

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after learning that Federal District Judge Henry E. Hudson has ruled ObamaCare's requirement that Americans purchase health insurance or pay stiff fines to the IRS, the so-called "individual mandate," unconstitutional.

"With Judge Hudson's decision, a federal court has now ruled in accordance with what I have always said: ObamaCare's requirement that Americans purchase health insurance or pay a fine is unconstitutional," said King. **"ObamaCare's 'individual mandate' always rested on the absurd premise that the Commerce Clause empowered the federal government to regulate Americans' decisions not to engage in commercial activity. Adoption of such an argument would have vested the federal government with the power to regulate virtually every aspect of Americans' lives, and Judge Hudson remained true to the Constitution by rejecting this argument and striking the individual mandate down. With the 'individual mandate' that lies at the heart of the legislation ruled unconstitutional, the badly-flawed ObamaCare law is now completely dysfunctional, further accelerating the need for Congress to repeal it."**

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