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United States Supreme Court to Review States' Health Care Challenge

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced the United States Supreme Court has granted Nebraska, as part of a 26-state coalition, certiorari in part to the challenge of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). In the decision, the Court agrees to review the constitutionality and severability of the individual mandate portion of the Act.

“This mandate strips away Constitutionally-guaranteed liberties,” said Bruning. “We’re pleased the Court will address the federal government’s attempt at forcing every American to purchase health insurance or suffer a penalty.”

Initial briefs in the case will be due December 29, 2011, answer briefs will be due January 30, 2012, and reply briefs due on February 29, 2012.

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