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## Senator Scott T. Rupp Hails Passage of "Health Care Freedom Act"

JEFFERSON CITY —Missouri voters will now be able to make their voices heard on the federal healthcare bill, as the House has approved the "Health Care Freedom Act," which puts the measure on the August ballot. Senator Rupp sponsored the bill in the Senate that includes the health care provision.

The "Health Care Freedom Act" says that, upon voter approval, no federal law will compel a patient, employer, or health care provider to participate in any government or privately run health care system, nor prohibit a patient or employer from paying directly for legal health care services.

"Instead of just sitting back and allowing the federal government to force us to join a health care plan and penalize Missourians for making certain health care choices, this will allow our citizens to vote on the issue," said Sen. Rupp. "I think the passage of this measure reaffirms the values of our democracy in that it allows the voters of our state to choose what they want for their health care."

"I took an oath to protect and defend the constitution and to protect the rights and freedoms of all Missourians," said Sen. Rupp. "I am proud to have been the Senate handler of this very important legislation that fulfills that oath."

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