



CONGRESSMAN GARY G. MILLER

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### **Congressman Gary Miller's Statement On House Vote to Repeal Government Takeover of Health Care**

WASHINGTON, DC – This evening, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2, the Repeal the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act, by a vote of 245-189. Following House passage, Congressman Gary Miller released the following statement:

“In November, the American people sent a message to Washington to halt the out-of-control federal spending which has exploded our national debt, prevent the imposition of massive tax hikes, and to stop the encroachment of government into their lives. This evening, House Republicans kept our Pledge to America to do just that by voting to repeal the \$2.6 trillion government takeover of health care enacted by the Democrat-led 111<sup>th</sup> Congress and President Obama.”

“ObamaCare is a prime example of how the Democrats' tax hikes, spending sprees and government mandates are hurting our economy. With unemployment hovering above 9 percent, it makes no sense to impose higher costs on our nation's employers, which will only result in lower wages and fewer workers. Unfortunately, with its \$500 billion in tax increases, burdensome IRS 1099 paperwork requirement, and penalties on employers who cannot afford to provide government-approved health insurance to employees, ObamaCare will hinder the ability of business owners to prosper and create new well-paying jobs.”

“The law also endangers senior access to care by slashing over \$500 billion from Medicare to create a new costly entitlement program that our country cannot afford. According to the actuaries at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), ObamaCare's cuts are so drastic that providers may end their participation in Medicare. The law also has an extremely negative impact on my constituents who rely on Medicare Advantage plans to meet their health care needs. As the CMS actuaries have pointed out, ObamaCare will reduce enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans by 50 percent. Forcing millions of seniors out of plans they enjoy will not reduce the cost of health care. It will however violate President Obama's promise that those who like their insurance will be able to keep it.”

“To expand health care coverage, ObamaCare depends upon a massive expansion of the broken Medicaid program. Current Medicaid beneficiaries already experience difficulties accessing primary care. Adding an additional 16 million Americans into the program, will further exacerbate this access problem and pose a significant burden on future state budgets. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that this budget-busting bill will add an astounding \$20 billion to state Medicaid costs.”

“The vast majority of my constituents have made it clear that they oppose ObamaCare. Its excessive mandates and regulations will increase the deficit, stifle job creation, and limit individual health decisions. No one doubts that our nation's health care system is in need of reform. However, ObamaCare and its cuts, mandates, tax hikes, and spending increases are the wrong prescription for our health care system and our economy. I will do all that I can to fully repeal this government takeover of our health care system and work with my colleagues to formulate solutions that enhance patient choice, encourage innovation and competition, and reign in spiraling costs.”

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