

March 22, 2010

Attorney General Jim Hood
Walter Sillers Building
550 High Street, Suite 1200
Jackson, MS 39201



Dear Attorney General Hood,

I awoke this morning overwhelmingly disturbed by what has transpired in our nation's Capitol. The manner in which the American people's House of Representatives and the United States Senate have handled this health care reform legislation is alarming. This legislation places an unacceptable burden on the citizens of my City of Pascagoula as well as our great state of Mississippi through the many unfunded federal mandates, increased taxes on already struggling businesses, forced support for the funding of abortions, and individual citizen penalties for not complying.

The continual overreaching of government can be combated best and most effectively by city and state officials who stand on solid principles and act at times against their own inclinations, reaching beyond partisan politics, with an eye on the Constitution and an ear listening to the voice of the people they represent. Principled government - the kind of government that enriches individual liberty and freedom, upholds and defends the Constitution, and promotes the interest of the sum, not the part while maintaining as limited a role as possible - starts at city halls all around this state and should be espoused in the state legislature and by all statewide officials.

We elected officials, from the city halls around Mississippi to the state Capitol in Jackson, take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. I call on you, as a fellow elected official, to do your part in upholding the Constitution, to protect and defend our nation's founding principles, to challenge this health care legislation on behalf of the citizens of Mississippi. Take a bold step now and stand on principled government by joining the growing chorus of state legislatures and Attorneys General around the nation in challenging the federal mandates and constitutionality of this flawed health care legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention. No response directly to me is necessary, only to the citizens of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Frank Corder
City Councilman, Ward 4
City of Pascagoula

CC: Governor Haley Barbour
Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant
House Speaker Billy McCoy