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Ending the Congressional Exemption
from Obamacare Toolkit

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How to Use this Toolkit

Dear Patriots:

Tea Party Patriots' support team provides toolkits that correspond to the major legislative battles taking place in Washington, DC. This special toolkit aims to provide background information and sample tools for engagement on the topic of ending the Congressional exemption from Obamacare.



It has been five years since Congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as "Obamacare." During that time, the law has failed to live up to the Democrats' promises. One group, in particular, is displeased with the effects of the law, and that's why they have created their very own exclusive exemption from Obamacare. The group we are referencing is Congress and Congressional staffers. The people who wrote the bill - and passed it over Americans' strong objections - now see how damaging the law is – ***and they are refusing to live under the law.***

We have designed this toolkit for use by individuals and groups alike. We have included several different types of resources, such as a sample letter to the editor, which can be signed by an individual or an entire tea party group.

If you see something missing, or have any recommendations for future toolkits, please let us know. We always love to hear how local groups and individual activists are using these resources to get engaged.

In liberty,

The Tea Party Patriots National Support Team



Talking Points on Obamacare

These talking points will be helpful when making calls or meeting in person with Congressional staffers to discuss the Vitter bill.

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT BE ABOVE THE LAW

- Congress passed Obamacare in 2010, over the objections of the American public.
- Congress has given itself a special exemption that no one else in America gets.
- Members of Congress should not be treated as a special class of citizens.

IT'S TIME TO REPEAL THE LAW

- Then-Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi famously said at the time that they had to “pass it to find out what’s in it.” Now that Congress knows what’s in it, they want a special exemption from it.
- Americans are struggling with higher premiums, loss of insurance, and penalties from the IRS. We also want an exemption!
- Obamacare is severely flawed and the fact that Congress wants to be protected from the effects of this law further illustrates why now is the time for FULL REPEAL.
- Repealing Obamacare is the best way to guarantee that all Americans – not just the privileged elites in Congress – will be shielded from the law’s harmful effects.

Sample Social Media Posts on Obamacare

SAMPLE TWEETS:

Congress should live under the same laws as the rest of us. #NoWashingtonExemption

It's time for Congress to pass the @DavidVitter bill. #NoWashingtonExemption

Congress had to "pass #Obamacare to find out what's in it." #NoWashingtonExemption

Thank you @DavidVitter for holding Congress accountable on #Obamacare.
#NoWashingtonExemption



SAMPLE FACEBOOK POST:

Obamacare continues to hurt Americans. Our health insurance premiums have risen. Our deductibles have skyrocketed. Some of us have lost our doctors or our health insurance. These are the real-life consequences of Obamacare.

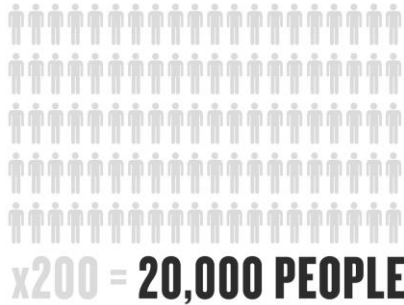
But while we are suffering under the new law, Members of Congress have once again treated themselves as a protected class, exempting themselves and Congressional staffers from this disastrous government-run healthcare program, AND carving out taxpayer-funded subsidies for themselves!

It's time for Congress to live under the law, just like the rest of the American people! Senator David Vitter from Louisiana has a bill in Congress to force Congressional staffers and Members of Congress to live under the law and to stop taking special exemptions. That sounds like a really great idea to me. www.ObamacareExemption.com

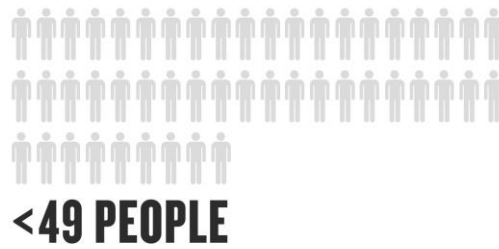


CONGRESS DEFINED ITSELF AS A SMALL BUSINESS

CONGRESS EMPLOYS:



OBAMACARE DEFINED CONGRESS AS A SMALL EMPLOYER:



Suggested Responses to Congressional Offices & Members of the Press about this Congressional Exemption

Congressional staffers are protectively guarding the tax-free subsidy they now enjoy, thanks to the lawlessness of the Congressional exemption. Although Obamacare requires Members of Congress and their staffers to be put on an exchange without a subsidy, Congress enrolled in the Washington, D.C. “small business exchange,” which enables Members and their staff to receive a subsidy that no other large employer in the country is legally allowed to offer its employees. Individuals may now receive a \$5,000 subsidy, whereas staffers enrolled in a family plan are eligible for nearly \$11,000 in taxpayer-funded subsidies.

Below are some responses to refute the common arguments we have heard from Congressional offices.

1. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF REPLY: ***“Congress should be allowed to be treated like a small business because each Member’s office really is a small business.”***

Congress employs close to 20,000 people. The text of Obamacare contains a strict definition of a small business, which is 49 or fewer employees. Congress, as a whole, functions as one entity, rather than a conglomeration of six hundred or so individual offices (personal offices and committee offices). All Senate offices use one human resources and payroll office, as do all of the House offices. Members of Congress do not have their own Federal Employment ID number, which

would be required of a small business in order to make hires. Clearly, Members of Congress are not running their own small businesses.

2. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF REPLY: *"We have to follow Obamacare just like the rest of Americans. We don't have any special treatment."*

President Obama illegally authorized the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to effectively exempt high-paid Congressional staffers from the full impact of Obamacare.¹ By allowing OPM to grant subsidies to Congressional staffers (\$5,000 for individuals and \$11,000 for families), the Congressional staffers are granted a de facto waiver from Obamacare. While the rest of Americans will experience health insurance rate increases and pay decreases, Congress and the Obama Administration found a way to circumvent the law for themselves.²

3. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF REPLY: *"Without this exemption, no one could afford to work on Capitol Hill."*

Obamacare has negatively affected millions of individuals, families, and business owners. Across the country, people are struggling to pay their higher health insurance premiums, many of us have seen our hours cut at work to comply with Obamacare, and those of us who own small businesses are struggling each month to pay for our employees' benefits now. If Congress finds the effects of the law as unpleasant as American citizens have found it over the past five years, the solution is repealing the law – NOT giving yourselves a special exemption that is unavailable to the rest of Americans.

¹ For more information, see this article: <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/355176/congresss-obamacare-waiver-michael-f-cannon>

² For additional information, see this article: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/aug/7/opm-fleshes-out-congresss-obamacare-subsidy-rule/>



How to Host a Rally

Rallies are a simple, yet highly effective, grassroots technique. This particular issue provides the perfect opportunity to rally outside congressional offices in the districts or in the state. Here are some simple steps to organize a rally.

1. Choose the date, time, and location.

Tea Party Patriots is encouraging all local groups to consider hosting a rally at a local Congressional office on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at noon local time.** Throughout the summer, you may want to consider hosting additional rallies.

2. Email Tea Party Patriots.

We want to help your efforts, so please email us at localcoordinator@teapartypatriots.org if you plan to host a rally. We can promote the event online and also make sure that bloggers know about the event.

3. Plan the logistics.

Find out if you are required to get a permit for your rally.

4. Print materials.

Print talking points from this toolkit ahead of time. Make posters and other signs for the event.

5. Invite people to participate.

Send out an email to your friends, local tea party group, and neighbours. Invite local small business owners who have been negatively affected by Obamacare. Use the sample letter to the editor in this toolkit to compose a letter to the editor of a local paper, and be sure to invite readers to participate in this rally.

6. Prepare a press release.

Consider sending out a press release about your event.

7. On the day of the event, plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Come early with signs, blank poster boards, markers, extra copies of your letter to the editor, and letters to the Member of Congress. Ask participants at the rally to sign one of the letters. After the rally, you can hand-deliver the letters to the office.

8. Take pictures!

Take pictures of the rally and of your signs. Share them with us and also post them on social media.

Sample Press Release for Rally

For Immediate Release

Contact: (name/phone/email)

[local]Tea Party group calls activists to action

(Hometown) – Tea Party activists in _____ are calling on citizens to rally outside [INSERT NAME OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS]’ office at [INSERT ADDRESS] to urge [HIM/HER] to live under the law, Obamacare, like every other American must!

“Congress currently enjoys a special exemption from Obamacare that no other Americans have. Members of Congress and their staffers are illegally taking a taxpayer-funded subsidy to pay for their health insurance, even though under the law, they are not eligible for these subsidies,” said [INSERT NAME OF TEA PARTY LEADER]

The Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as “Obamacare,” requires Congress to participate in one of the Washington, DC Obamacare exchanges. The law also states that large employers (defined as 50 or more employees) are not permitted to provide subsidies to their employees on an exchange. Congressional staffers, not wanting to lose their attractive subsidies (\$5,000 for an individual and nearly \$11,000 for staffers enrolled in family plans), decided to define Congress as a small business. Small businesses are legally allowed to provide subsidies.

“Congress lied on its application to the small business exchange in order to keep a taxpayer-funded benefit they are legally no longer allowed to take. As Americans struggle with the effects of Obamacare, Congress has no business cheating, lying, and sneaking around the law to avoid feeling the impact of the law. If it’s good enough for Americans, it’s good enough for Congress.”

Join us on Wednesday, June 17th at 12:00 pm at [INSERT ADDRESS] to protest this Congressional exemption from Obamacare. Email [INSERT NAME] for more information: [INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS]

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How to Write a Letter to the Editor

What is a Letter to the Editor?

A letter to the editor is a letter written to the Editor of a newspaper. The letter is an opportunity for you to express your opinion about a recent article published in the paper or an issue in the news.

Writing letters to the editor is an important engagement tool for activists. They allow activists to do the following:

- 1) Reach a broader audience than you normally would have;
- 2) Hold your local journalists accountable;
- 3) Present alternative views on political issues.

Letters to the editor are usually found in the first section of the newspaper or on the editorial page.

Guidelines for Getting a Letter to the editor Published

Most newspapers publish guidelines with their specific requirements for getting a letter published, but here are some general rules that will help you get your letter to the editor published.

- * Include your name and address and a telephone number where you can be reached.
- * Be respectful and courteous, even when disagreeing with the Editorial Board about a specific issue.
- * Be specific. If you are opposed to Obamacare, mention the specific reasons why. Provide examples.
- * Cite your sources. If you include any quoted material, be sure to correctly cite your source or attribute the quote.
- * Use proper grammar. Spellcheck your letter and be sure to use proper grammar. Refer to *The Elements of Style* for a great overview of effective writing.
- * Be concise. Letters to the editor are much more likely to be published if they are 300 words or less. Make your point as clearly and concisely as possible.



Sample Letter to Editor about the Congressional Exemption from Obamacare

INSERT DATE

Congress should live under the law.

Dear Editor:

The American people strongly objected to the President's health care overhaul back in 2010. Congress ignored our objections and passed the bill into law without even taking the time to read it or understand the implications. Now, more than five years later, Americans are suffering from the law's provisions. Millions of Americans have experienced a loss of health insurance, premium increases, and new taxes and regulations.

If you or I choose not to comply with Obamacare, we will face extra taxes and penalties from the IRS. Members of Congress and their staffers, on the other hand, did not want to comply with the law, so they simply took a special exemption for themselves.

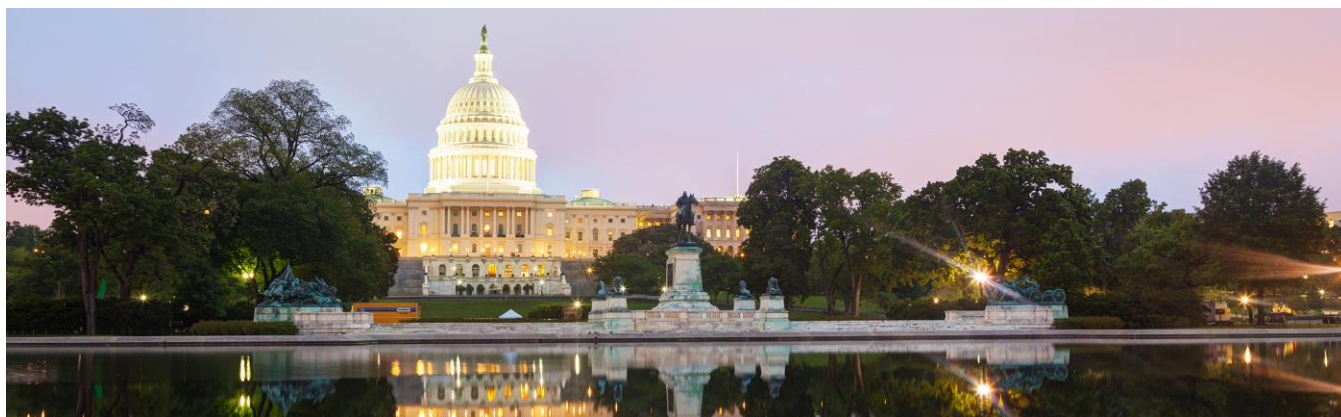
The issue is somewhat complex, but it's worth examining. Under Section 1312 (D) of the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare), Members of Congress and their staff can no longer get their health insurance through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). They also lost a generous FEHBP subsidy (\$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for the family plan). But, rather than lose that benefit, Congress re-classified itself as a "small business" – an absurd designation, considering that roughly 20,000 people are Congressional staffers – so they could retain the subsidy.

If Obamacare is good enough for the American people, it ought to be good enough for our elected officials and their staffers.

I encourage the readers of this paper to contact [INSERT NAMES OF BOTH OF YOUR U.S. SENATORS] and let them know it's time to end the special Washington exemption from Obamacare.

For more information about Washington's exemption and to sign the petition to Sen. McConnell, please visit: www.ObamacareExemption.com

Sincerely,



Sample Letter to Senator about the Congressional Exemption from Obamacare

YOUR NAME
YOUR ADDRESS

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR CITY]

I am writing as your constituent to urge you to support Sen. David Vitter's bill to require Members of Congress and their staff to live under the law the same way we, the American citizens, must live under the law.

As you know, you and your staffers enjoy an exemption from Obamacare that the rest of Americans lack. Real Americans are suffering under the law, with higher insurance premiums, loss of insurance, and penalties from the IRS. You and your staffers, however, have sheltered yourselves from the damaging effects of the law.

Our Constitution is quite clear about the necessity of treating all people – including Members of Congress - equally under the law. This special exemption that Congress has given itself undermines the very principles upon which our nation was founded.

If Obamacare is so awful that it requires special exemptions for certain groups of people, isn't it time for us to focus on repealing the law altogether? Americans deserve the same protections from the law that Members of Congress have given themselves!

I will follow up with your staff by phone this week to hear more about how you will handle the issue of Washington's special Obamacare exemption.

I look forward to speaking with your staff!

Sincerely,

Petition to Senator McConnell

National Petition to Sen. Mitch McConnell

Senator McConnell,

As Obamacare continues to hurt the health and prosperity of the American people, we are desperate for relief.

Premiums and deductibles have skyrocketed. And Americans who can't afford them are being forced to pay a penalty to the IRS!

But meanwhile, members of Congress have allowed themselves to be treated as a protected class, accepting an exemption for themselves and Congressional staffers from this disastrous government-run healthcare program, AND taking illegal taxpayer-funded subsidies for themselves!

We won't stand for it. No American - not even a member of Congress - is above the law!

I hereby urge you to bring the Vitter Bill up for a vote and pass it as soon as possible, thereby ending Congress's special exemption from Obamacare.

It's time for Congress to live under its own laws, just like the rest of the American people!

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

See more at: https://secure.teapartypatriots.org/vitter_amendment/DRT4242C

Media Clips and Articles about the Congressional Exemption

NATIONAL REVIEW

National Review Online: The Overlooked Election Issue

Heather R. Higgins and Jenny Beth Martin - June 13, 2014

Pledge to repeal Obamacare and the congressional exemption, or face the voters' wrath.

Recent seismic events on the political right — the loss by House majority leader Eric Cantor in Tuesday's Virginia primary, and longtime Mississippi senator Thad Cochran's being forced into a runoff last week — point to a little-noticed pattern with significant implications for the fall.

In Virginia, challenger Dave Brat had signed the Obamacare Repeal Pledge, while Cantor had not. Similarly, in Mississippi, the underfunded challenger, Chris McDaniel, signed the Repeal Pledge, while Cochran did not.

Savvy primary voters understood that all GOP candidates would criticize the detested Obamacare law, but they were looking for candidates committed to actually working towards repealing and replacing it. The Repeal Pledge was established in the summer of 2010 for just that purpose. It is designed to attest to the seriousness of the signer's understanding that the Affordable Care Act is so fundamentally and structurally flawed that it cannot be fixed. Instead, it needs to be delayed, defunded, and prevented from metastasizing until it can be repealed and replaced with positive, patient-centered reforms.

Failure to sign the Repeal Pledge played into the larger perception that the incumbents weren't serious about taking on Obamacare. Many conservatives blamed Cantor for omitting the word "repeal" from his health-care rhetoric, and for being part of a leadership team that wouldn't allow a vote on the DeSantis bill to repeal the special exemption Congress enjoys from Obamacare.

Senator Cochran was even more nakedly squishy on Obamacare: Not only did he fail to sign the Repeal Pledge, he actually used the special congressional exemption, and on the weekend before his primary election, he was quoted in the Washington Post speaking favorably of the law.

Primary contests in Kentucky and South Carolina confirm this trend. Kentucky senator Mitch McConnell signed the Repeal Pledge and prevailed. Senator Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina, did not sign, but neither did any of his opponents, preventing it from becoming an issue. Moreover, Senator Graham has become a visible and vocal supporter of efforts to repeal Congress's special Obamacare exemption.

Poll after poll shows that repealing Obamacare is a key priority of the Republican base, and smart challengers see this as an opportunity. Brat used the special-exemption issue against Cantor. Brat brought it up himself in an interview session with Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund when one of us met with him to consider an endorsement. Though TPPCF did not endorse him formally, its affiliated 501(c)(4) organization, Tea Party Patriots, had trained many of the

local grassroots activists who ultimately fueled his campaign and were pleased to hear that he was using Cantor's weak position on Obamacare against him.

TPP had already targeted the majority leader's district office for grassroots pressure last summer during its Defund Obamacare tour, and those efforts — combined with several grassroots training sessions conducted in the district over the last two years — helped create the environment in which a tightly focused underdog campaign could succeed.

None of this is to say that Cantor lost because he failed to sign the Repeal Pledge or bring the DeSantis bill to the floor. But these things certainly helped the challenger make the case that the majority leader was out of touch and wasn't serving the needs and desires of his constituents.

Washington incumbents should not underestimate the downright anger at the grassroots level over what the base perceives as a sense of entitlement among the current House GOP leadership, and the profound disappointment that the majority they worked so hard to create four years ago has not been able to deliver on their priorities.

Whether that sense of anger and disappointment is deserved is irrelevant. A clinical reading of the election results leads to the inescapable conclusion that it does, in fact, exist and must be taken into account as Republicans head into November.

There is still time for Washington Republicans to bolster their credibility with the base. The grassroots can understand why the Senate has failed to vote to eliminate Congress's Obamacare exemption — Harry Reid controls the voting schedule there — but they cannot understand why they can't get a vote in the Republican-controlled House.

Republicans should note that smart Democrats recognize the salience of the special-exemption issue. Democratic Senate candidate Michelle Nunn in Georgia has used the congressional exemption in a very effective TV spot against her Republican challengers, while the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has already run robocalls against eleven targeted GOP members, with more certain to come.

Conservative activists wonder why Republicans continue to let this issue be used against their own team, when it would be so easy to turn the tables and use it against the Democrats. Challengers like Brat and McDaniel have an answer: Incumbent Republicans like the perks of office and aren't sufficiently committed to our cause.

Republicans serious about winning in 2014 would be well served to prove otherwise as soon as possible. Take the Repeal Pledge, and let leadership know that it's time to vote on ending Congress's special Obamacare exemption. If establishment Republicans want to do better, they need to show that they stand with the voters, not just with Washington.

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<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/380393/overlooked-election-issue-heather-r-higgins-jenny-beth-martin>



Breitbart: GOP Senators' Pro-Congressional Exemption from Obamacare Crusade Draws Scorn – From America

Jenny Beth Martin - May 12, 2015

Pity poor Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ). And Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS), Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE), Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), and at least three other GOP Senators too timid to allow a reporter to quote them by name as they disparaged a fellow Republican.

Bless their hearts, they apparently haven't had time to read a law that was enacted more than five years ago. Nor, apparently and ironically, have their staffs.

At least, that's the only benign conclusion one can draw, after reading their on-the-record quotes in Politico's latest defense of the indefensible: Congress' special exemption from Obamacare.

Entitled, "Vitter's Anti-Obamacare Crusade Draws Scorn – from GOP," and reported by Manu Raju, the piece contains quote after quote from GOP Senators, each in turn explaining how Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)'s "crusade" to end Congress' special treatment is misdirected, or misguided, or political, or (my favorite!) "disingenuous."

At issue, for those who are yet unaware, is the extraordinary and illegal treatment granted Members of Congress and their staffs, stemming from an August 2013 ruling by the Office of Personnel Management, at the direction of the President.

Section 1312 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act says specifically that upon enactment of the law, "the only health plans that the Federal Government may make available to Members of Congress and congressional staff ... shall be health plans that are – (I) created under this Act (or an amendment made by this Act); or (II) offered through an Exchange established under this Act (or an amendment made by this Act)."

Further, according to Section 1512 of the law, employees who purchase their health insurance through the exchanges "lose the employer contribution" many received to help defray the cost of their premiums.

In other words, Members of Congress and their staffs shall, upon enactment of the law, be required to give up their generous Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan health benefits – which included a generous taxpayer-funded subsidy to cover upwards of 70 percent of the cost of individual and family insurance premiums – and, instead, must purchase their health insurance through the Obamacare exchanges, without benefit of any employer contributions to subsidize the cost of their insurance.

That is the law, as written. Unfortunately, that is not the law as practiced, at least not since OPM ruled in clear violation of the law that Members and their staffs would continue to receive taxpayer-funded subsidies to help defray the cost of their premiums. And the absurdity of the OPM ruling is demonstrated by the lengths to which Congress had to go to pretend to stay within the confines of the law – Congress had to declare itself a “small business” with “fewer than 50 employees.”

Sen. Vitter believes the law should be implemented as it was enacted, not as some Members – apparently, many Members – want it to be enacted. In his determination to force Congress to live under the law as it was enacted, he is using his position as Chairman of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee to seek records of Congress’ application to the D.C. small business exchange.

Sen. Vitter is right to be incensed. The American people agree with him. In survey research conducted at the time the special exemption was created, and again just a few weeks ago, almost 90 percent of the public agreed that Congress’ special exemption was wrong and should be overturned.

So what’s up with these GOP Senators who oppose Sen. Vitter’s efforts?

Says Sen. Flake, for example, “I just think we ought to be treated like everybody else.”

That’s a noble sentiment, Senator. Of course, being “treated like everybody else,” presumably, means you would like to live under the law you and your colleagues enacted – that’s the conclusion one reasonably draws when she reads a Senator saying he wants “to be treated like everybody else.”

In America, after all, no man is above the law, and that means Congress must live under the same laws it imposes on the rest of us. It matters not whether you personally voted for that law, or against it; it passed, and was signed into law, and is now the law of the land – at least until it is repealed, an outcome we want to make happen. For you to “be treated like everybody else” would mean that you, like everybody else who purchases insurance through the exchanges, would do so without benefit of employer subsidies.

And that’s exactly what Sen. Vitter is demanding, so why are you opposing him?

Perhaps more ironic is the quote attributed to Sen. Ayotte, who explained her vote against Sen. Vitter’s request by saying, “I thought there were better uses for the Small Business Committee.” Well, Senator Ayotte, seeing as how Congress’ declaration that it is a small business is an essential element of the subterfuge required to continue the illegal subsidy flow, what do you think is a better use of the committee?

The quote that angers me most, however, is attributed to Sen Collins: “Virtually all large employers subsidize the health insurance of their employees, and I don’t see a basis for taking away the standard employer contribution to health insurance benefits for Members of Congress or their staffs. It’s that simple.”

Really, Sen. Collins? You “don’t see a basis” for taking away the “standard employer contribution?” How about ... the law? See Section 1512, mentioned above. Yours would have been an appropriate response five and a half years ago, while the proposed law was being debated. But that decision was made, and it went against you – see the plain language of Section 1312. And while we’re at it, you’re talking about “large employers.” But Congress declared itself a small business so that it could enroll in the D.C. small business exchange, so it could continue the illegal subsidies. In fact, that (false) application is the exact subject of Sen. Vitter’s subpoena request. Pay attention, Sen. Collins.

Clearly, not a single one of the GOP Senators quoted in the Politico piece have read the Affordable Care Act. And neither have their staffs. (Ironically, these are the very staffs Members say they are so afraid of losing to higher-paying jobs on K Street if they lose their illegal subsidies.) How else to explain their clear disregard for the law itself?

Ultimately, they should do the right thing – exempt not just themselves, but all of America from this law. They can do that by repealing it. In the meantime, they must live under the law.

For decades now, the largest political gap in this nation has not been the gap between Republicans and Democrats, nor even that between conservatives and liberals – it has been the gap between the Washington Ruling Class on the one hand, and the rest of us who pay for them on the other. And no issue provides a contrast as stark as Congress' special exemption. When Republicans on Capitol Hill don't get that, and won't act to overturn the special exemption, they provide fuel to fire the anger of those who insist there's no difference between Republicans and Democrats. That's not a good place to be as a crucial presidential election kicks into gear.

—*Jenny Beth Martin is co-founder and CEO of Tea Party Patriots.*

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/05/12/gop-senators-pro-congressional-exemption-from-obamacare-crusade-draws-scorn-from-america/>



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About Tea Party Patriots

Tea Party Patriots stands for every American, and is home to millions who have come together to pursue the American Dream and to keep that Dream alive for their children and grandchildren.

What unites the tea party movement is the same set of core principles that brought America together at its founding, that kindled the American Dream in the hearts of those who struggled to build our nation, and made the United States of America the greatest, most successful country in world history.

At its root the American Dream is about freedom. Freedom to work hard and the freedom to keep the fruits of your labor to use as you see fit without harming others and without hindering their freedom. Very simply, three guiding principles give rise to the freedom necessary to pursue and live the American Dream: Personal Freedom, Economic Freedom and a Debt-Free Future.

Appendix – Sample Sign Suggestions

Repeal Obamacare

Congress: Stop Obamacare Exemption

Stop Taxpayer Funded Medical Subsidies for Congress

End Obamacare Exemption for Congress

Congress: Abide by Obamacare

Congress is a Small Business? Are You Kidding me?

Stop Taking Special Obamacare Exemptions

Obamacare Hurts Americans

Obamacare = High Premiums + High Deductibles

Obamacare: Good for Congress, Not Good for Americans

Obamacare = Loss of Insurance + IRS Penalties

#NoWashingtonExemption

Obama Illegally Exempted Congress from Obamacare

Outrageous \$11,000 Family Subsidies for Congressional Staffers

#NoExemption

Congress Committed Fraud Claiming Small Business Status

Congress' Obamacare Exemption: Insulting & Offensive

No Obamacare Exemptions for Congress

Will You Co-Sponsor HR-1953? (For Senators)

Will You Co-Sponsor S16? (For Senators)