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Americans deserve real health care reform that prioritizes patients while also protecting individual freedoms.

The fundamental flaws of the misnamed *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* will have grave impacts on the nation for decades to come. Americans will see more than \$500 billion in tax increases during a time of economic hardship. Many of the tax increases will come to businesses and insurance companies themselves. At a time when Americans are struggling to find work, this law makes it even harder for small businesses to hire workers or give them a raise.

President Obama's namesake tax, Obamacare, forces Americans to buy governmentapproved insurance programs or else face an extra tax burden. The federal government should not force its citizens to buy a private product and then strictly mandate what is in that product. I continue to hear stories from Missourians of premiums going through the roof and deductibles doubling and tripling. People are now facing thousands of dollars in fines for not having a policy because they can't afford the inflated costs of Obamacare plans. This is just wrong. People should be allowed to make their own choices based on their needs. They do not need or want exaggerated mandates based on whatever Washington deems necessary.

I will continue working with my colleagues to relieve the American people of this burdensome tax while pushing for real reform that returns power and choice to you, the person who knows best what you and your family needs. With the bills I have cosponsored, every family will have a chance for affordable, accessible healthcare. We can do better.

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