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## **Burgess Statement on Supreme Court Announcement to Decide Constitutionality of Health Care Law**

**Washington, D.C.** – Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (TX-26), Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Health and Chairman of the Congressional Health Care Caucus, released the following statement on the Supreme Court’s announcement to review the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

**“Today, the Supreme Court announced their plans to take up a judicial review of the president’s health care law, the Patient and Protection Affordable Care Act, that was signed into law last March. The justices will consider if the federal government has exceeded its authority by requiring that every American obtain health insurance by 2014.**

**“The American people made it very clear – give us reform that will address the problems, and leave what is working alone. What the American people did not want was a 2,409 page bill that shatters a system working for almost two-thirds of the American people.**

**“What Congress should have done was tackle the one-third of Americans who needed help. We could have addressed and accomplished reform in stand-alone bills, and at a much lower cost. We have seen that the new health care law is not what the American people want and I am encouraged that the law will now be heard by the court and hopeful that they will overturn this government overreach.”**

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