

Two significant headlines concerning health care are making news today, and Twila Brase, president and co-founder of *Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, [www.cchfreedom.org](http://www.cchfreedom.org))*, a patient-centered national health freedom organization based in St. Paul, Minn., existing to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights, is available for comment on both.

## **SCOTUS Meets Today on Affordable Care Act Case**

In a meeting today, the Supreme Court justices will decide whether to hear the case, *Sissel v. Dep't of Health & Human Services*, a challenge that could harpoon the Affordable Care Act (ACA). They can grant the petition, deny the petition or postpone the decision, according to the Public CEO news service.

The plaintiff is pointing to the Constitution's Origination Clause provides that "all Bills for raising Revenue" must "originate in the House of Representatives," but it allows the Senate to "propose or concur with Amendments" to revenue-raising bills originated by the House, reports Public CEO.

*"The argument here," Brase said, "is that the ACA, which levies a tax on those who go insured, didn't start in the House, but rather, was pushed through the Senate. Despite last June's SCOTUS decision that upheld Obamacare, CCHF hopes the Supreme Court will finally see the unconstitutionality of the (Un)Affordable Care Act and save millions of Americans from having their care compromised, their privacy put into jeopardy and their wallets emptied."*

## **Junior Doctors Strike in the UK**

Thousands of UK junior doctors, equivalent to a medical residents here in the U.S., are on strike—fed up with their hours, pay and with being more of an government employee than a service to patients. According to The Guardian, "The doctors staged a 24-hour walkout on Tuesday, leading to the cancellation of around 4,000 operations and thousands of appointments." Two additional strikes are planned—a 48-hour stoppage, except for emergency care, on Jan. 26, and a full withdrawal on Feb. 10.

***“This is a prime example of what happens under government health care—when doctors are treated more like government workers on an assembly line rather than being able to care for their patients the best way they know how,” Brase said. “Doctors are no longer working for their patients. They are trapped under the thumb of hospital systems, health plans, Big Insurance and Big Government. Already, many young, brilliant minds are choosing not to enter the medical profession because of the state of health care. And if you think this same situation can’t happen here, think again. In fact, there’s already been a ‘strike’ of sorts among doctors who refuse to accept Medicaid because of the lack of reimbursement and costly and aggravating red tape.”***

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