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Democrats Worried by Obamacare Mandate

The controversial individual mandate to buy health insurance was initially suggested by the Heritage Foundation. It was later proposed by Republicans in Congress. Then Hillary Clinton supported it during her presidential campaign while Barack Obama opposed it...until he was elected president. The mandate is now opposed by Republicans and the target of many Obamacare lawsuits.

Even Democrats are worried about it. Paul Starr, who worked on HillaryCare, recently wrote, "the individual mandate is one of the most serious political and policy mistakes of recent decades." Indeed. Hopefully the US Supreme Court will use the mandate to strike down the entire unconstitutional law.

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["The Health Care Mandate Really Was a Mistake."](#) Paul Starr, The New Republic, January 2, 2012.

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