



January 10, 2014

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable John Cornyn
The Honorable John Thune
The Honorable John Barrasso
The Honorable Roy Blunt

The Honorable John Boehner
The Honorable Eric Cantor
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
The Honorable James Lankford

Sirs and Madam:

We are Republican state lawmakers from states that have joined the Health Care Compact. We request your support of our efforts to address the failure of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") by passing a Congressional resolution consenting to the Health Care Compact.

The Health Care Compact will solve the problems that have been made by the federal government's gradual takeover of the health care industry. Our agreed-upon compact reverses the decades-long intrusion of the federal government into state control over public funding and regulation of the health care system.

Federal micromanagement has led to failures that endanger our constituents: cancelled insurance policies, higher premiums, deductibles, and copayments that threaten the personal finances of millions; an embarrassing website launch that impedes them from signing up for insurance; limits on their ability to keep the doctor of their choosing, or receive care at their local hospital; and the anxiety that comes from having health care determined by unaccountable federal bureaucrats. Moreover, this federal over-reach has led to an unsustainable fiscal situation that poses a grave threat to our nation and which requires your immediate attention.

Doing nothing is no longer an option, but neither can Congress push yet another plan created and run out of Washington, D.C. The clearest remedy should address this core truth: 95% of health care is provided and consumed within a state, and that care should be regulated at the state, not federal level. **The fundamental problem with the American health care system is the centralization of decision-making power in Washington, D.C., and the Health Care Compact is the best solution to that problem.** That is why we have worked in our states to pass legislation to join the Health Care Compact.

In 2010, our states recognized that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act would be neither protective nor affordable. In predicting its failure, we decided to take action and use the tools given to us in the Constitution to form an interstate compact. We now call on you, as the GOP leadership of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, to make the consent of our Health Care Compact your top legislative priority. We can all agree that President Obama's administration failed in its attempt to reform health care from Washington D.C.; now we need your help to undertake true health care reform from the state level.

The Health Care Compact is good for our constituents, our states, and our nation. President Obama's health care policy has done more harm than good, and we stand ready, willing, and able to repair the damage, but we will need your consent.

Help us turn a Washington, D.C. failure into an American success by passing a resolution giving Congressional consent to the Health Care Compact.

Regards,

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