

Washington, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) released the following statement regarding today’s vote and passage of H.R. 6079 , the Repeal of Obamacare Act.

“The Supreme Court has established an unprecedented finding on Congress’ ability to regulate and penalize virtually any action and simply call it a tax. I firmly reject SCOTUS’ decision to not strike down Obamacare, and I again voted with my House colleagues to fully repeal this massive government takeover of health care. This Congress we have brought 30 bills to the House floor to repeal, defund, or dismantle this massive tax burden.

“The President’s policies have failed and are making the economy worse. With unemployment over 8 percent, slapping the American people with 21 new taxes costing over \$800 billion from Obamacare alone is not the way toward prosperity. The average family premiums have risen by \$2,213 since the President came to office despite promises to lower health costs. Mandating the federal bureaucratic takeover of roughly one-fifth of the U.S. economy and trying to steer health care markets is not working.

“Health care is ultimately about an individual’s freedom to make the best choices for themselves and their family without undue government interference. By regulating away personal responsibility we destroy this basic right first outlined in the Declaration of Independence. By once again voting to repeal Obamacare and working to implementing patient centered health care reforms, we can restore individual freedom in health care.”

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