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Citizens Council for Health Freedom **Files Supreme Court Amicus Brief** **Today Against Obamacare**

*President Twila Brase Says CCHF and Others Will Continue to Oppose
Unconstitutionality of Federal Health Care Law*

St. Paul, Minn.—The new year meant renewed opposition to President Obama’s controversial health care reform law, with politicians, economists and patient advocate groups all emphasizing the unconstitutionality of the law.

The *Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom*, led by president *Twila Brase*, is a patient-centered national health policy organization based in St. Paul, Minn. Today, *Brase* files an Amicus Brief with the U.S. Supreme Court containing very specific arguments about patients’ rights regarding the health care reform plan.

“CCHF has moved forward today to file an Amicus Brief with the U.S. Supreme Court against Obamacare,” Brase said. “We address a very specific, important aspect of Obamacare’s unconstitutional individual mandate requiring all citizens to buy government-approved health insurance or pay a fine. Our Amicus Brief discusses the faulty ruling of Wickard vs Filburn (1942) and why it should not be used to determine constitutionality of the individual mandate.”

An Amicus Brief is filed by a person or agency who voluntarily offers information to assist a court in deciding a matter before it, giving unsolicited testimony or expert information. Today, CCHF is delivering original copies of the brief to the nine Supreme Court justices and their staff.

Brase and *CCHF* are not the only ones starting out 2012 engaged in the ongoing battle against the health care law. Republican members of Congress joined in on an Amicus Brief filed by the

American Center for Law and Justice, a conservative advocacy group. If the Supreme Court strikes down the requirement that almost all Americans purchase health insurance, the brief says, it should toss out all of the Affordable Care Act.

More than 100 economists, including Nobel laureates, joined a separate brief Friday on the issue of severability. That brief, filed by the American Action Forum, says the cost of the health care law would skyrocket without the mandate, making it unlikely that Congress would have passed the law without it.

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, with more than 150 stations nationwide in addition to Bott Radio Network with over 80 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.

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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.*

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.