Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Eric Cantor
House Majority Leader
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Cantor:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ObamaCare") remains broadly unpopular across America. More and more Americans are now feeling its impact—from job losses and part-time downgrades, to insurance policy changes and violations of religious liberties, to state budget strains caused by Medicaid expansions. Americans don't like these impacts. Most Americans still believe that healthcare should be controlled by patients and doctors, not by the government.

Moreover, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), an agency now publicly known to have deliberately discriminated against conservative entities, pro-Israel groups, and other organizations, is charged by law with enforcing significant portions of ObamaCare. IRS enforcement of a law Americans do not like in the first place is a double-whammy that is totally unacceptable.

Therefore, we should continue our efforts to repeal ObamaCare in its entirety this year, next year, and until we are successful. However, in the meantime, there is more we can do in Congress.

Since much of the implementation of ObamaCare is a function of the discretionary appropriations process, including the operation of the "mandatory spending" portions of the law, and since most of the citizens we represent believe that ObamaCare should never go into effect, we urge you to affirmatively de-fund the implementation and enforcement of ObamaCare in any relevant appropriations bill brought to the House floor in the 113th Congress, including any continuing appropriations bill.

As many of us have quoted before, James Madison wrote in Federalist No. 58 that the "power over the purse may, in fact, be regarded as the most complete and effectual weapon ... for obtaining a redress of every grievance..." We look forward to collaborating to defund one of the largest grievances in our time and to restore patient-centered healthcare in America.

Sincerely,

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