Obama Asks Supreme Court to Rule on Constitutionality of Health Care Act

Twila Brase of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom Says All Obamacare Processes Should be Stopped Until Ruling

St. Paul, Minn.—The Obama administration has asked the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of the 2010 controversial health care act and uphold the plan, also known as Obamacare.

The push is for the Supreme Court to hear one or more cases involving challenges to the law, with arguments by the spring and a decision by June, in time to land in the middle of the 2012 presidential campaign. Therefore, Obama’s recent request for judgment will take on extra significance, as the health care law will be a hot-button issue for next year’s elections.

But Obama’s request to the Supreme Court has developed unexpectedly fast and makes it all but certain that the court will soon agree to hear the facts in the cases, according to recent news reports.

Patient advocate Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, a freedom-focused, patient-centered national health care organization based in St. Paul, Minn., says in light of the request for a Supreme Court ruling, all Obamacare processes should be stopped to save precious dollars and improve the federal budget.

“There should be a big PAUSE in the entire Obamacare process,” Brase says. “Businesses are refusing to hire as a result of the law, the public is anxious about future access to care, entire professions are in flux, and federal rules are being proposed and finalized to federalize the entire health care system. This should all stop. The Administration should cease and desist all plans and initiatives to impose any and all parts of Obamacare on the public. This includes grants, committees, commissions, working groups, studies, pilot projects, IPAB, PCORI, etc. The President should declare an administrative moratorium.”
The Justice Department asked the Court to declare the key provision of the new law, requiring everyone to buy health insurance by 2014 if they can afford it, constitutional. Opponents of the law say the government has no power to compel people to buy health insurance and have vowed to repeal the law in the courts and eventually replace it through new legislation.

“Until the President agrees to repeal the law, the public should not be relieved by the fact that the President pushed for a U.S. Supreme Court decision,” Brase says. “We have not heard the President even consider undoing the law and mitigating the damage already being done to the economy, jobs, the health care industry, patient care, medical privacy and the federal budget.”

Twila Brase broadcasts a daily, 60-second radio feature, Health Freedom Minute, which brings health care issues to light for the American public. Health Freedom Minute airs on the entire American Family Radio Network, more than 150 stations nationwide. During the daily features, listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives and policies and what they can do to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy.

Brase, a public health nurse and health care freedom advocate, informs listeners of crucial health issues, such as the intrusive wellness and prevention initiatives in Obamacare, patient privacy and the need for informed consent requirements, the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” and the implications of state and federal health care reform.

Health Freedom Minute is sponsored by the Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, a freedom-focused, patient-centered national health care organization based in St. Paul, Minn. CCHF supports patient and doctor freedom, medical innovation and the right of citizens to a confidential patient-doctor relationship.

For more information about Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, visit www.cchfreedom.org.

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