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Supreme Court Says Today It Will Hear Its First ‘Obamacare’ Case This Spring

Twila Brase of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom Says the Development is Good News for Patient Privacy and Rights

St. Paul, Minn.—The Supreme Court announced today that it will hear its first case against President Barack Obama’s controversial health care overhaul—also known as Obamacare. The case, expected to begin in March with a decision by June, could shake the political landscape just as voters start to decide if Obama deserves another term.

Supreme Court justices said they will hear more than five hours of arguments from lawyers on the constitutionality of the requirement that individuals buy health insurance starting in 2014 or pay a penalty. Other issues within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will also be reviewed.

The White House says it is confident that the Act is constitutional and believes the Supreme Court will agree. Others aren’t so sure.

“This is great news for those who know that Obamacare is not only unconstitutional, but bad for patients, bad for doctors and bad for health care overall,” said patient advocate Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, a patient-centered national health policy organization based in St. Paul, Minn. “Our highest court will decide if this flawed plan will go forward. As an organization advocating for patients and patient-centered care, we are confident that the law’s many flaws will come to light during testimony and that our Supreme Court justices will decide—for the good of all citizens—that Obamacare isn’t right for America.”
Obamacare opponents have called the Act unconstitutional since before President Obama signed it into law in March 2010. Just one of the four federal appeals courts that have considered the health care overhaul has struck down even a part of the law.

The case that will be heard in March comes out of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta; the state of Georgia is among the many States that are plaintiffs in the case.

**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](http://www.cchfreedom.org).

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**Twila Brase** is president and co-founder of the **Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom**. She has been called one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care” and one of “Minnesota’s 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders.” The Council’s efforts have stopped government-issued treatment directives, added informed consent requirements for access to patient data and defeated a proposed Health Insurance Exchange. Brase’s daily radio commentary, *Health Freedom Minute*, is a 60-second radio address on pressing health care issues.