

PREAMBLE

We believe that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is not consistent with the Constitution nor Americans' fundamental rights. While PPACA is currently the law of the land, we do not believe it will protect patients or make healthcare more affordable or accessible, regardless of the decision that the United States Supreme Court will ultimately reach concerning its constitutionality.

The current American healthcare system capably delivers the highest quality of care in the world. Unfortunately, the highest quality care is not accessible or affordable to all Americans. The factor that exacerbates these disparities are perverse government-mandated programs, with inadequate support, that increase the cost of care and burden patients with expenses that do not improve outcomes, culminating in a system that is not sustainable.

We believe reforms must focus on patient-centric care that is adequately funded, offers individual choice and direction, with the opportunity to participate in a lifetime plan consistent with the freedoms of all Americans.

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