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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeff Flake **United States Senate** Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Blackburn and Senator Flake:

We, the undersigned groups and free market leaders stand in strong support of your legislation to delay the worst provisions of the Obamacare law. Your bills (H.R. 2809 and S. 1490, respectively) delay the upcoming harmful provisions of Obamacare, and would suspend all of Obamacare's costly tax increases on families and small employers. We would urge all Members of Congress to co-sponsor your legislation.

H.R. 2809/S. 1490 would delay, for one year, all Obamacare provisions that are set to go into effect in 2014. These include:

- the individual mandate and its costly surtax for non-compliance
- the employer mandate, which the President has already delayed without authority
- Medicaid expansions which taxpayers cannot afford
- the new Obamacare "exchanges" and all their subsidies to get people to enroll
- the dozens of new enforcement powers which Obamacare gives to the IRS

In addition, H.R. 2809/S. 1490 would suspend all of the tax increases contained in Obamacare. There are 20 new or higher taxes contained in Obamacare, and most of them have already gone into effect. Taxes which would be suspended include:

- the 3.8 percentage point surtax on savers, investors, and successful small employers
- new tax hikes on workplace "flex accounts" and health savings accounts
- the high medical bills tax, which falls mostly on families making less than \$90,000 per year

- the medical device tax, which raises the cost of durable medical equipment
- new taxes on prescription medicines, charitable hospitals, and a host of other health sector goods and services

Our goal remains to fully repeal, defund, and/or delay Obamacare. We're for whatever it takes. Your legislation is a great weapon to have in the arsenal as we work toward ending the unpopular Obamacare law.

Sincerely,

Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform Heather Higgins, Independent Womens' Voice Steven J. Duffield, Crossroads GPS Avik Roy, Manhattan Institute Phil Kerpen, American Commitment Brandon Arnold, National Taxpayers Union David Williams, Taxpayers Protection Alliance Ken Hoagland, Restore America's Voice Penny Nance, Concerned Women for America Peter Ferrara, National Center for Policy Analysis Amy Kremer, Tea Party Express Jim Martin, 60 Plus Association Gregory T. Angelo, Log Cabin Republicans George Landrith, Frontiers of Freedom Dr. Juliette Madrigal-Dersch, AAPS Brian Baker, Ending Spending Eric Novack, M.D., U.S. Health Freedom Coalition David Wallace, Restore America's Mission

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