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Frontiers of Freedom released the following statement by its president, George Landrith, on H.R. 596, Obamacare Repeal.

“Obamacare was originally passed via ultra-partisan chicanery. The law was essentially rammed through the House by then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi and then through the Senate by then-Majority Leader Harry Reid. Neither of those two leaders are currently serving as Speaker or Majority Leader because of their shameful behavior. Votes were bought and sold in an historically disgraceful way. Lies were told and repeated by the bill’s supporters — including the President himself — and used to sell the fatally flawed law. In fact, the bill’s critics were shouted down with these lies.

“These statements were not merely statements that later proved to be false — they were statements that were evidently false at the time they were uttered. Things like “if you like your healthcare plan, you can keep it,” “if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor,” and the cost of “healthcare premiums will go down” — were all obviously false to anyone who bothered to read the bill.

“This bill became a law using a trifecta of: procedural chicanery, political kickbacks, and straight out lies. It should come as a surprise to no one that a law carelessly rammed through using these three dishonorable political tools has proven to be such a disaster — harming millions of Americans. Interestingly, only seven percent of Americans believe that Obamacare will actually reduce their healthcare costs. The truth is — millions of Americans have had their healthcare plans cancelled, lost their doctors, and seen their premiums increase by an average of almost 50%. These lies were obvious, big, audacious lies.

“Additionally, the law has hurt and continues to harm the economy and kill jobs. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates Obamacare’s full-time job equivalent loss at 2.5 million. Additionally, the law’s impact isn’t just killing off jobs, it also reduces wages for those who have been fortunate enough to keep their jobs by more than \$22 billion annually. The weak economy and the anemic economic recovery is in large part due to this law.

“Repealing Obamacare and starting over is the right approach. A piecemeal approach will not fix what is wrong. Repeal is both needed and required. Once repealed, Congress can begin anew to reform our health insurance laws and enact needed free market reform that will make insurance more affordable and put consumers in charge of their healthcare, not government bureaucrats. Frontiers of Freedom strongly supports this approach.”