

## **A Sovereign Statement?**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Missouri has the very unique position of being able to put its political foot forward and be the leader in taking a stand against an intrusive and ever-growing federal government by casting its vote FOR Proposition C: the Missouri Health Care Freedom Amendment. A “Yes” vote for Proposition C is a vote that supports blocking the federal government from attempting to require Missourians to purchase health insurance and to eliminate its authority to punish those without health insurance.

There are many reasons to support this measure. Probably the most disconcerting is the idea that the federal government, a living, breathing body of bureaucrats, feels it necessary to stretch its talons into your personal life and determine that you must purchase a service at all. This goes against the very life and spirit that the Constitution of the United States of America is all about. The Constitution is there as our protector against tyranny, to keep our personal freedoms sacred and to remind the federal government of what is really important: the individual. Giving the federal government the right to determine how we must spend our earned income means stripping us of our basic human right to pursue our lives as we see fit and is a sacrilege to those who gave their lives so that we can attempt to live up to this honor.

Fiscally, the Patient Protection and Affordable Act, also known as “Obamacare,” is easily the most irresponsible piece of legislation to be passed in Congress. It places an undue burden on individual states by expanding Medicaid eligibility requirements with limited financial assistance to that state. In Missouri, that means more burdens on the taxpaying citizen and more stress on our already struggling businesses right here in Camden County.

And the list goes on: the increase to our national debt which is already dangerously enormous, the threat of more doctors leaving healthcare under siege by being told how to do their jobs to suit the bureaucracy, no tort reform, no thought given to creating greater competition among insurers by allowing them to insure across state borders – all could have been addressed in a truly “affordable” act for the greater good and may have even lead to a bipartisan bill that would have been an easier pill to swallow for hardcore party enthusiasts.

In all, Congress has succeeded in creating a system of healthcare which will rival the socialized systems in Canada and England which are inadequate at best and quickly becoming bankrupt at worst.

A “Yes” vote for Proposition C is a vote FOR Missouri’s right as a sovereign state to be free from the burden of the oppressive healthcare “reform” that has made its way through our national legislature. Let’s tell Congress that Missouri is capable of making its own decisions and that we are opposed to Congress trying to force their hand on us all the way from Washington, D.C. where they know neither who we are nor what we are about.

Let’s vote “Yes” on Proposition C and exempt Missouri from Obamacare.

The Camdenton Tea Party