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*****STATEMENT*****

Federal Judge Ruling on Obamacare First Step to a Victory for Missourians

Sen. Crowell calls for Attorney General Koster to bring healthcare lawsuit

“Today’s ruling by Virginia U.S. District Judge Hudson affirms Missouri’s law and prevents the federal government from mandating citizens to purchase healthcare or face penalties. This ruling is a victory for the freedoms this country was founded on and for the voices of Americans who were ignored by U.S. Congress in passing Obamacare.

Missourians already overwhelmingly made their voices heard on their rights being trampled by Obamacare, passing Proposition C by 71 percent this past August. Therefore, in light of today’s decision and Missourians’ response at the ballot box, I will continue my work for Missourians by introducing a Senate Resolution requiring Attorney General Koster to bring suit against the implementation of the federal healthcare law in Missouri.

No law should be able to restrict an individual’s right to make decisions concerning their healthcare. To ensure Missourians are protected from this unconstitutional federal overreach, Attorney General Koster must defend Missourians’ freedom to choose the healthcare plan of their choice without risk of punishment by the federal government.

Outside of the mandate being unconstitutional, evidence from Massachusetts’ 2006 law continues to show that mandatory healthcare does not work. Their mandate has made insurance premiums and deductibles unaffordable for individuals and families, increased state expenses, and resulted in a critical shortage of primary care physicians. This is why last year as Nancy Pelosi strong-armed through Congress this unconstitutional healthcare bill, I sponsored Senate Bill 948, prohibiting the federal government from forcing Missourians to purchase healthcare.

My resolution this year continues to focus on preventing Missourians from being unconstitutionally mandated to purchase insurance. I am confident the final word on this matter will reside with the Supreme Court of the United States and a Missouri lawsuit will give Missourians a voice and a seat at that decision table.”

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