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Dear Mr. Prunty,

Thank you for contacting me with your thoughts regarding the defunding and repeal of ObamaCare. It is good to hear from you.

As you may know, the House recently made an effort to defund its implementation by passing a continuing resolution (CR) that contained language to completely defund ObamaCare. On September 20, 2013 the House voted, with my support, in favor of H. J. Res. 59, the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2014 (CR), which included a provision that fully defunds ObamaCare. This bill provided the necessary appropriations for all government operations with the exception of those funds necessary for the implementation of ObamaCare. H. J. Res. 59 passed the House by a vote of 230 to 189 and was sent to the Senate for further consideration. Soon after, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid stripped this language, allowing ObamaCare to be fully funded, and the CR was sent back to the House. The House amended the CR again to repeal the medical device tax and implement a one year delay in ObamaCare which passed by a vote of 231 to 192. The House made their second attempt to fund the government and prevent a government shutdown and prevent the dangerous affects of ObamaCare on our economy. After the Senate rejected the House's multiple attempts to fund the government, a CR was not passed on time and the government was forced into a partial shutdown.

On October 16, 2013 the House and Senate agreed to a CR and debt limit package that funds the government through January 15, 2014. Unfortunately, the bill that was passed provides full funding to ObamaCare and does not protect the American people from the job killing health care law. Over the duration of the government shutdown, the House has made an effort to defund, delay, and repeal parts of ObamaCare and to delay the individual mandate for American families the same way it has been delayed for businesses.

Ultimately, I was not able to support H.R. 2775, the bill that passed the House and reopened the government, because it was essential for Congress to delay or repeal the damaging effects that ObamaCare will bring to businesses and American citizens, and this bill ultimately did not address a delay or repeal of ObamaCare. The Senate and the President ignored numerous efforts to avoid a Government shutdown by House Republicans and were unable to compromise with the majority of the American people who do not support the taxes mandated by ObamaCare. During my time in Congress I have supported multiple efforts to protect the American people from this dangerous law and will continue to do all that I can to see that the law is repealed in its entirety.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. Please do not hesitate to do so again in the future.

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