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Dear Senators,

Thank you for holding this hearing today on this most important matter. I would like to read into the record a dissenting opinion by Tony DeMott, State Coordinator of Campaign for Liberty and then I would like to record my own concerns. Here are Tony's comments:

- *The proponents claim "The multi-state Health Care Compact would devolve all regulation in this area to states". This is incorrect. Section 4 specifically states that each member state will need to go through a separate legislative process to suspend each federal law.*
 - ***Sec. 4. State Control.** Each Member State, within its State, may suspend by legislation the operation of all federal laws, rules, regulations, and orders regarding Health Care that are inconsistent with the laws and regulations adopted by the Member State pursuant to this Compact. Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, and orders regarding Health Care will remain in effect unless a Member State expressly suspends them pursuant to its authority under this Compact. For any federal law, rule, regulation, or order that remains in effect in a Member State after the Effective Date, that Member State shall be responsible for the associated funding obligations in its State.*
 - *Yes it would be possible, after the Health Care Compact is adopted, for states to enact legislation nullifying federal laws but it is not the Compact that gives this authority. Legislators can do that now.*
- *The Compact creates a new bureaucracy that we will have to pay for. Will you be the one to vote for this funding? It will be considered a tax increase if you do. If this Compact is adopted, the citizens will be paying your salaries and for this new bureaucracy. Hopefully this raises a red flag for you and you rightfully question why we should be taking more money out of the pockets of taxpayers who could use that money to pay for healthcare that their doctor recommends, not healthcare some bureaucrat dictates.*
- *It's worthwhile to note that the Federal Government believes there is no limit to its power and that our healthcare must be thoroughly dictated from a central bureaucracy. Since the Federal Government must approve this compact, no result will come that does not include centralized management of our health. The idea that we will somehow reclaim our rights by asking permission from the same federal government that gave us centralized healthcare management, is silly at best.*

A yes vote on this legislation will be considered a bad vote by Campaign For Liberty. We are committed to letting your constituents aware of your voting record. Hopefully we can report positively to them.

*Tony DeMott, Michigan State Coordinator, Campaign for Liberty
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Here are my own concerns. I am addressing particular passages in the bill.

Line 19, Sec. 2. P.4

I find it very troubling that we are suggesting that we need the permission of the Federal government to "return the authority to regulate health care to the member states."

1. Since providing health care is not an enumerated power of the Federal government, it should not be their province to grant or withhold permission regarding it.
2. In terms of setting precedent, it is unwise to suggest that the authority of the states needs to be returned to them. Did the states ever cede such authority to the Feds in the first place? Even if they did, it is unwise to suggest that we need the permission of the Feds to rescind such permission. A simple declaration of rescindment should suffice.

Line 1, Sec.4., p.5

The second and third sentences are of concern because they institutionalize Federal healthcare law as legitimate in Michigan. Again, since health care is not an enumerated Constitutional power of the Federal government, we should not, in any way, be legitimizing it in our Michigan statutes.

I. 12, Sec. 5 (1) & (2), p.5

Section 5 has the same problem. We should simply demand the return of Michigan tax payer dollars that were levied purportedly for Federal healthcare administration since the Federal government is not authorized to tax for any such purpose according to the Constitution.

Thank you for giving this matter your utmost consideration.

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