

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 8

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution memorializing the President, Vice-
8 President and Congress to eliminate or reform
9 specified aspects of the Patient Protection and
10 Affordable Care Act; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Oklahomans are concerned about the impact of taxes
12 created in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on
13 Oklahoma businesses and consumers; and

14 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act taxes fall hardest on fully-
15 insured market consumers, most notably small businesses; and

16 WHEREAS, it is estimated that as much as 98 percent of
17 Oklahoma's businesses are small businesses with fewer than 100
18 employees; and

19 WHEREAS, Congressional reports state that a very large portion
20 of the tax will be borne by consumers in the form of a 2 to 2.5
21 percent premium increase by 2016, and

22 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act tax may cause insurance
23 premiums to increase by as much as 3.7 percent by 2023; and
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1 WHEREAS, such an increase in insurance premiums will mean an
2 increase of \$2,800 per individual and \$5,000 per family over the
3 next decade; and

4 WHEREAS, such insurance premium increases may cause younger,
5 healthier Oklahomans to abandon coverage; and

6 WHEREAS, spiraling costs within the fully-insured market will
7 likely result in even higher costs, fewer product options and
8 decreased consumer choice.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully requests the
12 President, Vice-President and Congress of the United States to work
13 to eliminate or reform the Affordable Care Act's health insurance
14 tax and other Affordable Care Act taxes that create higher costs,
15 reduce jobs, and decrease consumer choice.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
17 and Vice President of the United States, the Clerk of the United
18 States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United
19 States Senate.

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