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## State Representative Dan Flynn Announces Health Care Liberty Plan

**AUSTIN, TEXAS** - Following the passage of the federal takeover of health care, State Representative Dan Flynn (R-Van) announced a joint effort by conservative state legislators to restore health care liberty through a long-term plan of action.

Rep. Flynn stated, "ObamaCare infringes on individual liberty and encroaches on states' constitutional rights. That's why I have signed on to the Texas Conservative Coalition five-point Health Care Liberty Plan that we are pursuing beginning now through the 82nd Session, which convenes in January 2011."

The TCC Health Care Liberty Plan is:

- Continue to support Attorney General Abbott's lawsuit against the unconstitutional federal health insurance mandate
- Call on Congress to "Repeal and Replace" ObamaCare
- Pass the Health Care Freedom Act
- Support sensible state-based alternatives to federal health care
- Pass a resolution to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget

Rep. Flynn continued, "The members of the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC) are united in our resolve to restore liberty and improve health care for all Texans."

The critical first step is ensuring Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has the resources and support to pursue legal action against the federal government, challenging the constitutionality of the health insurance mandate. More than eighteen states have joined the suit, and seventy-three members of the Texas Conservative

Coalition have signed a letter of support to General Abbott, which reads in part:

"By challenging the constitutionality of the legislation, you offer fresh hope that Texans can be protected from this damaging legislation and that the framework of the US Constitution may be restored."

The Health Care Freedom Act, which is sample legislation drafted by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), is a policy priority for conservatives in the Texas Legislature. According to ALEC, the draft state legislation will:

"...will preserve and protect your right to make your own health care and health insurance choices. Specifically, it would protect your right to pay directly for medical care, and it would prohibit any individual or employer from being penalized for not purchasing government-defined health insurance."

Legislators, including Rep. Flynn, are working to draft a version of the Health Care Freedom Act for Texas.

Rep. Flynn stated: "Our efforts may well end up in federal court, but our principled fight is imperative to upholding the United States Constitution and ensuring the future fiscal solvency of our state and nation. It is time for states to reassert our constitutional rights."

Rep. Flynn concluded: "The Obama Administration and the majority in Congress have ignored the American people, choosing their own path which grows government, increases taxes, and erodes liberty. We cannot and will not let this massively-expensive, unconstitutional intrusion by the federal government stand"

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