

**Halbig v. Burwell Decision Only Proves Congress Should Repeal Obamacare  
One Minute  
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Mr. Speaker,

Important health care news broke this morning. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit upheld a challenge to Obamacare health insurance subsidies being granted in the federal exchange.

So what does this mean? The Appellate Court found that the Affordable Care Act was written so that tax subsidies for insurance premiums are only allowed in state-based exchanges. But so far, only 14 of the 50 states set up state-based exchanges. Many others, including Texas, are in federal or partnership exchanges. Today's ruling said these states are getting subsidies illegally. This means that nearly 7 and a half million people could potentially owe the federal government thousands of dollars when all is said and done.

To be sure, this is a victory for the rule of law. But it only highlights that this law was a disaster from the start. It was a rough draft of a law that went to rule making as a rough draft. So, then, is it any surprise that it is being dialed back by the courts? Between the Hobby Lobby decision and this, it is clear this law wasn't carefully drafted. This is the

fault of the people who drafted the law. We're seeing the consequences of their carelessness now.

Until Congress repeals this disaster of a law once and for all, the American people and our system of Federalism will continue to be harmed.

I yield back.