

Boehner Joins States' Effort to Overturn Job-Killing Health Care Law

GOP Leader Files Brief Challenging Constitutionality of Individual Mandate at Heart of ObamaCare

Washington (Nov 12) House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) filed a legal brief today backing the growing state legal revolt against the job-killing health care law, which Boehner -- a former small businessman -- and other Republicans have warned will continue to cost our economy jobs unless it is repealed and replaced.

Boehner's brief supports a lawsuit filed by 20 state attorneys general and the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), the nation's largest small business association.

"I'm proud to stand with these states and the NFIB on behalf of America's workers in the revolt against this job-killing health care law," Boehner said. *"Of course, the easiest way to prevent this health care law from costing our economy more jobs is to heed the outcry for its repeal. That's why Republicans have made a pledge to America to repeal this job-killing health care law and replace it with reforms that bring down costs and protect American jobs."*

Boehner's brief requests leave from the trial judge to file an amicus brief challenging the constitutionality of the 'individual mandate' at the heart of the job-killing health care law. In August, primary voters in Missouri rejected the mandate by a nearly 2.5-to-1 margin. Two months prior to that, House Democrats voted to reject a GOP proposal to repeal the mandate.

Earlier this week, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced his intent to file a brief backing the states' lawsuit.