# Congress of the United States
## Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2010

The Honorable Richard Cordray
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

As you know, attorneys general from more than a dozen states have announced plans to file suit in federal court to prevent implementation of H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which President Obama signed into law today.

Among the provisions of H.R. 3590 is a requirement that all Americans purchase health insurance either through their employers or individually. Failure to comply with this "individual mandate" can result in a prison sentence and a monetary penalty of up to 2.5 percent of a person's income.

The Constitution of the United States limits and enumerates the powers granted to Congress. On a bipartisan basis, many of our colleagues question the constitutionality of requiring anyone to purchase any good or service as a condition of citizenship. We fail to see how the Congress's power to regulate interstate commerce can be interpreted to regulate the non-commercial action of failing to purchase health insurance.

We ask that you review the legality of this unconstitutional and unprecedented federal mandate contained in H.R. 3590 and join your fellow attorneys general to protect the constitutional rights of all Ohioans.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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