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AG Bruning Statement on Supreme Court Ruling in Health Care Reform Challenge

LINCOLN –Attorney General Jon Bruning issued the following statement on the United States Supreme Court decision to uphold the 2010 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In an historic 5-4 vote, the high Court ruled the individual mandate was constitutional under the taxing power of Congress.

“I’m disappointed with the Court’s decision to give the federal government unlimited authority over every American’s life,” said Bruning. “Clearly the Constitution doesn’t allow Congress to dictate every detail of our lives, but that’s where this decision leads us. The federal government now has the power to direct our actions and penalize us for non-compliance.”

Along with 12 other states, Nebraska filed the constitutional challenge in federal court just minutes after the Act was signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. Led by Nebraska and five other executive committee states, the lawsuit ultimately included a total of 26 states. Additionally, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) joined the lawsuit as a co-plaintiff on behalf of its members nationwide.

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