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### **ObamaCare Update: Taxpayer Dollars Will Be Used to Fund Abortions**

This week, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will provide \$160 million in taxpayer money to Pennsylvania to set up a new high-risk insurance pool that will cover any abortion that is legal in the state. Although the Majority claimed that the government-run health care bill would not lead to taxpayer-funded abortions, the law does not contain a specific, statutory prohibition in the legislation. This essentially means that there is no restriction on federal dollars from flowing to insurance plans that cover elective abortions under the state exchanges created by the legislation. The health care law also increases funding for “community health centers” by \$2.5 billion, which are not explicitly prohibited in the bill from using the funds to pay for abortions. Because of these egregious provisions, Congressman Miller has cosponsored legislation that would expressly prohibit any federal funding for abortion coverage through the government exchanges, community health centers, or any other program created or funded by the government-run health care law. He will continue to fight for the unborn and will not abandon the sanctity of human life.

### **Department of Justice Sues Arizona Over Immigration Law**

Last week, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it is challenging the Arizona immigration law. Although DOJ bases its groundless lawsuit on the Supremacy Clause, preemption, and the Commerce Clause, DOJ officials should take note that the new Arizona law mirrors federal law, which already requires aliens to register and carry their documents with them. Arizona’s law simply states that violating federal immigration law is now a state crime as well. Because illegal immigrants are by definition in violation of federal immigration laws, under the new provisions they can now be arrested by local law enforcement in Arizona. Congressman Miller finds it absurd that DOJ is suing Arizona for simply enforcing federal law while at the same time sanctuary cities are being overlooked for violating federal law. As the administration moves forward with its baseless lawsuit, Congressman Miller will continue to fight for the right of state and local governments to carry out our nation’s immigration laws. To view the letter he and several colleagues sent to Attorney General Holder, [click here](#).

### **Congressman Miller Votes to End Stimulus Propaganda**

On Wednesday, Congressman Miller voted on a motion that would have prevented tens of millions of taxpayer dollars from being spent on useless stimulus signs. These signs, which advertise projects funded by the Democrats’ so-called stimulus package, can cost taxpayers up to \$10,000 each. To date, the stimulus propaganda signs have cost American taxpayers nearly \$20 million and have not created one single job. Despite being sold as an infrastructure improvement package, less than eight percent of the stimulus funds went to infrastructure projects, and to add insult to injury, \$20 million of that is going to signs. The motion Congressman Miller voted for would prohibit funding for any additional stimulus signs, would require agencies to report on the amount already spent on signs, and would recapture those funds for taxpayers by reducing the agencies administrative expenses by an amount equal to that spent on signs. Although this motion was defeated by House Democrats, he will continue to fight against wasteful government spending.

### **New Drilling Moratorium Threatens More Jobs in the Gulf**

This week, the Obama administration announced a moratorium on deepwater drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf which will last until November 30, 2010. This knee-jerk moratorium will further hurt families and small businesses along the Gulf Coast and threatens to ruin an already devastated economy. In addition, the drilling moratorium will also make Americans more reliant on potentially unstable regimes, meaning that oil will be transported thousands of miles to the U.S. on tankers that have historically accounted for more spills than have drilling platforms. Rather than kill more American jobs, Congressman Miller believes the Administration should focus on passing a comprehensive energy bill, such as the American Energy Production and Cost Reduction Act, a bill sponsored by Congressman Miller, to reduce our nation’s costly dependence on foreign oil, boost our economy, and lower energy costs.