“Judge Hudson confirmed what I’ve said all along – the requirement to purchase health insurance exceeds Congressional power under the Constitution. The Commerce Clause does not give Congress unlimited power to impose requirements and restrictions on American citizens. Never in our nation’s history has the federal government forced every citizen to purchase a product or service from a private company simply as a requirement of being a citizen.

“Health care reform doesn’t have to throw the constitution out the window and force unreasonable, costly mandates on individuals and small business owners. We need patient-centered reforms to bring down costs, like instituting medical liability reform and allowing small businesses and families to pool across state lines. We must make sure that every American, particularly those with preexisting conditions, has access to quality, affordable health insurance.”

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