SAY NO TO “EXCHANGE” -- OBAMACARE’S TAKEOVER CENTER

PETITION to Michigan Governor Rick Snyder

I, the undersigned citizen, oppose Governor Snyder’s plan to join with the federal government to impose a government health insurance exchange because:

• **Exchange is the “Centerpiece” of Obamacare.** On Aug 22, 2012 Governor Rick Snyder confirmed plans to install Obamacare’s “centerpiece”, a federally-run health exchange which will be used to register compliance with the PPACA mandate to purchase health insurance, share private data with the IRS, endanger small business with new penalties (up to $3,000/employee), and force people into Medicaid.

• **State Will Pay Millions of Dollars.** The cost of a state-based Exchange is estimated at $10 million to $100 million each year (Estimates for a Minnesota exchange are $40M to $80M/year). Politico Pulse reports that federal officials are planning to “work out arrangements” for running an exchange in a state (Aug 15). Thus, States will have to pay the feds. At least 28 states are refusing to install this new federal bureaucracy.

• **Exchange is a “Federal Takeover Center.”** The Exchange is a government-established entity that must follow the federal Obamacare law and federal regulations (>13,000 pages so far). For example, only certain types of health plans are allowed (no major medical plans), private data collected becomes government data (income, medical, employment, insurance status), and health plans allowed in the Exchange must offer all services determined by federal officials to be “essential benefits.”

• **Exchange will Enforce Mandate to Buy Insurance.** The IRS will use the Exchange to enforce the requirement that everyone purchase government-approved health insurance or pay a penalty-tax to the IRS. According to expert testimony, 700 pages of Obamacare are a re-write of IRS code to allow extensive, real-time data-sharing with the IRS. The IRS will use this access to track individual compliance with the mandate.

I hereby petition Governor Snyder to refuse to comply with Obamacare, and to cease plans to install a government-run health insurance exchange.

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