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Virginia’s Lawsuit Shot Down

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Last Thursday, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals said Virginia has no standing to challenge the constitutionality of the Obamacare individual mandate to purchase health insurance.

The court claimed that the State of Virginia has not “suffered an injury.” It further claimed that the individual mandate does not directly burden Virginia or threaten its’ sovereign territory. The court said Virginia cannot bring a lawsuit to protect its citizens from a federal law.

Experts at the Heartland Institute disagree. One called the ruling “the most intellectually dishonest and blatantly erroneous judicial opinion” she’d ever read. Another said, “The Fourth Circuit tied itself in knots to find a reason not to rule on the legal matter central to Virginia’s lawsuit: whether the federal government has unchecked power” over the people.

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