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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

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Lawsuit Against Federal Government**

Statement from Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp

Tallahassee, Florida- Today, Attorney General Bill McCollum filed a lawsuit on behalf of the State of Florida in United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The lawsuit alleges that the federal government, by passing the Health Care Reform Bill, is infringing on state sovereignty and potentially allowing the federal government to manipulate state resources.

By mandating that individuals purchase health care, the government is essentially levying a 'living tax' on the citizens of this great country. I fully support General McCollum's constitutional challenge of this legislation. I was the first candidate for Attorney General—Republican or Democrat—to endorse this challenge of federal government authority, and I am proud to continue my support of General McCollum and the other fine Attorney Generals across this nation as they fight for the interests of all Americans.

Our Founding Fathers believed in limited government. The phrase "limited government" is primarily a reference to the "reach" of the federal government. The Founders believed, as I do, that there are only a few areas of our daily lives that government should be involved in---in all other matters government should get out of the way.

Our Founders were particularly concerned about an ever expanding and intrusive federal government. It is why they included the 10th Amendment in the Bill of Rights. The 10th Amendment makes it very clear that all power not specifically granted to the federal government in the Constitution is reserved to the states and to the people.

Our country is at a crossroads. The future of our state and nation are at stake. If I am blessed to be your Attorney General I will fight to preserve your freedom and liberty--and fight any efforts by the federal government to increase their reach beyond Constitutional limits.

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