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# Memorandum

**Date:** February 9, 2011  
**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Curt Schroder, Member 155<sup>th</sup> Legislative District *CS*  
**RE:** Co-Sponsor Memo – Constitutional Amendment Opposing Federal Health Care Law

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Recently, the U.S. House voted to repeal the federal health care law, *the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)*. The PPACA costs the Commonwealth more than \$1 billion while raising taxes and creating an employer mandate. This comes at a time when the economy is suffering, unemployment is still at record highs and Pennsylvania is facing a multi-billion dollar budget deficit.

Government-controlled health care means that we will have less freedom to make the health care choices that are best for us and our families. A government requirement to purchase health insurance is ineffective, costly and as determined now by two federal judges, an unconstitutional infringement into an area reserved for the states in the U.S. Constitution.

This is an assault on the rights, freedoms, and liberties of all Pennsylvanians to choose their health care without limits required by the federal government. Pennsylvania needs to preserve the rights of its people, which is why I will be offering a constitutional amendment to allow Pennsylvanians to protect a citizen's right to choose his or her own health care and to purchase health insurance from the company of his or her choice. If the voters choose in favor of this amendment, Pennsylvania would not be forced to participate in the onerous, budget busting, freedom crunching federal mandate. In addition, my legislation prohibits any individual from being penalized for not purchasing federally sanctioned health insurance. Voters would have the power to decide their health care fate in accordance with the tenth amendment of the United States Constitution, "*The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people*".

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact my office by calling 783-2520 or e-mail Heather Epler @[hepler@pahousegop.com](mailto:hepler@pahousegop.com)