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# **Reps. Issa and Walsh Introduce Constitutional Protection Act to End ObamaCare Spending Until Constitutional Challenges are Resolved**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA), Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (OGR), and Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL), a member of the OGR Subcommittee on Health Care, today announced the introduction of the *Constitutional Protection Act* – legislation that will delay the regulatory and administrative implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until federal court challenges to its Constitutionality are resolved.

“ObamaCare has twice been declared unconstitutional since it was forced through Congress just one year ago, but the Administration is moving full speed ahead on its implementation with little regard for these rulings,” Representative Issa stated. “While ObamaCare remains, at best, in Constitutional limbo, it’s beyond reckless to allow taxpayer dollars to be spent hiring new government regulators to oversee the creation of its massive and legally dubious bureaucracy. *The Constitutional Protection Act* will keep American families from losing their hard-earned money on a nonrefundable down payment for legislation that still hangs in the balance of the courts.”

“The war against ObamaCare is far from over. The battle continues in the courts, and likely will make it all the way to the Supreme Court,” said Congressman Walsh. “At a time when our country faces an unsustainable \$14 trillion debt, it is fiscally reckless to fund this morally odious and thoroughly unconstitutional piece of legislation while we wait for a final ruling.”

To date, there are two pending federal challenges to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s individual health care mandate – one from the state of Virginia and the other from Florida. Other states listed as plaintiffs in these suits include: South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Louisiana, Alabama, Michigan, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Washington, Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota, Arizona, Georgia, Alaska, Nevada, Indiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Ohio, Kansas, and Maine.

This legislation provides that only those challenges to health care reform filed in federal court before the date of the *Constitutional Protection Act’s* enactment will be eligible to delay the implementation of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its nascent regulation.

Click [here](http://issa.house.gov/images/stories/BILLS-112hr1185ih.pdf) (<http://issa.house.gov/images/stories/BILLS-112hr1185ih.pdf>) for a copy of the *Constitutional Protection Act*, H.R. 1185.