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PA Congressmen Support Corbett Decision to Forgo Health Care Exchange

Washington-Eleven members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation issued the following statement today in support of Governor Corbett's decision to not pursue a state-based insurance exchange under the President's healthcare law. The joint statement was made by the following members: Joe Pitts (PA-16), Bill Shuster (PA-9), Jim Gerlach (PA-06), Tim Murphy (PA-18), Charlie Dent (PA-15), Glenn Thompson (PA-5), Mike Fitzpatrick (PA-08), Lou Barletta (PA-11), Tom Marino (PA-10), Mike Kelly (PA-3), and Pat Meehan (PA-7).

"We agree with Governor Corbett's decision to not pursue a state-based health insurance exchange. The President's health care law was passed nearly three years ago and yet the Department of Health and Human Services has yet to issue clear guidance to states. The Governor clearly cannot make an informed decision given the scant and tentative information the Obama Administration has provided.

"The potential costs to the state, to taxpayers, and to employers remain unknown. However, it is clear through the actions of this Administration that a state exchange would be state run in name only and real decisions would be dictated by Washington bureaucrats not made by Pennsylvanians. We fully support Governor Corbett's decision and call on President Obama and Secretary Sebelius to finally answer the critical questions governors have been asking since the law was passed in 2010."

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