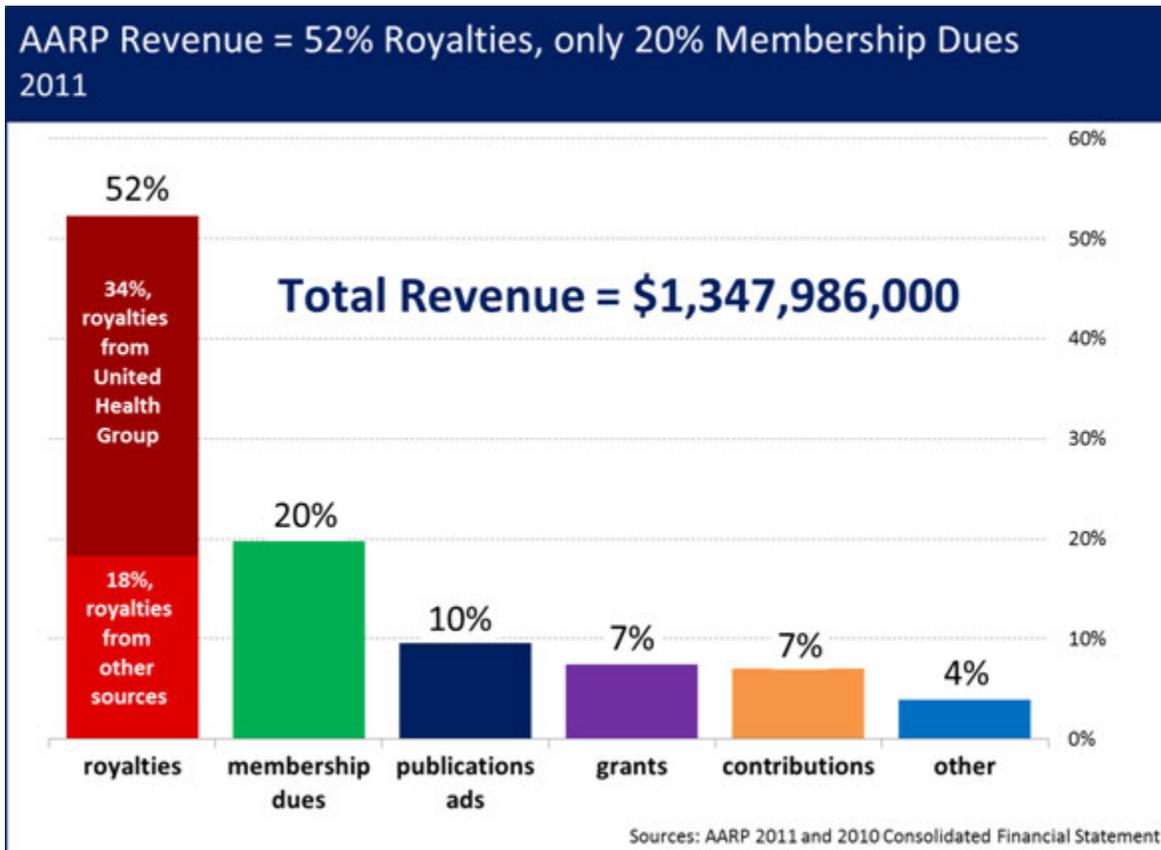
While AARP claims to be a membership-driven organization, in reality most of its revenue comes not from member dues but from “royalty fees” generated from the sale of other products, namely health insurance. “Royalty fees” are payments AARP receives for putting its brand name on certain products and services. So while insurance companies provide a tangible product and service in exchange for the premiums they charge, AARP receives more than half a billion dollars per year for essentially playing the middle man.

<sup>1</sup> *Behind the Veil: The AARP America Doesn't Know*, report by Reps. Wally Herger and Dave Reichert, March 29, 2011, <http://herger.house.gov/images/stories/pdf/20110329aarpreport.pdf>, p. 6.

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According to its 2011 financial statements, more than half of AARP’s revenue came from royalty fees – over \$704 million of its \$1.35 billion in total revenue last year.<sup>4</sup> Revenues from health insurer United Health Group comprised nearly two-thirds of AARP’s total “royalty fee” revenue, or \$457.6 million.<sup>5</sup> By comparison, in 2011 AARP generated only \$265.8 million from membership dues – just over half the amount received from the sale of AARP-branded insurance products.<sup>6</sup>



AARP’s royalty fees have risen significantly in recent years, making the organization ever more dependent on the sale of insurance policies to fund AARP’s massive payroll. Between 2001 and 2011, AARP’s total royalty fees rose by more than 350% – from \$196.7 million in 2001 to over \$704 million last year.<sup>7</sup> Much of this increase comes from additional health insurance-related revenue. Over the past five years, AARP has

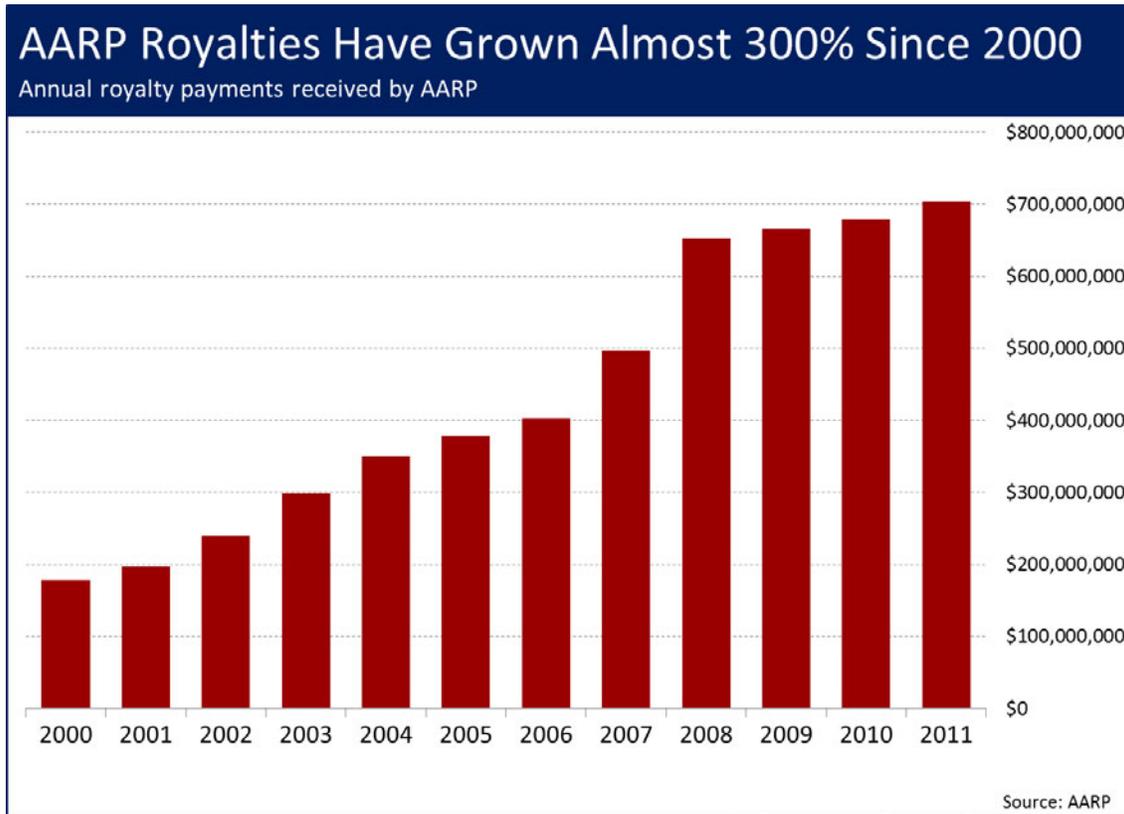
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generated over \$2 billion in revenue from United Health Group alone – \$284 million in 2007,<sup>8</sup> \$414 million in 2008,<sup>9</sup> \$427 million in 2009,<sup>10</sup> \$441 million in 2010,<sup>11</sup> and \$458 million in 2011.<sup>12</sup>



AARP's \$458 million in insurance revenue in 2011 would rank it as the nation's sixth-most profitable insurer, based on data collected by Fortune magazine.<sup>13</sup> For instance, insurer Health Net generated only \$204 million in net revenue last year – on over \$13.6 billion in total revenue.<sup>14</sup> By contrast, AARP's \$458 million in insurance-based "royalty fees" go directly to the organization's bottom line.

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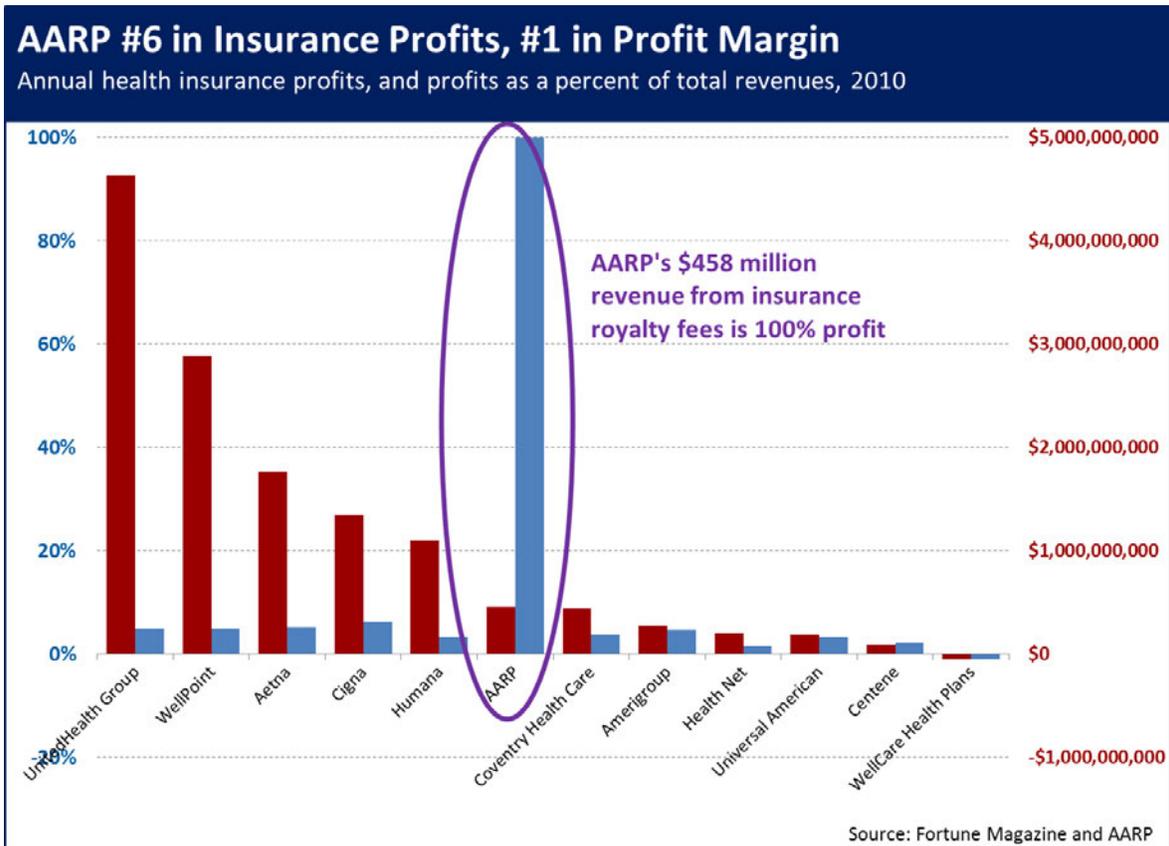
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## AARP'S QUESTIONABLE INSURANCE PRACTICES

Even as it claims to be a non-profit advocacy organization, AARP has received criticism from many quarters for its heavy reliance on revenue from insurance sales. Marilyn Moon, a former AARP executive, said “there’s an inherent conflict of interest” because AARP is “very dependent on sources of income.”<sup>15</sup>

AARP’s dependence on “royalty fee” income has resulted in numerous controversies over the years. For instance, in 2008 a congressional inquiry<sup>16</sup> found that AARP was using potentially misleading language in its marketing materials; seniors thought they were buying comprehensive health insurance, but in reality purchased policies covering only a limited amount of health costs. Following a public outcry, AARP ordered an investigation,<sup>17</sup> and eventually stopped selling these types of limited benefit plans.<sup>18</sup>

More recently, the tax implications of AARP’s significant “royalty fees” have come under scrutiny. An investigation by several members of the House Ways and Means Committee last year raised questions about

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<sup>16</sup> Letter from Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Chuck Grassley to AARP CEO William Novelli, November 3, 2008, <http://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/upload/110320081.pdf>.

<sup>17</sup> Robert Pear, “AARP Orders Investigation Concerning Its Marketing,” *New York Times* November 18, 2008, [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/19/us/19insure.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/19/us/19insure.html?_r=1).

<sup>18</sup> Emily Berry, “United Stops Selling AARP Limited-Benefit Insurance,” *Amednews.com* May 28, 2009, <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2009/05/25/bisd0528.htm>.

whether or not AARP's licensing revenue should be considered "royalty fees" or "commissions."<sup>19</sup> If the revenue in question should in fact be classified as "commissions," then AARP could owe significant amounts of back taxes on billions of dollars in revenue. The Ways and Means members referred the matter to the Internal Revenue Service, and requested an IRS investigation.<sup>20</sup>

## THE MEDIGAP CASH COW

The Ways and Means member investigation also made clear that one of AARP's prime sources of revenue is the sale of Medigap-branded supplemental insurance plans. AARP does license Medicare Advantage plans, along with a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. However, AARP receives a flat financial payment from United Health Group for its Medicare Advantage and Part D plans, regardless of the number of people enrolled in each plan. Conversely, AARP receives a percentage of total Medigap premiums paid – meaning that while AARP receives no financial benefits if its Medicare Advantage or Part D plan enrollment rises, it will receive a windfall if its Medigap plan generates additional customers, or those customers pay higher premiums.

The health care law includes more than \$300 billion in cuts to Medicare Advantage.<sup>21</sup> As a result of these payment reductions, enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans will be cut in half, with 7.4 million fewer seniors enrolled.<sup>22</sup> Many of these 7.4 million seniors will need supplemental coverage through Medigap, to fund catastrophic expenses not covered by Medicare.

Because the health care law will have the effect of migrating millions of seniors from Medicare Advantage plans – which are less lucrative financially to AARP – to more-lucrative Medigap supplemental coverage, the Ways and Means member report concluded that the organization could receive a windfall exceeding \$1 billion over the next ten years thanks to the law.<sup>23</sup>

**A 2011 report by House Ways and Means Committee members found that AARP stands to gain over \$1 billion in profits thanks to the health care law.**

## MEDIGAP REFORM WITH BIPARTISAN APPEAL

The potential Medigap-related windfall for AARP resulting from the health care law is not the only instance in which the organization's financial interests have coincided with its policy positions. In recent months, a renewed focus on reforming entitlements, and making Medicare more sustainable, has prompted new attention to various proposals to reform Medigap plans. While these plans would benefit most seniors financially, they would harm AARP's financial interests – so perhaps not surprisingly, AARP has decided to oppose them.

<sup>19</sup> *Behind the Veil: The AARP America Doesn't Know*.

<sup>20</sup> Letter from House Ways and Means Committee Members Wally Herger, Charles Boustany, and Dave Reichert to Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Douglas Shulman, December 21, 2011, [http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/letter\\_to\\_irs-shulman\\_12-15-11.pdf](http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/letter_to_irs-shulman_12-15-11.pdf).

<sup>21</sup> Congressional Budget Office, score of H.R. 6079, Repeal of Obamacare Act, July 24, 2012, <http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/43471-hr6079.pdf>.

<sup>22</sup> Robert Book and Michael Ramlet, *What Changes will Health Care Reform Bring to Medicare Advantage Plan Benefits and Enrollment?*, Medical Industry Leadership Institute- Carlson School of Management, October 2011, [http://americanactionforum.org/sites/default/files/Embargoed\\_Book+Ramlet\\_MILI-Working-Paper\\_2011-10-13\\_Final.pdf](http://americanactionforum.org/sites/default/files/Embargoed_Book+Ramlet_MILI-Working-Paper_2011-10-13_Final.pdf).

<sup>23</sup> *Behind the Veil: The AARP America Doesn't Know*, Table 4, p. 16.

Under the proposals being discussed, the traditional Medicare program would be reformed to provide catastrophic coverage, while Medigap would provide limited supplemental coverage. For the first time in the program's history, seniors would know their Medicare costs would not exceed a set amount. In exchange, Medigap supplemental coverage, which covers co-payments and deductibles, would also be reformed, so that seniors would face an out-of-pocket deductible not covered by insurance.

**“I was kind of shocked. They’re making money on the backs of the old people. I don’t think AARP is looking out for me.” – AARP member Bill Cochran, quoted in Bloomberg**

Reform to Medigap insurance plans has generated bipartisan appeal. Versions of this reform have been proposed by the Simpson-Bowles Commission,<sup>24</sup> the Rivlin-Domenici commission on debt and deficits,<sup>25</sup> Sens. Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Joe Lieberman (D-CT),<sup>26</sup> and even President Obama’s most recent budget.<sup>27</sup> Policy-makers in both parties believe that, by limiting first-dollar coverage of medical expenses through Medigap, seniors would serve as smarter purchasers of health insurance, such that overall spending in Medicare might decline modestly.

Although some seniors might pay slightly more out-of-pocket under these changes, a study from the Kaiser Family Foundation said that “the savings for the average beneficiary” under Medigap reform “would be sufficient to more than offset his or her new direct outlays for Medicare cost sharing.”<sup>28</sup> According to Kaiser, nearly four in five Medigap policyholders would receive a net financial benefit from this reform – with those savings averaging \$415 per senior each year – because creating a new deductible for all Medigap plans will cause premiums to fall.<sup>29</sup>

Under Medigap reform, seniors would spend much less money on premiums. Just as with automobile insurance, or with Health Savings Account policies for individuals under age 65, adopting a higher deductible would yield significant premium savings for Medigap policies. The Kaiser study found that under one proposed reform, Medigap premiums would plummet by an average of over 60%, from nearly \$2,000 per year to only \$731.<sup>30</sup> Because less money from Medigap policy-holders would be diverted to administrative overhead, seniors would be able to keep their own money to finance their own health care.

<sup>24</sup> *The Moment of Truth*, report of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, December 2010, [http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/TheMomentofTruth12\\_1\\_2010.pdf](http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/TheMomentofTruth12_1_2010.pdf), p. 39.

<sup>25</sup> *Restoring America’s Future*, report of the Bipartisan Policy Center’s Debt Reduction Tax Force, November 2010, <http://bipartisanpolicy.org/sites/default/files/BPC%20FINAL%20REPORT%20FOR%20PRINTER%2002%2028%2011.pdf>, pp. 52-53.

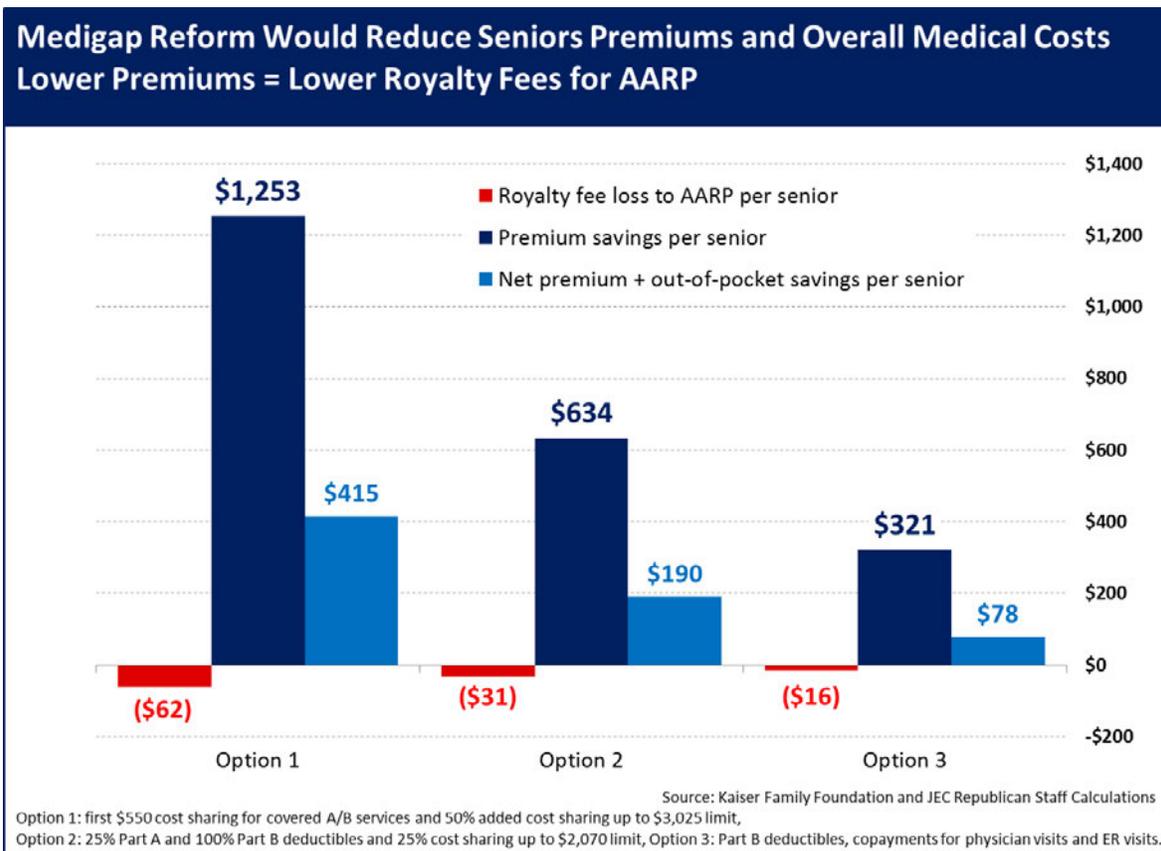
<sup>26</sup> Overview of Coburn/Lieberman Medicare reform proposal, June 2011, [http://www.coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File\\_id=1ea8e116-6d15-46ba-b2e0-731258583305](http://www.coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File_id=1ea8e116-6d15-46ba-b2e0-731258583305).

<sup>27</sup> White House Fiscal Year 2013 budget submission to Congress, February 2012, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/budget.pdf>, p. 35.

<sup>28</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, “Medigap Reforms: Potential Effects of Benefit Restrictions on Medicare Spending and Beneficiary Costs,” July 2011, <http://www.kff.org/medicare/upload/8208.pdf>, p. 8.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, Exhibit 2, p. 6.



## AARP WINS WHEN SENIORS LOSE

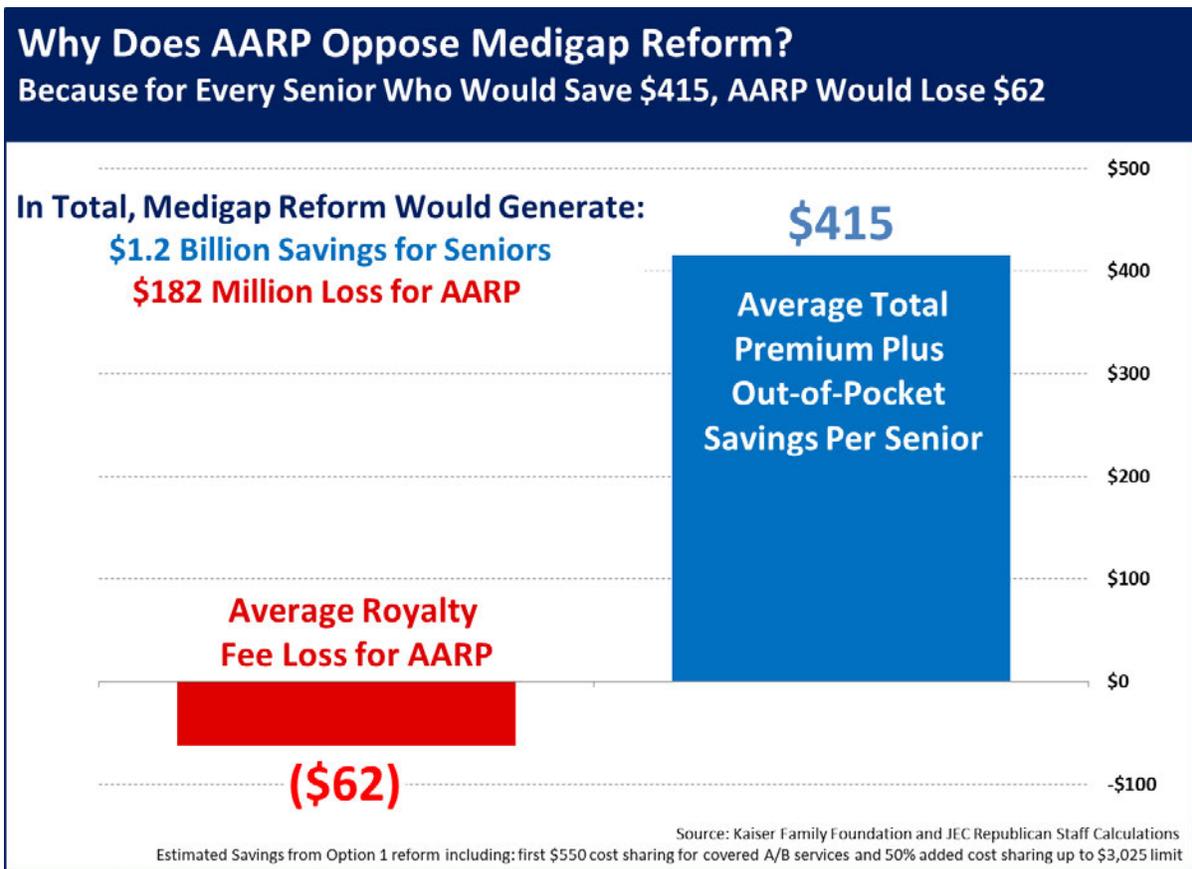
The overall premise of Medigap reform is simple: Less money going to insurance companies means greater financial savings for most seniors.

Unfortunately for AARP, things are not that simple. As one independent financial adviser has said, AARP’s sales tactics are a “dirty little secret” that are “all about fattening the coffers of the organization.” And the biggest “dirty little secret” of all is that AARP has a major financial incentive to keep premiums high for seniors.<sup>31</sup>

The House Ways and Means Committee members’ investigation last year found that AARP receives a percentage of each senior’s Medigap premium dollar.<sup>32</sup> The organization’s “royalty fee” totals 4.95% of every premium dollar paid. So, similar to a salesman pushing the most expensive product in order to receive a higher commission, regardless of the customer’s needs, AARP has an incentive to sell more Medigap policies – and to sell the most expensive Medigap policies – even if seniors do not need the insurance. The higher the cost of seniors’ Medigap policies, the more money AARP makes.

<sup>31</sup> “AARP’s Stealth Fees Often Sting Seniors With Costlier Insurance.”

<sup>32</sup> *Behind the Veil: The AARP America Doesn’t Know.*



Based on AARP’s existing contractual arrangements and the Kaiser Family Foundation study projections, it is relatively simple to calculate the projected financial loss to AARP under Medigap reform.<sup>33</sup> If premiums decline by more than \$1,200 per year, as the Kaiser study predicted, AARP stands to lose an average of \$62 in “royalty fees” for every senior enrolled in its Medigap insurance. With nearly 3 million seniors enrolled in AARP’s Medigap plan, those numbers add up – over \$181 million in one year, and \$1.8 billion over the course of a decade.<sup>34</sup> With the organization generating total revenue of \$1.35 billion in 2011, Medigap reform would result in an immediate loss of over 13% of AARP’s annual revenue.<sup>35</sup>

## AARP’S COVERT CAMPAIGN TO KILL MEDIGAP REFORM

Given its financial interest in keeping Medigap premiums high, it is perhaps unsurprising that AARP engaged in a covert lobbying campaign designed to kill Medigap reform, and keep its existing “royalty fee” regime in place. Last year AARP wrote to members of the congressional “supercommittee” on deficit reduction, asking them not to include Medigap reforms – which, as noted above, would benefit four out of five Medigap policyholders, but significantly harm AARP’s financial interests.

<sup>33</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, “Potential Effects of Benefit Restrictions on Medicare Spending and Beneficiary Costs,” Exhibit 2, p. 6.

<sup>34</sup> *Behind the Veil: The AARP America Doesn’t Know*, Table 2, p. 9.

<sup>35</sup> AARP Inc., 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements, p. 3.

AARP published excerpts of their letter to the “supercommittee” on its website.<sup>36</sup> But AARP has yet to put anything on its website indicating that the organization has been privately contacting Members of Congress, asking them not to reform Medigap – and preserve AARP’s lucrative Medigap commissions.

|                                                                                                                                                                      | AARP                    |                                   | Seniors                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| AARP's Royalty Fee Loss Per Senior                                                                                                                                   | -\$62                   | Premium Savings Per Senior        | \$1,253                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                         | Increased Cost Sharing Per Senior | -\$838                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                         | Net Savings Per Senior            | \$415                   |
| No. Seniors Enrolled in Medigap                                                                                                                                      | 2,933,065               |                                   | 2,933,065               |
| <b>Net Loss/Gain of Medigap Reform</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>-\$181,918,957</b>   |                                   | <b>\$3,675,130,445</b>  |
| <b>Ten Year Loss/Gain</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>-\$1,819,189,570</b> |                                   | <b>\$36,751,304,450</b> |
| * Under reform option 1 shown, enrollees pay first \$550 in cost sharing for covered A/B services and 50% of required cost sharing up to \$3,025 out-of-pocket limit |                         |                                   |                         |
| Sources: Kaiser Family Foundation and JEC Republican Staff Calculations                                                                                              |                         |                                   |                         |

Two years ago, an AARP spokesman told CNN that the organization doesn’t lobby Congress on Medigap issues “at all.”<sup>37</sup> While the organization is apparently trying to keep its actions secret, the fact remains that AARP is lobbying Congress against Medigap reform, opposing changes that will just so happen to save AARP members tens of billions, but that would also cost AARP billions.

## AARP WORKS AGAINST ITS MEMBERS

Whereas last year AARP actively lobbied against Medigap reforms that would help its members but hurt AARP financially, three years ago the organization did NOT lobby for Medigap reforms that would help its members but could hurt AARP financially. Specifically, even after enactment of the health care law, Medigap plans are still permitted to impose waiting periods on senior citizen applicants with pre-existing conditions. AARP, despite its stated support for ending pre-existing condition restrictions,<sup>38</sup> imposes waiting periods on its own members applying for Medigap coverage<sup>39</sup> – and stood idly by as an attempt to end this practice within Medigap was stricken from the health care bill before it became law.

<sup>36</sup> AARP Press Release, “AARP to Super Committee: Don’t Cut Medicare, Social Security Benefits,” October 19, 2011, <http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-10-2011/aarp-to-super-committee-dont-cut-medicare-social-security-benefits.html>.

<sup>37</sup> Carol Costello, “150,000 Seniors In Revolt,” *CNN American Morning* January 6, 2010, <http://www.cnn.com/video/?/video/politics/2010/01/06/costello.aarp.health.care.cnn>.

<sup>38</sup> AARP Press Release, “AARP Thanks Senate for Passing Health Care Reform,” December 24, 2009, [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-03-2010/aarp\\_thanks\\_senateforpassinghealthcarereform.html](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-03-2010/aarp_thanks_senateforpassinghealthcarereform.html).

<sup>39</sup> New York State Department of Financial Services, list of insurers offering Medicare supplemental coverage, <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/insurance/caremain.htm#insurer>.

Section 1234 of House Democrats' June 2009 health care discussion draft would have prohibited pre-existing condition discrimination for certain Medigap applicants – achieving one of AARP's chief goals.<sup>40</sup> However, last year the Washington Post claimed that the Medigap provision “was dropped from the legislation during congressional negotiations because it would have increased Medicare costs, according to a House Democratic congressional aide.”<sup>41</sup>

The Congressional Budget Office scored provisions eliminating pre-existing condition discrimination in Medigap as costing about \$400 million per year.<sup>42</sup> However, AARP had previously stated that the organization “would gladly forego every dime of revenue to fix the health care system.”<sup>43</sup> As noted above, its \$700 million in “royalty fees” last year far exceeds the \$400 million annual cost of ending Medigap pre-existing condition discrimination. It remains unclear why this provision was dropped from the bill, if AARP was so interested in foregoing profits in order to help its members.

In addition to allowing AARP to continue imposing waiting periods on Medigap applicants, the law enacted in March 2010 also exempted AARP's lucrative Medigap policies from several other new insurance regulations.<sup>44</sup> At a December 2009 hearing,<sup>45</sup> AARP's Board Chair claimed to have no idea that legislation that she and the AARP had previously endorsed included numerous exemptions for Medigap plans, including an exemption from the ban on pre-existing condition discrimination.<sup>46</sup>

**“AARP has a conflict of interest between selling insurance and helping senior citizens. Until it decides which one is more important, the \$\$\$ or the people, it is deceiving old folks into thinking it works for their benefit.” – AARP member from Oklahoma**

After the numerous Medigap-related exemptions included in the health care law were publicly exposed, AARP eventually endorsed legislative changes to end some of the exemptions.<sup>47</sup> However, despite this public turn-around, AARP has yet to explain to the public why it allowed these exemptions to be enacted in the first place – if the organization is not motivated by its own financial interests, as it claims. Moreover, the organization has not apologized to its members for failing to act and end pre-existing condition discrimination in Medigap plans two years ago, and the impact such failure has had on AARP's own members.

<sup>40</sup> House Tri-Committee Health Reform Discussion Draft, June 19, 2009,

[http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/Press\\_111/20090619/healthcarereform\\_discussiondraft.pdf](http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090619/healthcarereform_discussiondraft.pdf), p. 358.

<sup>41</sup> Susan Jaffe, “Medigap Supplemental Coverage Can Be Too Pricey for Younger Medicare Beneficiaries,” *Kaiser Health News* March 7, 2011, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/07/AR2011030703978.html>.

<sup>42</sup> Congressional Budget Office, preliminary estimate of House Tri-Committee Health Reform Discussion Draft, July 7, 2009, [http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/Press\\_111/20090708/cbomedicare.pdf](http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090708/cbomedicare.pdf), p. 4.

<sup>43</sup> Letter from AARP Chief Operating Officer Thomas Nelson to Rep. Dave Reichert, November 2, 2009, p. 4.

<sup>44</sup> Karl Rove, “ObamaCare Rewards Friends, Punishes Enemies,” *Wall Street Journal* January 6, 2011, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704405704576063892468779556.html>.

<sup>45</sup> House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing, “Prescription Drug Price Inflation: Are Prices Rising Too Fast?” December 8, 2009, <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/hearingdetail.aspx?NewsID=7588>.

<sup>46</sup> AARP Press Release, “AARP Endorses Affordable Health Care for America Act,” November 5, 2009, [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-11-2009/affordable\\_health\\_care\\_act\\_endorsement.html](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-11-2009/affordable_health_care_act_endorsement.html).

<sup>47</sup> Letter to the Editor, *Wall Street Journal*, by AARP President Lee Hammond, January 11, 2011, [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-01-2011/aarp\\_letter\\_to\\_theeditor.html](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-01-2011/aarp_letter_to_theeditor.html).

## MEMBERS REVOLT

Documents released by a House Energy and Commerce Committee oversight investigation reveal just how strongly AARP members opposed their organization's behavior during the health care debate three years ago. The files show overwhelming opposition from AARP members to the legislation, based on summaries of AARP call center activity:

**July 23, 2009** – 77 members support; 1,031 oppose

**July 28, 2009** – 36 members support; 4,174 oppose

**July 29, 2009** – 23 members support; 2,656 oppose<sup>48</sup>

On a single day (July 28, 2009) during the height of the debate, 1,897 individuals cancelled their membership in AARP to protest its position on the health care bill.<sup>49</sup>

The documents also reveal that AARP members were well aware of the organization's financial conflicts, and believed that these conflicts were influencing AARP policy. One member from Oklahoma called in and complained that:

AARP has a conflict of interest between selling insurance and helping senior citizens. Until it decides which one is more important, the \$\$\$ or the people, it is deceiving old folks into thinking it works for their benefit. Actually it works for the insurance companies [sic] benefit and interests, which is why it is so gung-ho on the health care reform bill....Not OK with me.<sup>50</sup>

Members also complained about “perceived partisanship on AARP’s part” – and the documents reveal this to be an accurate concern. In November 2009, a senior AARP executive wrote to the White House saying “we will try to keep a little space between us” on health care – because AARP’s “polling shows we are more influential when we are seen as independent, so we want to reinforce that positioning....The larger issue is how best to serve the cause.”<sup>51</sup> In other words, the organization was attempting to protect its image by publicly deceiving its members – acting detached in public, even as AARP was frantically lobbying behind the scenes to ram the legislation through for the good of the liberal cause.

**“We are more influential when we are seen as independent, so we want to reinforce that positioning...The larger issue is how best to serve the cause.”**

**-A senior AARP executive in a November 2009 email to the White House**

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<sup>48</sup> House Energy and Commerce Committee, investigation into closed-door Obamacare negotiations, supplemental materials for June 8, 2012 memorandum,

<http://archives.republicans.energycommerce.house.gov/Media/file/PDFs/060812relevantdocsmemoll.pdf>, pp. 63-68.

<sup>49</sup> Ibid., p. 73.

<sup>50</sup> Ibid., p. 79.

<sup>51</sup> Ibid., p. 88.

## AARP'S MISGUIDED POLITICAL FOCUS

It is perhaps unsurprising that AARP would focus on “serv[ing] the cause” of liberalism, because many of its senior executives have strong liberal connections. When the organization hired its current CEO, Barry Rand, one Capitol Hill publication noted that “New AARP Chief Gave Big to Obama.”<sup>52</sup> Indeed, Mr. Rand has given tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to liberal Democrats over the years.<sup>53</sup> Many other members of AARP’s executive team also have strong connections to liberal causes; the head of AARP’s government relations and advocacy program was a senior adviser in the Clinton Administration,<sup>54</sup> while other AARP key executives have worked for Sen. Ted Kennedy,<sup>55</sup> Rep. Geraldine Ferraro,<sup>56</sup> and the National Wildlife Federation, a liberal environmental group.<sup>57</sup>

**AARP CEO Barry Rand has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to Barack Obama and liberal Democrats.**

The political philosophy of the organization’s leadership results in AARP mounting advocacy campaigns trumpeting liberal talking points that frequently have little basis in fact. For instance, in September 2011 AARP released an advertisement with seniors claiming that “I paid into my Medicare,” and decrying any efforts to “cut our benefits.”<sup>58</sup> However, the ad did not acknowledge what an Urban Institute study makes clear: Most seniors receive more in Social Security and Medicare benefits than they paid in taxes during their lifetime.<sup>59</sup> An Associated Press story based on the Urban Institute study – “What You Pay for Medicare Won’t Cover Your Costs” – was initially placed on [aarp.org](http://aarp.org), but was later removed from the website, perhaps because its conclusions represent inconvenient truths to AARP.<sup>60</sup>

Other ads run by the AARP during last year’s debt limit debate were also debunked as false and misleading. In June 2011, the *Washington Post*’s “Fact Checker” column awarded an AARP ad four “Pinocchios” for “perpetuat[ing] the worse stereotypes about how easy it would be to balance the budget. At a time when the nation’s fiscal crisis – amid the looming retirement of the baby-boom generation – demands informed and reasoned debate, the AARP misinforms its members about the choices the nation faces.”<sup>61</sup>

Of course, AARP has a financial interest in misinforming its members – because the organization derives much of its revenue from preserving the *status quo*. In launching a “multi-million dollar” ad campaign featuring

<sup>52</sup> Jeffrey Young, “New AARP Chief Gave Big to Obama,” *The Hill* March 12, 2009, <http://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/3963-new-aarp-chief-gave-big-to-obama>.

<sup>53</sup> Ibid.

<sup>54</sup> “AARP Leadership Profile: Nancy Leamond,” [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/info-2009/Nancy\\_Leamond.html](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/info-2009/Nancy_Leamond.html).

<sup>55</sup> “AARP Leadership Profile: Debra Whitman,” [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/debra\\_whitman/](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/debra_whitman/).

<sup>56</sup> “AARP Leadership Profile: Kevin Donnellan,” [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/info-2009/Kevin\\_Donnellan.html](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/info-2009/Kevin_Donnellan.html).

<sup>57</sup> “AARP Leadership Profile: Cindy Lewin,” [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/info-2010/cindy\\_lewin.html](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/executive-team/info-2010/cindy_lewin.html).

<sup>58</sup> Michael Muskal, “AARP Ads: Hands Off Social Security and Medicare,” *Los Angeles Times* September 21, 2011, <http://www.standard.net/stories/2011/09/21/aarp-ads-hands-social-security-and-medicare>.

<sup>59</sup> Gene Steuerle and Stephanie Rennane, “Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Benefits Over a Lifetime,” Tax Policy Center, June 2011, <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/social-security-medicare-benefits-over-lifetime.pdf>.

<sup>60</sup> While the Associated Press story from December 30, 2010 has been removed from the AARP website, it can still be found at [http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-204\\_162-7197847.html](http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-204_162-7197847.html).

<sup>61</sup> Glenn Kessler, “AARP’s Misleading Ad about Balancing the Budget,” *Washington Post* June 20, 2011, [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/post/aarps-misleading-ad-about-balancing-the-budget/2011/06/17/AGQKRsyH\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/post/aarps-misleading-ad-about-balancing-the-budget/2011/06/17/AGQKRsyH_blog.html).

misleading claims, AARP made clear it wanted no changes to the existing Medicare benefit structure.<sup>62</sup> As outlined above, changes to the Medicare benefit – such as Medigap reform – would cost AARP billions, while saving many seniors hundreds of dollars per year. By blocking reforms that would dent its profits, AARP hurts seniors two ways – first, by preventing seniors from saving hundreds of dollars in Medigap premiums, and second, by leaving the Medicare program less solvent for future generations.

## DEMOCRATS ENCOURAGE AARP'S ABUSES

Even as AARP racks up billions of dollars in insurance profits by overcharging seniors for Medigap plans, Democrats encourage these abuses by giving AARP special favors, and ignoring its questionable sales tactics. As noted above, the health care law exempted AARP's lucrative Medigap insurance plans from the ban on pre-existing condition discrimination, thus allowing AARP to continue to impose waiting periods on individuals applying for coverage. However, that's not the only exemption that Medigap coverage received in the law; Medigap insurance was also exempted from:

- The law's \$500,000 cap on executive compensation for insurance industry executives.<sup>63</sup> Thanks to this exemption, AARP can continue to pay its senior executives more than \$1 million in annual compensation.<sup>64</sup>
- The tax on insurance companies that will total more than \$14 billion per year.<sup>65</sup> Medigap insurance received this exemption even though AARP generates more money from insurance industry "royalty fees" than it received from membership dues, grant revenues, and private contributions combined.<sup>66</sup>
- The requirement imposed on other health insurance plans to spend at least 85 percent of their premium dollars on medical claims.<sup>67</sup> Medigap policies are currently held to a far less restrictive 65 percent standard, and the difference can be used to fund higher profits to AARP paid out of the pockets of its senior citizen members.<sup>68</sup>

In addition to these numerous exemptions for Medigap insurance provided in law, the Administration provided a further exemption for Medigap coverage during the rulemaking process. The Department of Health and Human Services' rule on insurance rate review exempted Medigap plans from further scrutiny of their premium increases.<sup>69</sup> In arriving at this determination, HHS concluded that insurance plans like Medigap coverage "do not appear to be a principal focus of the Affordable Care Act" – meaning that because Medigap plans were exempted from the law's other regulatory requirements, they should be exempted from rate review as well.<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>62</sup> AARP Press Release, "AARP Launches New TV Ad Calling on Congress to Protect Medicare and Social Security from Harmful Cuts," June 16, 2011, <http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/press-center/info-06-2011/aarp-launches-new-tv-ad-calling-on-congress-to-protect-medicare-and-social-security-from-harmful-cuts.html>.

<sup>63</sup> Section 9014 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) as amended, <http://housedocs.house.gov/energycommerce/ppacacon.pdf>, pp. 816-18.

<sup>64</sup> AARP Inc., 2010 Internal Revenue Service Form 990, pp. 8-9.

<sup>65</sup> PPACA, Section 9010(h)(3)(C) as amended, p. 815.

<sup>66</sup> AARP Inc., 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements, p. 3.

<sup>67</sup> PPACA, Section 1001, p. 22.

<sup>68</sup> Section 1882(r)(1) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395ss(r)(1).

<sup>69</sup> Department of Health and Human Services, Rate Increase Disclosure and Review, Final Rule, *Federal Register* May 23, 2011, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-23/pdf/2011-12631.pdf>, pp. 29966-67, 29985.

<sup>70</sup> Department of Health and Human Services, Rate Increase Disclosure and Review, Proposed Rule, *Federal Register* 23 December 2010, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-12-23/pdf/2010-32143.pdf>, pp. 81007, 81009, 81026.

## OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HYPOCRISY

The frequent exemptions given to Medigap insurance – a product line where AARP holds the largest market share – directly contradict the claims made by Democrats about the 2,700 page health care law. For instance, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' official biography claims that she “is implementing reforms that end many of the insurance industry’s worst abuses.”<sup>71</sup> However, with respect to Medigap insurance, that claim is entirely false. Because Medigap plans were exempted from the

**“At a time when the nation’s fiscal crisis...demands informed and reasoned debate, the AARP misinforms its members about the choices the nation faces.” –Washington Post “Fact Checker” column**

law’s new requirements, organizations like AARP can continue to discriminate against applicants with pre-existing conditions, and overcharge seniors in order to generate greater profits.

Even as the Obama Administration fails to acknowledge that the health care law exempts Medigap insurance from all of its new requirements, it has attacked conservatives’ Medicare reform proposals for granting too much power to insurers. In her speech to the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Secretary Sebelius criticized Republicans for “let[ting] insurance companies continue to cherry-pick who gets coverage and who gets left out, priced out, or locked out of the market.”<sup>72</sup> And in his speech to the same convention, President Obama said that “no American should have to spend their golden years at the mercy of insurance companies.”<sup>73</sup>

Given that the legislation President Obama signed into law exempted Medigap coverage for seniors from virtually all of its new regulatory requirements, it is more than a little hypocritical for his Administration to criticize others for leaving seniors to the mercy of insurers.

The Administration has yet to answer a basic question at the heart of the numerous exemptions granted to Medigap insurers in their 2,700 page health care law: If the law’s protections are so good, then why

are seniors left out of its supposed benefits when it comes to their supplemental insurance? Unfortunately, the answer could be that AARP has been unwilling to forfeit its profits, and so the Obama Administration has looked the other way as the organization continues to take advantage of seniors.

## KATHLEEN SEBELIUS: WATCHDOG OR LAPDOG?

Even as it has been willing to politically strong-arm insurance companies with whom it disagrees, the Obama Administration’s Department of Health and Human Services has failed to confront AARP about its questionable business practices. In March 2010, as the Administration was gearing up to ram through its health care law, Secretary Sebelius asked other insurers to “give up some short-term profits” for the nation’s good.<sup>74</sup> At the

<sup>71</sup> Official HHS Biography of Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, <http://www.hhs.gov/secretary/about/biography/index.html>.

<sup>72</sup> Remarks by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius at the Democratic National Convention, September 4, 2012, <http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=CB187143-9624-3760-BC9CC2DBE9C60BDZ>.

<sup>73</sup> Remarks by the President at the Democratic National Convention, September 6, 2012, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/09/07/remarks-president-democratic-national-convention>.

<sup>74</sup> Jane Norman, “Sebelius Urges Health Care Insurers to Trim Their Profits,” *CQ HealthBeat* March 10, 2010, <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Newsletters/Washington-Health-Policy-in-Review/2010/Mar/March-15-2010/Sebelius-Urges-Health-Insurers-to-Trim-Their-Profits.aspx>.

time, estimates by *Fortune* magazine indicated that health insurer profits averaged about 2.2 percent.<sup>75</sup> Yet Secretary Sebelius made no such request of AARP to give up some of its revenues – even though its Medigap profit margin was 4.95 percent, more than double that of the insurance industry as a whole.

Shortly after the health law passed, Secretary Sebelius undertook a publicity campaign to “encourage” insurance companies to ban rescissions and extend coverage to young adults under age 26 earlier than was required under the law. While the Secretary made very public efforts to have insurance companies “abandon...efforts to rescind health insurance coverage from patients who need it most,” she made no attempt to encourage AARP and other Medigap insurers to stop discriminating against applicants with pre-existing conditions.<sup>76</sup> At an implementation briefing to Congress shortly after the law passed, Senate Republican staff asked HHS officials why the Department was asking other insurers voluntarily to change their business practices, but was not asking AARP to stop discriminating against Medigap applicants. While Jeanne Lambrew, head of the Department’s Office of Health Reform, promised to look into the matter, the Department never took action.

Rather than ask AARP to reform its business practices, Secretary Sebelius instead has blindly offered the organization praise. In an October 2010 speech to the AARP convention, she hailed the organization as “the gold standard in cutting through spin and complexity to give people the accurate information they need to make the best choices.”<sup>77</sup> Even though AARP has a strong financial conflict-of-interest in its Medigap insurance – because the organization earns more profit when seniors pay more in premiums – Secretary Sebelius still claimed that AARP constituted “the gold standard” in giving “accurate information.”

**Secretary Sebelius Says AARP Unbiased; Former AARP Employee Disagrees**

**“[AARP] is the gold standard in cutting through the spin and complexity to give people accurate information they need to make the best choices.” –Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, in an October 2010 speech to the AARP**

**“There’s an inherent conflict of interest...[AARP is] becoming very dependent on sources of income.” –Former AARP executive Mariyn Moon, quoted in Bloomberg.**

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has previously expressed strong concerns about the percentage-based compensation model under which AARP receives much of its revenue. In fact, Section 18 of NAIC’s Producer Model Licensing Act recommends that states require explicit disclosure by insurers, and clear written acknowledgement by consumers, of any percentage-based compensation arrangement, due to the potential for abuse. As a former insurance commissioner, Secretary Sebelius should be well aware of the financial conflicts inherent when an organization like AARP receives a percentage of every Medigap dollar paid by seniors. Yet the Secretary apparently ignored these concerns, and went on to praise AARP as a source of impartial advice, even though even former AARP executives have criticized the organization as hopelessly compromised by financial conflicts-of-interest.

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<sup>75</sup> “Top Industries: Most Profitable,” 2009 *Fortune* 500, <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune500/2009/performers/industries/profits/>.

<sup>76</sup> HHS Press Release, “HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Urges Wellpoint to Immediately Stop Dropping Coverage for Women with Breast Cancer,” April 23, 2010, <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/04/20100423a.html>.

<sup>77</sup> Remarks of HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius at AARP Orlando@50+ Conference, October 1, 2010, <http://www.hhs.gov/secretary/about/speeches/sp20101001.html>.

In her time heading HHS, Secretary Sebelius has undertaken clearly political actions, including those that violated the law. Just last week, the Office of the Special Counsel publicly released a report concluding that the Secretary engaged in political activity that violated the Hatch Act prohibitions on federal officials campaigning for partisan political causes.<sup>78</sup> It is therefore quite reasonable to ask whether Secretary Sebelius has also engaged in a pattern of politically-motivated selective enforcement – attacking other insurers when convenient, but failing to examine AARP’s questionable business practices, because AARP supports the President’s liberal causes.

As noted above, AARP executives e-mailed the White House in November 2009 stating that “the larger issue is how best to serve the cause.” It would thus appear that both AARP and the Administration recognize their political interests are aligned. Certainly the Administration’s actions – exemptions for Medigap coverage included both in statute and in rulemaking; attacks on insurers with smaller profit margins than AARP; failure to criticize AARP’s percentage-based compensation model – are consistent with a governing philosophy that permits AARP to engage in questionable and abusive behavior towards seniors, so long as AARP funnels the profits from said behavior back into supporting the Administration’s liberal causes.

**“Either you’re a voice for the elderly or you’re an insurance company – choose one.” -- Independent consultant Dean Zerbe, quoted in the Washington Post**

In April 2010, Secretary Sebelius wrote to insurers to stop rescinding insurance policies earlier than required under the law, encouraging them “not to wait until the fall to do the right thing.”<sup>79</sup> America’s seniors have been waiting for years for Secretary Sebelius, and the entire Obama Administration, to do the right thing – to apply the law fairly, without regard to political persuasion. Unfortunately, the facts suggest that the Administration has knowingly looked the other way, and failed to take on AARP over its business practices – because political advantage outweighs the need for impartial enforcement, or extending the supposed benefits of the health care law to senior citizens.

## CONCLUSION

Though it purports to be a seniors advocacy organization, AARP functions in many respects as an insurance conglomerate with a liberal lobbying arm on the side. Independent experts and even former AARP executives have admitted that the organization’s billions of dollars raised from its business enterprises – most notably the sale of health insurance plans – have compromised the organization’s mission and independence. As one consultant put it: “Either you’re a voice for the elderly or you’re an insurance company – choose one.”<sup>80</sup>

As this report has demonstrated, AARP has acted against its members’ interest, but in its own financial interests, on several occasions during the major health care debates of the past several years. First AARP endorsed a health care law that gave its most lucrative product offering – Medigap insurance – a major opportunity to solicit new members, exempted those Medigap plans from the law’s regulatory regime, and

<sup>78</sup> Office of Special Counsel, File No. HA-12-1989 (Kathleen G. Sebelius), September 12, 2012, <http://www.osc.gov/documents/hatchact/Hatch%20Act%20Report%20on%20HHS%20Secretary%20Kathleen%20Sebelius.pdf>.

<sup>79</sup> HHS News Release, “Momentum Building on Sebelius’ Challenge to Insurers to Ban Rescission Before Law Takes Effect in September,” April 28, 2010, <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/04/20100428a.html>.

<sup>80</sup> Cited in Dan Eggen, “AARP: Reform Advocate and Insurance Salesman,” *Washington Post* October 27, 2009, [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/26/AR2009102603392\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/26/AR2009102603392_pf.html).

allowed AARP to continue imposing waiting periods on the sickest seniors looking to buy Medigap coverage. More recently, AARP has engaged in a covert lobbying campaign designed to kill Medigap reforms that would benefit nearly four in five policy-holders and improve Medicare's solvency – but could cost AARP billions.

This year, AARP has embarked upon a “You’ve Earned a Say” campaign, purportedly designed to solicit members’ opinions on ways to reduce the deficit. However, the organization has yet to solicit members’ viewpoints about its own actions. For instance:

1. How many members know that senior AARP executives have received over \$1 million in compensation from the organization – and that 543 individuals received over \$100,000 in compensation last year?
2. How many members know that AARP has generated over \$2 billion in revenue from selling health insurance plans in the past five years?
3. How many members know that AARP imposes waiting periods on Medigap applicants with pre-existing conditions – and stood idly by as provisions to eliminate Medigap pre-existing condition discrimination were stricken from the health care law?
4. How many members know that nearly four in five Medigap plan holders would financially benefit from reforms, to the tune of several hundred dollars per year?
5. How many members know that Medigap reforms that would help seniors could cost AARP billions of dollars in lost revenue?

At the very least, AARP should be up-front and honest with its members about the massive financial stake it has in this debate. Better yet, the organization should start thinking less about its bottom line and more about its members, and endorse reforms that will help the vast majority of Medigap policy-holders.

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**Subject:** RE: 7/30 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2012 10:05:25 AM

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All,

Please see Will's report below:

Hello all - -

Sorry to miss this morning's call, which seemed to conclude in record time.

It's the last week in August and here is what is on the schedule in the House:

- **Tax Week:** the House will consider two tax bills this week. The first (HR 8) will extend current rates for a year, preventing a massive tax hike proposed by the President that will cause 700K people to lose their jobs. When we consider that bill, we intend to allow the Democrats to offer a substitute which will be the President's plan (which, again, will kill 700K jobs). Also absent from the Democrat alternative will be any extension of the estate tax or any extension of the payroll tax relief.

The second tax bill (HR 6169) will set the stage for fundamental tax reform in the next Congress, providing for expedited consideration and benchmarks for what fundamental tax reform will look like.

- **Farm Bill:** currently, we expect the House to take up a one-year extension of farm programs coupled with a relief package for livestock, possibly on Wednesday.

- **PNTR:** nothing will happen this week, and thus nothing will happen prior to the August recess.

- **Sequestration:** House Armed Services will have a hearing on Wednesday morning with Administration officials from OMB and DOD to discuss how sequestration would be implemented. This hearing will provide a good opportunity for any messaging on this issue, both making Governors positions known prior to the hearing and reacting to OMB/DOD testimony after the hearing. I know Governor McDonnell and others have been raising sequestration in the media on a regular basis.

As always, feel free to let me know if there are any questions.

Will

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**Agenda and notes below:**

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2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

**a) EVENTS:**

**SAVE THE DATE: RGPPC Economic Development and Infrastructure Policy Symposium, Atlanta, GA, September 23-24. More information to come.**

**REGISTER:** Virginia Governor and RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell's **K-12 Education Reform Summit: Investing in Students Today, Creating the Workforce of Tomorrow** to be held August 15th – 17th in Richmond, Virginia. Governors and their senior education advisors are invited to attend. Registration and accommodations will be complimentary for two senior education advisors per state, additionally funds will be available to aid in travel expenses. For further information, please contact [Generra.Peck@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Generra.Peck@governor.virginia.gov). **Event registration is available, [here](#).**

**b) Healthcare Call: Tentative: MOE and Essential Benefits call Tuesday, July 31 at 5 EDT. Look for separate email to be sent.**

**c) Final governors sign on letters** (not RGPPC letters): Attached: PNTR and Marketplace Fairness Act

**d) Subcommittee updates:**

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**5.Senate Update:** Lanier or Brandi (Leader McConnell)

**6.NGA Update:** Katie(OK)

NGA Subcommittee updates:

**7. Other business?**

**From:** [Travis Brauer](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Craig Perry](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 7/9 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Monday, July 09, 2012 9:47:00 AM

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Ya, I'm on it.

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2012 9:47 AM  
**To:** Travis Brauer; Craig Perry  
**Subject:** Fwd: 7/9 RGPPC Conference Call

Can one of u get on this call and take notes? Specifically on te healthcare stuff. Thank you!

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- c) HHS Notice for an Establishment Grant under their latest Funding Opportunity Announcement that the **deadline – August 15, 2012** – FAQs for this Announcement:  
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**FYI- See a summary where each states stands pasted below—RGPPC did not author this update.**

**FYI- See attachment from the Congressional Research Service on Healthcare Exchanges**

<http://www.advisory.com/Daily-Briefing/2012/07/05/Where-each-state-stands-of-the-Medicaid-expansion>

## **WHERE EACH STATE STANDS ON ACA'S MEDICAID EXPANSION**

A roundup of what each state's leadership has said about their

## Medicaid plans

**July 05, 2012**

*Last updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.*

The Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows states to opt out of the law's Medicaid expansion, leaving each state's decision to participate in the hands of the nation's governors and state leaders.

Based on lawmakers' statements, press releases, and media coverage, the *Daily Briefing* and *American Health Line* editorial teams have rounded up where each state currently stands on the expansion.

**Learn more about the [Court's ruling](#), discuss [takeaways](#) with our experts, and [model the impact](#) on your organization.**

The following information was last updated on July 5 at 10:30 a.m. ET. We will continue to update this map and list as more information becomes available. Send us news, tips, and feedback by commenting below or emailing [dailybriefing@advisory.com](mailto:dailybriefing@advisory.com).

*\*Italics indicate a state's participation in the multistate lawsuit against ACA*

**Will not participate (5 states)**

- ***Florida***: Gov. Rick Scott (R) said, “Florida will opt out of spending approximately \$1.9 billion more taxpayer dollars required to implement a massive entitlement expansion of the Medicaid program.” In addition, the governor said the state will not establish an insurance exchange (Pear, [New York Times](#), 7/2).
- ***Louisiana***: In an [interview](#) on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) said, “Every governor’s got two critical decisions to make. One is do we set up these exchanges. And, secondly, do we expand Medicaid. And, no, in Louisiana, we’re not doing either one of those things” (Barrow, [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#), 7/2).
- ***Mississippi***: Gov. Phil Bryant (R) does not plan to participate in the Medicaid expansion, according to Bryant spokesperson Mick Bullock, *Bloomberg* reports (Niquette/Wayne, [Bloomberg](#), 7/5).
- ***South Carolina***: Gov. Nikki Haley (R) on Sunday

announced [via Facebook](#) that South Carolina “will NOT expand Medicaid, or participate in any health exchanges” (Hawkins, [TheDigitalCharleston](#), 7/2; Dudley, [Charleston Post and Courier](#), 6/29).

- **Wisconsin:** Gov. Scott Walker (R) issued a [statement](#) following Thursday’s ruling saying that “Wisconsin will not take any action to implement ObamaCare” (Office of Gov. Walker [release](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Leaning toward not participating (6 states)**

- **Iowa:** Gov. Terry Branstad (R) announced at a Des Moines news conference that while his staff is still assessing the Supreme Court ruling on the ACA, he expects to forgo the federal funding that would allow an estimated 150,000 low-income Iowans to enroll in the state Medicaid program. Branstad said, “Here’s the problem: The federal government has done this again and again: ‘Buy into our program, and we’re going to do all these things for you,’ and then it doesn’t happen, and then the taxpayers of the state get stuck with it,” Branstad said on Monday (Totland, [Washington Times](#), 7/2; Wisner, [Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier](#), 7/3).
- **Missouri:** Moments after the ruling, Republican leaders in Missouri “closed the door... on expanding Medicaid eligibility,” the *Associated Press* reports. Republican Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder said the Medicaid expansion would be “a break-the-bank provision for the state of Missouri.” House Budget Committee Chair Ryan Silvey (R), said, “I just don’t see any way we will be expanding Medicaid at the expense of things like education and public safety.” By rejecting Medicaid expansion the state would be “turning down an estimated \$8.4 billion windfall from the federal government” but could save up to “\$431 million of its own” (Blank, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Crisp, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Nebraska:** Gov. Dave Heineman (R) on June 28 pledged to block any effort to expanded Nebraska’s Medicaid program, telling reporters that an expansion

would remove money from other priorities or require a tax increase, *AP/BloombergBusinessweek* reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Heineman said, “As I have said repeatedly, if this unfunded Medicaid expansion is implemented, state aid to education and funding for the University of Nebraska will be cut or taxes will be increased. If some state senators want to increase taxes or cut education funding, I will oppose them.” However, the governor noted that the Supreme Court’s decision on Medicaid was unexpected, adding, “Again, I want to emphasize that reviewing this decision in a detailed, thoughtful and responsible manner will take time before a complete determination can be made on what this ruling means for Nebraska” (Schulte, [AP/BloombergBusinessWeek](#), 6/29; Heineman [statement](#), 6/28).

- **Nevada:** After the Supreme Court ruling, Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) said the impact of the decision on was not immediately clear but indicated that he is leaning toward not expanding the state’s Medicaid program. Sandoval’s press secretary, Mary-Sarah Kinner, said in a statement, “The governor does not intend to automatically accept the Medicaid expansion” (Haynes et al., [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 6/28).
- **New Jersey:** on Fox News’ “Fox and Friends” on July 3, Gov. Chris Christie (R) said he is leaning toward not accepting federal funding to expand the state’s Medicaid program. He noted, “Medicaid is pretty well expanded in our state already because of the legacy of previous Democratic governors. So I don’t know if there’s a lot more to do in New Jersey in that regard” (“[Fox News Insider](#),” Fox News, 7/3; [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 7/3; Friedman, [Newark Star-Ledger](#), 7/3).
- **Texas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Lucy Nashed—deputy press secretary for Gov. Rick Perry (R)—said Perry will be working with Attorney General Greg Abbott (R) "and appropriate state agencies to determine the impact of the Supreme Court decision on the state of Texas," adding that "the governor

has previously made clear, he has no interest in fast tracking any portion of this bankrupting and overreaching legislation. We will continue to call for the full repeal of the bill" (Nashed email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*

### **Leaning toward participating (3 states)**

- **Arkansas:** Gov. Mike Beebe (D) said he is inclined to proceed with Medicaid expansion for his state given the “opportunity to pay for it with taxes that are coming from ... the federal government,” he said at a news conference in Washington, D.C. “I don’t want to send [tax money] to Massachusetts or California and ignore our own people,” he added (Lyon, [Arkansas News](#), 7/2).
- **Oregon:** Gov. John Kitzhaber (D) said he is confident that the Oregon legislature will approve a state Medicaid expansion, and State Sen. Alan Bates (D) has expressed similar confidence, the [Associated Press](#) reports. In an interview last week, Kitzhaber said, “We’ll make a decision on whether or not to expand the Medicaid program really based on, I think, the resources we have available in the general fund for that purpose going forward” (Budnick, [The Oregonian](#), 7/3; Wong, [Statesman Journal](#), 6/28; Cooper, [AP/Real Clear Politics](#), 6/28).
- **Rhode Island:** In [statement](#) on his website, Gov. Lincoln Chaffee (I) said, “I have fully committed to ensuring Rhode Island is a national leader in implementing health reform whatever the Supreme Court decision, and this just reinforces that commitment.” According to Steven Costantino, the state’s secretary of health and human services, “The expansion is easy to do and makes sense” (Chaffee [statement](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Participating (10 states and District of Columbia)**

- **California:** California got a head start on expanding its Medicaid program in November 2010, shortly after

Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. After the high court's ruling, Gov. Jerry Brown (D) issued a [statement](#), "Today's dramatic Supreme Court ruling removes the last roadblock to fulfilling President Obama's historic plan to bring health care to millions of uninsured citizens." Duane Dauner, president of the California Hospital Association, said in separate statement that he expects "California will comply with the Medicaid expansion in the law, even though it will increase the state's costs in future years" (Office of Gov. Brown [release](#), 6/28; California Hospital Association [release](#), 7/3).

- **Connecticut:** Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) was among the first to sign his state up for Medicaid expansion when Obama signed the law in 2010. Following the Supreme Court's ruling preserving the legislation, he responded, "it's great ... [and a] very important decision for the people of Connecticut. 500,000 people would have lost coverage if Republicans had their way" (Davis, [WTNH](#), 7/28).
- **Delaware:** Gov. Jack Markell—chair of the Democratic Governors Association—said in a statement, "The Supreme Court's ruling enables Delaware to continue to implement provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide access to health care benefits for Delawareans," adding, "On the Medicaid front, Delaware already voluntarily expanded the state's Medicaid coverage program in 1996 to cover many Delawareans not previously covered" (Office of Gov. Markell [release](#), 6/28).
- **District of Columbia:** "The District is not at risk of losing any Medicaid funding as a result of this ruling, because District officials have already begun implementation of the ACA's Medicaid-expansion provisions and will continue to implement the expansion," according to a statement from the office of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray (D) (Executive Office of the Mayor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Hawaii:** Gov. Neil Abercrombie (D) said in a statement

after the ruling, “The Affordable Care Act is our ally” in the effort to “support a healthcare system that ensures high quality, safety and sustainable costs.” Pat McManaman, the state’s director of the Department of Human Services, said starting next month Hawaii’s Medicaid eligibility requirements will be in line with federal guidelines under the overhaul, meaning an additional 24,000 people will be eligible for the program by 2014 (Office of Gov. Abercrombie [release](#), 6/28; Garcia, [AP/CBS News](#), 6/29).

- **Illinois:** Gov. Pat Quinn (D) on Thursday praised the court’s decision and said he “will continue to work with President Obama to help working families get the healthcare coverage they need,” including expanding Medicaid (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28; Thomason, [Rock River Times](#), 7/3).
- **Maryland:** Gov. Martin O’Malley (D) in a statement said the Supreme Court’s decision “gives considerable momentum to our health care reform efforts here in Maryland,” adding that the state will move forward to implement the overhaul (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Massachusetts:** Gov. Deval Patrick (D) said Massachusetts is “an early expansion state as you know and we’re expecting further resources from federal government to sustain the experiment here in Massachusetts.” Patrick said the ruling is “good news for us” Patrick said (Walker, [YNN](#), 6/28).
- **Minnesota:** “Today’s ruling will be met with relief by the Minnesotans whose lives have already been improved by this law,” Gov. Mark Dayton (D) said in a statement on Thursday. Dayton in 2011 used federal money to expand Medicaid early to 84,000 adults with annual incomes below \$8,400 (Lohn, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Vermont:** Gov. Peter Shumlin (D) said Vermont’s Medicaid program already meets the requirements under the health reform law’s Medicaid expansion, [WCAX](#) reports (Steimle, [WCAX](#), 7/1).

- **Washington:** Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) "supports the Medicaid expansion—and Washington will move forward," Karina Shagren—a deputy communications director in Gregoire's administration—said in an email to *American Health Line* (Shagren email, 7/5). [updated on July 5 at 1:35 p.m.]

### **Undecided/no comment (26 states)**

- **Alabama:** As of June 29, Gov. Robert Bentley (R) had not decided whether Alabama will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, according to Jennifer Ardis, Bentley's press secretary, [AP/CBS News](#) reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Bentley said, "I am deeply disappointed by today's Supreme Court decision," but he did not address the court's ruling on the Medicaid expansion (AP/CBS News, 6/29; Bentley statement, 6/28).
- **Alaska:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Sean Parnell (R) has not made a statement regarding Alaska's intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion, only saying in a release that "now with no penalty we need to rethink what we're going to do with Medicaid" and the "expansion costs that are mandated" (Office of Gov. Parnell [release](#), 6/28; Coyne, [Alaska Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Arizona:** Gov. Jan Brewer (R) in a [statement](#) following the Supreme Court ruling repeated her call for the entire law to be repealed but did not directly address the expansion. House Speaker Andy Tobin (R), however, said budgetary issues in the state and a conservative political climate will make expanding Medicaid difficult. "We're going to have to sit down and weigh carefully what is reasonable to expect of our political leaders," he said. "I don't see us going along with the expansion if it's not mandated," Tobin added. "It's an ever-expanding cost, so it continues to put pressure on the state budget when we're barely recovering as it is" (Brewer statement, 6/28; Reinhart, [Arizona Central](#), 6/28; Young, [Huffington Post](#), 7/2).
- **Colorado:** Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) at a press

conference on June 28 gave only a lukewarm nod to the Medicaid expansion. He said, “Well, we’ll see. We’re certainly looking at that. We’re probably a little bit premature, but we’re certainly looking at it and trying to figure out a way we can do that and still live within our means” (McCrimmon, [Health Policy Solutions](#), 7/2; AP/CBS’ “[Moneywatch](#),” 6/29).

- **Georgia:** As of July 2, Gov. Nathan Deal (R) had not yet decided whether Georgia would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#) reports. Over 10 years, the expansion is projected to cost Georgia about \$4.5 billion, “money we don’t have,” Deal spokesperson Brian Robinson said (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Idaho:** Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R) this week did not indicate his preference on whether Idaho would widen Medicaid coverage ([AP/KTVB](#), 7/1; Messick, [StateImpact Idaho](#), 6/29).
- **Indiana:** In a press release Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) said, “Any decision to expand Medicaid in 2014 is entirely the province of the next General Assembly and governor.” On Thursday Daniels told reporters “If it’s optional as I’m advised that it is, that’ll be a decision for future legislators to make” (Office of Gov. Daniels [release](#), 6/29; [AP/Lafayette Journal and Courier](#), 7/2; “[Moneywatch](#),” AP/CBS News, 6/29; Wilson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Kansas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Sherriene Jones-Sontag—communications director and press secretary for Gov. Sam Brownback (R)—said Brownback believes “this is now a political issue that will be resolved by the American people in the November elections” and “he will wait until after the November elections before making any decisions related to ObamaCare.” [updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]
- **Kentucky:** Gov. Steve Beshear (D) on June 28 said, “We continue to review the Supreme Court’s opinion, particularly on the Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act to determine what our options may be.” He also

noted that he soon would issue an executive order to create a health insurance exchange (Office of Gov. Beshear [release](#), 6/28; [AP/Evansville Courier & Press](#), 6/28).

- **Maine:** Gov. Paul LePage (R) said in a statement on June 28, “It is a sad day, and it is now up to the American people to demand full repeal of Obamacare.” The governor did not directly address the Medicaid expansion in his statement. The state Legislature and LePage approved reductions in Medicaid spending earlier this year, and Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the state “will follow federal procedures and submit state plan amendments within the coming weeks that will outline the Medicaid reductions that were enacted by the Maine Legislature” (Office of Gov. LePage [release](#), 6/28; Farwel, [Bangor Daily News/Lewiston Sun Journal](#), 6/29).
- **Michigan:** As of July 1, Gov. Rick Snyder (R) had not decided to whether Michigan will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Lansing State Journal](#) reports. Snyder spokesperson Sara Wurfel said the administration wants to examine the cost of the expansion to assess the “best course of action” for the state. Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers, who control both chambers of the state legislature, have not committed to the expansion (Davis, [Lansing State Journal](#), 7/1).
- **Montana:** Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D), through a spokeswoman, declined to comment on the court’s decision. **Schweitzer** expressed deep reservations about the Medicaid expansion and effect on Montana’s budget. “Here’s what I know,” Schweitzer in February 2011 said, “that unless we challenge the underlying costs of health care ... it will bankrupt the states because there’s no way of decreasing the cost of health care under the current system” (Dennison, [Gazette State Bureau](#), 6/28; Drake, [Montana Watchdog](#), 7/2).
- **New Hampshire:** As of July 1, Gov. John Lynch (D)—who in the past has voiced concern over how the government would pay for the Medicaid expansion—had

made no statement on whether New Hampshire would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the *Nashua Telegraph* reports. In a June 28 [statement](#) on his website, Lynch noted that the state has “been preparing to implement the Affordable Care Act and will continue doing so in a way that best fits New Hampshire” (Landrigan, [Nashua Telegraph](#), 7/1; Lynch statement, 6/28).

- **New Mexico:** Gov. Susana Martinez (R) has not decided whether the state will expand Medicaid, according to spokesperson Scott Darnell. He said, “The governor is reviewing today’s Supreme Court decision and will proceed in a manner that best protects the safety net for the most vulnerable New Mexicans in a responsible and sustainable manner” (Massey, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **New York:** As of July 2, Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) had not made a statement on whether New York would participate in the Medicaid expansion. In [a release](#) last week, the governor said, “I am pleased the Supreme Court upheld this law,” adding that he looked forward to working with the “Obama administration to ensure accessible, quality care for all New Yorkers (Office of Gov. Cuomo [release](#), 6/28; [The Journal News](#), 6/29; Caruso, [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **North Carolina:** As of July 3, Gov. Beverly Perdue (D) had not made any public statement about her state’s participation in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court’s decision, Perdue said she is “committed to continuing to move forward ... to ensure that all North Carolinians have affordable, reliable health coverage.” Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Perdue said the governor has been in contact with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about the Medicaid expansion and will review the Supreme Court’s ruling to determine how it might affect North Carolina (Office of Gov. Perdue [release](#), 6/28; Dalesio, [CBS News](#), 6/28; Jarvis/Bonner, [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 6/29).
- **North Dakota:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Jack Dalrymple (R)

had not made a statement about his state's intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court's ruling, Dalrymple said the health reform law "is wrong for North Dakota," adding that its "citizens want the freedom to make their own decisions about their health-care coverage." Dalrymple has said that his staff is analyzing the court's ruling, but it is unclear whether the state will participate in the Medicaid (Office of Gov. Dalrymple [release](#), 6/28; MacPherson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **Ohio:** Gov. John Kasich (R) on Monday said he has not decided whether his state will participate in the Medicaid expansion and he does not plan to set a "deadline" to make his decision. The head of the state's Office of Health Transformation also said the state must first determine how to cover the additional Medicaid costs the state would incur even if the state does not participate in the expansion. In a [statement](#) on the Supreme Court's ruling, Kasich said, "We are very concerned that a sudden, dramatic increase in Medicaid spending could threaten Ohio's ability to pursue needed reforms in other areas" (Office of Gov. Kasich [release](#), 6/28; Tribble, [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 7/2; [Columbus Business First](#), 7/3; Candisky, [Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/3).
- **Oklahoma:** Gov. Mary Fallin (R) has not yet decided whether Oklahoma will opt of the Medicaid expansion, [Tulsa World](#) reports. Fallin said, "Certainly I am hoping that we'll elect a new president and we'll be able to change faces ... in the (Democratic-controlled) U.S. Senate that we can once and for all overturn the federal health care bill" (McNutt, [The Oklahoman](#), 6/29; Greene, [Tulsa World](#), 7/3; McGuigan, [Tulsa Today](#), 7/2).
- **Pennsylvania:** Gov. Tom Corbett (R) has not yet announced whether Pennsylvania will opt out of the Medicaid expansion. He said in a [statement](#), "I think we can all agree there are Pennsylvanians who need our help. However, expanding government bureaucracy, government programs and government spending is not

the answer” (Office of the Gov. Corbett [release](#), 6/28, LoBasso, “[PhillyNow](#),” *Philadelphia Weekly*, 7/3).

- **South Dakota:** South Dakota: In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Joe Kafka—press secretary in Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s (R) administration—said Daugaard “has made no decision on [the] Medicaid expansion, which will be costly for South Dakota, and he won’t make any decision on it until after the election” (Kafka email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*
- **Tennessee:** As of July 2, Gov. Bill Haslam (R) had not yet decided whether Tennessee would opt out of the Medicaid expansion. After the Supreme Court ruling, Haslam told reporters, “We don’t really know what we’re going to do ... but the cost impact to the state is very significant” (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Utah:** Gov. Gary Herbert (R) said his administration is conducting a thorough legal and policy review of the Supreme Court ruling, but he did not comment on whether the state would expand its Medicaid program (Stewart, [Salt Lake Tribune](#), 6/29; [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Virginia:** Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has made statements indicating that he is against the Medicaid expansion, but has declined at this point to comment definitively on whether Virginia will opt out of it. McDonnell said he will review the state’s options in the upcoming weeks (Martz, [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/1; Millman, [Politico](#), 6/29).
- **West Virginia:** Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) has not yet announced whether West Virginia will proceed with the Medicaid expansion. In a [statement](#), Tomblin said, “We know what the law is but as I’ve said before, I will continue to do what is best for West Virginia... We’re going to review the Supreme Court’s ruling, and work with our federal delegation on how we move forward” (Smith, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Office of Gov. Tomblin [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Wyoming:** Gov. Matt Mead (R) in a [statement](#) said he

will study the Supreme Court's ruling and the health reform law more carefully before making any implementation plans for Wyoming, but he believes "the ACA is not a good fit" for the state (Office of Gov. Mead [release](#), 6/28; Wolfson, [Billings Gazette](#), 6/28).

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**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 7/9 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Monday, July 09, 2012 11:14:22 AM

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## **HEALTHCARE**

I jumped in on the call in the middle of healthcare discussion. But they are wanting us to verify the cost of Obamacare to our state and get back with them soon on that. Apparently CMS is desperate and pushing the states to take the next round of funding, the deadline is mid-August and would lock us into the mandate. We will get an update no later than Wednesday on Obamacare.

USA Today is asking all the governors 6 questions relating to Medicaid expansion, mandate enrollment, support of Romney, etc., might want to check with press on that.

## **UPCOMING NGA MEETING**

No changes to the meeting schedule have been made.

Governor Martin O'Malley of Maryland and DGA chairman, will be having a press conference on Thursday. There is no inside information as to what the press conference will be about.

President Obama is going to be in Virginia on Friday and Saturday.

The democratic governors are trying to reserve the Williamsburg Community Building on Friday morning around the same time as the RGA opening press conference. There is speculation that they are trying to reserve the building so the Democratic Governors and President Obama can discuss various issues, mostly healthcare. Don't know if it will be an open forum with the press being included, but if it is, it would result in the press not showing up to the RGA press conference. All governors should be expected to be hit up by the press at various events.

On Saturday, President Obama will be in Richmond, which is where the Governor spouses will be spending the day.

Occupy Williamsburg will be coming out in full force the NGA conference. Here is a posting from their Facebook page:

"From Thursday July 12 through Sunday July 15, the Governors from around the United States of America will be convening for the 2012 National Governors

Association Annual Meeting.

“And Occupy Williamsburg will be here to welcome them.

“On the morning of Friday the 13th at 9:15am we will assemble at the Old Capitol off of Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg to welcome and publicly red...ress the Governors at their press conference.

“We will meet together again at the parking lot of the Jamestown Settlement at 2110 Jamestown Road at 5pm, where the Governors will attend their evening's festivities.

“Be prepared to let America's governors know how you feel about how they have done in fighting against ALEC's onslaught, stopping the War on Women, keeping Americans in our homes, and making a conducive economic climate for good jobs and green jobs!

“\*\*\* Interested in Planning Events to Welcome the NGA? \*\*\*

“Please join us at 11am on Saturday morning July 7th in the Ukrops Cafe in the Martin's in Monticello Marketplace, 4660 Monticello Avenue 23188. (mike)”

There will be a conference call sometime mid-week to further discuss the upcoming NGA confre

### **SENATE UPDATE**

Senate will convene at 2 pm today. Will vote on a Judge tomorrow morning and there will be a cloture vote tomorrow afternoon on Sen. Reid's stimulus proposal.

There is not a great outlook on this month's work, which is scheduled to conclude on August 7.

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### **OTHER NOTES**

No update on the House.

Energy report was not heard.

It is okay to sign the letter that is circulating about Russia, however the RGA has not taken a

position.

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2012 9:47 AM  
**To:** Travis Brauer; Craig Perry  
**Subject:** Fwd: 7/9 RGPPC Conference Call

Can one of u get on this call and take notes? Specifically on te healthcare stuff. Thank you!

Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** 7/9 RGPPC Conference Call

We will have our RGPPC policy call Monday 7/9 morning at 10:30 AM EST.

**Agenda and notes below:**

[REDACTED]  
**Access code:** [REDACTED]

Agenda:

1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

a) **EVENTS:**

**SAVE THE DATE: RGPPC Economic Development and Infrastructure Policy Symposium, Atlanta, GA, September 23-24. More information to come.**

**REGISTER TODAY:** Virginia Governor and RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell will announce on Monday the **Governor's K-12 Education**

**Reform Summit: Investing in Students Today, Creating the Workforce of Tomorrow** to be held August 15th – 17th in Richmond, Virginia. Governors and their senior education advisors are invited to attend. Registration and accommodations will be complimentary for two senior education advisors per state, additionally funds will be available to aid in travel expenses. For further information, please contact [Generra.Peck@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Generra.Peck@governor.virginia.gov). **Event registration is available, [here](#).**

- b) **Healthcare Communication-** Messaging heading into NGA. RGPPC will be providing talking points like we did for Winter Meeting. PPACA SCOTUS Letter to President as discussed on the governors' only call to be forwarded this week. Please help us update your state PPACA cost estimates on the attached document: 2012-05-05 Cost to States. Please email Lindsay: [REDACTED]
- c) HHS Notice for an Establishment Grant under their latest Funding Opportunity Announcement that the **deadline – August 15, 2012** – FAQs for this Announcement: <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/factsheets/hie-est-grant-faq-06292012.html>. Some states are curious regarding which states are applying.
- d) **Subcommittee updates:**
  - 1. **Energy and Environment:** Report is being finalized. Final phase of edits being conducted. Launch date TBD
  - 2. **Healthcare:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
  - 3. **Education/Workforce:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
  - 4. **Jobs/Econ Dev/Infrastructure:** Longer term efforts are being prepared by the committee. Economic Development and Infrastructure Symposium Sept 23-24
  - 5. **Federalism:** To resume late summer
  - 6. **Budget/Finance/Regulatory:** Preparing data on pension and tax reform.
- e) **Senator Lieberman's Cyber Security Bill:** Sean Miles (Fl) (see attachment)
- f) **Please Complete Surveys**
  - 1. **PPACA and healthcare**; *working with US Senate*

*Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)

2. **Energy and Environment Regs:** *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE\\_Regs\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE_Regs_Survey)

**4.House Update:** Will (Speaker Boehner)

**5.Senate Update:** Lanier or Brandi (Leader McConnell)

**6.NGA Update:** Lauren (NE)

NGA Subcommittee updates:

**7. Other business?**

**FYI- See a summary where each states stands pasted below—RGPPC did not author this update.**

**FYI- See attachment from the Congressional Research Service on Healthcare Exchanges**

<http://www.advisory.com/Daily-Briefing/2012/07/05/Where-each-state-stands-of-the-Medicaid-expansion>

## **WHERE EACH STATE STANDS ON ACA'S MEDICAID EXPANSION**

A roundup of what each state's leadership has said about their Medicaid plans

**July 05, 2012**

*Last updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.*

The Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows states to opt out of the law's Medicaid expansion, leaving each state's decision to participate in the hands of the nation's governors and state leaders.

Based on lawmakers' statements, press releases, and media coverage, the *Daily Briefing* and *American Health Line* editorial teams have rounded up where each state currently stands on the expansion.

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The following information was last updated on July 5 at 10:30 a.m. ET. We will continue to update this map and list as more information becomes available. Send us news, tips, and feedback by commenting below or emailing [dailybriefing@advisory.com](mailto:dailybriefing@advisory.com).



*\*Italics indicate a state's participation in the multistate lawsuit against ACA*

## Will not participate (5 states)

- **Florida:** Gov. Rick Scott (R) said, “Florida will opt out of spending approximately \$1.9 billion more taxpayer dollars required to implement a massive entitlement expansion of the Medicaid program.” In addition, the governor said the state will not establish an insurance exchange (Pear, [New York Times](#), 7/2).
- **Louisiana:** In an [interview](#) on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) said, “Every governor’s got two critical decisions to make. One is do we set up these exchanges. And, secondly, do we expand Medicaid. And, no, in Louisiana, we’re not doing either one of those things” (Barrow, [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#), 7/2).
- **Mississippi:** Gov. Phil Bryant (R) does not plan to participate in the Medicaid expansion, according to Bryant spokesperson Mick Bullock, *Bloomberg* reports (Niquette/Wayne, [Bloomberg](#), 7/5).
- **South Carolina:** Gov. Nikki Haley (R) on Sunday announced [via Facebook](#) that South Carolina “will NOT expand Medicaid, or participate in any health exchanges” (Hawkins, [TheDigitalCharleston](#), 7/2; Dudley, [Charleston Post and Courier](#), 6/29).
- **Wisconsin:** Gov. Scott Walker (R) issued a [statement](#) following Thursday’s ruling saying that “Wisconsin will not take any action to implement ObamaCare” (Office of Gov. Walker [release](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

## Leaning toward not participating (6 states)

- **Iowa:** Gov. Terry Branstad (R) announced at a Des Moines news conference that while his staff is still assessing the Supreme Court ruling on the ACA, he expects to forgo the federal funding that would allow an estimated 150,000 low-income Iowans to enroll in the state Medicaid program. Branstad said, “Here’s the problem: The federal government has done this again and again: ‘Buy into our program, and we’re going to do

all these things for you,' and then it doesn't happen, and then the taxpayers of the state get stuck with it,"

Branstad said on Monday (Totland, [Washington Times](#), 7/2; Wisner, [Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier](#), 7/3).

- **Missouri:** Moments after the ruling, Republican leaders in Missouri "closed the door... on expanding Medicaid eligibility," the *Associated Press* reports. Republican Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder said the Medicaid expansion would be "a break-the-bank provision for the state of Missouri." House Budget Committee Chair Ryan Silvey (R), said, "I just don't see any way we will be expanding Medicaid at the expense of things like education and public safety." By rejecting Medicaid expansion the state would be "turning down an estimated \$8.4 billion windfall from the federal government" but could save up to "\$431 million of its own" (Blank, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Crisp, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 7/1).
- **Nebraska:** Gov. Dave Heineman (R) on June 28 pledged to block any effort to expanded Nebraska's Medicaid program, telling reporters that an expansion would remove money from other priorities or require a tax increase, *AP/BloombergBusinessweek* reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Heineman said, "As I have said repeatedly, if this unfunded Medicaid expansion is implemented, state aid to education and funding for the University of Nebraska will be cut or taxes will be increased. If some state senators want to increase taxes or cut education funding, I will oppose them." However, the governor noted that the Supreme Court's decision on Medicaid was unexpected, adding, "Again, I want to emphasize that reviewing this decision in a detailed, thoughtful and responsible manner will take time before a complete determination can be made on what this ruling means for Nebraska" (Schulte, [AP/BloombergBusinessWeek](#), 6/29; Heineman [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Nevada:** After the Supreme Court ruling, Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) said the impact of the decision on was not immediately clear but indicated that he is leaning toward

not expanding the state's Medicaid program. Sandoval's press secretary, Mary-Sarah Kinner, said in a statement, "The governor does not intend to automatically accept the Medicaid expansion" (Haynes et al., [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 6/28).

- **New Jersey:** on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" on July 3, Gov. Chris Christie (R) said he is leaning toward not accepting federal funding to expand the state's Medicaid program. He noted, "Medicaid is pretty well expanded in our state already because of the legacy of previous Democratic governors. So I don't know if there's a lot more to do in New Jersey in that regard" ("[Fox News Insider](#)," Fox News, 7/3; [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 7/3; Friedman, [Newark Star-Ledger](#), 7/3).
- **Texas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Lucy Nashed—deputy press secretary for Gov. Rick Perry (R)—said Perry will be working with Attorney General Greg Abbott (R) "and appropriate state agencies to determine the impact of the Supreme Court decision on the state of Texas," adding that "the governor has previously made clear, he has no interest in fast tracking any portion of this bankrupting and overreaching legislation. We will continue to call for the full repeal of the bill" (Nashed email, 7/5). [updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]

### **Leaning toward participating (3 states)**

- **Arkansas:** Gov. Mike Beebe (D) said he is inclined to proceed with Medicaid expansion for his state given the "opportunity to pay for it with taxes that are coming from ... the federal government," he said at a news conference in Washington, D.C. "I don't want to send [tax money] to Massachusetts or California and ignore our own people," he added (Lyon, [Arkansas News](#), 7/2).
- **Oregon:** Gov. John Kitzhaber (D) said he is confident that the Oregon legislature will approve a state Medicaid expansion, and State Sen. Alan Bates (D) has expressed similar confidence, the [Associated Press](#) reports. In an interview last week, Kitzhaber said, "We'll make a

decision on whether or not to expand the Medicaid program really based on, I think, the resources we have available in the general fund for that purpose going forward” (Budnick, [The Oregonian](#), 7/3; Wong, [Statesman Journal](#), 6/28; Cooper, [AP/Real Clear Politics](#), 6/28).

- **Rhode Island:** In [statement](#) on his website, Gov. Lincoln Chaffee (I) said, “I have fully committed to ensuring Rhode Island is a national leader in implementing health reform whatever the Supreme Court decision, and this just reinforces that commitment.” According to Steven Costantino, the state’s secretary of health and human services, “The expansion is easy to do and makes sense” (Chaffee [statement](#), 6/28; Radnofsky et al., [Wall Street Journal](#), 7/2).

### **Participating (10 states and District of Columbia)**

- **California:** California got a head start on expanding its Medicaid program in November 2010, shortly after Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. After the high court’s ruling, Gov. Jerry Brown (D) issued a [statement](#), “Today’s dramatic Supreme Court ruling removes the last roadblock to fulfilling President Obama’s historic plan to bring health care to millions of uninsured citizens.” Duane Dauner, president of the California Hospital Association, said in separate statement that he expects “California will comply with the Medicaid expansion in the law, even though it will increase the state’s costs in future years” (Office of Gov. Brown [release](#), 6/28; California Hospital Association [release](#), 7/3).
- **Connecticut:** Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) was among the first to sign his state up for Medicaid expansion when Obama signed the law in 2010. Following the Supreme Court’s ruling preserving the legislation, he responded, “it’s great ... [and a] very important decision for the people of Connecticut. 500,000 people would have lost coverage if Republicans had their way” (Davis, [WTNH](#), 7/28).

- **Delaware:** Gov. Jack Markell—chair of the Democratic Governors Association—said in a statement, “The Supreme Court’s ruling enables Delaware to continue to implement provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide access to health care benefits for Delawareans,” adding, “On the Medicaid front, Delaware already voluntarily expanded the state’s Medicaid coverage program in 1996 to cover many Delawareans not previously covered” (Office of Gov. Markell [release](#), 6/28).
- **District of Columbia:** “The District is not at risk of losing any Medicaid funding as a result of this ruling, because District officials have already begun implementation of the ACA’s Medicaid-expansion provisions and will continue to implement the expansion,” according to a statement from the office of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray (D) (Executive Office of the Mayor [release](#), 6/28).
- **Hawaii:** Gov. Neil Abercrombie (D) said in a statement after the ruling, “The Affordable Care Act is our ally” in the effort to “support a healthcare system that ensures high quality, safety and sustainable costs.” Pat McManaman, the state’s director of the Department of Human Services, said starting next month Hawaii’s Medicaid eligibility requirements will be in line with federal guidelines under the overhaul, meaning an additional 24,000 people will be eligible for the program by 2014 (Office of Gov. Abercrombie [release](#), 6/28; Garcia, [AP/CBS News](#), 6/29).
- **Illinois:** Gov. Pat Quinn (D) on Thursday praised the court’s decision and said he “will continue to work with President Obama to help working families get the healthcare coverage they need,” including expanding Medicaid (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28; Thomason, [Rock River Times](#), 7/3).
- **Maryland:** Gov. Martin O’Malley (D) in a statement said the Supreme Court’s decision “gives considerable momentum to our health care reform efforts here in Maryland,” adding that the state will move forward to

implement the overhaul (Office of the Governor [release](#), 6/28).

- **Massachusetts:** Gov. Deval Patrick (D) said Massachusetts is “an early expansion state as you know and we’re expecting further resources from federal government to sustain the experiment here in Massachusetts.” Patrick said the ruling is “good news for us” Patrick said (Walker, [YNN](#), 6/28).
- **Minnesota:** “Today’s ruling will be met with relief by the Minnesotans whose lives have already been improved by this law,” Gov. Mark Dayton (D) said in a statement on Thursday. Dayton in 2011 used federal money to expand Medicaid early to 84,000 adults with annual incomes below \$8,400 (Lohn, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Vermont:** Gov. Peter Shumlin (D) said Vermont’s Medicaid program already meets the requirements under the health reform law’s Medicaid expansion, [WCAX](#) reports (Steimle, [WCAX](#), 7/1).
- **Washington:** Gov. Chris Gregoire (D) “supports the Medicaid expansion—and Washington will move forward,” Karina Shagren—a deputy communications director in Gregoire’s administration—said in an email to *American Health Line* (Shagren email, 7/5). *[updated on July 5 at 1:35 p.m.]*

### **Undecided/no comment (26 states)**

- **Alabama:** As of June 29, Gov. Robert Bentley (R) had not decided whether Alabama will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, according to Jennifer Ardis, Bentley’s press secretary, [AP/CBS News](#) reports. In a [statement](#) on his website, Bentley said, “I am deeply disappointed by today’s Supreme Court decision,” but he did not address the court’s ruling on the Medicaid expansion (AP/CBS News, 6/29; Bentley statement, 6/28).
- **Alaska:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Sean Parnell (R) has not made a statement regarding Alaska’s intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion, only saying in a release that

“now with no penalty we need to rethink what we’re going to do with Medicaid” and the “expansion costs that are mandated” (Office of Gov. Parnell [release](#), 6/28; Coyne, [Alaska Dispatch](#), 7/1).

- **Arizona:** Gov. Jan Brewer (R) in a [statement](#) following the Supreme Court ruling repeated her call for the entire law to be repealed but did not directly address the expansion. House Speaker Andy Tobin (R), however, said budgetary issues in the state and a conservative political climate will make expanding Medicaid difficult. “We’re going to have to sit down and weigh carefully what is reasonable to expect of our political leaders,” he said. “I don’t see us going along with the expansion if it’s not mandated,” Tobin added. “It’s an ever-expanding cost, so it continues to put pressure on the state budget when we’re barely recovering as it is” (Brewer statement, 6/28; Reinhart, [Arizona Central](#), 6/28; Young, [Huffington Post](#), 7/2).
- **Colorado:** Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) at a press conference on June 28 gave only a lukewarm nod to the Medicaid expansion. He said, “Well, we’ll see. We’re certainly looking at that. We’re probably a little bit premature, but we’re certainly looking at it and trying to figure out a way we can do that and still live within our means” (McCrimmon, [Health Policy Solutions](#), 7/2; AP/CBS’ “[Moneywatch](#),” 6/29).
- **Georgia:** As of July 2, Gov. Nathan Deal (R) had not yet decided whether Georgia would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#) reports. Over 10 years, the expansion is projected to cost Georgia about \$4.5 billion, “money we don’t have,” Deal spokesperson Brian Robinson said (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Idaho:** Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R) this week did not indicate his preference on whether Idaho would widen Medicaid coverage ([AP/KTVB](#), 7/1; Messick, [StateImpact Idaho](#), 6/29).
- **Indiana:** In a press release Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) said, “Any decision to expand Medicaid in 2014 is

entirely the province of the next General Assembly and governor.” On Thursday Daniels told reporters “If it’s optional as I’m advised that it is, that’ll be a decision for future legislators to make” (Office of Gov. Daniels [release](#), 6/29; [AP/Lafayette Journal and Courier](#), 7/2; “[Moneywatch](#),” AP/CBS News, 6/29; Wilson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **Kansas:** In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Sherriene Jones-Sontag—communications director and press secretary for Gov. Sam Brownback (R)—said Brownback believes “this is now a political issue that will be resolved by the American people in the November elections” and “he will wait until after the November elections before making any decisions related to ObamaCare.” [updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]
- **Kentucky:** Gov. Steve Beshear (D) on June 28 said, “We continue to review the Supreme Court’s opinion, particularly on the Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act to determine what our options may be.” He also noted that he soon would issue an executive order to create a health insurance exchange (Office of Gov. Beshear [release](#), 6/28; [AP/Evansville Courier & Press](#), 6/28).
- **Maine:** Gov. Paul LePage (R) said in a statement on June 28, “It is a sad day, and it is now up to the American people to demand full repeal of Obamacare.” The governor did not directly address the Medicaid expansion in his statement. The state Legislature and LePage approved reductions in Medicaid spending earlier this year, and Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the state “will follow federal procedures and submit state plan amendments within the coming weeks that will outline the Medicaid reductions that were enacted by the Maine Legislature” (Office of Gov. LePage [release](#), 6/28; Farwel, [Bangor Daily News/Lewiston Sun Journal](#), 6/29).
- **Michigan:** As of July 1, Gov. Rick Snyder (R) had not decided to whether Michigan will opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the [Lansing State Journal](#) reports. Snyder

spokesperson Sara Wurfel said the administration wants to examine the cost of the expansion to assess the “best course of action” for the state. Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers, who control both chambers of the state legislature, have not committed to the expansion (Davis, [Lansing State Journal](#), 7/1).

- **Montana:** Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D), through a spokeswoman, declined to comment on the court’s decision. **Schweitzer** expressed deep reservations about the Medicaid expansion and effect on Montana’s budget. “Here’s what I know,” Schweitzer in February 2011 said, “that unless we challenge the underlying costs of health care ... it will bankrupt the states because there’s no way of decreasing the cost of health care under the current system” (Dennison, [Gazette State Bureau](#), 6/28; Drake, [Montana Watchdog](#), 7/2).
- **New Hampshire:** As of July 1, Gov. John Lynch (D)—who in the past has voiced concern over how the government would pay for the Medicaid expansion—had made no statement on whether New Hampshire would opt out of the Medicaid expansion, the *Nashua Telegraph* reports. In a June 28 [statement](#) on his website, Lynch noted that the state has “been preparing to implement the Affordable Care Act and will continue doing so in a way that best fits New Hampshire” (Landrigan, [Nashua Telegraph](#), 7/1; Lynch statement, 6/28).
- **New Mexico:** Gov. Susana Martinez (R) has not decided whether the state will expand Medicaid, according to spokesperson Scott Darnell. He said, “The governor is reviewing today’s Supreme Court decision and will proceed in a manner that best protects the safety net for the most vulnerable New Mexicans in a responsible and sustainable manner” (Massey, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **New York:** As of July 2, Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) had not made a statement on whether New York would participate in the Medicaid expansion. In [a release](#) last week, the governor said, “I am pleased the Supreme

Court upheld this law,” adding that he looked forward to working with the “Obama administration to ensure accessible, quality care for all New Yorkers (Office of Gov. Cuomo [release](#), 6/28; [The Journal News](#), 6/29; Caruso, [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **North Carolina:** As of July 3, Gov. Beverly Perdue (D) had not made any public statement about her state’s participation in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court’s decision, Perdue said she is “committed to continuing to move forward ... to ensure that all North Carolinians have affordable, reliable health coverage.” Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Perdue said the governor has been in contact with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about the Medicaid expansion and will review the Supreme Court’s ruling to determine how it might affect North Carolina (Office of Gov. Perdue [release](#), 6/28; Dalesio, [CBS News](#), 6/28; Jarvis/Bonner, [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 6/29).
- **North Dakota:** As of Tuesday, Gov. Jack Dalrymple (R) had not made a statement about his state’s intent to participate in the Medicaid expansion. However, in a [statement](#) responding to the Supreme Court’s ruling, Dalrymple said the health reform law “is wrong for North Dakota,” adding that its “citizens want the freedom to make their own decisions about their health-care coverage.” Dalrymple has said that his staff is analyzing the court’s ruling, but it is unclear whether the state will participate in the Medicaid (Office of Gov. Dalrymple [release](#), 6/28; MacPherson, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).
- **Ohio:** Gov. John Kasich (R) on Monday said he has not decided whether his state will participate in the Medicaid expansion and he does not plan to set a “deadline” to make his decision. The head of the state’s Office of Health Transformation also said the state must first determine how to cover the additional Medicaid costs the state would incur even if the state does not participate in the expansion. In a [statement](#) on the Supreme Court’s ruling, Kasich said, “We are very concerned that a

sudden, dramatic increase in Medicaid spending could threaten Ohio's ability to pursue needed reforms in other areas" (Office of Gov. Kasich [release](#), 6/28; Tribble, [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 7/2; [Columbus Business First](#), 7/3; Candisky, [Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/3).

- **Oklahoma:** Gov. Mary Fallin (R) has not yet decided whether Oklahoma will opt of the Medicaid expansion, [Tulsa World](#) reports. Fallin said, "Certainly I am hoping that we'll elect a new president and we'll be able to change faces ... in the (Democratic-controlled) U.S. Senate that we can once and for all overturn the federal health care bill" (McNutt, [The Oklahoman](#), 6/29; Greene, [Tulsa World](#), 7/3; McGuigan, [Tulsa Today](#), 7/2).
- **Pennsylvania:** Gov. Tom Corbett (R) has not yet announced whether Pennsylvania will opt out of the Medicaid expansion. He said in a [statement](#), "I think we can all agree there are Pennsylvanians who need our help. However, expanding government bureaucracy, government programs and government spending is not the answer" (Office of the Gov. Corbett [release](#), 6/28, LoBasso, "[PhillyNow](#)," [Philadelphia Weekly](#), 7/3).
- **South Dakota:** South Dakota: In an email responding to a query by *American Health Line*, Joe Kafka—press secretary in Gov. Dennis Daugaard's (R) administration—said Daugaard "has made no decision on [the] Medicaid expansion, which will be costly for South Dakota, and he won't make any decision on it until after the election" (Kafka email, 7/5). *[updated on July 6 at 9:30 a.m.]*
- **Tennessee:** As of July 2, Gov. Bill Haslam (R) had not yet decided whether Tennessee would opt out of the Medicaid expansion. After the Supreme Court ruling, Haslam told reporters, "We don't really know what we're going to do ... but the cost impact to the state is very significant" (Sher, [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 7/2).
- **Utah:** Gov. Gary Herbert (R) said is administration is conducting a thorough legal and policy review of the Supreme Court ruling, but he did not comment on whether the state would expand its Medicaid program

(Stewart, [Salt Lake Tribune](#), 6/29; [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28).

- **Virginia:** Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has made statements indicating that he is against the Medicaid expansion, but has declined at this point to comment definitively on whether Virginia will opt out of it. McDonnell said he will review the state's options in the upcoming weeks (Martz, [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/1; Millman, [Politico](#), 6/29).
- **West Virginia:** Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) has not yet announced whether West Virginia will proceed with the Medicaid expansion. In a [statement](#), Tomblin said, "We know what the law is but as I've said before, I will continue to do what is best for West Virginia... We're going to review the Supreme Court's ruling, and work with our federal delegation on how we move forward" (Smith, [AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/28; Office of Gov. Tomblin [statement](#), 6/28).
- **Wyoming:** Gov. Matt Mead (R) in a [statement](#) said he will study the Supreme Court's ruling and the health reform law more carefully before making any implementation plans for Wyoming, but he believes "the ACA is not a good fit" for the state (Office of Gov. Mead [release](#), 6/28; Wolfson, [Billings Gazette](#), 6/28).

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**Subject:** RE: 8/20 RGPPC Conference Call  
**Date:** Monday, August 20, 2012 9:24:45 AM

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We DO have a call this morning. I'm concerned the attachments were too large and many of you did not receive the notice last night. Please join at 10:30 EDT and we will send attachments separately after the call.

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**From:** Marie Sanderson  
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**Subject:** 8/20 RGPPC Conference Call

We will have our RGPPC policy call Monday 8/20 morning at 10:30 AM EST.

**Agenda and notes below:**

**Access code:** [REDACTED]

Agenda:

\*\*\* No call next week, Monday August 27.

1. Roll Call: Seth/Lindsay- RGPPC
2. RGPPC Update: Marie - RGPPC

**a) EVENTS:**

**SAVE THE DATE: RGPPC Economic Development and Infrastructure Policy Symposium, Atlanta, GA, September 23-24. Registration information attached.**

**b) TANF letter:** Please prepare TANF letters for your state. As those are completed, please provide RGPPC a copy. In addition, attached is a copy of the 2005 RGA letter that the RGA gov's sent on TANF in case you are questioned.

**c) Best Practices:** Attached is a beginning outline of best practices in states for 2012, updated from last week. Please review and provide links to issues you'd

like us to highlight. We'll continue our research through August with a goal of an Oct release. Contact Dustin Huffman at [REDACTED]

**d) Medicare Talking Points:** In light of Chairman Ryan's selection of VP, please see the link to some talking points from his budget:

<http://budget.house.gov/uploadedfiles/medicarepacket.pdf>

**e) Harkin letter- Question from GA:** Letter from Senator Tom Harkin re ADA. Has anyone answered this letter? If so, how?

**f) Milliman PPACA Health Insurer Fee Estimated Impact on State Medicaid Programs and Medicaid Health Plans-** see report attached (Debbie Hohlt)

**g) Subcommittee updates:**

1. **Energy and Environment:** Report is being finalized. Release this week.
2. **Healthcare:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting.
3. **Education/Workforce:** Draft is being updated per Scottsdale meeting and Richmond meeting.
4. **Jobs/Econ Dev/Infrastructure:** Longer term efforts are being prepared by the committee. Economic Development and Infrastructure Symposium Sept 23-24
5. **Federalism:** To resume late summer
6. **Budget/Finance/Regulatory:** Preparing data on pension and tax reform as well as unemployment data.

**b) Please Complete Surveys**

1. **PPACA and healthcare;** *working with US Senate Finance and House Energy and Commerce to push back on a White House report indicating that some R states, which are moving forward with some form of a healthcare exchange, are endorsing Obamacare. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC\\_PPACA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGPPC_PPACA)
2. **Energy and Environment Regs;** *working with the Speaker's Office on the most burdensome regs and House Natural Resources on DoI and ESA. Survey is meant for data collection.*  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE\\_Regs\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EE_Regs_Survey)

**4.House Update:** Will (Speaker Boehner)

**5.Senate Update:** Lanier or Brandi (Leader McConnell)

## 6.NGA Update:

NGA Subcommittee updates:

## 7. Other business?

- a) **Thayer Leadership Group** – provides team building for your staff either at West Point or they will come to you. See attachments. <http://www.thethayerhotel.com/>
  
- b) **Congressman Boustany Request:** The Congressman recently introduced the Medicaid Long-Term Care Reform Act (H.R. 6033). Part of this bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to seek feedback from the governors of each of the 50 states on policies to strengthen program integrity and make Medicaid more sustainable for state and federal budgets. They are contacting us to request your written response to several related questions.

Here is a digital copy of the draft letter from Members and background info on federal rules that restrict states' ability to control Medicaid LTC eligibility and prioritize those in greatest need.

<http://www.centerltc.com/BriefingPapers/Overview.htm>

<http://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/9-21-11-Subcommittee-on-Health-Care-District-of-Columbia-Census-and-the-National-Archives-Hearing-Transcript1.pdf>

HHS research on states' difficulty with estate recovery:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/reports/estreccol.htm>

### **Background information:**

The Government Accountability Office reports “State Medicaid programs have, by default, become the major form of insurance for long-term care.” Since 1995, the costs of Medicaid long-term care has grown at an average annual rate of 6.5 percent. Medicaid spending has already put a strain on state budgets, surpassing outlays for K-12 education programs. Future costs will rise. More than six out of ten Americans will need long-term care services. Demographers project that the number of Americans who are 85 or older – the group most likely to need long-term care – will increase by more than 250 percent between 2000 and 2040.

With this challenge in mind, the National Governors' Association called for policy solutions that “encourage personal responsibility and discourage the reliance on Medicaid financed long-term care.” Unfortunately, federal rules weaken Medicaid's program integrity by forcing states to exempt more than half-a-million dollars in home equity and the entire value of a Rolls Royce when determining an individual's eligibility for these welfare benefits. As you know, states often find it difficult to recover Medicaid spending from the estates of people with significant financial assets and home equity. In total, states recovered .78 percent of Medicaid spending for nursing homes in 2004.

### **Questions:**

As a governor who manages a Medicaid budget, we respectfully request your comments on the following questions.

1. Should the federal government give states greater flexibility to consider assets, including substantial home equity, when determining eligibility for long-term care coverage through the Medicaid program? Why or why not?
2. Please provide examples of barriers to effective Medicaid estate recovery programs and tools that might help states in this area.
3. Should state and federal governments encourage middle-income Americans to anticipate and plan for their future long-term care needs, instead of relying on Medicaid, a safety net for the poor? Why or why not?
4. Do you consider Medicaid estate planning to be a significant problem that takes resources from the truly needy in your state? Please explain and provide examples.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please provide a response to this letter by October 17, 2012. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Mike Thompson in Rep. Charles Boustany's office at 202-225-2031."

**From:** [Rebecca Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Amicus Brief Update  
**Date:** Friday, February 03, 2012 10:57:00 AM

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Thanks.

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
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**Subject:** FW: Amicus Brief Update  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Amicus Brief Update  
**Importance:** High

All:

Please find the updated Amicus Brief documents. A summary and initial draft is attached.

This will be discussed by Martin Kent, COS to Gov. McDonnell on today's Chief of Staff RGPPC COS call at 3 PM EDT.

To confirm on process, the goal is for RGPPC to be named as joining the amicus, as will Governor McDonnell individually. Duncan Getchell of the VA AG office will sign as a SCOTUS admitted attorney. The case will be styled as shown in the attached summary.

**What we need from you:**

1. **Legal teams and General Counsels:** Sign off that a majority of our governors are comfortable with RGPPC being named as joining the amicus. Questions or concerns regarding the legal brief should be directed to *Martin Kent, COS to Gov Bob McDonnell, or Matt Conrad, Deputy COS to Gov McDonnell*. **Please respond to Marie at [MSanderson@rgppc.org](mailto:MSanderson@rgppc.org) once you are comfortable from your state.**

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2. **Healthcare advisors and Action Officers:** We need additional data. Please find attached a document summarizing state mandates and burdens from PPACA. Additional thoughts are

welcome and data is encouraged. You may send that information to Marie to be incorporated at [REDACTED]

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter. About twice a year we have an important issue we need to turn around quickly—this is one of them. We appreciate your patience.

Best,  
Marie

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**Subject:** RE: Congressional Exchange letter being written to Governors  
**Date:** Friday, June 29, 2012 9:43:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [CongressLettertoNGA\\_062912.pdf](#)

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Healthcare Advisors and Action Officers:

Please find attached the final Congressional letter regarding exchanges with signatures. I'm told your bosses will be receiving copies either individually or through NGA.

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**Cc:** Lindsay Russell  
**Subject:** Congressional Exchange letter being written to Governors

Healthcare Advisors  
CC: Action Officers

I wanted to make you aware of the following letter that is being drafted on Capitol Hill to governors asking them not to implement state exchanges. I've asked this group to provide rgppc with a copy as soon as it is ready so none of you- or your bosses- are blindsighted. Please see text below.

-MTS

Congresswoman Bachmann and Congressman Jordan will be sending a letter (found below) to the National Governors Association urging each governor not to implement the state exchanges found in ObamaCare. Senator DeMint is spearheading the exact same letter in the Senate and we will be sending the House and Senate version together today ([current co-signers in the Senate: DeMint, Lee, Ron Johnson, Graham, Cornyn, Coburn, Sessions, Thune, Vitter, Paul](#)).

June 29, 2012

National Governors Association  
Hall of States  
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Dear Governors:

The Supreme Court has ruled significant parts of the Medicaid expansion of the President's health care law unconstitutional as well as ruling that the individual mandate violated the Commerce Clause and will therefore be implemented as a punitive tax on the middle class. This presents us with a critical choice: Do we allow this reprehensible law to move forward or do we fully repeal it and start over with commonsense solutions? The American people have made it clear that they want us to throw this law out in its entirety.

As members of the U.S. Congress, we are dedicated to the full repeal of this government takeover of healthcare and we ask you to join us to oppose its implementation.

Most importantly, we encourage you to oppose any creation of a state health care exchange mandated under the President's discredited health care law.

These expensive, complex, and intrusive exchanges impose a threat to the financial stability of our already-fragile state economies with no certainty of a limit to total enrollment numbers. Resisting the implementation of exchanges is good for hiring and investment. The law's employer mandate assesses penalties - up to \$3,000 per employee - only to businesses who don't satisfy federally-approved health insurance standards and whose employees receive "premium assistance" *through the exchanges*. The clear language of the statute only permits federal premium assistance to citizens of states who create a state-based exchange. However, the IRS recently finalized a regulation that contradicts the law by allowing the federal government to provide premium assistance to citizens in those states that have not created exchanges. The IRS had no authority to finalize such a regulation. **By refusing to create an exchange, you will assist us in Congress to repeal this violation which will help lower the costs of doing business in your state**, relative to other states that keep these financially draining exchanges in place.

State-run exchanges are subject to all of the same coverage mandates and rules as the federally-run exchange. Clearing the hurdles of crafting an exchange that complies with the 600 plus pages of federal exchange regulations will only result in wasted state resources and higher premiums for your constituents.

**Implementation of this law is not inevitable and considering more than half of the American people oppose the law, it is improbable.** Join us in resisting a centralized government approach to health care reform and instead focus on solutions that make health care more affordable and accessible for every American. Let's work to create a health care system of, for, and by the people, not government or special interests.

Sincerely,

**From:** [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**To:** [Monica Block](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [DPS contact](#); [REDACTED] [@dps.state.ok.us](#); [REDACTED]; [Dana Wolpert](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Details on Aspen w/ Gov. Fallin  
**Date:** Thursday, July 19, 2012 3:54:40 PM

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Monica,

The Governor and [REDACTED] will now be arriving on 7/31, can you add that night to their room reservation? Scott Mason is no longer coming, so his room can be canceled.

I believe [REDACTED] is actually arriving on 7/30. Scotty please confirm.

Thanks!

Dana Wolpert  
Director of Scheduling  
Governor Mary Fallin  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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**From:** Monica Block [<mailto:mblock@RGA.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:37 PM  
**To:** Dana Wolpert  
**Subject:** RE: Details on Aspen w/ Gov. Fallin

Of course! Just let me know!

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**From:** Dana Wolpert [<mailto:Dana.Wolpert@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:55 PM  
**To:** Monica Block  
**Cc:** Dana Wolpert  
**Subject:** RE: Details on Aspen w/ Gov. Fallin

If the Governor decides to arrive on 7/31 instead of 8/1 are there rooms available to accommodate her and security?

Thanks!

Dana Wolpert  
Director of Scheduling  
Governor Mary Fallin  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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**From:** Monica Block [<mailto:mblock@RGA.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2012 2:44 PM  
**To:** Dana Wolpert  
**Subject:** Details on Aspen w/ Gov. Fallin

Dana,

Below is the current schedule for our event in Aspen that is coming up. Could you please review this and let me know when your Governor will arrive and depart? Also, what events can we expect her to attend? Will the Governor participate in any of the optional activities? Will the Governor agree to co-host one of the parlors? I've highlighted the panel we would like the Governor to speak on, can you confirm she will speak on that?

I have a hotel room for the Governor (is the First Gentleman coming?), Scott Mason, Glenn Coffee, and [REDACTED] all arriving on 08.01.12 and departing on 08.03.12. And of course [REDACTED] arriving on 07.31.12 and departing on 08.03.12 As an FYI, this is a much more intimate event than any of our others, and we will have specific tables for staff to use at all of the meals or panels.

Thank you for your help!

Let me know if you need anything else!

Sincerely,  
Monica

**REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING  
August 1 – 2, 2012  
Aspen, Colorado**

**AGENDA**  
*As of 7/16/12*

**ATTENDING GOVERNORS**

Governor Bob McDonnell, Virginia, RGA Chairman  
Governor Chris Christie, New Jersey, RGA Vice Chairman

Governor Jan Brewer, Arizona  
**Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma**  
Governor Nikki Haley, South Carolina  
Governor Gary Herbert, Utah  
Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana  
Governor Susana Martinez, New Mexico  
Governor Matt Mead, Wyoming  
Governor Rick Perry, Texas  
Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin

**ATTENDING 2012 CANDIDATES**  
The Honorable Rick Hill, Montana  
Attorney General Rob McKenna, Washington

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**Governors**

**The Aspen Institute: A Conversation with Republican**

*The 2012 Aspen Institute McCloskey Speaker Series welcomes Republican governors in conversation with Aspen Institute President and CEO Walter Isaacson.*

*Location: The Aspen Institute – Greenwald Pavilion  
1000 North Third Street  
Aspen, CO 81611*

*Speakers: Governor Bob McDonnell, Virginia, RGA  
Chairman*

*Governor Nikki Haley, South Carolina  
Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana  
Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin  
Governor Chris Christie, New Jersey, RGA Vice*

*Chairman*

*(requested)*

*The Honorable Walter Isaacson, President and  
CEO,*

*The Aspen Institute, Washington, DC*

**7:30 PM**

**Welcome Reception & Dinner**

*Executive Roundtable members and governors will enjoy a cocktail reception and dinner at the third Executive Roundtable Quarterly Meeting of the year.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Fountain Courtyard*

*Speakers: Governor Rick Perry, Texas (requested)  
Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin (requested)  
Fred Malek, Founder and Chairman, Thayer  
Lodging*

*Group, McLean, VA; Executive Roundtable  
Chairman (requested)*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**Breakfast and 2012 Political Update**

*RGA Executive Director Phil Cox will provide a political update on the 2012 election cycle, and attending gubernatorial candidates will be recognized and deliver brief remarks.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Astor II*

*Speakers: Phil Cox, RGA Executive Director  
The Honorable Rick Hill, 2012 Candidate for*

*Governor,*

*Montana (requested)*

*Attorney General Rob McKenna, 2012 Candidate*

*for*

*Governor, Washington (requested)*

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

**Panel Discussion I: What's Next? Obamacare After the SCOTUS**

**Decision**

*On June 28, the Supreme Court ruled on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) upholding the individual mandate as a tax, but limiting the power of the federal government to coerce state Medicaid expansions. Regarding the Medicaid expansion, the court ruled that the government could not compel states to expand Medicaid by threatening to withhold federal money to existing Medicaid programs. This presents an opportunity for governors to opt out of the expansion without losing their existing share of federal Medicaid funding. Within hours of the decision, Republican governors in several states said they were likely to oppose expanding the program. In addition to the Medicaid piece, governors must also decide whether to establish a state-administered health insurance exchange. This panel examines the decisions confronting governors, along with the remaining political, regulatory and legal uncertainties surrounding the law and its impact on businesses.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Astor II*

*Speakers: Governor Gary Herbert, Utah (requested)  
Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana (requested)  
Michael Neidorff, Chairman and CEO, Centene Corporation, St. Louis, MO (confirmed)  
Dr. George Rapier, Chairman and CEO, WellMed*

*Medical*

*Management, Inc., San Antonio, TX  
(requested)*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Panel Discussion II: State Solutions: Economic Growth in the Obama Era**

*Republican governors are providing a clear contrast to the failed economic policies of the Obama administration. Under President Obama, the nation has endured 41 consecutive months with the unemployment rate over 8 percent and the most recent quarter was the worst quarter of job creation in 2 years. Despite the national headwinds, GOP-led states are experiencing economic success. States with Republican governors are adding jobs at a faster pace than their Democratic counterparts and states that elected new Republican governors in 2010 have seen their unemployment rates drop nearly 50 percent more than states with new Democratic governors. Instead of emulating the policies of Republican governors which encourage entrepreneurship and job creators, the Obama administration continues to impede upon the states with overregulation and the threat of higher taxes. This panel explores how governors can work with business leaders to ensure the private sector adds jobs despite the federal government's overreach.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Astor II*

*Speakers: Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma (requested)  
Governor Rick Perry, Texas (requested)*

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

**Luncheon: Governors' Races and the 2012 Battlegrounds**

*With 11 states holding governors' races this November, the RGA is in position to expand its majority and make a major impact on the 2012 elections. Many of the states where RGA will engage are also critical Presidential and Senate battleground states. As shown in the Wisconsin recall election, the RGA and ideologically-aligned groups are able to work together, and their efforts benefit candidates up and down the ballot. This panel will explore the 2012 political landscape and the interplay between gubernatorial and federal races.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort – Fountain Courtyard*

*Speakers: Phil Cox, RGA Executive Director  
Ed Gillespie, Founder, Ed Gillespie Strategies;  
Senior Advisor,*

*Romney for President; Chairman, RSLC;  
Former Chairman, RNC; Former  
Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia,  
Alexandria, VA*

*Karl Rove, Former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior  
Advisor*

*to President George W. Bush; Author,  
Courage and Consequence; Fox News  
Contributor; Wall Street Journal Columnist,  
Washington, DC*

**1:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

#### ***Optional Activities with Governors***

*Participants will have the opportunity to participate in one of three optional activities: clay target shooting with Wyoming Governor Matt Mead, fly fishing with Texas Governor Rick Perry, or a wilderness hike with RGA Chairman, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell. Please note: activities will be available at an additional cost to participants. Please refer to the separate Optional Aspen Activities Response Form to reserve your place.*

*Location: Off-site; Departing from The St. Regis Aspen Resort*

**5:45 PM – 6:30 PM**

#### ***Governors Parlors***

*Please join our Republican governors for a newly created reception opportunity to mix and mingle in a more intimate setting before we depart for Pine Creek Cookhouse. Each of the two parlors will host three to four governors, and attendees are welcome and encouraged to visit both parlors.*

*Location: The St. Regis Aspen Resort*

**7:00 PM**

#### ***Reception & Dinner***

*Executive Roundtable members and governors will enjoy a farewell cocktail reception and dinner at the third Executive Roundtable Quarterly Meeting of the year.*

*Location: Pine Creek Cookhouse  
11399 Castle Creek Road  
Aspen, CO 81611*

*Speakers: Governor Chris Christie, New Jersey, RGA Vice*

*Chairman*

*Governor Susana Martinez, New Mexico*

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Aspen, CO 81611

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Aspen, CO 81611

Phone: (970) 429-7625

<http://hoteljerome.rockresorts.com>

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## **ATTIRE**

Aspen Casual. Neither jackets nor ties are required for the gentlemen. For the ladies, a light jacket or wrap is recommended for the evening activities as well as flat shoes.

Monica Block

Governors Liaison

Republican Governors Association

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[mblock@rga.org](mailto:mblock@rga.org)

**From:** [Cox-Kain, Julie](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: HealthInsuranceExchangeTimelineFunding\_Memo  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011 11:03:58 PM

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I think got a call from your number this evening. Sorry if I missed your call.

One thing I may just share with you –

When Derek and Buffy scoured the budget to estimate the cost of Exchange for Oklahoma, including Medicaid enhancements and building the Exchange, the number was about half of what we had in the Early Innovator grant (roughly \$27 million...very rough). Now the OHCA can get up to a 90/10 split on the Medicaid enhancements (if integrated with the Exchange) so the pure Exchange funding would be around \$27 million less the Medicaid improvements. I don't see an estimate in Buffy and Cindy's slides from last week so I can't get a closer estimate this evening.

Julie Cox-Kain, M.P.A  
Chief Operating Officer  
Oklahoma State Department of Health

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**From:** Katie Altshuler [mailto:[Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Katie.Altshuler@gov.ok.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011 1:39 PM  
**To:** Cox-Kain, Julie  
**Subject:** FW: HealthInsuranceExchangeTimelineFunding\_Memo

If you have time please review and let me know if you have changes or additions.

Katie Altshuler, Policy Director  
Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105  
405.521.2342  
[katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov](mailto:katie.altshuler@gov.ok.gov)

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011 1:27 PM  
**To:** Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** HealthInsuranceExchangeTimelineFunding\_Memo

Here's what I have so far – needs more key dates!

**From:** [Cohan, Erin](#)  
**To:** [Reps](#)  
**Subject:** RE: HHS Releases New FAQ on Health Insurance Exchange Establishment  
**Date:** Friday, June 29, 2012 11:28:10 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Apologies – the corrected link is below.

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**From:** Quam, David [mailto:DQuam@NGA.ORG]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2012 12:24 PM  
**To:** Reps  
**Subject:** HHS Releases New FAQ on Health Insurance Exchange Establishment

To: Washington Reps and State Federal Contacts  
Re: HHS FAQs on Health Insurance Exchange Establishment

Today, HHS released FAQs regarding funding available to states under Affordable Care Act for states to establish a state-based exchange, state partnership exchange, or to prepare state systems for a federally facilitated exchange. We are providing a link here for your reference: <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/factsheets/hie-est-grant-faq-06292012.html>.

Please contact William Garner with any questions.

DCQ

**William Garner**

Legislative Director, Committee on Health and Human Services  
National Governors Association  
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**From:** [Lindsay Russell](#)  
**To:** [Lindsay Russell](#); [Seth Levey](#); [john.katz@alaska.gov](#); [russ.kelly@alaska.gov](#); [lgromis](#); [macarter32](#); [RSerote@az.gov](#); [Adam.nordstrom](#); [Rob.Jakubik](#); [bfulenwider@georgia.gov](#); [ehames@georgia.gov](#); [brandymarty03](#); [dhiowa](#); [jabot10](#); [jboeyink34](#); [travisrichmond](#); [wkloiber](#); [David.Hensley@gov.idaho.gov](#); [jkreizenbeck@gov.idaho.gov](#); [Tammy.Perkins@gov.idaho.gov](#); [Andrew.Silvestri](#); [Katie.Altshuler](#); [JamieShuster@gov.sc.gov](#); [tedpitts@gov.sc.gov](#); [hedgcockm@gov.state.la.us](#); [bob.schwaneberg@gov.state.nj.us](#); [Dona.DeLeon@gov.state.nj.us](#); [Wayne.Hasenbalg@gov.state.nj.us](#); [michael.ciamarra@governor.alabama.gov](#); [Candice.Whitfield](#); [eric.finkbeiner@governor.virginia.gov](#); [Jeannemarie.Davis@governor.virginia.gov](#); [kristi.craig@governor.virginia.gov](#); [Michael.DiSabato@governor.virginia.gov](#); [sirena.ramirez@guam.gov](#); [debbie](#); [griffin](#); [wstruble](#); [wags@la.gov](#); [Renee.Fargason@laspbs.state.fl.us](#); [kristacarmar](#); [Will.Kinzel@mail.house.gov](#); [mary.mayhew@maine.gov](#); [brandi.white@mccconnell.senate.gov](#); [Lanier.Swann@mccconnell.senate.gov](#); [blackwellr2@michigan.gov](#); [chadderdona@michigan.gov](#); [mcbrideb@michigan.gov](#); [muchmored@michigan.gov](#); [tomichz@michigan.gov](#); [Lauren.Hill@nebraska.gov](#); [brian](#); [ryan](#); [nguillemarc](#); [sarah.echols](#); [Mike.Schrimpf](#); [ts](#); [Bkanzec](#); [aparis@state.pa.us](#); [jbranstett@state.pa.us](#); [jmcallahan@state.pa.us](#); [ktartaglia@state.pa.us](#); [rebmyers@state.pa.us](#); [Jim.Soyer@state.sd.us](#); [MKennicot](#); [Mark.Cate@tn.gov](#); [Will.Cromer@tn.gov](#); [Bnut](#); [RSPENDLOVE@utah.gov](#); [EMainig](#); [bill.kloiber@wisconsin.gov](#); [Carol.Statkus@wyo.gov](#); [katyoder\\_99](#); [pipgator](#)  
**Cc:** [Marie T. Sanderson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Obamacare Anniversary Action Items  
**Date:** Monday, March 21, 2011 1:42:01 PM

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## JUST A REMINDER~

### Coordinated RGPPC Effort

The RGPPC in conjunction with the RGA would like to put out a press release of our own on Wednesday. We envision the document to have a quote from every Republican Governor about the effects that Obamacare has had on each individual state. You can lift or prepare such quotes from the actions you are already considering for next week. Please email to Mike Schrimpf by tomorrow close of business. Mike's email is [mschrimpf@rga.org](mailto:mschrimpf@rga.org). Please feel free to call or email me with any questions you have regarding this request.

Thank you for your time!

### Lindsay Russell

Public Policy Advisor

Republican Governors Association | RGPPC

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C: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [www.rga.org](http://www.rga.org)

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**From:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**To:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**Cc:** [maryfallir](#); [Alex Weintz](#); [Scott Mason](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 2:48:14 PM

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No we are not...I don't think we have enough info on our decision

On Nov 14, 2012, at 12:35 PM, "Aaron Cooper" <Aaron.Cooper@gov.ok.gov> wrote:

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- > Are you interested in this opportunity?

**From:** [Aaron Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Cc:** "[maryfallin@](#)[REDACTED]"; [Alex Weintz](#); [Scott Mason](#); [Katie Altshuler](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 2:53:12 PM

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Ok. I'll pass. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Northrup  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 02:48 PM  
To: Aaron Cooper  
Cc: maryfallin@[REDACTED] Alex Weintz; Scott Mason; Katie Altshuler  
Subject: Re: Radio request - Hugh Hewitt

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**From:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**To:** [Travis Brauer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Republican governors' statements on health care decision  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 4:47:04 PM

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Thanks!

On Jun 28, 2012, at 16:46, "Travis Brauer" <[Travis.Brauer@gov.ok.gov](mailto:Travis.Brauer@gov.ok.gov)> wrote:

Yes sir!

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 4:46 PM  
**To:** Travis Brauer  
**Subject:** Fwd: Republican governors' statements on health care decision

Can u print each statement and give to gmf?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dustin Huffman" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "Marie Sanderson" <[REDACTED]>, "Lindsay Russell" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Republican governors' statements on health care decision

All:

Attached is a document outlining what the republican governors are saying about the Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare. Please let us know if your state has released a statement that is not on the list.

Thanks,  
Dustin

Dustin Huffman  
Policy Aide  
Republican Governors Public Policy Committee | RGA  
1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 250 | Washington, DC 20006  
Office: (202) 662-4927  
Cell: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Scott Mason](#)  
**To:** [Katie Altshuler](#); [Denise Northrup](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RGA annual meeting/Federalism update  
**Date:** Sunday, November 11, 2012 7:40:48 PM

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Thanks Katie.  
Scott Mason  
Office of the Governor  
State of Oklahoma

via AT&T BlackBerry

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**From:** Katie Altshuler  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 11, 2012 07:03 PM  
**To:** Denise Northrup  
**Cc:** Scott Mason  
**Subject:** Fw: RGA annual meeting/Federalism update

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**From:** Marie Sanderson [mailto:████████████████████] ]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 11, 2012 06:54 PM  
**To:** Adam.nordstrom@cch-llc.com <Adam.nordstrom@cch-llc.com>; Andrew Silvestri; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RGA annual meeting/Federalism update

Guys—

In an effort to make you guys aware of moving parts for the Governors' meeting in Las Vegas, below is a summary of your subcommittee's report. I expect most of the policy portion to be dedicated to Obamacare and the conversations as of late, and I do not expect governors to be asked to make a subcommittee report. Nevertheless, I wanted to share with you what we have prepared for your committee. Let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Marie

**Federalism (Fallin and Brownback)**

- This subcommittee worked with the other committees to weave themes of Federalism throughout the language used in reports, letters and press releases.
- This subcommittee also has investigated potential partnerships with other organizations, such as the National Association of Counties to evaluate unfunded mandates.

Marie Thomas Sanderson  
Policy Director  
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**From:** [Lindsay Russell](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th  
**Date:** Monday, March 19, 2012 10:23:37 AM

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Nope, very different. However, it is the same process. This report is actually going to be about a replacement strategy if obamacare is overturned. Last year's principals were only on Medicaid.

Hope this is helpful,

**Lindsay Russell**

**Public Policy Advisor**

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri [<mailto:Andrew.Silvestri@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 11:21 AM  
**To:** Lindsay Russell  
**Subject:** RE: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th

Not annoying.

Aren't these the same 7 principles we did like last year?

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 10:16 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** RE: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th

Oh my goodness I know. I'm glad that we are doing the new listserv. It has got to be irritating to get all of our emails. Thanks for all of your help!

**Lindsay Russell**

**Public Policy Advisor**

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P: (202) 662-4149 | C: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

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**From:** Andrew Silvestri [<mailto:Andrew.Silvestri@gov.ok.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** Lindsay Russell  
**Subject:** RE: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th

Ok thanks – let us take a look. Sorry – lots of emails.

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 10:12 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** FW: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th  
**Importance:** High

You and Katie were on this email.

## **Lindsay Russell**

### **Public Policy Advisor**

Republican Governors Public Policy Committee | RGA  
1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 250 | Washington, DC 20006  
P: (202) 662-4149 | C: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Lindsay Russell  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 6:29 PM  
**To:** Marie Sanderson; Lindsay Russell  
**Subject:** RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th  
**Importance:** High

All:

Per our call this evening, the following email contains all the information in one place for your convenience:

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**From:** [Lindsay Russell](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Silvestri](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th  
**Date:** Monday, March 19, 2012 10:14:10 AM

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Oh my goodness I know. I'm glad that we are doing the new listserv. It has got to be irritating to get all of our emails. Thanks for all of your help!

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**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** Lindsay Russell  
**Subject:** RE: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th

Ok thanks – let us take a look. Sorry – lots of emails.

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**From:** Lindsay Russell [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 10:12 AM  
**To:** Andrew Silvestri  
**Subject:** FW: RGPPC Health Care Information, March 12th  
**Importance:** High

You and Katie were on this email.

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**To:** [Denise Northrup](#); [Scott Mason](#)  
**Cc:** [Dana Wolpert](#); [Tammie Wright](#); [Monica Houston](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Sceduling a Call  
**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2012 7:43:11 PM

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Okay, I am checking, will keep you posted.

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Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2012 07:26 PM  
To: Scott Mason  
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**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 2:56:06 PM

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**Subject:** RE: State "Flexibility???" Governors Still Waiting for An Answer...  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2011 10:32:44 AM

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More from the Hill:

### **Growing number of waivers a rallying cry for healthcare repeal**

By Jason Millman

The Hill

03/11/11 @ 06:00 AM ET

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/148891-waivers-become-rallying-cry-for-healthcare-repeal->

The 1,000-plus waivers granted by the Obama administration to a portion of the healthcare reform law have become a political liability for the White House.

Republicans are accusing the administration of rewarding Democratic allies in the labor movement with the waivers, which exempt recipients from the reform law's annual coverage limits.

They say the large number of waivers granted so far — 1,040 as of Thursday — is proof that the law is unworkable and should be repealed.

"The fact that over 1,000 waivers have been granted is a tacit admission that the healthcare law is fundamentally flawed," said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.), one of two House chairmen using their oversight powers to probe the waivers.

The drumbeat of GOP criticism has grown louder as the waiver awards have increased. Approval of waiver requests has jumped from 222 to almost 730 in December, and another 300 have been approved since then.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is in charge of implementing the healthcare reform law, says waiver requests have slowed during the past two months, but that hasn't quelled the GOP outcry.

Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) says the waivers should be made available to anyone. On Thursday he introduced legislation that would let individuals apply for exemptions to any part of the healthcare law.

"If the SEIU gets a waiver and McDonald's gets a waiver," Rogers said, "shouldn't the average person who's impacted by this get a waiver, too?"

The administration and Democratic lawmakers have rejected the Republican criticism, pointing out

that the law provides HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius the ability to offer the waivers. Democrats also deny the charges of favoritism in the process, noting that that a large number of businesses — and not just unions — have received the exemption.

The one-year waivers are typically granted to organizations that offer limited health insurance, known as “mini-med plans,” that sometimes provide as little as \$2,000 in annual coverage. The waivers are meant as a stopgap measure until new state-run health insurance exchanges open up, when the mini-med insurance plans will be phased out, HHS says.

“We don’t want to take away people’s health insurance before they have some realistic other choices,” Sebelius said in an interview with The Hill earlier this year.

The law requires a phase-out of annual dollar limits on benefits, with a minimum limit of \$750,000 in 2011. The limits gradually rise until they are completely eliminated in 2014.

The administration touts the waivers as evidence that they are showing flexibility in the implementation of the reform law. On Thursday, HHS detailed plans to let states opt out of the law to create their own reforms, and earlier this week, the department gave Maine insurers an exemption from a reform provision that restricts administrative spending.

The attempts to provide flexibility aren’t winning over Republican critics.

“Lawsuits, exemptions and exceptions are not healthcare reform,” House Ways and Means Republicans said Thursday.

The GOP scrutiny has forced Democrats into the politically awkward position of defending health plans that the law aims to eliminate. They say even the worst insurance is still better than no insurance at all.

“We’re saying until we get to the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, we’re going to let these go, because the other option is nothing,” said Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.).

The leader of Families USA, one of the White House’s strongest healthcare allies, isn’t worried about the rising number of waivers. As long as the administration is clear on waiver standards and decisions, said Families USA executive director Ron Pollack, it can continue to make the case for them.

“What’s ironic is if there were disruption [in the insurance market] ... the Republicans would complain that the legislation is too rigid,” Pollack said.

But House Republicans with significant oversight powers contend the process hasn’t been transparent. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform this week accused HHS of stalling the committee’s probe into why dozens of organizations have been denied waivers.

“The current lack of transparency lends credence to the perception that bureaucrats are picking winners and losers in a politicized environment where the winners are favored constituencies of the administration,” the Oversight panel wrote.

For its part, HHS says it already provided most of the documents to the Energy and Commerce Committee, which launched its own waiver investigation in January.

The waivers cover approximately 2.6 million people, or less than 2 percent of privately insured individuals, according to HHS.

For a complete list of waivers [click here](#).

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**From:** Marie T. Sanderson [mailto: ]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 7:24 PM

**Subject:** Fwd: State "Flexibility???" Governors Still Waiting for An Answer...

HHS has issued a notice for a press conference this afternoon on “state flexibility in implementing” the health care law. Politico [reports](#) that the news conference will discuss the release of Section 1332 waivers under the health care law. (We’ve previously outlined the non-flexibility in the health law in blog postings here and elsewhere.)

But today’s announcement misses the point in several respects. **Under current law the “flexibility” being discussed would only begin in 2017 – nearly six years from now. But governors face significant problems with the health care law TODAY – yet the Secretary has failed to respond to the requests from Washington for relief.**

The specific issue relates to maintenance of effort mandates in the health care law that prevent states from modifying or restricting their Medicaid eligibility criteria. Governors have made [multiple requests](#) for flexibility from such mandates – the earliest of which came on January 7 this year. On February 3 Secretary Sebelius [wrote to them](#) saying she was “continu[ing] to review what authority, if any, I have to waive the maintenance of effort” requirements under the health care law. However, five weeks later – and nearly 10 weeks after governors sent their initial letter – the Secretary has yet to respond substantively to this issue, notwithstanding the serious budget crises affecting many states.

The Secretary’s silence raises obvious questions:

- [Why is the HHS so focused on implementing a waiver program that won’t start until 2017 – rather than addressing governors’ request for flexibility to solve their budget crises NOW?](#)
- [It’s been more than two months since governors first wrote HHS asking the Secretary to waive the health care law’s Medicaid mandates – how much time does the Secretary need to figure out what her authority is on this issue?](#) (By point of comparison, it only took twelve days for the [Secretary to respond](#) to [Chairman Baucus’ letter](#) about the impact of H.R. 1 on Medicare Advantage – even though Democrats admitted that that bill had [no chance of passing](#).)

States are facing massive budget deficits, and new unfunded mandates totaling [at least \\$118 billion](#) thanks to the health care law. Our nation’s governors need more action from Washington than news conferences about provisions taking effect in six years – they need an end to the months-long dithering within HHS about whether or not the Secretary has the authority to offer them the assistance they seek, and they need it yesterday.

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Subject: Re: Statement of Republican Policy on HR 1473  
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011 2:00:50 PM

HR 1473 just passed the House, 260-167

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April 14, 2011

H.R. 1473, Department of Defense and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011  
Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY)

HR 1473 provides appropriations for the Department of Defense and all other federal agencies through the remainder of fiscal year 2011. The bill implements the agreement between the House, Senate and the Administration for completing action on all FY 2011 appropriations.

Total non-emergency discretionary budget authority for Fiscal Year 2011, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office will be \$1 050 trillion. This is \$38 billion below the level provided in the continuing resolution enacted by the Democrats at the end of last year. It includes \$13 billion in reductions already enacted into law since March 4, 2011, plus nearly \$27 billion in additional new spending cuts. Total Budget Authority will be \$78.5 billion below President Obama's discretionary budget request for Fiscal Year 2011. The Congressional Budget Office score for the bill is available here: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc121473.pdf>

HR 1473 turns around the trajectory of Washington's unsustainable spending binge best symbolized by the Democrats' failed stimulus bill of 2009. By demonstrating that our political system is capable of reining in uncontrolled spending, it sends a signal to job creators in the private sector that government will not continue to grow at a rate crowding out private investment and making tax increases inevitable. It also sets the table for reducing spending in the future. Removing nearly \$40 billion in spending from the federal ledger in FY 2011 compounds to \$315 billion in savings over the next decade compared to CBO's baseline projections for discretionary spending, according to the Republican staff of the Senate Budget Committee.

At the account level, the bill challenges the notion that government programs are immortal by terminating more than 55 of them, including 40 ineffective programs at the Department of Education. The bill cuts spending at the Environmental Protection Agency by 16 percent, and reduces spending on Congressional staff and office expenses in the House of Representatives by 5 percent. The bill cuts \$2.9 billion from high-speed rail projects. Other cuts include \$377 million from the U.S. contribution to the United Nations and other international organizations, and a \$130 million cut to international banks and financial institutions. A list of all the cuts may be viewed here: <http://appropriations.house.gov/files/41211ProgramCutsListFinalFY2011ICR.pdf>

In addition to these important savings, the bill also ensures that our troops will be paid. The bill provides base funding for the Department of Defense of \$513 billion, a \$5 billion increase over last year's level. The bill also provides \$157.8 billion in emergency funding for the Global War on Terror, supporting our operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places where American troops are facing hostile fire.

Important policy provisions will also be enacted under HR 1473. The Administration will be blocked from closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and from bringing any of the detainees there to the Continental United States. The District of Columbia will be prevented from using any congressionally appropriated funds (no matter what the original source) to pay for abortions, and the Senate and House will hold separate votes on ending federal funding for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates.

The bill begins to repeal elements of Obamacare, rescinding \$2.2 billion of the \$6 billion in startup funds provided to the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program that some observers have characterized as "a back door to a public plan flying under a different flag." The bill also repeals section 10108 "free choice" vouchers subsidizing insurance purchases on government-created health care exchanges for persons with incomes up to 400% of poverty. It also blocks increased hiring by the IRS requested by the President to enforce Obamacare's individual mandate and other revenue provisions. In addition, the House and Senate will also take a separate vote on defunding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) and the health care provisions of the related reconciliation act, PL 111-152.

Adoption of HR 1473 will demonstrate that elections have consequences, and that our government is finally listening to the American people. Members are urged to support HR 1473.

Provided by House Republican Leadership and the House Appropriations Committee.

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The Oklahoma Health Care Authority estimates that the Obamacare Medicaid expansion will cost an additional \$4.6 billion in state and federal funding and will add 250,000 new Oklahoman's to the Medicaid rolls from 2014-2020.

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**From:** Alex Weintz  
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**Cc:** Jon Thompson; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's health care release

Thanks. yes, Katie is working on it. sorry for the confusion

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P.S. Katie is our contact, so looks like she's already fully looped in.

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**To:** 'Alex Weintz'  
**Cc:** Jon Thompson; Katie Altshuler  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's health care release

Our policy folks had been working with someone in your policy shop on this. I'll find out who.

It's my understanding that it's difficult for you to compile the data because of the way things are administered there, but that you will be sending us something shortly.

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Hey guys – were you waiting on me to send OK stats or did you contact someone else in our office or in state government?

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Good afternoon –

I wanted to share with you a draft release that the RGA will send out tomorrow, when the Supreme Court focuses on the Medicaid portions of the health care law. The draft below is still missing a number of states' stats, but we expect most every state to send us their numbers by COB today.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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## **GOP Governors Detail the Cost of Obamacare on the States**

As the Supreme Court today hears arguments about the impact upon the states of expanding Medicaid, the Republican Governors Association released information from X states highlighting the

costs of expanding Medicaid and implementing the health care law.

“President Obama’s federal health care takeover was enacted by Democrats in Congress over the objection of governors and with little regard for the costs to the states,” said RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell. “The federal health care law shifts billions of dollars in unfunded, long-term costs to state governments while restricting the ability of governors to craft Medicaid solutions for the citizens of their states. This one-size-fits-all approach is yet another reason why the health care law needs to be replaced, and Republican governors have offered a blueprint for true reform. The current law is simply unaffordable, unsustainable and unworkable.”

**Costs to the States:**

**Alabama**

The implementation of Obamacare will increase the costs of state government immediately and in the near future.

The overall Medicaid budget alone is expected to increase from \$6.3 Billion in 2012 to \$13.2 Billion at the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year.

**Medicaid Expansion Details**

- By 2014, Alabama expects to add up to 534,000 new enrollees to Medicaid. This is due to mandated eligibility to anyone under age 65 who has an income of less than 133% of the federal poverty level.
- Alabama is also required to provide subsidies to adults earning between 134% and 400% and children with incomes between 301% and 400%. This expansion would increase Medicaid eligibility from the current 21% of the state’s population to about 40% of the population.
- Nearly 1,000 new primary care physicians will be needed to care for this new population.
- This cost of services for the new eligibles would initially be borne by the federal government, but that support would fade to 90% of the cost by 2020.
- HCR legislation does not provide any additional funds to the state to certify enroll and manage the new recipients.
- Administrative costs alone will require an estimated \$389 million in state funds. Eligibility system changes will be required to add new enrollees, to differentiate between those eligible under new vs. previous rules (each with different matching rates) and to allow information to flow back and forth between subsidy plans and Medicaid.

**Alaska**

Alaska continues to be hampered in its efforts to manage the costs of its Medicaid program and continues to see Medicaid population increases. For the first time in recent history the Budget of the Department of Health and Social Services (Medicaid Authority) has surpassed that of the

Department of Education and is projected to continue to grow ahead of inflation.

For FY2013 it is projected that Alaska will need an additional \$45 million in state general funds to cope with program growth and another \$129 million in state general funds to offset the loss of enhanced federal Medicaid funding. Alaska continues to be faced with substantial growth in Medicaid caseloads and utilization and forecasts an over 20 percent increase in Medicaid state general fund expenditures.

The State of Alaska continues to narrow projections on estimating the total cost of the ACA over the long term. However, a June 2010 preliminary analysis of the Medicaid impacts reflects that cumulative state general fund spending will increase by \$100M million, through 2020. While direct care spending in the early years is offset by increased federal match rates, spending in later years paints an even more concerning picture for Alaska's future and the ever increasing impact of Medicaid expansion on the State budget while oil throughput continues to decline.

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**Arizona, Gov Brewer**

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**Florida, Gov Scott**

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**Georgia**

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The projected impact of the Medicaid expansion in Georgia is significant. In January 2014, an estimated 650,000 additional members will be added to our state Medicaid and CHIP programs. This federally mandated expansion will increase state spending by at least \$2.4 billion between FY2010-FY2020 alone. That said, the cost could soar substantially higher because there are more federal regulations to come and initial spending could spike because of the pent-up demand of new members. The Georgia Department of Community Health is continually reassessing the impact of the Medicaid expansion mandate.

**Idaho**

Idaho estimates between 150,000 and 200,000 new eligibles could be added to the Medicaid caseload when new expansion rules are implemented which could mean a 40-percent increase in participation compared to Idaho's current caseloads. The overall Medicaid benefit cost attributed to PPACA Medicaid provisions in the State of Idaho is conservatively estimated to be \$228 million in State funds by 2020. In preparation for the PPACA 2014 changes, Medicaid system readiness is estimated to cost \$34.8 million, of which Idaho's share will be \$3.48 million.

Idaho is purposely holding off on changes related to the Medicaid expansion requirement because of the uncertainty surrounding the Supreme Court's decision, 2012 elections and State legislative decisions which could drastically impact how Medicaid expansion is implemented and designed. The State anticipates the cost to meet the new Medicaid expansion requirement will be approximately \$9 million. That does not include the cost of operational and personnel needs related to the expansion.

In addition, the limited nature of the federal timelines and lack of final rules has forced Idaho to design a phased approach to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding Medicaid. Idaho is working on modernization, expansion and connection phases – all of which depend on the Supreme Court decision and 2012 elections.

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**Indiana, Gov Daniels**

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**Iowa**

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As recently as eight years ago, Iowa spent less than \$2.5 billion in total Medicaid expenditures. Total Medicaid spending in Iowa now approaches \$4 billion and accounts for more than 15% of Iowa General Fund expenditures.

When we entered office in January 2011, we were faced with replacing \$540 million in one-time money that was used to fund the on-going Medicaid entitlement. Medicaid remains a complex funding source for health care that we manage very carefully.

It is anticipated that the federal takeover of health care under the Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid enrollment by at least 150,000 people in Iowa. In 2014, the first year of implementation, our Medicaid population will grow from 400,000 to more than 550,000 covered lives in a state where our population is just over 3 million people. The total cost of this expansion is estimated to be between \$180 to \$818 million (with mid-point estimate of \$255 million) in the first year, with the state picking up an increasing share of this cost over time. The uncertainty surrounding the wide range of potential costs is alone cause for concern.

Despite the federally mandated expansion of the Medicaid program, Iowa and other states will have less flexibility than ever before to effectively and efficiently manage this entitlement that is vital for so many of our vulnerable citizens. Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements continue to tie the hands of state policymakers, forcing a continual squeeze on health care providers and diverting benefits from those who need them most.

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**Kansas**

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Without flexibility to reform Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce costs, Kansas will continue to see increases in Medicaid spending. Kansas' Medicaid budget has ballooned from \$2.4 billion in 2008, at the onset of federally mandated maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements, to what will reach nearly \$3 billion in 2013 without reforms. In the same period, enrollment will have increased from 293,000 to almost 400,000 -- all before the mandated PPACA expansion.

An example of the rigidity of the MOE requirements in the ARRA, and extended by PPACA, is the federal response to the Kansas Legislature's move in 2010 to adjust family premiums in the CHIP program by \$40 a month. CMS did not approve it, citing MOE. Instead, HHS offered an option to raise premiums that would have amounted to about 50 cents per month on a typical premium.

Kansas has proposed to acquire the flexibility it needs to remake Medicaid in a two-track Section 1115 demonstration project. The first track will address authorities needed to implement KanCare, an integrated, person-centered care coordination model that will incorporate nearly all Medicaid and CHIP populations and services, including long term services and supports. The second track proposes a global waiver, more specifically an outcomes-based Medicaid and CHIP program under a per capita block grant, fundamentally redefining the federal-state relationship in Medicaid and providing a model for reform that honors the program's statutory goal of improving the health of Americans in the greatest need.

**Louisiana**

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**Maine**

! Maine's Medicaid program has experienced an increase in enrollment from 314,000 in June 2009 to 336,000 in June, 2010, and total spending in Maine's Medicaid program has increased by over one billion dollars since 2002. Over the last several years, Medicaid rates for healthcare providers have also been repeatedly cut to address the ongoing financial shortfalls in Medicaid as a result of increasing enrollment and utilization. As a result of these reductions, some Maine physicians have closed their practices to Medicaid patients significantly reducing access to primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. All of the above challenges will be exacerbated by ACA. As Maine struggles to confront a shortfall of more than \$800 million in the next biennial budget and the requirement to adopt a balanced budget, it is imperative that the Governor and the Legislature have the necessary flexibility to comprehensively manage the Medicaid program and to make necessary changes to effectively reduce total spending in the program.

**Michigan, Gov Snyder**

Will not be responding or providing any information

**Mississippi**

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The overall cost to implement PPACA in Mississippi is estimated to be \$1.7 billion over the next ten years, including an additional \$443 million in year ten.

**Nebraska**

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In addition, based upon preliminary professional consultant projections, the State of Nebraska estimates that it will cost anywhere from \$61.4 million to \$86.9 million to build a Health Insurance Exchange in Nebraska. Due to the changing nature of the health insurance exchange project and the instability of the federal government's promulgation of final rules and regulations, the State projects that a state exchange annual operating budget would be \$17.5 million per year starting in 2016.

**Nevada, Gov Sandoval**

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**New Jersey, Gov Christie**

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**New Mexico**

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With the implementation of Obamacare, New Mexico is poised to add an additional 130,000 – 175,000 individuals to the Medicaid program with an additional cost of \$300 million - \$600 million between 2014 and 2019.

**North Dakota, Gov Dalrymple**

**Ohio, Gov Kasich**

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**Oklahoma, Gov Fallin**

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**Pennsylvania, Gov Corbett**

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**South Carolina**

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Medicaid enrollment will increase by 54% or 510,000 individuals in 2015 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. 176,000 of these persons will drop private insurance to go on Medicaid. The additional costs to state taxpayers between State Fiscal Year 2014 and State Fiscal Year 2020 ranges from \$1.15 billion to \$2.5 billion dollars depending on assumptions of participation rate and increases in physician fees resulting from physician shortages created by the new law.

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**South Dakota**

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**Tennessee**

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Tennessee's Medicaid program is continuing to experience budgetary challenges in the coming fiscal year, as state revenues continue their slow climb back to pre-recession levels. Unfortunately, the MOE requirements limit the flexibility needed to make important changes to the program as we deal with such issues. For instance, TennCare could save \$16 million alone just by modifying nursing facility level of care requirements that would bring Tennessee in line with the criteria of other states and rebalance its long-term care system in order to serve more people with lesser levels of need in more cost-effective home and community-based settings while targeting the more expensive long-term care services to persons with higher acuity of need. However, we have yet to receive approval to make such a change.

At a time when Tennessee is already facing budget difficulties and the ACA is expected to cost the state in excess of \$1.5 billion over five years, we must have the flexibility necessary to make common sense adjustments to the program.

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**Texas**

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Medicaid is consistently one of the biggest expenses all states face. It accounts for a quarter of the state budget in Texas. The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid without reforming the program.

ACA will increase Medicaid enrollment in Texas by nearly 2 million people and cost the state \$27 billion over 10 years.

States have received little federal guidance on key ACA provisions, including the primary care rate increases which is required starting in 2013. Additionally, guidance is needed on Medicaid Benchmark Benefits, eligibility changes, FMAP methodology and numerous other provisions.

Lack of timely guidance makes it impossible for states to effectively plan for the mushrooming Medicaid caseloads that the law will create. HHSC needs final, detailed guidance from the federal government to determine the full impact of certain ACA provisions on the Texas

Medicaid and CHIP programs, and to make federally-required changes.

ACA does not recognize states' unique needs and prevents each state from tailoring its Medicaid and CHIP programs in accordance with the intent of its elected and appointed representatives.

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**Utah, Gov Herbert**

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**Virginia**

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The Commonwealth of Virginia has estimated the Medicaid cost of federal health reform to the State to be between \$1.5 and \$2.2 billion through 2022. These estimates have not been updated since August 2010, but because of the length of the recession and the current pace of economic growth, along with other developments in our understanding of the full impact of PPACA, the higher end of the cost range seems more realistic. For example, in a study completed for Medicaid Health Plans of America, Milliman, Inc. has estimated that the PPACA-mandated tax on health insurance companies, which did not exclude Medicaid health plans, will cost Virginia, a heavily managed Medicaid state, approximately \$430 - \$500 million through 2023; this was not included in Virginia's 2010 estimates of the PPACA cost, meaning this \$430 - \$500 million would be *in addition to* the \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion already estimated. Virginia is in the process of re-estimating impacts in preparation for the 2012 Medicaid forecast due in the fall of 2012. At that time, the estimates should better reflect the current economic environment in Virginia, and reflect a better understanding of the PPACA impact based on subsequent analysis and federal guidance that was not available for the 2010 estimates."

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**Wisconsin, Gov Walker**

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**Wyoming**

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The costs of maintaining our Medicaid program are fast becoming a serious threat to our state general funds. The 2013-2014 biennial budget for Medicaid in Wyoming includes \$560 million in state general fund dollars. This is just the cost to provide care to the current population of approximately 76,000 enrollees. A study of Wyoming impacts from PPACA conducted by The Lewin Group in 2010 estimates an additional 31,000 enrollees due to the Medicaid expansion in 2014 – an increase of over 40%. It is difficult to estimate what the fiscal impact of this huge bolus of new enrollees will be. The State legislature commissioned a Medicaid Cost Study in 2011 and we expect findings in mid-2012. We do know, however, that the cost of implementing a new eligibility and enrollment system for Medicaid will cost over \$3.5 million in state general funds after the 90/10 federal match.

The larger and more detrimental impact of the implementation of PPACA is likely to be to our private health insurance markets. An actuarial study of our small group and individual markets conducted by Gorman Actuarial, LLC in 2011 indicates that we can expect premiums to go up an average of 30% to 40% in the individual market due solely to new insurance regulations effective in 2014. When you add the projected impact of higher morbidity of new entrants into the market and essential benefit mandates, we can expect overall 40% to 60% increases in premiums in the individual market.

Given that Wyoming already has a higher percentage of small employers that self-insure than other states, it's not unreasonable to expect a number of small employers to stop providing insured coverage and either move their employees to the individual market or to self-insure to avoid regulation. During recent town hall meetings, a number of small employers indicated that it would be cheaper for them to pay the PPACA penalties for not providing coverage than it will be to continue to provide coverage. The Lewin Group estimates a net loss of over 8,000 covered lives in the employer sponsored insurance market.

With all the changes in PPACA, Gorman Actuarial estimates over 41,000 people in Wyoming will remain uninsured by 2016. This represents about half of the 83,000 people currently uninsured in our state.

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All,

As a further follow up to this discussion, attached is a letter from Governor Herbert to each of your bosses explaining his strong support of the Cut, Cap and Balance pledge. Governor Herbert also mentioned this on Saturday morning at the RGA business meeting as a way for us to make a stand on this issue. We're looking at the possibility of circulating a letter from the Governors to Congress to enact a Cut, Cap and Balance type provision into the negotiations. I'll be working with Marie to develop this and I'd welcome your thoughts about the best way to push this forward.

Thanks,  
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Hello all,

Following up on our conversation this morning about the Debt Ceiling and Cut, Cap, and Balance here is a nice primer from Keith Hennessey, a senior White House economic advisor during the Bush administration-

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Sometime this week the House of Representatives will consider Rep. Jason Chaffetz <[http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Zi37&m=JslBfQTYiC2beS&b=lwGy7HygZfje\\_3ZhoE8j3w](http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Zi37&m=JslBfQTYiC2beS&b=lwGy7HygZfje_3ZhoE8j3w)>' H.R. 2560, the "Cut, Cap & Balance Act" <<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Zi37&m=JslBfQTYiC2beS&b=CNP0xAJConxdmqh0vVOPIQ>>."

We are entering the arcane world of budget process, so this could be tough sledding. I will do my best to distill the essential elements and simplify it.

The key to understanding this bill is that it focuses on government spending, rather than on taxes or deficits. The bill would achieve significant deficit reduction through cutting and limiting spending, and all of its mechanisms use spending rather than deficit targets.

Surprise, surprise: the bill consists of three parts.

1. Cut - The bill provides specific numbers to limit both discretionary and mandatory spending for FY12. These numbers would drive further Congressional action this year or else force a Presidential sequester. (I explain a sequester below.) The intent of this section is to force Congress and the President to cut spending immediately.
2. Cap - The bill would establish a new enforceable limit on total federal spending as a share of the economy. The new caps are designed to phase federal spending down to just below 20% of GDP by FY17 and then hold it there through the end of a 10-year budget window in FY21. Put more simply, this is a new enforceable aggregate spending cap.
3. Balance - The bill would increase the debt limit by \$2.4 trillion after the House and Senate have passed a Balanced Budget Amendment (of a certain type).

What is a sequester?

A sequester is an automatic across-the-board proportional spending cut written into law and implemented by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). It is usually combined with some kind of budget target and designed as a backup measure to force legislative action to hit that target.

Example

Imagine there are 10 government programs that spend \$50 each. Congress passes and the President signs a law that includes a spending target of \$490, a deadline of December 31st, and an across-the-board sequester.

If new laws are not enacted by December 31 to reducing spending to \$490, then the sequester kicks in. OMB cuts all 10 programs by whatever percentage is needed to hit the target. In this case, each \$50 program is cut by 2%, to \$49, to hit the aggregate spending target.

If the new law were to exempt five of the 10 programs from the sequester, then the remaining programs would be subject to a 4% cut to hit the same spending target.

If Congress doesn't like the results of an anticipated sequester, they can and should enact a new law before December 31 which hits \$490 in a different way. They could cut one program by 20% (\$10) and leave the other 49 programs untouched, for example.

#### Types of sequesters

There are discretionary sequesters which apply to programs that face annual appropriations.

There is a mandatory sequester, which is designed to apply to mandatory/entitlement spending.

Or you could do a spending sequester which applies to both discretionary and mandatory spending.

In March the President floated the idea of a sequester that would raise taxes as well as increase spending.

#### The challenge: exemptions

The hard part of designing a sequester mechanism is rounding up the votes for a bill that includes an automatic across-the-board cut. Members of Congress will say, "I support your spending target, and I support the hammer of creating a sequester, but I can't vote for it if the sequester would cut X. Give X an exemption from the sequester and I'll vote for your bill."

The exemptions to the sequester are the key that shapes subsequent Congressional negotiations. If your spending priorities are exempted from the sequester, then you have less incentive to cut a deal after this new law is in effect. You have leverage in the negotiations.

In addition, Members expose themselves to political risk when they vote for the creation of an across-the-board sequester. This is why all mandatory sequesters enacted so far have exempted Social Security, even though Social Security is the largest component of mandatory spending.

#### The spending limits in Cut and Cap

I support the numeric spending targets in the Cut and Cap sections. For me the most important number is "below 20% of GDP" in the cap section. I think that's the right target, and it is the primary reason I support this bill.

For comparison:

- \* Federal spending in the 50 years preceding the Obama Administration averaged 20.2% of GDP.
- \* Federal spending in 2009 hit an all-time post-WWII high of 28.5% of GDP.
- \* Under the President's original budget, it would be 23.6% this year, 22.7% in 2013, and then begin a steady climb to 24.5% of GDP at the end of the decade in 2021. Since the President didn't provide detail with his second round budget, I can't provide parallel figures for that.
- \* The 23.6% figure means federal spending will be 15% larger, measured as a share of the economy, than it has historically been.

Those extreme spending shares are the result of several factors: higher automatic stabilizer payments in a weak economy, government actions like stimulus laws and ObamaCare, and long-term entitlement spending trends that build gradually over time.

Anticipating the replies from my left-of-center friends, yes, I am willing to make whatever changes are needed to the big 3 entitlements to stay within this cap. I would rather change the nature of future government benefit promises than see the private sector shrink.

#### The sequesters in Cut and Cap

Most Members of Congress complain that automatic sequester mechanisms include programs they don't want to cut. I have the opposite complaint - the sequesters in this bill exempt too much. In particular, both the mandatory sequester in the Cut section and the across-the-board sequester in the Cap section

exclude Social Security, Medicare, military personnel, and interest costs. While military personnel costs would rank high on my list of spending priorities, I think the best sequester mechanisms apply to all non-interest spending.

In particular, we need to address spending trends in the big three entitlements. By exempting Social Security and Medicare from the sequester, this bill makes it that much harder for Congress to bite the bullet and make needed changes in both programs. It is easy to understand the legislative necessity that drove this decision, but it's a big policy mistake nonetheless.

At the same time, these sequester mechanisms are much better than past ones enacted into law, which exempted hundreds of programs from the across-the-board cut. A well-designed sequester is not supposed to be the mechanism that cuts spending. It is supposed to be the forcing mechanism that convinces Congress to make decisions to cut spending. If you exempt too much, then the incentive placed on Congress is even weaker.

#### Debt limit - Balanced Budget Amendment

It is important to understand that the debt limit increase in this bill is not just tied to any Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, but to one which meets certain parameters. The BBA must not just guarantee a balanced budget. It must also limit spending as a percent of GDP as in the Cap section of this bill, and it must raise the legislative bar for tax increases to a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate.

It might therefore be more appropriate to think of this as a "Balanced Budget through Spending Cuts Amendment."

I support balancing the budget through cutting spending rather than raising taxes. I don't feel strongly either way about whether or not this should be enshrined in the Constitution. I lean a little against, because I hate messing with the Constitution.

All that is irrelevant, however, because even if this kind of BBA did pass both Houses of Congress, it would take many years for three-fifths of the States to ratify it as an amendment to the Constitution. Federal budget problems are upon us now - we can't wait for a Balanced Budget Amendment to be ratified. While this part of the bill is useful to make a point, I fear it serves as a distraction from actually cutting spending.

Since Congress will not pass a Balanced Budget Amendment through both Houses in the next two weeks, and since this section makes a debt limit increase contingent upon such passage, I have a big problem here. That problem is solved as long as some other bill becomes law soon to increase the debt limit.

#### Summary of my views on Cut, Cap, and Balance

I recommend supporting this bill even with its significant imperfections. I place enormous value on the creation of an enforceable cap on total government spending.

#### Good

- \* Focuses on the problem I think needs to be solved: too high and too rapidly growing government spending;
- \* Cuts spending 2012 and creates a sequester to enforce those cuts;
- \* Caps federal spending below 20% of GDP and phases down to that over a few years;
- \* Creates a sequester mechanism to force spending cuts to hit those levels;
- \* The mandatory spending sequesters are far broader and therefore superior to those enacted in the past; and
- \* The form of the Balanced Budget Amendment, which would drive spending cuts rather than tax increases, is good.

#### Bad

\* The sequester exempts too much, and in particular it exempts the two largest entitlement spending programs, Social Security and Medicare. If enacted, this bill might make it legislatively harder to reform these two programs. That's a huge problem.

\* While it appears to increase the debt limit, it sets conditions that won't be met in time. This problem is solved as long as some other bill becomes law soon to increase the debt limit.

\* I lean against amending the Constitution, even for a Balanced Budget Amendment whose form I like. And the legislative reality means time spent on a BBA could be better spent trying to cut spending.

No bill is perfect. In my view, the good far outweighs the bad in this bill.