

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE
OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first
Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), passed
by the United States Congress in 2010, created a new nationwide requirement
for health plans; and

WHEREAS, the PPACA does not allow insurers, purchasers and other stake-
holders with religious or moral objections to specific items or services re-
quired under the PPACA to decline to provide or obtain coverage of such items
or services, or allow health care providers with such objections to decline
to provide them; and

WHEREAS, by not allowing those with religious or moral objections to de-
cline to provide or obtain coverage with items or services that conflict with
their beliefs, the PPACA infringes on the rights of conscience of insurers,
purchasers and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering the Respect for Rights of Conscience
Act of 2011, H.R. 1179, S. 1467, that would amend the PPACA and ensure that
health care stakeholders retain the right to provide, purchase or enroll in
health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral
convictions without fear of being penalized or discriminated against under
the PPACA and would ensure that no requirement in the PPACA creates new pres-
sures to exclude those exercising such conscientious objection from health
plans or other programs under the PPACA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature urges the United
States Congress to pass the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011 and
allow Americans to retain the right to provide, purchase and enroll in health
coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convic-
tions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
resentatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the
State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.