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**[INSERT LEGISLATOR] COMMENDS OBAMACARE REPEAL;
VOWS TO "FINISH THE JOB" WITH HEALTH CARE FREEDOM ACT**

LOCATION (Date) – [Legislator], [insert any leadership or health committee assignments], commends the U.S. House of Representatives for its repeal of ObamaCare and is ready to move forward with legislation at the state level to further protect the citizens of [insert state] from the overreaching arms of the federal government.

"The U.S. House of Representatives has thankfully taken the first major step so desperately needed to repeal ObamaCare. Our state cannot afford *[select one of the following points]*:

- the budget-busting Medicaid expansion, coupled with a 'maintenance of effort' requirement, which will force us to slash other funding priorities, like education or law enforcement," said [legislator].
- the individual mandate that requires massive government subsidies to purchase the required health insurance, and that will also raise health insurance premiums and push more Americans onto government healthcare programs funded by the states," said [legislator].
- job-killing employer mandates that will cripple small businesses and postpone economic recovery, and that will require states themselves to pay federal penalties," said [legislator].
- a federal takeover of health insurance regulation, which has traditionally been the purview of states, and will require states to expend limited state resources to comply with the new law," said [legislator].

[Legislator] also *[intends to introduce/has introduced]* complementary legislation at the state level, ALEC's *Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act*, which will help block a government requirement to purchase health insurance. If enacted in [state], the legislation will allow the state to launch additional litigation against the federal government if the current lawsuits fail; can empower the state attorney general to litigate on behalf of individuals harmed by the mandate in 2014; and may block an individual mandate if ObamaCare is repealed or overturned in court.

Forty-two states have either introduced or announced that they will introduce ALEC's *Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act*. Six states (Virginia, Idaho, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, and Missouri) passed the ALEC model as a statute, and two states (Arizona and Oklahoma) passed the model as a constitutional amendment. An active citizen initiative is also underway in Mississippi.

"I am introducing legislation to protect the people of [state] from ObamaCare's federal takeover of our health care choices, and to finish the job Congress began by repealing ObamaCare," said [legislator]. "I also urge the U.S. Senate to do the right thing, listen to the voices of the American people, and send the repeal of this federal health care law to President Obama's desk."