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Obamacare Fails Four Key Tests

*As Supreme Court Begins Hearing Arguments Today,
Twila Brase, President of Citizens' Council for Health Freedom,
Says Obamacare is on Trial*

EDITOR'S NOTE —Healthcare expert Twila Brase is available for interviews this week as the Supreme Court decides the fate of Obamacare. Brase has extensively researched the Affordable Care Act and is well versed on the unconstitutional elements within the law. She has met with members of Congress, submitted an Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court for the hearing and has helped other states defeat the implementation of Obamacare.

St. Paul, Minn.— Today, the Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act—or Obamacare—the controversial federal health care overhaul that patient advocates say takes away individual freedoms and, therefore, goes against the tenets of the U.S. Constitution.

One of those patient advocates 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.

Over the next three days, **the Supreme Court will consider whether the Affordable Care Act, which requires all Americans to purchase health insurance by 2014, is constitutional.** A decision is expected by early summer.

"Today's hearing will be crucial for the future of healthcare in America," Brase said, "and we hope that the justices will take into account all of the expert information presented to them and restore Americans' patient freedoms, religious freedoms and personal freedoms that are being taken away through government-mandated health care."

According to *Brase*, at least **four elements of Obamacare are unconstitutional**, and she feels confident the Supreme Court will agree:

- 1. The penalty against those individuals who choose not to buy health insurance is indeed a penalty, not a federal tax subject to the Anti-Injunction Act. Even the Obama Administration agrees on this point.**
- 2. The individual mandate, which requires all citizens to purchase health insurance by 2014, is an overreach of Congress' commerce power, a tax on Americans' after-tax dollars and an evisceration of contract law.**
- 3. The individual mandate cannot be severed from the rest of the law because that would be a "judicial line item veto," and even the president is not allowed such veto power.**
- 4. The Medicaid mandate is a commandeering of the states and a serious and alarming threat to state government budgets.**

Brase and *CCHF* submitted the first Amicus Brief that the Supreme Court will take into consideration this week when deciding on the constitutionality of the health care plan's individual mandate.

Twila Brase shares health care-related news with the American public in her daily, 60-second radio feature, *Health Freedom Minute*. *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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