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Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: Supreme Court Briefs Tell Story of Obamacare Opposition

43 Briefs Oppose Controversial Individual Mandate, While Just 28 Favor It

St. Paul, Minn.— Amicus briefs filed with the Supreme Court regarding the controversial federal healthcare law—the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare—are very telling in regards to how the public and patient advocates feel about the plan.

As of this week, the number of briefs against the individual mandate outnumber the briefs favoring the law by 50 percent. Thus far, 43 Amicus briefs have been filed by those who are staunchly against Obamacare for any number of reasons, including the unconstitutionality of the mandate. Among them is *Twila Brase*, president and co-founder of *Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF)*, a patient-centered national health policy organization based in St. Paul, Minn.

"This week, Gallup announced that 72 percent of the public is opposed to the individual mandate. Amicus Briefs at the Supreme Court tell a similar story," Brase said. "Amicus Briefs are carefully constructed legal arguments sent to the Court by organizations, policymakers and others hoping to sway the Court's opinion.

"Many briefs have been sent to the Supreme Court on four issues surrounding Obamacare. These are the minimum coverage requirement individual mandate, severability, Medicaid, and the Anti-Injunction Act. Forty-three briefs are urging the Court to find the minimum coverage requirement— the individual mandate—unconstitutional, which is 50 percent more than those writing in favor of the mandate."

A three-day, six-hour court hearing begins in four weeks, and any concerned citizen can find links to all of the briefs at the Supreme Court website. For more information on the Amicus briefs that have been filed, visit http://www.americanbar.org/publications/preview_home/alphabetical.html.

Twila Brase broadcasted the news about the Supreme Court briefs recently on her 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.