Why We Are Thankful For Rich Weinstein

Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom: ‘Regular Guy’ Exposes Obamacare Proponents’ Real Agenda

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Those who know the dangers of Obamacare and the problems it has created for millions of Americans have at least one thing to be thankful for this Thanksgiving week—the fact that self-described “regular guy” Richard Weinstein did the work to expose Obamacare architect Jonathan Gruber and his true feelings about the deceptive government health care plan and the American people.

ObamaCare suffered a blow earlier this month when the financial planner from Philadelphia uncovered various videos in which Gruber admits Obamacare was pushed through by deceit, mocks the “stupidity” of Americans and boasts of the Obama administration’s ability to take advantage of voters through deception.

Twila Brase, president and co-founder of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, www.cchfreedom.org), a Minnesota-based national organization dedicated to preserving patient-centered health care and protecting patient and privacy rights, says Weinstein’s efforts were a major step forward in the further unraveling of the problem-plagued Obamacare.

“Rich is an average, actively engaged citizen who went looking for answers when his health insurance policy was cancelled and his premiums doubled,” Brase said. “What he found was an important breakthrough in exposing Obamacare for what it really is—a deceptive health care plan that is a drain on the American people. This Thanksgiving, we are thankful that the truth about Obamacare’s deceptions continues to be uncovered.”

Perhaps Weinstein’s most revealing discovery was a clip from a video of a Gruber appearance at a University of Pennsylvania health care conference, where he said that the Affordable Care Act “was written in a tortured way to make sure the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) did not score the mandate as taxes. Lack of transparency is a huge political advantage. Call it the stupidity of the America voter, or whatever.”

The Washington Post reported that Gruber said that the Obama administration passed the “‘Cadillac tax’ on high-value employer health plans ‘by mislabeling it, calling it a tax on
insurance plans rather than a tax on people, when we know it’s a tax on people who hold these insurance plans.’ Americans would not support a tax on individuals, so ‘we just tax the insurance companies, they pass on the higher prices ... it ends up being the same thing.’ The ruse, Gruber says, was ‘a very clever ... basic exploitation of the lack of economic understanding of the American voter.’”

“These very interesting enlightenments solidify the argument that the administration plans to erase the employer-sponsored tax exemption!” said Brase, who tweeted extensively about what’s been dubbed #GruberGate. Follow her on Twitter @twilabrase.

Weinstein also uncovered a clip of Gruber suggesting that states that did not create health insurance exchanges risked giving up the ACA’s subsidies. That info, according to Bloomberg.com, went straight into the King v. Burwell brief, and into a case headed to the Supreme Court.

The Obama Administration is now distancing itself from Gruber, stating he “never worked on our staff,” even though Gruber was paid nearly $400,000, is the intellectual author of the individual mandate and met with Obama and the head of the Congressional Budget Office in the Oval Office. Nancy Pelosi went one step further to say, “I don’t know who he is,” despite the fact that she has repeatedly cited him by name during Obamacare debates.

“Obamacare has been a disaster for American’s health care privacy, health care choices and health care quality,” Braise said. “This Thanksgiving, we are thankful that the deep-rooted deceits of government-run healthcare are being exposed for all Americans to see.”

Celebrating its 20th year, Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom is a patient-centered national health freedom organization based in St. Paul, Minn. CCHF exists to protect health care choices and patient privacy. CCHF sponsors the daily, 60-second radio feature, Health Freedom Minute, which airs on more than 150 stations nationwide on the American Family Radio Network and 90-plus stations on the Bott Radio Network. Listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives and steps they can take to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy.

CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase, R.N., has been called one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care” and one of “Minnesota's 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders.” Brase, a public health nurse, has been interviewed by CNN, Fox News, Minnesota Public Radio, NBC Nightly News, NBC’s Today Show, NPR, New York Public Radio, the Associated Press, Modern Healthcare, TIME, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Washington Times, among others. She is at the forefront of informing the public of crucial health issues, such as intrusive wellness and prevention initiatives in Obamacare, patient privacy, informed consent, the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” and the implications of state and federal health care reform.

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