



IFDA Key Vote

April 14, 2011

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the nation's foodservice distributors, I am writing to urge you to support H. Con. Res. 35 to defund the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA). Defunding represents a strong first step toward repeal of PPACA which must be stopped before its major provisions are enacted and take their toll on our nation's ability to recover and grow our economy.

PPACA will set off a massive and expensive restructuring of the U.S. health care system, paid for by damaging tax increases – including a punitive surtax on upper-bracket earners and a payroll tax penalty for some businesses. The bill did nothing to reduce costs, limit medical malpractice cases, or strengthen consumer-oriented, affordable health insurance options. IFDA members do not believe that PPACA will achieve the meaningful, long-term control of U.S. health care costs that is critical to their ability to grow their businesses. Congress must begin again to create market-based reform that will focus on controlling costs and expanding access to quality and affordable healthcare coverage for all Americans.

IFDA's number one priority for health care reform legislation is to ensure that health insurance is more affordable for foodservice distributors and their employees. Congress is now being given the chance to act upon the American people's demand to fix healthcare reform the right way which starts by defunding PPACA.

I **urge** you to vote **YES** to defund PPACA. This vote is so critical that IFDA will include it in our vote rankings at the end of the year which determine the recipients of our Thomas Jefferson Awards. The Awards are presented at the end of each Congress to honor Senators who have demonstrated their commitment to free enterprise by their voting records on issues such as taxes, free trade, labor policy, and other economic matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan B. Eisen", written in a cursive style.

Jonathan B. Eisen
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