

Introduced by

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Senator Klein

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
2 Act.

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed and the President signed into law the
4 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health
6 Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, comprises comprehensive federal health care
7 reform legislation, which is commonly referred to as the Affordable Care Act; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this law is likely to increase health care costs, raise taxes, negatively affect
9 senior citizens, reduce the quality of care that Americans will receive, limit consumer choice in
10 accessing private health insurance, and may reduce the ability of American companies to
11 compete; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the law may constrain the freedom of individuals to choose their own doctor
13 and may interfere with individuals' ability to make personal health care decisions; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a government-controlled health care system is likely to increase spending for
15 health care and result in the risk of policymakers rationing care as a cost-containment measure;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the law could cause millions of
18 Americans who receive health insurance through their employer to lose their health insurance
19 coverage and also result in premiums in the individual and small group markets to substantially
20 increase; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Health and Human Services will dictate what
22 benefits insurers must offer and how much to charge; and

23 **WHEREAS**, because reimbursement for health care providers treating patients on Medicare
24 and Medicaid is often less than the cost of providing the care, additional reductions in Medicare
25 and Medicaid reimbursement may further contribute to health care provider shortages; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the law will increase taxes on employers who do not offer adequate insurance
2 and will increase taxes on investment income, which in turn will reduce capital available for job
3 expansion, reduce economic growth, and result in fewer jobs for Americans; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the law may harm seniors by making cuts from the Medicare budget and
5 causing seniors to lose the health insurance coverage they currently possess; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the law will add to the national debt; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the law aimed at reducing health care spending address the
8 symptoms of the cost of health care rather than the root causes of growth in health care
9 spending;

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
11 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

12 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress to repeal the Patient Protection
13 and Affordable Care Act; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
15 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.