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***Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Applauds
Senate's First Step to Repeal Obamacare***

*Action Must Continue; Americans Deserve Fulfillment of Campaign
Promises with Timely and Full Repeal of Affordable Care Act*

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Early this morning, the U.S. Senate took the first important step toward the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

According to NBC News, the 51-48 vote, almost entirely along party lines, does not repeal Obamacare but sets “the stage for Republicans to clear the first procedural hurdle for repeal of the massive health care law.”

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, www.cchffreedom.org), a national health freedom and patient advocacy organization, has long called for the full and timely repeal of the Affordable Care Act and says that campaign promises to the American people must be kept so that health care freedom can be restored.

“The move to repeal the Affordable Care Act must proceed quickly,” said Twila Brase, president and co-founder of CCHF. “President-elect Trump can’t repeal this harmful law on his own. Congress must continue on a fast pace to send him a bill without delay. Americans harmed by the unaffordable prices under the ACA and looking forward to the promised repeal of a fatally flawed and failing government system need Congress to get this done quickly.

“Voters chose Donald Trump as the next president of the United States, and repeal of Obamacare was the first thing on his agenda,” Brase continued. “Americans ushered in a new wave of Republican control nationwide in hopes of taking the country and health care back to freedom. We look forward to the end of the Obamacare era.”

After the marathon “vote-a-rama,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in a statement, “The Senate just took an important step toward repealing and replacing Obamacare by passing the resolution that provides the legislative tools necessary to actually repeal this failed law while we move ahead with smarter health care policies,” reported NBC.

The House could vote on the bill as early as Friday.

Earlier this year, *CCHF* launched *The Wedge of Health Freedom* (www.JointheWedge.com), an initiative to transform and simplify health care in America, starting with direct payment between

patients and doctors. Once the hundreds of third-party-free doctors practicing today nationwide join **The Wedge** and are a part of the “Map of Freedom,” patients will be able to easily find them and embark on a journey back to freedom, affordability and simplicity. These [Wedge practices](#), where patients can find affordable, confidential, patient-centered care, are located in 42 states and can be found online.

CCHF is a national patient-centered health freedom organization existing to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights. For more information about **CCHF**, visit its web site at www.cchffreedom.org, its [Facebook](#) page or its Twitter feed @CCHFFreedom. For more about **The Wedge of Health Freedom**, visit www.JointheWedge.com, **The Wedge** [Facebook](#) page or follow **The Wedge** on Twitter @wedgeoffreedom.

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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.” A public health nurse, Brase 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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