REPEAL & REPLACE
OBAMACARE
P.L. 111-148

A PLAN TO UNITE OPPONENTS OF THE TAKEOVER

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COALITION

Unite all groups committed to Repeal

Prospective coalition members

- Heritage Foundation
- NFIB
- CEI
- American Solutions
- Freedom Works
- U S Chamber
- Heritage Action
- CATO Institute
- NCPA
- Galen Institute
- Americans for Prosperity
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- Club for Growth
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WHAT IS OBAMACARE?

Obamacare is P.L. 111-148, signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010 after the Bill H.R. 3590 had been passed by razor-thin majorities in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

It is a takeover of U.S. health care. It is over 2,700 pages of total control over health care in the United States. It includes management, administration, employer mandates, spending, fees, penalties, individual mandates, taxes and more taxes both visible and hidden, 159 new boards and commissions, and an estimated 250,000 new Federal employees to manage the system (not included in the “budget”).

The “budget” runs to over $1 trillion and according to the CBO, will increase the annual deficit by over $100 billion. Half the $1 trillion cost is supposedly to be covered by $600 billion in Medicare cuts (which everyone knows will never happen; there is no stomach for Medicare cuts).

It gives total control of one of the most important sectors of the U.S. economy to the Federal Government. Only food, housing, transportation, and energy come close to health care in size and importance.

The Law would attempt to manage one-sixth of the U.S. economy – the largest and most complicated market in the Country, but as everyone (except the Socialists) knows “MARKETS CANNOT BE MANAGED FROM THE TOP.”

(Incidentally, Social Security and Medicare are not markets. They are programs for the young to pay for the old. Neither program attempts to manage a market; that’s not their purpose.)

The health care market – as is the case with all open markets – is managed by the individual choices of over 310 million people served by hundreds of thousands of people working in all sectors of health care.

Obamacare – even in its initial state and before it begins the process of taking effect – is known to contain flaws by the dozens, and is in the process of being amended by regulation. (The Law tacitly acknowledges the impossibility of managing our health care system when it repeats again and again that final decisions will be deferred to the Secretary, or the Health Choices Commissioner.)
In short, the Law would require much more than the 15,000 pages of the Internal Revenue Code and would never be able to manage the health care market.

Here is a summary of the horrendous consequences of Obamacare – if we allow it to stand.

- increases costs of the entire system to over $1 trillion
- increases the deficit by over $100 billion
- increases the national debt by as much as $2 trillion
- increases premiums for all health insurance
- increases taxes on everyone – individuals and businesses, $600 billion!
- decreases availability of treatment
- decreases quality and quantity of drugs
- mandates that employers buy health insurance or pay fines
- mandates that employees buy health insurance or pay fines
- 87 million will lose current insurance
- 33 million will be added to “free” Medicaid
- 11 million will lose Medicare Advantage
- massive regulations of more than 20,000 pages with as many as 250,000 new Federal employees to enforce them
WHY REPEAL IT, NOT FIX IT?

Obamacare cannot be “fixed” because its major flaw is the framework created by the Law. Many if not most of the provisions of the Law are flawed, but attempting to fix them would never be possible and the framework would be left in place.

The framework must be eliminated, because to leave the framework in place would insure the survival of the takeover.

The takeover must be averted at all costs. It would permanently damage the U.S. economy and the freedom of our people.

Obamacare is an abomination.
TRUE HEALTH CARE REFORMS

We need several reforms in our health care system.

These reforms should be accomplished by separate Bills, each addressing specific problems in the system.

These reforms would include these, and all:

- tax equity for individuals to purchase health insurance
- group plans would be available but not mandated
- insurers could sell across State lines
- insurers’ State licensing would be based on ability to pay claims
- insurers’ State licensing would not include mandated coverages
- insurance competition would be free and open
- insurers could offer a full range of deductibles and coinsurance
- insurers would offer an option of no lifetime limits
- requirement that insurers operate substandard risk pools
- prohibit cancelations except for non-payment of premiums
- require that all providers publish all their fees
- require that providers charge all the same fee for the same service
- mandate that providers cannot own insurers
- malpractice awards could not include non-economic damages
- encourage health insurance renewal discounts for healthy habits
- replace Medicaid plans with vouchers for the purchase of health insurance

Reforms are needed; a takeover is not!
WHY NOT COMBINE REPEAL with REPLACE?

It is essential that Repeal and Replace/reform be separate.

“Repeal” is one simple issue: Repeal or not repeal

“Replace” is a complicated issue with many opportunities for argument and disagreement.

THEREFORE, to combine Repeal with Replace would guarantee that Repeal would not happen.

Repeal would be dependent on agreement on a wide range of different issues, and politics would prevail.

Obamacare would stand.

The takeover would survive.
THE PLEDGE KERFUFLLE

Now, at a time when it is essential to unite in opposition to the Obamacare takeover, a major squabble has developed, pitting conservatives against moderates.

Conservatives want candidates to pledge to Repeal first, then Replace

Moderates want to combine Repeal and Replace in one Pledge

There is a simple solution to this kerfuffle.

One Pledge with two components:

Part 1
An unequivocal pledge to cosponsor a Bill to Repeal P.L. 111-148, and to vote for the Bill until it passes, no matter how long it takes.

Part 2
A pledge to support separate Bills to Replace Obamacare with needed Reforms.
WHEAT – or – CHAFF?

Those Candidates who pledge to unequivocally back Repeal - separate from Replace/Reform are deserving of our support: They are WHEAT.

They will most likely pledge to support Replace/Reform as well, but as an initiative separate from Repeal.

Those Candidates who pledge only to support Repeal as part of a package of Replacement Reforms do not really support Repeal. They know that such a tactic has zero chance of success. They may want some changes in Obamacare, but they are willing to let the Law itself stand. They are willing to live with the takeover. They are CHAFF.

We must not give any support to any candidate who does not pledge to Repeal Obamacare unconditionally.

We must only support Candidates whose Pledge to Repeal is not packaged with reforms, that is, an unconditional unequivocal Pledge.
COALITION TO SUPPORT CANDIDATES PLEDGED TO REPEAL OBAMACARE

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SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES

Coalition Members will throw full support behind Candidates who are pledged to Repeal and then enact Reforms. Such support will include:

- news releases
- advertising
- opinion pieces
- direct mail, etc.
COALITION REPEAL STRATEGY

1. Inform the people about the horrendous consequences of Obamacare. The Obamacare supporters will spend $125 million for propaganda!

2. Make the point that changing the most onerous aspects, but leaving the Law in place, would ensure that the takeover happens, to be made worse in the years ahead. Repeal first, and then pass needed reforms.

3. Form a coalition and select a leader to coordinate the efforts of all the groups working for repeal.

4. Ask all Members of Congress and all Candidates, to sign the unequivocal REPEAL Pledge.

5. Support the members/candidates who Pledge to Repeal by ads of all types leading up to the November 2nd election.

6. Oppose Members and Candidates who do not Pledge to Repeal. Oppose also those who only pledge to “Repeal & Replace,” as a package.

7. After the election, it is unlikely that the House or Senate will have the 2/3 necessary to override a veto, but will have a solid majority to defund all aspects of Obamacare while continuing to work for repeal.

8. Congress should then target the 2012 election to elect a President who favors repeal and is pledged not to veto a repeal.
VICTORY

Candidates who pledge to Repeal Obamacare will have a decided advantage in the November 2, 2010 election.

There is a good chance that each Chamber will have a majority of Repealers. This will force Obama to veto Repeal and lead eventually to Repeal, one way or the other.

INTERIM STEPS

Support defunding of any aspect of Obamacare.

However, do not support any measure that would amend P.L. 111-148. That would give the impression that the Bill can be allowed to stand.

And the Act cannot be allowed to stand.
A TWO-PART PLEDGE

Part 1

I hereby pledge to support a Bill to be introduced by September 2010 to Repeal Obamacare P.L. 111-148 in its entirely. Such Bill will be unconditional.

Further, I pledge to vote to pass this Bill in January 2011 if I am a Member of Congress at that time.

Part 2

Further, I pledge to support, to the best of my ability, true reforms of health care. These reforms would be implemented by separate Bills to be enacted prior to September 2012.

Signed and sworn this ______ day of ____________________, 2010

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Witness Member of Congress or Candidate

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Name Printed Name Printed Title (Member or Candidate)

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Address District and State