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## Palmetto Policy Forum

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This week, PPF staff came across a long but worthwhile read, *The Anglosphere Miracle* by British M.P. Daniel Hannan, excerpted from his new book *Inventing Freedom: How the English-Speaking People Made the Modern World*.

*"Elected parliaments, habeas corpus, free contract, equality before the law, open markets, an unrestricted press, the right to proselytize for any religion, jury trials: These things are not somehow the natural condition of an advanced society. They are specific products of a political ideology developed in the language in which you are reading these words. The fact that those ideas, and that language, have become so widespread can make us lose sight of how exceptional they were in origin.*

*"We are still experiencing the after-effects of an astonishing event. The inhabitants of a damp island at the western tip of the Eurasian landmass stumbled upon the idea that the government ought to be subject to the law, not the other way around. The rule of law created security of property and contract which, in turn, led to industrialization and modern capitalism. For the first time in the history of the species, a system grew up which, on the whole, rewarded production better than predation. That system proved to be highly adaptable. It was taken across the oceans by English-speakers, sometimes imposed by colonial administrators, sometimes carried by patriotic*

*settlers. In the old courthouse in Philadelphia, it was distilled into its purest and most sublime form as the U.S. Constitution."*

This is what we fight to save and pass to future generations. Thank you for your partnership in this momentous effort!

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During U.S. Senator Ted Cruz's historic Obamacare filibuster, he cited examples of real people struggling with the dire side effects of the federal health care takeover. Palmetto Policy Forum was honored to be on the front lines of this vital national debate, contributing the following quote, which Senator Cruz shared live on the Senate floor.

"South Carolinians are already starting to feel the front end of the shockwave as several local employers cut work schedules to part time. And we are left to imagine the ultimate decimation on the budgets of Palmetto State families as personal rates skyrocket and people are forced off their current insurance that we were promised we would be able to keep. In fact, just last week, Palmetto Policy Forum's president received a letter telling her she would be losing her private policy. And this is just the beginning of the promised "trainwreck."

## TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

This year, South Carolina's General passed a tax credit scholarship law with special needs. PPF was honored opportunity to bring Dr. Matt Ladner at a recent South Carolina Senate the scholarship program.

The leading national expert implementation of Florida's McKay Scholarships, Dr. Ladner exciting headway, being made students with special needs by enactment of this program. His

South Carolina: "More effective and more cost effective must be the driving goal in efforts to improve public education. Parental choice programs represent a crucial decentralized mechanism to achieve these goals. We need to get on with it.

Be sure to read Dr. Ladner's [blog post](#) recapping his visit to South Carolina.

To learn more about McKay Scholarships and other Florida education innovations, check out the [Transform Education report](#) that Dr. Ladner co-authored earlier this year with our own Dr. Oran Smith!

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