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Citizens Council for Health Freedom: **It's Time for Obama to Let Dying CLASS Act Go**

Doomed Plan is Another Example of Wasteful Spending

St. Paul, Minn.—Last week, the House of Representatives voted to repeal the CLASS Act—Community Living and Assistance Services and Support—a program that was meant to offer voluntary long-term care insurance to Americans over 18. **But it's just not working, and President Obama won't let it die.**

A year ago, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told the Senate that the CLASS Act, as written, was “totally unsustainable.” By October, she had suspended the program. Now, the House on Wednesday voted to repeal it altogether. The vote goes next to the Senate.

The *Citizens' Council for Health Freedom*, led by president *Twila Brase*, is a patient-centered national health policy organization based in St. Paul, Minn. *Brase* says the President's reluctance to let go of a failing health care plan is **another example of an expensive government program that will never fulfill its purpose.**

“How many times will we see this administration hang on to something that is not in the best interest of Americans simply because it was included in Obamacare?” said Brase. “If the President wants what's best for Americans, he should scrap the CLASS Act altogether and get it completely off the books, so it doesn't have a chance to resurrect itself. Once we understand that a plan isn't right for our country, it should be eliminated. This is true of smaller programs within Obamacare—and for that matter—Obamacare itself!”

Analysts say the plan was doomed from the beginning and should never have been passed in the first place. But it was slipped into the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, anyway,

in the hopes that seniors around the country would think the White House was on their side. The voluntary plan would allow seniors to receive federally subsidized long-term care without spending down their assets in order to qualify for Medicaid.

Experts have said the plan faces a “very significant risk of failure,” calling it a “gimmick” and Senator Kent Conrad said it is “a Ponzi scheme of the first order,” one that would be “financially upside down in a very short period of time.”

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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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.