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Speaker Boehner Files Amicus Brief Supporting the Unconstitutionality of the Job-Crushing Health Care Law

WASHINGTON, DC - House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) today filed an amicus brief in support of the U.S. District Court ruling that found the job-crushing health care law unconstitutional. Speaker Boehner's brief, filed in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, GA, supports a lawsuit brought by 26 states and the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), the nation's largest small business association.

In the brief, Boehner argues that the Obama Administration, in its defense of the individual mandate, has distorted the "necessary and proper" clause of the Constitution to vastly increase congressional power, compromise the integrity of the legislative process, and undermine accountability to the American people. Speaker Boehner's original brief in the case was cited by U.S. District Court Judge Roger Vinson of Florida in his January 31, 2011 decision overturning the law.

"While we continue working to repeal the job-crushing health care law, I'm proud to stand with these states and job creators in their efforts to overturn this government takeover that is destroying jobs, increasing costs, and jeopardizing coverage for millions of Americans," Speaker Boehner said.

Earlier this year, 200 economists and experts [wrote to congressional leaders](http://www.speaker.gov/Blog/?postid=220348) (<http://www.speaker.gov/Blog/?postid=220348>) detailing how the health care law's "expensive mandates and penalties ... create major barriers to stronger job growth." The new House majority continues to pursue efforts to repeal and replace the law as part of the [Pledge to America](http://www.facebook.com/PledgeToAmerica) (<http://www.facebook.com/PledgeToAmerica>), a governing agenda built by listening to the people.

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