

SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REPEAL OF OBAMACARE; REPEAL AND  
REPLACEMENT WITH FREE MARKET SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration and the Democrats in Congress have passed HR 3590 The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, also known as Obamacare) along a partisan, party-line vote, and this is the most sweeping expansion of government impacting 16 percent of our nation's gross domestic product; and,

WHEREAS, the result of this law will be to create a government takeover of the health care industry that will increase health care costs, raise taxes, hurt seniors, destroy jobs, reduce the quality of care that Americans will receive, restrict consumer choice, drive individuals off of private insurance, and reduce the ability of American companies to compete; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the PPACA could cause 10 million Americans who receive health insurance through their employer to lose this health insurance; in addition, CBO reports that premiums in the non-group market will increase by 10-13 percent as a result of the bill; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services will dictate what benefits insurers must offer and how much they may charge; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will increase taxes on employers deemed not to be offering adequate insurance and will increase taxes on investment income, which will reduce the capital available for job expansion, reduce economic growth, and result in fewer jobs for Americans; and,

WHEREAS, the passage of PPACA has already caused American companies billions of dollars in write-downs because these companies project higher expenses and are required by Federal regulation to disclose material impacts to their operations; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will harm seniors by cutting \$500 billion from Medicare, causing 8.5 million seniors to lose the health insurance they currently have; and,

WHEREAS, the new investment tax, at President Obama's proposed rate of 2.9 percent, would reduce household disposable income by \$17.3 billion a year; and,

WHEREAS, other new taxes imposed by PPACA will kill jobs in industries ranging from medical devices to tanning parlors; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will cost \$2.5 trillion, adding to our already huge debt, and the provisions of the law aimed at reducing health care spending address the symptoms of the costs of health care rather than the root causes of growth in spending; instead of reducing spending in health care, the bill will increase overall health spending in the U.S. by \$222 billion between now and 2019; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA uses budget gimmicks – such as delaying expensive provisions in the law and counting 10 years of taxes against six years of spending – to appear to reduce the budget deficit, when, in reality, it will increase the budget deficit, and a recent CBO report shows that the PPACA is fiscally unsustainable with unrealistic assumptions such as huge cuts in payments to doctors, hospitals and nursing homes, and will contribute to 109% of GDP debt by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, numerous corrupt back room deals, including the “Cornhusker Kickback,” “Gator Aide,” “Louisiana Purchase” and “Dodd Hospital,” were required to be added to the PPACA before it could be passed by the Senate to entice legislators to pass this terrible law; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will require the federal government to create 159 new bureaucracies and hire 16,000 new IRS agents to implement and enforce PPACA; and,

WHEREAS, the result of this law will be to create a government takeover that will increase health care costs, as well as increase funding to the abortion industry and subsidized abortions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party completely rejects PPACA and calls for the complete repeal of PPACA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party calls upon every Republican Member of Congress to commit to the 100% repeal of PPACA through cosponsorship of HR 4972, standalone legislation, and to do so, at the earliest practical opportunity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party calls upon every Republican Member of the House of Representatives to sign the Discharge Petition #11 that requires 218 signatures to require a vote on the House floor for the repeal of PPACA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to the end of avoiding top-down, command-and-control mandates, we must take measured steps to reform our health care system that will allow for frequent midcourse corrections through the passage of smaller bills to replace the PPACA with sustainable, free market solutions such as tort reform and allowing individuals to buy insurance across state lines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution the South Carolina Republican Party shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of South Carolina Delegation, and all Republican candidates for Congress as they become known.