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LABRADOR STATEMENT ON OBAMACARE REPEAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Idaho First District Congressman Raúl Labrador today issued the following statement on the House vote for full repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as "ObamaCare":

"After the Supreme Court ruled ObamaCare constitutional, it is more clear than ever that the only way to do away with this harmful law is by Congressional action.

Since my time in the Idaho State Legislature it has become clear to me that Idahoans oppose every aspect of ObamaCare. That opposition led me to cosponsor the Idaho Healthcare Freedom Act when I was a member of the Idaho House of Representatives.

This law forces Idahoans to purchase a product against their will under the threat of paying a tax for not doing so. This amounts to one of the largest tax increases on Americans in history. The law will harm states, businesses and individuals. It will not lower the cost of healthcare for Idahoans, but instead take personal decisions out of the hands of individuals and families and place them with bureaucrats in Washington.

I will continue to fight to repeal ObamaCare in Congress until the job is done. We must enact real healthcare reform such as health savings accounts, tort reform and association health plans which will lower the cost of and increase access to healthcare. We can even look at retaining such provisions as coverage for preexisting conditions or the ability to keep our kids on our insurance for a longer time — but we must find ways to do so without raising taxes on millions of Americans and hiring thousands of new bureaucrats and I.R.S. agents the way ObamaCare would do."

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