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## **Attorney General Bruning Comments on Health Care Hearing**

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning today released the following statement on today's U.S. District Court hearing over the constitutionality of the federal health care law.

“By forcing Nebraskans to purchase a good or service, this law clearly violates our Constitution,” said Bruning. “This unprecedented congressional overreach must not stand.”

Today's oral argument was the final court proceeding before U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson will rule on the law's constitutionality. The ruling is expected sometime next year.

For the first time in the nation's history, this law requires individual Americans to enter into contracts and purchase services from private companies - or face a penalty. The States are challenging the individual mandate requirement, explaining that this exceeds Congress' authority and violates the U.S. Constitution.

Additionally, the States are challenging provisions of the new law that will impose dramatic Medicaid spending increases on the states – including millions of dollars in mandatory spending increases for the State of Nebraska.

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