

**From: Rep. David Craig and Sen. Leah Vukmir,
Rep. Evan Wynn, Rep. Tyler August, Rep. Dean Knudson, Rep. Joe Knilans**

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

To: Legislative Colleagues

Re: Co-sponsorship of LRB-3495/3: relating to requiring legislation for agencies to take an action to, request federal moneys to, and use state moneys to assist the federal government to implement federal health reform.

SHORT DEADLINE: Friday, January 20, 2012

In order to preserve the legislature's authority over major decisions impacting the welfare of our state's healthcare and insurance industries, I am introducing legislation that prohibits state agencies and their employees from implementing provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or ObamaCare) without the enactment of authorizing legislation.

Instead of promulgating a rule to take an action that would implement any portion of ObamaCare, under this bill, state agencies would be required to have the LRB draft legislation that would authorize the action. That legislation must then advance through the legislative process and be enacted before the agency can take the proposed action to implement ObamaCare in the state.

The bill prohibits state agencies not only from promulgating rules but also from requesting federal grants or spending state or federal monies to implement ObamaCare unless legislation has been enacted authorizing the agency to do so.

We as legislators must act swiftly in protecting our taxpayers from this unconstitutional federal law. Regardless of what the outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision is in this matter, the legislature has an obligation to the taxpayers to ensure we have the appropriate protections in place should a pro-socialized medicine administration ever be seated.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please reply to this email or contact my office at 6-3363 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012.

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