

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today issued the following statement after learning that Rep. Gene Taylor, a Democrat from Mississippi, had become the first House Democrat to lend his support to Congressman King's efforts to fully repeal Obamacare. This afternoon, Representative Taylor (D-MS) signed Discharge Petition #11, which, once signed by 218 Members of Congress, will force an up or down vote on HR 4972, King's repeal legislation. With Taylor's signature, King has now gathered 172 of the 218 signatures he needs to bring his Obamacare repeal bill to the floor for a vote.

**“Adding Rep. Taylor to the discharge petition is a significant step towards repealing Obamacare,”** said King. **“Rep. Taylor is the first Democrat to sign the discharge petition, and it is my hope that his decision will pave the way for other Democrats who support repeal to break ranks with Speaker Pelosi and President Obama.”**

**“Rep. Taylor's decision also means that the effort to repeal Obamacare now has something that the effort to pass Obamacare never achieved: bipartisan support. Americans want the President's bill repealed, and Americans should ask their Representatives to sign the discharge petition.”**

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