



PROPOSITION 106



OFFICIAL TITLE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2014
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE XXVII, BY ADDING SECTION 2, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

1. Article XXVII, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended by adding section 2 as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

2. Health care: definitions

SECTION 2. A. TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM OF ARIZONANS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR HEALTH CARE:

1. A LAW OR RULE SHALL NOT COMPEL, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY PERSON, EMPLOYER OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

2. A PERSON OR EMPLOYER MAY PAY DIRECTLY FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY PENALTIES OR FINES FOR PAYING DIRECTLY FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY ACCEPT DIRECT PAYMENT FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY PENALTIES OR FINES FOR ACCEPTING DIRECT PAYMENT FROM A PERSON OR EMPLOYER FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

B. SUBJECT TO REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RULES THAT DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY LIMIT A PERSON'S OPTIONS, THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF HEALTH INSURANCE IN PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS SHALL NOT BE PROHIBITED BY LAW OR RULE.

C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

1. AFFECT WHICH HEALTH CARE SERVICES A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR HOSPITAL IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM OR PROVIDE.

2. AFFECT WHICH HEALTH CARE SERVICES ARE PERMITTED BY LAW.

3. PROHIBIT CARE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 8 OF THIS CONSTITUTION OR ANY STATUTES ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE RELATING TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

4. AFFECT LAWS OR RULES IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009.

5. AFFECT THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF ANY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DO NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF PUNISHING A PERSON OR EMPLOYER FOR PAYING DIRECTLY FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR HOSPITAL FOR ACCEPTING DIRECT PAYMENT FROM A PERSON OR EMPLOYER FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

1. "COMPEL" INCLUDES PENALTIES OR FINES.

2. "DIRECT PAYMENT OR PAY DIRECTLY" MEANS PAYMENT FOR LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES WITHOUT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE THIRD PARTY, NOT INCLUDING AN EMPLOYER, PAYING FOR ANY PORTION OF THE SERVICE.

3. "HEALTH CARE SYSTEM" MEANS ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY WHOSE FUNCTION OR PURPOSE IS THE MANAGEMENT OF, PROCESSING OF, ENROLLMENT OF INDIVIDUALS FOR OR PAYMENT FOR, IN FULL OR IN PART, HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR HEALTH CARE DATA OR HEALTH CARE INFORMATION FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS.

4. "LAWFUL HEALTH CARE SERVICES" MEANS ANY HEALTH-RELATED SERVICE OR TREATMENT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SERVICE OR TREATMENT IS PERMITTED OR NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW OR REGULATION THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY PERSONS OR BUSINESSES OTHERWISE PERMITTED TO OFFER SUCH SERVICES.

5. "PENALTIES OR FINES" MEANS ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTY OR FINE, TAX, SALARY OR WAGE WITHHOLDING OR SURCHARGE OR ANY NAMED FEE WITH A SIMILAR EFFECT ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR RULE BY A GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED, CREATED OR CONTROLLED AGENCY THAT IS USED TO PUNISH OR DISCOURAGE THE EXERCISE OF RIGHTS PROTECTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

2. The article heading of article XXVII, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be changed as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor: The article heading of article XXVII, Constitution of Arizona, is changed from "REGULATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE" to "REGULATION OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE".

3. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of Arizona.

ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Proposition 106 would amend the Arizona Constitution to:

1. Prohibit any law or rule from compelling any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system.
2. Allow a person or employer to pay directly for lawful health care services without being penalized or fined.
3. Allow a health care provider to accept direct payment for lawful health care services without being penalized or fined.
4. Provide that the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems shall not be prohibited by law or rule, subject to reasonable and necessary rules that do not substantially limit a person's options.

Proposition 106 would not:

1. Affect which health care services a health care provider or hospital is required to perform or provide.
2. Affect which health care services are permitted by law.
3. Prohibit care provided by law relating to worker's compensation.
4. Affect laws or rules in effect as of January 1, 2009.
5. Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system unless those terms and conditions have the effect of punishing a person or employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or punishing a health care provider or hospital for accepting direct payment from a person or employer for lawful health care services.

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..... This is very important.....Think of this Can you think of **ANY SITUATION where NOT HAVING A CHOICE** is **BETTER** than having a choice? In **ANYTHING??** Forget what all of the organizations, the trade groups, the big insurance companies, the politicians, or just anybody may say, ... there is only one answer in America. **CHOICE IS GOOD** ... This act gives you a choice on a very personal important item... your health Again, Choice is good,..... **vote yes**, vote for America and our freedom to have a choice You will have A CHOICE in deciding what you want for insurance, your health, your families health.. Choice is good

..... **A choice is better than no choice in everything... Always**
John Fillmore, Apache Junction

An Online Guide To Nullification

As a pharmacist, I am deeply troubled by Obamacare. As a citizen, I am deeply troubled by what it means to Liberty. As an attorney as well, I am deeply troubled that some may try to distort what the Supreme Court has said about the very foundation of the Proposition against Obamacare: Nullification. Finally, as the Editor-In-Chief of the nation's oldest independent daily online news source, I have posted a thorough discussion of Nullification, an issue which has the most profound implications for understanding the Constitution and the American Revolution. (See, <http://www.888webtoday.com/>. Click on the column for myself, Lawrence Joyce.)

Students doing research may find it particularly useful, and various essay topics for schoolwork are suggested. Also, their educators will find an accompanying question and answer section to help them teach from this series.

What might be of particular interest to young students is the fact that the current movie *Robin Hood* touches on a point of Anglo-American law which forms part of the backdrop of Nullification. The movie makes brief reference to a supposed "divine right of kings", something which (as I point out in my discussion) squarely contradicts Biblical principles of government. King John is portrayed as using this supposed divine right of kings as an excuse for rejecting the Magna Carta, one of our most fundamental charters of Liberty. Those who study this issue now will be well-informed as to what is going on when the likely sequel to this movie comes out, since this will probably continue to form the principal basis of King John's opposition to the Magna Carta.

Parents, teachers, fellow citizens: Do your part in the American Revolution today. Vote "Yes" for the Proposition against Obamacare. Thank you.

Lawrence J. Joyce, Tucson

Vote YES on Proposition 106 to protect YOUR health and health care rights:
 The right to choose to NOT participate in any health care system or plan without a penalty, fine or tax.
 The right to spend your own money for that second opinion or screening test.
 No bureaucrat—public or private—should EVER be able to take that right away from you.
 The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act will place those 2 rights alongside the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion in our state's Constitution.

AHCCCS (Medicaid) is safe - the program's administrator's say so. Medicare and Tricare are safe - participation in any government program is not at risk.

Workers' comp is not at risk - the language plainly protects injured workers.

Opponents think that turning the IRS into the collection agency for private health insurers is good health care policy.

I disagree.

Opponents think that government panels of experts and high priced lobbyists should have more say over your health and health care than you and your family.

I disagree.

The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act ensures that patients and families will remain at the center of health care reform - and that our needs and concerns be addressed first, before lobbyists for the health insurance industry and Washington power brokers.

Putting the basic freedoms of the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act into our state Constitution will be a critical component of fighting the multi-trillion dollar government health care plan that gives hundreds of billions to health insurance companies while setting the stage for some of the most needy Arizonans to be denied basic tests like mammograms and other care that is not deemed 'important'.

VOTE YES on Proposition 106.

Eric Novack, MD, Chair, Arizonans For Health Care Freedom, Phoenix

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One of the most precious and fundamental of our natural rights is the right to make our own health care decisions. After all, the most fundamental form of property is our body. Health care freedom is, in essence, a property right.

In a free society, people should not be forced to participate in a health insurance plan they do not want. In a free society, the people should not be able to dictate to people what kind of -and how much- lawful health care they are allowed to obtain. In a free society, the people should never be blocked from making their own personal arrangements for health care.

There are those who believe such choices and decisions are best left to politicians, lobbyists, and bureaucrats. They believe these matters are too complex and sophisticated for average people to handle. Health care decisions, they believe, should be left to the "experts."

Our Founders, in their wisdom, placed in the Constitution guarantees that many of our basic rights—rights like freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to bear arms—shall not be infringed. Now Arizonans have the chance to enshrine in the Arizona Constitution the preservation of another of those rights—perhaps the most basic and personal: HEALTH CARE FREEDOM.

Arizona voters, this November you have the chance to make our Bill of Rights more complete. Protect our health care freedom. Vote YES on Proposition 106. Our health care - our decision.

Jeffrey A. Singer, MD, FACS, Treasurer, Arizonans For Health Care Freedom, Phoenix

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The Health Care Freedom act will protect my patients', and my family's right to make their own health care decisions. "Closed-door" relationships between legislators and special interests with no health care training or responsibilities threaten to slow down or derail innovation—perhaps the development of a new treatment or medication or surgical technique that could save the life of one of my patients. Who can obtain 'lawful medical services' should not be at the discretion or whim of faceless, unaccountable bureaucrats. Proposition 106 will limit the special interests' ability to block new and alternative care from being available.

As an obstetrician and gynecologist, I want the broadest array of treatment options to be available to my patients, of all ages, to maximize their health, the health of their children, and their quality of life.

I support The Health Care Freedom Act.

I urge you to vote YES on Proposition 106.

Tracy A. Contant, MD, Phoenix

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As a physician, I'd like to ask my patients why they would want to put the decisions about their healthcare in the hands of government bureaucrats? The practice of medicine is so highly regulated already that we are required to call for an extraordinary amount of tests when we know there is little reason to do so.

When an untrained bureaucrat following a book of lists has the final say on what treatments are available for you without considering all the variables of your condition, you certainly won't be receiving the quality of care we spent years learning to provide to you.

You still have the option to question your physician and have a choice in your health care decisions. Prop 106 states simply that you will not have to enroll in a government approved medical plan and that you can expend your money for legal medical practices. Why would you want to leave those decisions to someone who doesn't know you, isn't educated in medical practices and will be following generic guide-lines.

Your medical rights are at stake here. Vote for Prop 106!

John Ehteshami, MD, Phoenix

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The Wall Street Journal recently ran an article that was headlined "No, You Can't Keep Your Health Plan." It clearly explained why our ability to have private health insurance will be eroded and how over time we'll slowly be shut out of health care as we've known it. If we don't fight back, there will be dire circumstances for all of us. That is why I'm asking you to vote yes for Prop 106.

As many as 20 other states have followed the model we started. As a State Senator I was proud to vote to put this on the ballot to amend our State Constitution. It maintains our rights to spend our own money on medical services we want and lets us opt out of an insurance plan we don't want.

These may seem like small steps, but they are vital if we are to start to dismantle the enormous behemoth created in Washington. Be sure to Vote Yes on Prop 106 either in person or on your early ballot.

Barbara Leff, State Senator, Paradise Valley

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For nearly a year we listened to various politicians tell us what was and what would not be part of health care reform. When the final product was rendered, it was more than 2,000 pages of non-comprehensible language that could be tied up in court for years.

Right now, you can do something that insulates Arizona from what we know is a couple of the worst parts of this bill. It has no trick words and doesn't have a secret agenda.

Prop. 106, known as the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act, is simple and to the point. A Yes vote will result in your right to continue to purchase legal health services with your own funds and lets you choose not to participate in a health plan; government or private that you do not want.

You don't need to read hundreds of pages to understand what it means. It will take less than a minute to read it.. then vote YES.

Michelle Andrews, Certified Ortho Tech, Peoria

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By the time this pamphlet is written there will probably be 20 other states following the Arizona example of Proposition 106. Many foresaw the growing influence of the pharmaceutical and insurance industries and that we would need to preserve the right to have a wide array of health care options available, both drug-based and natural.

With Prop 106, we preserve the ability to make our own choices about medical care. Prop 106 shields us from undo government intervention into the most private parts of our lives. Prop 106 clearly states that we can spend our own money for any legal medical procedure we want and we can opt out of private or government run health care plans. It is simple.

Vote Yes on Prop 106.

Mary Budinger, Phoenix

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All the polls continue to show a complete erosion of faith in the health care reform package passed by Congress last spring. The numbers now reflect that more than 2/3 of the people want it repealed. Sadly, there is probably little to no chance that Congress would dismantle the whole bill, but there is a great opportunity at the state level to take out two of the most onerous parts.

Prop 106, which is being used as the model for 20 other states, provides that you will not be denied the right to spend your own money for legal medical services and that you do not have to participate in a government or private health care plan.

We could wait years for Congress to act to repeal even one small part of their health care reform, but here in Arizona a YES vote will kick out two of the worst parts.

Vote YES for Arizona Health Care Freedom Act. Vote YES for Prop 106

Regina M. Gilleland, Phoenix

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No matter how many phone calls, faxes, emails and protests the Congress received, they didn't hear what the public wanted when it came to health care reform. After the bill passed, several of those people who were part of the passage now find that the anger at them has not dissipated. It has increased and the call for repeal is getting louder every day. Realistically, no matter who is elected the bill will not be repealed, but it can be dismantled piece by piece.

The quickest way to insulate ourselves from two of the worst pieces of this bill is to vote for Prop 106. It reads very simply: The government cannot make you buy a health care plan you don't want. The government can't keep you from buying medical services that are legal with your own funds.

Start taking this hideous, costly and destructive health care bill apart. You can do it with a yes vote of Prop 106.

Laureen Vines, Mesa

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As a police officer I know the importance of protecting and preserving our rights and protecting and preserving the right to make our own health care choices is fundamental. I want to see that right forever protected in our state constitution. Without that protection, lobbyists and bureaucrats will create rules and regulations that make it harder and more difficult to get any health care without the approval and authorization of the government and special interests.

Patients need to be assured that they will always have the right to opt out of any health care plan the political system attempts to impose upon them. They need to know that, unlike Canadians, if they want a health care service that is not covered or allowed by a government-run or private plan, they will always have the option of directly paying for that service. They shouldn't have to leave the country.

Patients also need to know that there will always be the legal guarantee that health care providers can practice independent of any government or insurance plan, so that they can obtain services from providers that are not "approved" by a government-run or insurance plan.

The Health Care Freedom Act will protect and preserve the right of people to be in charge over their health and health care. I strongly support Proposition 106.

Leonard B. Wood, Waddell

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As a nurse, caring for people means understanding their needs, their desires, and the specifics of their medical condition. To provide the best care requires working with patients to see that they remain in control over their health and health care. Health care reform should take into account the ability of patients to make their own choices first.

The Health Care Freedom Act will protect and preserve the right of people to be in charge over their health and health care. I have been a nurse for many years—my patients will not be better off if government appointed bureaucrats control health care. That is why The Health Care Freedom Act must be placed alongside the other freedoms we hold dear in the Arizona Constitution. Join with me and vote YES for health care freedom.

Vote YES for keeping patients in charge over their health.

Vote YES for Health Care Freedom Act.

Vote YES on Proposition 106.

Becky Helems, Mesa

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The Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act will preserve and protect patients' rights, and as a firefighter and patient, I support this initiative. A one-size-fits-all government run health care plan will make no one happy except special interest groups, and we are worse for it. In a one-size-fits-all government run health care world, we would not be able to choose other alternative methods. Even if we wanted to pay out of pocket for something else, we would not be able to. We would be told exactly what we can do, and what we cannot. My health is a very, very, personal matter. You bet I want to have something to say about it.

Too many special interest groups find it profitable when people are sick. A health care system in the hands of bureaucrats and special interests will put someone else's profitability above my health. There is too much pressure upon elected officials to funnel our health care dollars into the pockets of special interest groups. Our basic right to choose is coming under attack and must be protected in the state constitution.

Christine Quinn, Peoria

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Voting Yes on the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act is a vote to stop the federal government from ruining your personal health care decisions. Unless we pass Prop 106, there is a good chance that federal law will prevent you from spending your own money for legal health procedures and force you to join a medical plan of their choice.

You can maintain control of your health care choices by voting yes on Prop 106.

As a Registered Radiologic Technologist I believe its very important to protect our patient's right to control their own health care decisions.

Judith I. Johnson, Peoria

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The Health Care Reform Act passed last spring will be sorting out for years to come. The timetable for individual pieces of this legislation spreads over the next 15 years. Some things kick in immediately; others start their funding now and fall into place after the next Presidential election. Virtually no one knows the complete details of this enormous package.

Good advice is usually to hope for the best and prepare for the worst. We have an opportunity to prepare. The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act is the first best weapon we have to prepare for the worst. It gives us the right to continue the freedom we've know in our health care choices. We will be able to purchase legal health care with our own money and we can choose to opt out of a government imposed health care plan.

Voting yes for the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act is good advice.

Shiree Verdone, Phoenix

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Prop 106 is the most important vote you will cast in this election. The health care reform bill that was passed in Washington is confusing, indefinite, subject to lawsuits and filled more than 2700 pages of conflicts and non-funded mandates.

Prop 106 simply states that in Arizona you will not have to participate in any health plan or system of any type without penalties or fines and that you have the right to spend your own money for legal health services.

Prop 106 is your shield against the most expensive, intrusive and dictatorial parts of the new health care reform.

Vote YES on Prop 106

John B. Nelson, Litchfield Park

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Medical Assistants have grown to play a new and exciting role in our health care system. We bring a background in the delivery of primary care services to the delivery of medical care in every setting. In Arizona, medical assistants work in hospitals, urgent care centers, primary care and specialty offices, and operating rooms—everywhere there are patients.

In my practice, working with physicians to provide orthopedic medical care, I see firsthand how important it is that patients have their right to decide which treatments to pursue and when remain in their hands.

The Health Care Freedom Act will protect the right for patients now, and into the future, for the people of Arizona.

Spelling, grammar and punctuation were reproduced as submitted in the "for" and "against" arguments.

I do not want the day to come when my patients and me need to hope that a desired and potentially beneficial treatment will be approved by a government appointed bureaucrat.

That is why I enthusiastically SUPPORT The Health Care Freedom Act.

Please join me and VOTE YES on Proposition 106.

Kendra McDougall, Surprise

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If the new health care bill is not repealed or amended, in 2014 most Americans will be required to buy government approved health insurance. Insurance companies will have to offer coverage to everyone but will not be able to charge them different rates based on their health condition, their lifestyle or medical history. A healthy young fitness buff will be charged the same as a middle aged person who needs a liver transplant because of a lifetime of excessive alcohol consumption.

Guess who gets the short end of this deal? That's just one example of why you need protection.

The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act will change that here. This referendum is a major tool to be used against that kind of government abuse. It states that you do not have to participate in any health care plan or system and that you will still be allowed to purchase any legal health service you wish. Certainly it doesn't address the hundreds of issues in the reform bill, but it does strike at the heart of two important parts: you can't be forced to participate, nor can you be stopped from buying a legal service.

Vote yes on Prop 106, the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act.

Tom Haney, Phoenix

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Elections have consequences. We all now know that we weren't thoughtful in past elections and are paying the price now. The Health Care Freedom Act is probably the most important issue on this ballot. This simple, uncomplicated referendum clearly states what government cannot force upon you. No matter whom the players are, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or Green, the Arizona constitution is greater than their opinions. Vote for the Health Care Freedom Act for your own protection.

Kate Brophy McGee, Phoenix

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The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act is a must vote YES issue.

Your YES vote on this one issue will guarantee your right to opt out of any government imposed health care system. You will be able to make your own choice, even if that choice is not to participate.

Your YES vote on this issue will guarantee your right to choose to spend your own funds for legal medical services.

This isn't complicated. YES to the Health Care Freedom Act is all about protecting yourself from your government and it is a must YES vote.

Jane Lynch, Phoenix

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It is hard to believe that we have to guard against our own government, but we have learned that they don't act in our interest. They act in their interest. Sadly, when we lose our will to fight, we lose our freedom and now is the time to enter the battle.

Voting for the Health Care Freedom Act is a battle we can win. It is a main protection against the most intrusive parts of the health care reform passed by the federal government.

Now is not the time to lose our will to fight. This one is easy and winnable. Vote for the Health Care Freedom Act. Vote for Proposition 106.

Anne L. Lynch, Phoenix

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It doesn't matter if you love or hate the health care reform passed by Congress this year, you still need to vote for the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act to protect yourself. By voting Yes you will guarantee that you do not have to participate in a health care plan that you don't want. This isn't about being conservative or liberal. It is about your rights. Big government may want to take those away from you. In Arizona you can insulate yourself from it. It is just common sense to want to keep the freedom you have.

Vote Yes on Prop 106.

Mike Hellon, Tucson

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The health care reform bill that was passed was not written by elected officials. It was pieced together by staff members, angry patient groups, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, unions, medical workers, academics, think tanks of all political philosophies, and many other special interest groups. The only ideas not included were those of the "people". It ended up as a Rube Goldberg contraption that may have some working parts, but as a whole, only hinders any real progress on the many problems in health care.

The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act cannot fix each and every one of the failures this will produce, but it can keep you from a great deal of harm.

By voting Yes on the Health Care Freedom Act you will continue to have the right to spend your money for any legal health service and you will NOT have to participate in any health plan that you don't want. Vote YES on Prop 106.

Cheryl Pietkiewicz, Phoenix

Paid for by Arizonans for Health Care Freedom

Arizonans for Health Care Freedom means that when Prop 106 is passed, we will not have to join a health care plan that the federal government mandates. It also means that we can continue to purchase health services and devices with our own money. If we don't pass it, the chances are very good that each of us will have to buy an insurance plan that the government has decided is the right one and no matter how much we might want to spend on a health problem, it won't be allowed.

Does Prop 106 fix all the problems in health care reform? Absolutely not, but it does guard against two of the worst provisions of health care reform.

We are not going to be able to depend on the elected officials to get us out of the mess made in Washington, but here in Arizona we can use our laws to save us from some of it.

Vote Yes on Prop 106.

Thayer Verschoor, Gilbert

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Prop 106 is one of those rare things that doesn't have an agenda that leans left or right. It isn't Republican or Democrat. It is not the product of a conservative or liberal think tank. It simply addresses two basic problems caused by the passage of health care reform.

Prop 106 has no politics. It has solutions. You won't be denied the right to spend your money on medical services. You won't be forced to buy an insurance plan you don't want.

It is rare that anything on a ballot is easy to understand, means what it says and doesn't benefit one group over another. Prop 106 is about keeping rights you already have. Your yes vote is about your freedom. Do not let it slip away from you.

As a candidate for the State House in LD 8, I urge you to Vote YES on Prop 106.

Michael Blaire, Scottsdale

Paid for by Arizonans for Health Care Freedom

In the run up to the passage of health care reform in Washington, it was hard to find out what was in the bill. It was secretive and ever-changing, but there were people who were vigilant enough to stick with it because of serious skepticism about government involvement in the most personal matter of our individual health care.

Prop 106 was carefully drafted and placed on the ballot in anticipation of yet another takeover of our personal lives. It was so well done that 3 other states have already passed it by legislation and 33 others are in the process of using whatever procedures available to them for passage. The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act is now in play in nearly 2/3 of the states as a model.

Passing Prop 106 is the most important thing you can do to save your individual rights regarding your health care. You already have the right to spend your own dollars as you see fit on health services. If you want to purchase a legal medical procedure, you are allowed to do so. You are not forced to purchase an insurance plan approved for you by the government. You can purchase what you want. Failure to pass Prop 106 will mean that you will no longer have those rights.

Vote for your freedom. Vote for Prop 106.

Steve Kaiser, Phoenix

Paid for by Arizonans for Health Care Freedom

Early analysis of the federal health care reform bill after it passed indicate that it will be much more expensive than we were told during the year long debate in Congress. Is anyone surprised?

In Arizona we have the opportunity to put the breaks on some of the costs in Prop.106. We can decline to participate if we choose and we can choose to spend our own money for medical services.

Does this solve all the problems? No, but it is a major step in the long battle we face in overcoming what the federal government has done to us.

Do yourself a favor. Vote Yes on Prop.106.

Judy M. Burges, Skull Valley

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One of the biggest objections to the illegal immigration bill in Arizona was the false accusation that people would be stopped in the streets and asked to prove their legality. Ironically, people will be not only asked to prove they have government approved health insurance under the new health care reform, but will be fined if they do not.

It is easy to follow the propagandists when they are misleading people on emotional issues, but you should be aware that unless we pass the Health Care Freedom Act here in Arizona they can and will force upon you something you don't want, which is far worse than being asked to show your driver's license.

Vote Yes for the Health Care Freedom Act.

John Fillmore, Apache Junction

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Vote for Prop. 106. If you don't, in time you will wish you had. The health care reform bill that passed in Congress left so many details to be decided by committee, task force or bureaucrat that there is no telling what may evolve. Within the 2700 pages there are indicators that in due course, private payment for medical practices will be forbidden. It also appears that the only health insurance policy you will be able to buy is one that is approved by a government agency, which may well be government provided. Prop. 106 amends our state constitution so that neither of those will apply in Arizona. Why would you consider voting no?

Michelle Ugenti, Scottsdale

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On-going national polls continue to reflect approximately 56% of the folks want to repeal the health care reform which was passed by Congress earlier this year. Only 36% want to keep it as is, and the other 8% simply have no idea what is going on.

Just in case the Congress does not follow the will of the people, we in Arizona can correct two of the most onerous parts of their version of "reform". We can vote for Prop. 106 which guarantees that we don't have to participate in any government or privately run health care system and that we can pay for legal medical services on our own.

Since history has taught us that we can't depend on Congress to listen, we have to count ourselves fortunate to have the right to do our own reforming. Vote YES on Prop. 106.

Diane M. Douglas, Glendale

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By the time you have the opportunity to vote on Prop. 106, action may have been taken on the lawsuit filed in Florida against Congressional healthcare reform's constitutionality. Even if that is the case, please keep this from voting yes because anything can happen in a lawsuit. It could drag on for years.

The suit centers around federally mandating that you buy a product you may or may not want. It is quite different than requiring auto insurance because you aren't federally required to buy a vehicle. There is no precedent in law that makes you purchase something you don't think you want or need.

Be mindful that as it now stands, you must purchase health insurance that the government approves or you will be fined for not having done so.

People have been yelling for years about losing their freedom. This truly is a freedom lost to you. Additionally, once this freedom is taken from you, you will have to pay a hefty fine for what they do to you.

There is no other choice: Vote Yes on Prop. 106.

Millicent Jones, Phoenix

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The Obama health care reform package passed in March of this year. Very shortly thereafter we were told that the costs would be higher than the estimates. After a year of restructuring, revising and completing 2700 pages of reform, why are we informed of unanticipated additional costs after the bill has been voted into law? Of course, we all knew it would cost more than we were told because the amounts were part of the sales package, but a TRILLION DOLLARS is more than we can ever imagine.

You can do your part to reform the reform. Prop 106 protects you from two of the worst parts of this package. It gives you the right to opt out of any health care plan you don't want and it continues your right to spend your own dollars on legal medical services.

The country is in horrendous economic circumstances. We do not now, nor will we ever be, in a position to withstand a TRILLION DOLLARS in unexpected health care expense.

Save us. Vote for Prop. 106.

Ashley Bunch, Phoenix

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After the fact, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) informed us that the Health Care Reform bill would cost more than their estimates. They had a year to deal with each of the revisions and we were told repeatedly that the CBO is a non-partisan entity and could deal only with the information they were provided. Now they claim that didn't have enough time to run the numbers and they had to add \$10 to \$20 billion in administrative costs. They didn't know that before the law was passed?

For more than a year we were told time and again that health care reform had to be done to save lives, save money and save the country. It was passed and it will do none of those things.

After the fact, we can still do something to save us from this disaster. We can pass the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act. It is simple and has no cost estimates that will have to be revisited and raised. It has no cost.

You must vote for the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act to protect all of us from more government oppression. It states that you do not have to participate in any health plan that you don't want and you can spend your own money for health services. Simple, direct and without ambiguous language used as trickery.

Vote for the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act.

Samuel Hillman, Peoria

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No matter what you were told or think you know about healthcare reform, there are many things written into the 2,000 pages that we don't know. Arizona took action before the fact because we know we can't trust government to make the best decisions for us and we know that verbal tricks are common.

The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act wasn't written in code behind closed doors. It is easy to understand and doesn't come with a big price tag. It says that you will always be allowed to spend your own money on any legal medical procedure you want and that you can opt out of any health care plan you don't want.

This one is easy. There are no tricks. Do yourself a favor. Vote yes on the Health Care Freedom Act.

Mary Weeks, Peoria

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A YES vote for Prop 106 may save us from the worst parts of the health care reform passed in Congress this past spring. It will not protect us from everything, but how can we afford not to take the steps provided in the Arizona Healthcare Freedom Act? It simply states that we can buy our own health care services if we want to and refuse to participate in a health care plan we don't want. Vote Yes for Prop 106.

Barbara Hillman, Peoria

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Recently Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi said that musicians and other creative types should quit their jobs to develop their talents since the taxpayers will now be paying for their health care. You may or may not want to pay for creative people to pursue their talents, but do you want to give up your right to make your own health care choices in order to do so?

Unless we take action to protect ourselves we may well find that a government plan is imposed upon us and our right to pay for legal medical services is forbidden.

Prop. 106 is the safety net we have to keep us from falling into government run plans. There may be no way to stop paying for non-working creative type's health care, but we can preserve our right to look after our own interests.

A YES vote for Prop 106 is the most important vote you can cast regarding your personal health care.

Deborah Ann Kreibich, Youngtown

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For the past 2 years the most worrisome political issue has been health care reform. Federal legislation was passed and we still don't know what the 2700 pages mean. We don't know if parts of it will be funded. We don't know if the time frames will be met. We don't know how it will affect us.

There is something we can know. If we pass the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act, we can be assured that in Arizona we will not be forced to buy insurance against our will. We also know that we can spend our own money on legal medical services and devices.

If we don't pass the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act, we'll be left unprotected from a federal government's plan that may destroy our health care system and our rights to make our own medical choices. None of us should avoid the responsibility to guard against what government could do to us. Vote for Prop 106.

Todd Bradford, Phoenix

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Everyone knows that the health care bill that passed last spring is filled with regulations, restrictions, limitations, fees, fines and other unimaginable government dictates.

Do not allow the government to keep you from spending you money on medical services you may want or need. Do not allow the government to force you into a healthcare plan that you man not want or need.

Prop 106 is the only means we have to stop the federal government from making you do one and stopping you from doing the other.

If you fail to see the importance of a Yes vote on Prop 106, you may find yourself being forced to buy an insurance policy you don't want and doors closed to medical services you could previously purchase.

Kori Okuley, Peoria

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Spelling, grammar and punctuation were reproduced as submitted in the "for" and "against" arguments.

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There are very clear differences on the ballot this year between the candidates for various offices and this is the place to exercise your choice of Democrat or Republican. Prop 106 does not represent a political philosophy. It isn't liberal or conservative. It is a very clear declaration of your rights: your right to opt out of any health plan you don't want and not be punished for having done so and your right to buy legal medical services.

Prop 106 is the one opportunity you have to simply be an American voter protecting yourself from government. It is the right thing to do.

Margarita Hutchins, Peoria

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You have the power to start to dismantle the Health Care Bill passed in Congress last spring. Most people, including those who passed it, never read it. After it passed, some of it has come to light and most people found out that they are not going to be better off because of it. In fact, most people think they'll just have to pay more, have less medical service and those who we were told it would cover, still won't have anything new.

Prop 106 will preserve your right to buy your own medical services and let you opt out of a forced government plan. It is the right thing to do right now. Vote yes on Prop 106, to save your own rights.

Josie Garcia, Goodyear

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From the beginning of the debate to the bill that passed the US House and Senate and signed by the President, health care reform was not defined. No one knows what those words encompass: health insurance premiums, medical services, health education, medical school, hospitals, nursing homes, Medicare, Medicaid, insurance policies, or hundreds of other issues? There are as many ideas of what this bill was about as there are people thinking about it.

When it is not defined, it will always be questionable.

We are now in a position to start questioning the results.

Prop 106, the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act anticipated and now will solve two of the problems caused by health care reform. When passed, Prop 106 means that you can continue to spend your money for all legal medical services and you don't have to participate in any health care system.

Prop 106 is defined. Vote Yes for your own definite health care interests.

Scott Bundgaard, Peoria

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By the time this pamphlet is written there will probably be 20 other states following the Arizona example of Proposition 106. We are fortunate that we had the foresight to see the problems coming down the road. We have the opportunity to vote YES right now to keep ourselves safe from government intervention into the most private parts of our lives: our health care decisions. Prop 106 clearly states that we can spend our own money for any legal medical procedure we want and we can opt out of private or government run health care plans. It is simple. Vote for Prop 106.

Helen V. Barriga, Glendale

Paid for by Arizonans for Health Care Freedom

Mandates, especially those that are unaffordable, undercut personal choice and individual freedom - where does the government have the authority to mandate private contracts?. We need reform in the health insurance marketplace and we need to improve public health insurance programs before we mandate programs that we don't know how we are going to subsidize. Mandated insurance requirements will limit the marketplace and do nothing to control costs.

Kevin G. Rogers, President, Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, Gilbert

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James W. Klinker, Chief Administrative Officer, Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, Gilbert

Argument in Favor of Proposition 106

Dear Arizona Taxpayer,

Please read the text of Proposition 106, the Arizona Health Care Freedom Act. It is a simple proposition, but very important to the future of health care in Arizona.

A YES vote for Proposition 106 is a vote to keep health care decisions in the hands of patients and families, and out of the hands of politicians and government bureaucrats.

Proposition 106 will protect two basic freedoms. First, Proposition 106 will prohibit governments in Arizona from using penalties, fines, or taxes to force Arizona citizens to participate in any health care system or insurance plan. Second, Proposition 106 will ensure the freedom of citizens to use their own money to pay for any legal health care service. Proposition 106 will NOT affect Medicare, AHCCCS (Medicaid), veterans' benefits, or workers' compensation.

Arizonans must be free to choose when it comes to health care decisions, which are some of the most personal decisions we make. This is not just a matter of rights, but also of economic prosperity. If government can force us to join an insurance plan, or if government can keep us from using our own money to pay for the health care services we need, that will destroy competition in the health care sector. The government-chosen insurance companies will hold us as captive customers, and they will not have to compete to provide better services at lower costs.

Please join me in voting YES on Proposition 106.

For more ideas on enhancing freedom and protecting free enterprise, contact the Arizona chapter of Americans for Prosperity, at www.aztaxpayers.org, (602) 478-0146, or tomjenney@cox.net.

Tom Jenney, Arizona Director, Americans for Prosperity, Phoenix

PROTECT YOUR MEDICAL AUTONOMY—VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 106

Nearly everyone agrees we need to reform our health care system. But as always, the devil is in the details. Any reform proposal must address a crucial question: what are the costs to individual freedom?

Proposition 106, the Health Care Freedom Act, does one thing and one thing only: it ensures that whatever changes are made to our current system of health insurance, they will not erode the right of individuals and families to make basic and essential decisions about their health care. It does not make anything legal that is now illegal; rather, it preserves rights that we have today but are in danger of losing.

First, it prevents the government from forcing people to purchase government-approved health insurance, or from taxing or penalizing them if they choose not to do so. Many people have made perfectly good health-insurance arrangements. Government should not coerce us out of such arrangements.

Second, it protects the right of people to go outside of any health care system to purchase lawful medical services. In some places, individuals may not do so (in fact, people in such countries often come to the US for medical care). Proposition 106 is designed to make sure the government cannot take away those rights.

Health care reform should build upon the relationships people have with their health-care providers, not destroy them. Several states along with Arizona are taking this important step to protect our health-care freedom. We should too.

Clint Bolick, Attorney, Phoenix

Paid for by Arizonans for Health Care Freedom

The Arizona Health Care Freedom Act, which is on the ballot as Prop 106 is your chance to take apart the worst piece of legislation, passed in many years...the federal health care bill. All polls show that if it were left to "the people" the whole thing would be repealed; however, we know that will never happen. A new Congress may choose not to fund some parts so they will never go into effect, but other things will kick in.

Prop 106 lets you keep your right to choose not to have health insurance coverage if you don't want it without penalty and it lets you keep your right to buy any legal medical service you want with your own money.

We may never see the end of the damage done by the federal monstrosity, but we can keep Arizona free of two of the most awful parts. Voting Yes on Prop 106 is right.

Robert Mayer, Tucson

Paid for by Arizonans for Health Care Freedom

I am so proud of Arizona. Through our vote to pass Proposition 106, we will stand up and say a resounding "No" to forced federal government-run healthcare, and while we are at it, let's say "No" to those whose votes in Congress tried to take away our healthcare freedom.

Sydney Hay, Sole Proprietor, Southwest Policy Group, Munds Park

Earlier this year the National Federation of Independent Business joined the State of Arizona and 19 other states in a historic lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

NFIB didn't join this lawsuit lightly—we have been representing small business owners since 1943 and we take this responsibility extremely seriously. We have a long history of working on and supporting healthcare reforms at the federal and state levels that help to reduce costs and increase choices. We supported lowering barriers to buying coverage across state lines and coverage for pre-existing conditions as well as long overdue reforms to reduce lawsuit abuse. But this new law resulted in more bad than good for our nation's job creators. And this law is a bridge too far in terms of the future of our constitutional freedoms and liberties.

Small business owners everywhere are rightfully concerned that the law's unconstitutional new mandates, countless rules and new taxes will devastate their businesses and their ability to create jobs. Our members are also concerned about their personal freedoms. This law is the first time the federal government has required individuals to purchase something simply because they are alive. If Congress can regulate this type of inactivity, then there are essentially no limits to what they can mandate individuals to do.

Arizona voters have a powerful opportunity to support our fight against this destructive law in Proposition 106—the Arizona Healthcare Freedom Act. A July survey of NFIB/Arizona's 7,500 members found that 77 percent of small business owners support passage of Prop. 106. Not only will it keep Arizona from adopting some of the worst parts of the federal law, it very well may help overturn the individual mandate here in Arizona.

Small business urges you to vote "YES" on Prop. 106.

Farrell Quinlan, State Director, National Federation of Independent Business - Arizona, Phoenix

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Michael A. Crowe, Chairman, Leadership Council, National Federation of Independent Business - Arizona, Mesa

Prop 106 - health care services: direct purchase

Center for Arizona Policy supports the language of Prop 106, which specifies that this measure is simply about how a person pays for lawful healthcare services, not which healthcare services should be considered lawful. Prop 106 DOES NOT create a constitutional right to abortion, and Prop 106 keeps in place all laws protecting healthcare providers' rights of conscience.

Cathi Herrod, President, Center for Arizona Policy, Phoenix

Deborah Sheasby, Legal Counsel, Center for Arizona Policy, Phoenix

Paid for by Center for Arizona Policy

Dear Voter,

In my years serving the public in elected office, I have seen firsthand what happens when the federal government fails to do its job. Inevitably, federal failures result in a loss of freedom, increased burdens on taxpayers, businesses and state government and a massive amount of misdirected resources.

There are few better examples of federal failure than the enactment of "ObamaCare," the 2,000-plus pages of health care law signed by the President in March. This law creates unprecedented new burdens on the state of Arizona and its citizens - and it puts government in the middle of important health care decisions, instead of patients, families and doctors.

A yes vote on 106 is a vote against the mandate by President Obama and the Democratic Congress, who with ObamaCare have given the IRS the power to fine Americans who don't buy insurance.

Please join me in voting Yes on Prop 106. Send Washington a message that in Arizona we will not tolerate their failures, nor will we compromise our freedoms.

Sincerely,

Jan Brewer, Governor, Phoenix

ARGUMENTS "AGAINST" PROPOSITION 106

Argument Against PROP 106
Health Care Services Initiative

The Arizona Education Association believes health care reform is an education issue. Right now Arizona has the fourth highest percentage of uninsured children in our nation with more than one in five children in some counties in Arizona without health care.

Students who come to school healthy and ready to learn will one day be prepared to be contributing members to the well-being and prosperity of our state and the nation.

We cannot close the achievement gaps when so many of our student's families don't have job security, health care coverage, or access to living wages and benefits. We know that poor children (children below the poverty line and likely without health care coverage) are more likely than better-off children to suffer from a wide array of chronic health problems, such as asthma and digestive disorders, that affect school readiness in many ways.

Right now Arizona has the fourth highest percentage of uninsured children in the nation. PROP 106 moves Arizona backwards and away from providing quality, affordable health care to our children. The Arizona Education Association requests that you vote NO on PROP 106.

John Wright, President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

Andrew Morrill, Vice President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

Paid for by AEA Education Improvement Fund

As a physician with 45 years of experience in health care delivery, I fail to see any virtue in the passage of this law. It lacks any specific solutions for those without insurance, or with pre-conditions. It alludes to the entire universe of our health care systems, but does nothing that I can see to increase health care choices for our citizens or expand access to care for those without coverage, or who do not have the ability to pay for needed care. Citizens are looking for protection from health care crises and subsequent loss of their life-long assets, be it their home or retirement savings. This law does nothing to address this critical need. The "Freedom of Choice" title is a misnomer. Citizens need freedom from health care catastrophe, and they need choices for their health care that are available, universal and affordable. I urge a NO vote on Prop. 106.

Raymond F. Graap, MD, Tucson

Argument Against the proposal to amend the Constitution of Arizona; Amending Article XXVII Relating to Health Care Services; HCR 2014; Prop 106

It is our professional duty as nurses to alert the public of this grand deception.

Should this pass, Arizona citizens would vote away their right to participate in any comprehensive, universal healthcare system such as Improved and Expanded Medicare For All.

Before hastily voting away your choice, remember that last year 72% of the American people and 59% of U.S. physicians supported a national healthcare system. Their voice was not included in the "healthcare debate". This proposition is being promoted by the greedy few who want to cash in on the broken health insurance system before it's too late.

They are denying YOU the RIGHT to a health care system that would return the decision-making to your health care professional, not an insurance bureaucrat!

Please Vote NO!

Linda Abrams, RN, Tucson

Ann Dichov, RN, Tucson

Donna Malecki, RN, Tucson

Alison McLeod, RN, Bisbee

Shawn Murray, RN, Tucson

Paid for by Ann Rose Dichov

HEALTH CARE SERVICES - CON STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Arizona urges a "no" vote on Proposition 106 to amend the Arizona Constitution, which is similar to Proposition 101 that the voters rejected in November 2008.

If enacted, this law would violate the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, passed by the U.S. Congress a few months ago. Federal law supersedes the state constitution, making it unlikely that this law could defeat the federal health care mandate in that law.

The right of the U.S. Congress to impose the insurance requirement is grounded in its authority to regulate interstate commerce and other powers.

Proposition 106, which allows people to ignore a national mandate to buy health insurance, would encourage them to use emergency room services or to carry policies only when they need treatment. This would increase costs for everyone else, either through higher insurance premiums or taxes. This is not "freedom" for those of us paying the bill.

In addition, passage of a constitutional amendment could limit legislative options, including laws that could protect private practitioners, hospitals, and patients from insurance industry abuses.

The LWVAZ stands united with women and men from across the state to make our fellow citizens aware of the adverse implications of this law and ask them to vote "NO" on Proposition 106.

Dr. Bonnie F. Saunders, President, League of Women Voters of Arizona, Surprise

Dr. Barbara Klein, 1st Vice President, League of Women Voters of Arizona, Scottsdale

Paid for by League of Women Voters of Arizona

Protect Arizonans, Not Insurance Companies

Insurance companies have been committing fraud against the hardworking citizens of Arizona for many years. They have accepted our payments for insurance and then cancelled our policies when we finally needed the services we paid for.

They have told us we are not insurable due to "pre-existing conditions", even though those conditions were often imaginary or trivial. Enough is enough! It is time for Arizonans to have the freedom that comes with protection from these predatory practices.

Proposition 106 is the opposite of what Arizonans need. This proposition will protect the insurance companies, allowing them to continue their fraudulent and predatory ways without fear of intervention from those who are supposed to protect us. Proposition 106 is dangerous because it is another gift to the already powerful insurance special interests. Keep Arizonans free to choose whatever health insurance we want, **VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 106.**

Toby Stahl, Phoenix

Hal Stahl, Phoenix

ARGUMENTS "AGAINST" PROPOSITION 106

Vote NO on Proposition 106! As a pediatrician, I am concerned about many of the provisions of this constitutional amendment because of its broad language and its refusal to deal with the real issues affecting health care, specifically people's access to care and the cost and quality of care. Physicians and other health care providers want patients to receive the best possible care. This referendum, in the words of its creators, would prevent Arizona from imposing evidence-based practices into the health care system, potentially diminishing our ability to assure the highest quality of care. Medicine is constantly evolving as new information is learned about diseases, drugs and other health care issues. If we are not encouraged to use this information to improve medical care for patients, we will be doing a disservice to our community.

In addition, I see many patients with communicable diseases and understand how importance our public health care system is in preventing disease transmission. The recent swine flu pandemic is an example of a potential threat. We need public health law to provide for surveillance and treatment. Proposition 106 would prevent many of these provisions from being implemented. This puts all of us at risk at a time when global health issues are becoming more prevalent. This is foolhardy and unnecessary. Vote no on Prop 106!

Eve Shapiro, MD, MPH, Tucson

A Cost We Cannot Afford

Proposition 106 will cost Arizona Taxpayers money that we cannot afford during this difficult time. It will:

- Cost Arizona taxpayers an estimated \$1,000,000,000 (one billion dollars) each year by forcing uninsured citizens to continue to use emergency rooms instead of private doctors for minor ailments.
- Cost Arizona taxpayers millions more in legal fees due to poor and ambiguous wording. This will enrich the lawyers, but do nothing to help Arizonans save money or get the health care all our citizens deserve.
- Cost Arizonans additional money in health care premiums by allowing insurance companies to continue to raise prices unchecked by competition and by increasing the number of medical malpractice lawsuits due to reduced oversight.

Arizona cannot afford Proposition 106. **VOTE NO ON 106.**

Toby Stahl, Chair, Democracy for America - Maricopa County, Fountain Hills

Paid for by Democracy For America - Maricopa County

Proposition 106 - (HCR 2014) Vote No

Vote No. A few selfish doctors want this amendment to our Arizona Constitution so that they can charge extra high fees for surgery. This is not a freedom of choice issue. It is a very bad and broad change that would prohibit future reform in health care in Arizona. It is written purposely in a vague and confusing way to hide the main effects. In fact, it would even turn back many of the protections that the public now has.

Bad effects of this include taking away the safeguards that now prevent unproven and reckless treatments by some physicians. It would also ruin our public health care thus endangering all Arizonans. We depend very much on public health protection and could even have our security in a terrorist disaster hampered by this dangerous amendment.

The amendment would stop our State oversight and prevention of health insurance company abuse of their clients. Many future reforms of the health insurance industry would be stopped.

This foolish proposition would also stop the ability to change existing health care laws and regulations. This would cause huge expenditures to lawyers to challenge the confusing issues that would be created.

This amendment also interferes with the privacy of our personal health care records.

Many experts in health care have studied this amendment and find it to be a very bad change in our laws.

A majority of Arizona voters defeated this in the referendum of 2008. Please vote no.

George L. Pauk, MD, Phoenix

Health Care is a human right. The government must force everyone to pay their fair share. This is too important to allow people their freedom.

Government experts will know what works and what does not and the people should only get what the experts recommend.

We need government to push everyone into one system. This will force all the snake oil remedies such as chiropractic, naturopathic care and homeopathic care out so that huge amount of money will no longer be wasted on these senseless practices, as well as the use of vitamins.

No matter who is here, legal or undocumented, health care must be provided by the government. If we don't do this the health insurance companies will not succeed if they are not subsidized to cover all of us. It is vitally important that we protect the insurance companies or risk a system collapse that will mean the poor and middle class will have no health care.

Do the right thing. Vote NO on Prop. 106

Laurie Renee Gutierrez, Scottsdale

Last month, I read a story in the New York Times about the nation of Rwanda. I think it says a lot about where American health care should go in the future. The Times said this:

"Rwanda has had national health insurance for 11 years now; 92 percent of the nation is covered, and the premiums are \$2 a year."

This program has been a great success. The Times reports, "since the insurance, known as health mutuals, rolled out, average life expectancy has rise to 52 from 48, despite a continuing AIDS epidemic, according to Dr. Agnes Binagwaho, permanent secretary of Rwanda's Ministry of Health. Deaths in childbirth and from malaria are down sharply, she added."

Think about that. Imagine if we could increase the American life span by 8 percent in just 11 short years? That would give each of us another 6 years of life. To me, that would be worth all the tax dollars I've paid for all the years I've paid them.

I've read Proposition 106. It moves us away from national health care and hands the responsibility back to people ... us. That makes no sense to me. If a Third World nation of 10 million can manage health for \$2 a person, surely we can do it for more, but a sensible amount?

Devon Franza, Scottsdale

My Fellow Americans:

Every year before I go to the polls, I re-read the Declaration of Independence. Then I vote with our Founding Fathers in mind. And when it comes to Proposition 106, I know what they would say. Two thumbs down. Way down.

The Declaration was written way back in the 1770s, even before hospitals, but it says a lot about health care if you know how to read it. The second paragraph says all Americans "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

To me, that means you're entitled to health care, just like you're entitled to free speech, trial by a jury or the right to do what you're about to do. Vote.

So vote no on 106 and say yes to the government playing a role in health care. For all the things our tax dollars pay for, the least we should get back is the unalienable right to life/health.

Kasey Ann Stevens, Gilbert

Dear Voter of Arizona,

I was watching a movie with my kids recently... and one of the characters said, "If you're not first... you're last." Well, I can certainly say that's true of the United States and our healthcare. This is why we need to vote No on 106 and start striving for first again.

Shame on those among us who would even consider blocking President Obama's health care reform! Every person within our borders should feel that they are taken care of. Our government is trying to reach out to us with this policy, but we're slapping their hand away! When someone gives you something, free of charge, why would you deny it? Other counties like Canada and Great Britain offer health care for their citizens... and guess what? They did it well before the U.S... making us -you guessed it - not first. Last.

It's time to put America and Arizona first. That's why we need to all vote No on 106.

Wendy D. Anderton, Scottsdale

Proposition 106 is Bad for Arizonans

2.4 million Arizonans with a history of chronic conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, or High Blood Pressure could **lose** new rights and protections under Proposition 106. The intent of Proposition 106 is to **prohibit** Arizonans from participating in national healthcare reform, known as the Affordable Health Care Act (AHCA) passed by Congress and signed by the President. AHCA provides Americans with new rights and protections to prevent insurance companies from refusing to issue coverage or otherwise discriminate against individuals with chronic conditions. Passage of Proposition 106 undermines these gains.

Arizonans with chronic conditions often struggle to maintain stable health insurance coverage – particularly those without employer-sponsored coverage. Individuals and small businesses could do little prior to AHCA to stop insurance companies from denying or limiting coverage based on a person having chronic conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, and High Blood Pressure. AHCA, when fully implemented, will put an end to a number of notorious insurance company practices including:

- Denial of coverage based on pre-existing conditions
- Exclusion of coverage for a pre-existing condition

Asthma, Diabetes, and High Blood Pressure are just three of the conditions insurance companies use to limit or deny coverage. If Proposition 106 passes, individuals with these conditions might not be able to obtain affordable, stable coverage, whether they purchase coverage on their own, receive coverage through a small business, or work for a large employer.

The Affordable Health Care Act provides new security and stability for all Americans including those with chronic illnesses, by protecting them from bad insurance company practices and by ensuring coverage is affordable regardless of health status. Passage of 106 would put Arizonans at renewed risk of going without health insurance, and losing the access to health care that insurance provides.

Phil Lopes, State Representative, Tucson

ARGUMENT Against Proposition 106

Please vote **NO** on **Proposition 106** as it will have a very unsafe, negative impact on the Health of the Public. **You** and I, our Families, Friends, and Neighbors in Arizona **are** the Public!

Infectious Diseases should be of primary concern to all of us. **Proposition 106** can "throw out the window" the Policies and Guidelines which have been forged during the last 100 years for the Health Protection of each of us, including **you!**

Pandemics, such as Swine Flu and other Diseases we cannot even imagine now, would run rampant because of **Proposition 106**. Do you want to stand in a grocery store check-out line next to a TUBERCULOSIS Patient who has decided to refuse his MEDS because **Prop. 106** will give him **FREE CHOICE** to refuse Treatment??!

Vote **NO** on **Prop. 106!** For your own Health and the Health of Others!

Janet C. Tillotson, Scottsdale

OPPOSE Proposition 106- Proposition 106 "Arizona's Health Reform Amendment"

As proposition 106 clearly opposes key aspects of federal healthcare reform, namely the requirement for individuals to obtain insurance and the sanctions associated with non-participation, the Arizona Public Health Association opposes it. Arizona voters have already rejected a similar proposition in 2008. The Arizona Public Health Association feels that this proposition will only undermine certain provisions of federal health reform, and it must be defeated. This proposition will only delay Arizona's participation in federal health reform and delay the receipt of significant federal financial support. If passed, the state will assuredly face costly litigation at a time when resources are scarce and needed in other areas. The Arizona Public Health Association strongly supports federal health reform and prefers that our state work for smooth implementation without unnecessary delays. For these reasons, we oppose Proposition 106.

Protect the Public's Health and VOTE NO on Proposition 106

The Voice for Public Health

**Jennifer Bonnett, Executive Director,
Arizona Public Health Association, Phoenix**

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**Ellen Owens Summo, President Elect,
Arizona Public Health Association, Phoenix**

Opposition to Proposition 106, the "Freedom of Choice Amendment"

Proposition 106, on the Arizona Ballot in November 2010, would prevent us from guaranteeing healthcare to all Arizonans. The 5000 Registered Nurses from NNOC – AZ/NUU strongly oppose Proposition 106. It changes the Arizona Constitution, adding language that will restrict the State's ability to enact a universal system of care for all Arizonans. A program like Medicare for everyone would be unconstitutional in Arizona. Expanding AHCCCS to cover more medically indigent individuals would be unconstitutional in Arizona. Persons with no money to purchase health insurance will have NO Freedom of Choice since the Proposition does not guarantee access to health care for those with limited resources and no insurance. Those without resources to purchase care, will have NO freedom to find the care they need. The proposition does not assure quality of medical care. Proposition 106 does not prevent insurance companies from denying coverage to those with pre-existing medical conditions; but it allows insurers to offer insurance without state oversight. The Proposition allows physicians to perform any "legal" service and charge for those services privately with no restriction on the fees, and no assurance that the service is appropriate for the medical condition. The proposal will limit the ability of the State of Arizona to protect the public from unethical providers. The Proposition could prevent Public Health Officials from acting in

the best interest of the public's health when threatened by epidemics, bio-terrorism, environmental hazards, or other public disasters or catastrophes.

NNOC-AZ/NNU is a professional association with 5000 RN contacts in Arizona committed to a single standard of quality care for all Arizonans.

AZ RNs urge you to vote NO on Proposition 106.
Jennifer Lemmon, Organizer, NNOC - AZ/NNU, Tempe

The Arizona Green Party recommends a NO vote on Prop 106, which would amend the Arizona Constitution. The so-called "Freedom of Choice" amendment would disallow the state from setting up a health care system that would provide care for every citizen. We, the Arizona Green Party, assert that an amendment this narrow in concept does not serve the people of Arizona. Instead, it advances the rights of insurance companies.

The Constitution is the tool we have to protect the citizens. This amendment does the opposite. Prop 106 would "set it in stone" that the providers of health insurance in Arizona will always be private corporations. If passed there would be no possibility of a public insurance plan, like seniors have with Medicare. A Medicare-For-All plan could provide health care that is privately delivered and publicly funded. This would mean that Arizonans would still have the freedom of choice of their own doctors, clinics and hospitals. The payer of these services would be a single entity, rather than dozens of insurance companies. An added single-payer benefit is the cost reduction in administrative overhead.

Slamming the door on a single-payer system forever, because of this proposed amendment to the Constitution, is a step backward not forward. Vote NO on Prop. #106. (For more information on the Green Party, including opinions about other ballot measures, go to AzGP.org.)

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Arizona National Organization for Women
 Argument Opposing Prop 106

Don't be fooled by the bait-and-switch arguments of the promoters of Prop 106. This is not about the freedom of consumers to "choose" their own healthcare but is designed to guarantee insurance companies and doctors the freedom to continue making wind-fall profits at our expense. Passage of Prop 106 will constitutionally prevent the Legislature or the voters from instituting healthcare solutions that limit costs or guarantee treatment.

If you're happy with the state of our current healthcare system, if you think you are getting good service at fair prices, if you think that having thousands of uninsured children is acceptable, if you think that denial of coverage for serious medical conditions is fair, this is the proposition for you. This measure ensures the continuation of the status quo, with ever increasing prices and ever decreasing quality of service.

If you think we deserve better, don't vote for this "Insurance Company Protection Act." Join with Arizona NOW to **vote NO on Prop 106.**
Eric Ehst, Policy Coordinator (President), Arizona National Organization for Women, Phoenix
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As a registered nurse for more than 30 years, a patient, a customer of various health insurance companies for 40 years, a foreign traveler, and student of the problems of health care in the U.S., I have become a strong proponent of true alternatives to the type and degree of health care that exists today. Prop.106 has been crafted by wealthy specialist physicians and insurance corporations to defeat any hope of that. Their sole aim is to strengthen their control and satisfy their greed at the expense of hundreds of thousands of Arizona citizens by seeking to deny true alternatives such as government plans. I see this from the inside every day: the waste, the greed, the exclusion of the truly needy, including the forcing of what should be primary care patients to expensive emergency rooms.

106 could eliminate the power of medical and nursing boards to enforce competency, and of the health department to prevent epidemics. The deliberately confusing language will generate lawsuits.

Arizona citizens are unaware that once again corporations are promising "freedom of choice" for all when it is essentially only "freedom of choice" for the already insured. Even those will be unprotected from charlatans who will be able to sell their untested practices and treatments because the State will not be able to enforce "evidence-based" best practices, which have become the standard of quality nationwide.. Arizona's often trusting and unaware elderly, snowbird population, including many "rich retired", has for decades been a magnet for the unscrupulous, including hordes of specialists and insurance companies. This will only open the door wider for this kind of exploitation. Rich and poor need to be protected from this corporate weapon being used to further chip away at our civil rights to decent health care.

Sarah Fox, RN, MPH, Phoenix

Don't Lose the Benefits the Health Care Law, Vote NO on HCR 214 Prop 106

Our country passed historical health care reform to reach out to 30 million Americans that had little or no access to care. Right now as I write this the first benefits are being seen by everyone. Now, people with pre-existing conditions can get insurance through our nationwide high-risk pools that are set up. Folks in Arizona can access this insurance at: <http://www.pcip.gov/>. Do you want this benefit to go away? If Prop 106 passes then folks with illnesses that stop them from being insured go back to suffering. Please vote NO on Prop 106. This month children can now stay on their parent's insurance policy till they are 26. This means as they finish school they will not lose their coverage while they look for a job. In this economy, that is a very important benefit. Do you want kids to go back to being kicked off insurance at 19 or 23? If you vote yes on Prop 106 children LOSE this benefit. Please vote NO and stand up for young adults. Finally, seniors got their first checks for 250.00 if they fall into the "donut hole" from lack of prescription drug coverage. This January all Medicare Part D gaps will be reduced by 50%. So, my dad will pay 500.00 instead of the 1000.00 he has been paying. It is crucial that you vote NO on Prop 106 so that seniors don't lose this valuable new service. And, all preventative care for seniors will now be part of Medicare. No more out of pocket costs. This new law helps all of Arizonans. Your vote of NO in PROP 106 ensures that we continue to have these benefits and many more to come.

Michelle Melchiorre, Fountain Hills

Arguments AGAINST Proposition 106 - the "Freedom of Choice Amendment"

Proposition 106 is **COMPLICATED & CONFUSING**, & therefore..

It is **DANGEROUS!**

IF IT PASSES There will be

NO Assurance of Quality of Care for patients, because it **RESTRICTS STATE OVERSIGHT.**

NO PROTECTION against **Dishonest, Unethical, or Fraudulent PROVIDERS!**

NO Assurance that **PROVIDERS OF CARE** will be **Licensed or Competent**

NO Assurance that **CARE** will be appropriate for the **Patient**, or for their **Disease.**

NO Assurance that a Health Policy will provide **NEEDED PATIENT SERVICES.**

NO Assurance for **WORKERS** who may need **PROTECTION ON THE JOB.**

NO Assurance that Public Health Agencies will protect society from **Epidemics.**

NO PROTECTION against the **SALE of Unneeded, Ineffective, or Unsafe Health Products.**

It is **CONFUSING** Legislation **DESIGNED** to **PREVENT:**

1. Necessary **HEALTH REFORM**
2. Improvement in the public's **ACCESS TO CARE.**
3. The Establishment of Standards for **QUALITY Medical Care.**

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4. It will **NOT Develop Criteria** for **Controlling COSTS**

Given these many reasons to question PROPOSITION 106, I urge its REJECTION!

A. Land Harris, MD, Phoenix

Leslie Kaminski, MD, Phoenix

Sarah Fox, RN, MPH, Phoenix

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Proposition 106, will NOT assure all Arizonans the freedom to choose health services; but it will change our Constitution, placing confusing and dangerous language in our primary legal document. Prop 106 will prevent future legislatures from passing laws to guarantee quality healthcare for all Arizonans, not just those able to purchase care.

- It will be **unconstitutional** in Arizona to expand Medicare for all age groups.
- It will be **unconstitutional** in Arizona to expand AHCCCS to help medical indigents.
- Persons with limited resources will have **NO freedom** to choose health care; Prop 106 does not help those without insurance. It only helps those with money.
- Prop 106 **does not guarantee quality** of medical care; it will allow any provider to offer any service a patient is willing to buy, whether appropriate or not.
- Prop 106 allows insurers to sell policies **not** approved by the State Insurance Commissioner.
- Prop 106 allows any physician to perform any "legal" service with no restriction on fees, and no assurance that the service is appropriate for the medical condition.
- Prop 106 limits the State from protecting the public against unethical providers.
- Prop 106 could prevent Public Health from protecting the public when threatened by epidemics, bio-terrorism, environmental hazards, or other public disasters or catastrophes.
- Prop 106 is bad for Arizona citizens.

Proposition 106 must be defeated in November to protect our health and safety.

Jonathan B. Weisbuch, MD, MPH, Former Maricopa County Health Officer and Director, County Department of Public Health, Phoenix

Proposition 106 is an AMENDMENT to the CONSTITUTION of the state of Arizona and as such needs to be carefully scrutinized. The wording of this proposition is extremely confusing and its future medical and legal implications far from clear. On this basis alone, it is DANGEROUS and needs to be defeated, The People of Arizona have already defeated its predecessor, Proposition 101 in 2008 and need to do likewise for 106 in 2010.

Proposition 106 is MISLEADING even in its title "Freedom of Choice". Nothing could be further from the truth. Freedom of choice of what? It DOES NOT OFFER FREEDOM OF CHOICE to anyone who has no resources, nor to those with employer health insurance.

It UNDERMINES systems for standardizing "evidence-based" quality medical care and upholding physician qualifications – both of which protect us from harm.

It UNDERMINES public health enforcement and the security and treatment of the seriously mentally ill when anyone can refuse care from "a health care system" they do not want.

It potentially UNDERMINES the security and care of abused women and children when protective medical institutions/health care systems have no power to act.

The potential of Proposition 106 for denial of appropriate care, refusal of appropriate care, accommodation of inadequate, incompetent care and care-takers, places all of us in Arizona in jeopardy. This is not the "freedom of choice" we want or deserve.

Proposition 106 **MUST BE DEFEATED.**

Mary Ellen Bradshaw, MD, Consultant, Child, Adolescent & School Health & Public Health Administration, Past President, American Association of Public Health Physicians, Past Delegate to American Medical Association, Phoenix

The Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans urges you to vote "NO" on Proposition 106 to protect seniors.

Proposition 106 is an attempt to undermine the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – Seniors and retirees are already seeing tremendous benefits from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. For example, all 852,880 Arizona Medicare beneficiaries will now receive a free annual checkup and will no longer have to pay out-of-pocket for preventive screenings for diseases like cancer and diabetes. The law begins to close the prescription drug "doughnut hole" coverage gap for 378,374 Arizona seniors by providing them with a \$250 check in 2010 in addition to a 50 percent discount on their medications in 2011 until the gap is closed. Also in 2010, early retirees with employer-covered health benefits can continue receiving affordable coverage because employers are provided subsidies for offering retiree health benefits. The law, which extends the solvency of Medicare Trust Fund by 12 years, expands options for home-based care, so that more seniors can stay in the comfort of their own homes rather than being forced into a skilled nursing facility. Finally, starting this year, health insurance companies are no longer able to deny coverage to older Americans with pre-existing health conditions.

Vote "NO" on Proposition 106. Proposition 106 will HARM SENIORS. Vote "NO" on Proposition 106.

**Doug Hart, President, Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans,
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**Bill Engler, 2nd Vice President, Arizona Alliance for Retired
Americans, Anthem**

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Proposition 106, the "Freedom of Choice" Amendment, was DEFEATED BY THE VOTERS two years ago. We must DEFEAT it again. It is a CONFUSING piece of Legislation, and any AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION should be OPPOSED if it is not ABSOLUTELY CLEAR in its implications. Proposition 106 not only takes some healthcare reform options OFF THE TABLE, it also opens up a MYRIAD OF LEGAL and ETHICAL ISSUES that will TIE UP OUR COURTS FOR YEARS IF PASSED.

Proposition 106 WILL NOT GUARANTEE "FREEDOM OF CHOICE"

THERE WILL STILL BE:

- **NO CHOICE** for the 1.1 million Arizonans who are Unable to Purchase Insurance
- **NO CHOICE** of Insurance for those who are Covered under their Employer's Plan
- **NO CHOICE** for Patients to see Doctors who are not "In Network" without Paying a Penalty

IN ADDITION, IF PROPOSITION 106 PASSES, THERE WILL BE:

- **NO ASSURANCE** that Public Health Agencies will Protect Society from Epidemics
- **NO CHOICE** for Arizonans to Choose Their Own Type of Healthcare Reform
- **NO ASSURANCE** that Providers of Care are Licensed or Competent
- **NO ASSURANCE** for Patients that their Healthcare Providers will be Immunized
- **NO PROTECTION** against Dishonest, Unethical, or Fraudulent Providers
- **NO PROTECTION** against the Sale of Unneeded, Ineffective, or Unsafe Products
- **NO ASSURANCE** that Care will be Appropriate for the Patient or the Disease
- **NO ASSURANCE** for Workers Who may Need Protection on the Job
- **NO GUARANTEE** that a Policy will Provide Needed Patient Services
- **NO PROTECTION** to Buyers of Insurance because it Restricts State Oversight

Proposition 106 is CONFUSING Legislation that will PREVENT:

- Necessary Healthcare REFORM
- Improvement in ACCESS TO CARE
- Establishment of STANDARDS FOR QUALITY
- Developing Criteria for CONTROLLING COSTS

VOTE NO ON 106!

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ARGUMENTS "AGAINST" PROPOSITION 106



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PROPOSITION 106

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BY THE
LEGISLATURE RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES
[HCR 2014]**

BALLOT FORMAT FOR PROPOSITION 106

<p><u>A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION</u> PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE XXVII, BY ADDING SECTION 2, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES.</p>
<p><u>DESCRIPTIVE TITLE</u> PROHIBITS LAWS OR RULES THAT REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN ANY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; ALLOWS A PERSON, EMPLOYER OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO FORGO HEALTH INSURANCE AND PAY OR RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE DIRECTLY WITHOUT A PENALTY; SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF HEALTH INSURANCE IN PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS.</p>

<p>A “yes” vote shall have the effect of prohibiting the enactment of laws or rules that require any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system. It will also allow a person or employer to forgo health insurance and pay for health care services directly without a penalty and will allow health care providers to accept direct payment without a penalty. It will specifically allow health insurance in private health care systems.</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>A “no” vote shall have the effect of retaining the current law regarding a person or entity’s health care choices.</p>	<p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>