

## **Reasons to vote for Del. Bob Marshall's HB10, the Virginia Healthcare Freedom Act -**

1. Under Obamacare, you'll be required to purchase a government approved healthcare plan or be fined \$1900, face a year in jail, and pay penalties of up to \$25,000 if a single monthly payment is missed.
2. Congress has never attempted to force individuals to purchase anything in the private sector in the 220 years since it was established in 1789.
3. The mandating of health insurance is not a power granted to Congress.
4. If Congress can force all Americans to buy health insurance, then Congress can mandate, under heavy penalty of jail or fines, that citizens purchase new windows or insulation to save the environment. The potential for abuse is unlimited. The courts have always held that "duress" renders contracts null and void and they have never enforced involuntary contract promises.
5. Obamacare requires every company with an annual payroll of \$500,000 or more to insure its workers with private plans, approved by the Obama Administration, or pay an 8% payroll tax.
6. Obamacare also requires companies that do provide health insurance to pay 72.5% of an individual's premium, and 65% of a family plan.
7. The financial burdens put on small businesses to provide health care coverage for every employee will limit the number of jobs created during a deep recession and at a time when unemployment is at an all time high.
8. Obamacare purports to "regulate" inactivity by converting the inactivity of not buying insurance into commercial activity.
9. Court invalidated two congressional statutes that attempted to regulate non-economic activities. In *United States v. Lopez* (1995), it struck down the Gun-Free School Zones Act, which attempted to reach the activity of possessing a gun within a thousand feet of a school. In *United States v. Morrison* (2000), it invalidated part of the Violence Against Women Act, which regulated gender-motivated violence. Because the Court found the regulated activity in each case to be non-economic, it was outside the reach of Congress's Commerce power, regardless of its effect on interstate commerce.
10. To uphold the insurance purchase mandate, the Supreme Court would have to concede that the Commerce Clause has no limits, a proposition that it has never affirmed, that it rejected in *Lopez* and *Morrison*, and from which it did not retreat in *Raich*. ...Congress may ... not regulate the individual's decision not to purchase a service or enter into a contract."
11. Harry Reid added a provision in the Senate version of Obamacare that will prohibit any future repeal of any part of the legislation.
12. Obamacare will do more to increase the cost of health care and discourage the choice of future professionals to enter into the health care industry.