



Citizens' Council on Health Care

# Health Freedom Minute

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## Wyden's Wimp-Out Makes Point

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens' Council on Health Care.

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden has asked Oregon's health authority to reject the health insurance mandate. This is notable because Mr. Wyden was the author of a bill that prominently required the individual purchase of health insurance.

No longer. In fact Mr. Wyden points out that Section 1332 of ObamaCare allows states to request waivers from the mandate, albeit not until 2017, three years after the mandate goes into effect.

Wyden voted for ObamaCare but he's running for re-election. This impressive flip-flop is likely a political wimp-out, but it reveals the significant power states have to protect the public. State legislators can sue, request waivers, and refuse federal funds to stop ObamaCare until it can be repealed.

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