

Subject: A Message from Congressman Mark E. Amodei
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Mr. Eric Raines
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Dear Mr. Raines:

Thank you for contacting me about your opposition to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), Pub. Law No. 111-148, commonly known as ObamaCare. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

As you know, this law mandates that all uninsured Americans purchase health insurance or face a financial penalty, creates complex regulations for health care providers and insurers, imposes unfunded mandates on states and small businesses, dramatically expands Medicaid coverage, and cuts Medicare funding, all while permitting the Obama Administration to issue waivers for those groups it chooses to exempt, raise taxes on successful individuals and some health services, and raise fees on insurance companies. The net consequence of this "reform" is higher health care costs for everyone who does not participate in government insurance programs, increased federal and state taxes for all Americans, reduced access to care, a shrinking physician population, reduced Medicare options and benefits, and lower overall quality of care.

I do believe we need to reform our health care system, but we must do so in a reasoned way. ObamaCare accomplishes none of the objectives of real health care reform—lower costs, improved care, and increased access to care for all Americans—but rather increases Americans' dependency on failed federal programs. This law must be repealed.

I am taking immediate action to ensure repeal. I have signed on to a U.S. Supreme Court amici curiae brief, along with 116 of my fellow Members of Congress and more than 103,000 supporters of the American Center for Law and Justice, arguing ObamaCare's individual mandate is unconstitutional and central to the statute, and urging the Court to strike down the entire law. I voted for H.R. 2576, which adjusts the formula for determining eligibility in federal health care programs under ObamaCare and has been enacted into law. I also voted for H.R. 358, the Protect Life Act, which prohibits funding for abortion and abortion coverage under ObamaCare, while protecting conscience rights for health care providers, and H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011, which increases the amount of health care premium subsidies that the Treasury Department can recapture from those who received too much subsidy money and reduces funding by \$8 billion for the Prevention and Public Health Fund. Again I voted in favor of H.R. 5, the Protecting Access To Health Care (PATH) Act, which would block creation of the controversial "Independent Payment Advisory Board" (IPAB) and instead offer needed medical malpractice reform to lower health care costs. Finally, I have co-sponsored H.R. 436, the Protect Medical Innovation Act, which eliminates ObamaCare's excise tax on medical devices, and I continue to look at other co-sponsorship opportunities that would nullify this destructive law.

Prior to my election, on January 19, 2011, the House passed by a vote of 245-189 H.R. 2, the Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act, which would repeal ObamaCare in its entirety. Unfortunately, the Senate rejected this proposal on a procedural motion by a vote of 47-51. My colleagues also successfully enacted a

number of laws that would repeal various ObamaCare requirements (H.R. 4, H.R. 1473, and H.R. 2055) and passed and sent to the Senate other measures that would do the same (H.Res. 9, H. Con. Res. 34, H.R. 1, H.R. 1213, H.R. 1214, H.R. 1216, and H.R. 1217). Additionally, despite the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on ObamaCare I will continue to work for patient-centered solutions, reductions in health care costs, and improving health care access for all and take every opportunity to repeal and address this mess for Nevadans in a practical way.

I appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to apprise me of your opinions and hope that you will contact me again should you have any further comments or concerns. If you would like additional information on my activities in the House, please visit my website, www.Amodei.house.gov or also at [facebook.com/MarkAmodeiNV2](https://www.facebook.com/MarkAmodeiNV2).

In closing, please know that I consider it a privilege to serve and represent you and your family in Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark E. Amodei". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark E. Amodei
Member of Congress

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