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## **Health Care Bill Raises Constitutional Questions**

*The Free Enterprise Nation launches new voter outreach campaign*

**TAMPA, FL (Dec. 18, 2009)** — The Free Enterprise Nation (FEN) launched a campaign today to oppose the current health care reform legislation being debated in the Senate, claiming that it is an attempt by Congress to abridge basic constitutional rights.

“We do not believe Congress has the constitutional authority to make any American buy insurance or anything else,” said James MacDougald, chairman of The Free Enterprise Nation. “What is worse is President Barack Obama promised transparency, and the process being undertaken here is anything but transparent.”

FEN is a research, education and advocacy organization based in Tampa, Fla. The group is encouraging millions of voters to contact their congressional representatives, asking them to stop the current health care bill. The campaign is expected to reach 6 million Americans before year-end.

According to MacDougald, Congress and the American people have more pressing problems than creating a massive, new spending program. “Social Security is broke. Medicare is broke. The Postal Service is broke. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are broke. We have nearly 15 million unemployed,” said MacDougald. “Congress is fiddling while Rome burns, and finding ways to incur even more unsustainable debt.”

FEN is also taking issue with recent White House comments about health care legislation opponents. In a fundraising email message from Organizing for America, an affiliate of the Democratic National Committee, President Obama said “big insurance company lobbyists and their partisan allies hope that their relentless attacks and millions of dollars can intimidate us into accepting the status quo.”

“We do not believe that it is appropriate for the President to label opponents as big insurance lobbyists and their partisan allies,” said MacDougald. “Virtually every poll shows that the majority of Americans are against the current legislation. The Senate needs to go home, have a nice holiday with their families, listen to voters, and then go back to Washington and tackle the massive debt problem.”

Visitors to the organization’s Web site, [TheFreeEnterpriseNation.org](http://TheFreeEnterpriseNation.org), are able to identify their representatives in Congress and send them messages directly about the proposed legislation. “We, the private sector, the backbone of our economy, have had enough,” MacDougald said. “Government must be restored to its proper constitutional role and allow free enterprise to flourish so that all may achieve the American dream.”

### **About The Free Enterprise Nation**

The Free Enterprise Nation is a non-partisan, membership-based organization representing American employees and businesses in the private sector. It raises awareness on the disparities in pay, benefits and pensions between the public and private sectors, while addressing the unprecedented burden on both businesses and taxpayers to support local, state and federal government spending. Visit us online at [TheFreeEnterpriseNation.org](http://TheFreeEnterpriseNation.org) for more information.