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Senator Cunningham to Propose Legislation Protecting Missourians' Right to Choose Own Health Care Options *Proposed Measure Would Add Missouri to Growing Number of States Seeking Protection from Federal Health Care Mandates*

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jane Cunningham, R-Chesterfield, is announcing that she will introduce legislation during the 2010 session of the General Assembly designed to protect health care freedom of choice for Missourians.

Senator Cunningham and Representative Tim Jones, R-Eureka, plan to introduce legislation accompanied with a proposed state constitutional amendment that could protect Missourians from federal health care mandates and guarantee they can choose their own health care and insurance options. The proposed legislation would also protect small business owners from fines for declining to participate in government health care mandates.

Senator Cunningham's proposals would add Missouri to a list of dozens of states calling for legislation or state constitutional amendments to guard citizens against attempts to socialize health care through the "public option" health care mandate currently under consideration by Congress. Arizona already has such a measure on its 2010 ballot.

"If this measure is passed by the Legislature, Missouri voters would have an opportunity to decide if they want to send a message to Washington that participation in an insurance plan is a personal decision and a right which should not be infringed upon," Sen. Cunningham said.

For further information about Senator Jane Cunningham, you may visit her Senate website at www.senate.mo.gov/cunningham or contact her office at (573) 751-1186.

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