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**Campbell Files Resolution to Thwart Obamacare Penalties**  
***SJR 16 Keeps State Agencies from Enforcing Federal Penalties on Uninsured Texans***

Austin, TX – Starting in 2015, Americans without health insurance will face huge penalties under Obamacare, with some fines more than tripling. In response to the unpopular health care law, State Senator Donna Campbell filed a constitutional amendment to protect Texans from having these federal penalties enforced by state officials or agencies.

“Protecting middle class families means standing up against costly penalties being forced down by bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.,” Senator Campbell stated. “Obamacare has done nothing to lower health care costs and as a result, more and more Texans find themselves in the painful position of having to involuntarily sign up for costly insurance plans with high deductibles or pay expensive fines.”

SJR 16 would prohibit any state agency or elected official from penalizing or discouraging the right of a Texan to not purchase health insurance. If passed by two-thirds of both chambers of the Legislature and approved by voters in November, the proposition would create a right in the Texas Constitution to purchase or to decline to purchase health insurance without penalty or threat of sanctions. The resolution is similar to legislation filed last session by Senator Campbell with the backing of Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst.

"I am very concerned about how these federal penalties are going to affect the pocketbooks of hard-working Texans. With Obamacare imposing up to \$975 fines upon uninsured families, this is far from an affordable or acceptable way to empower citizens to make correct decisions about their health care needs," Senator Campbell continued.

Under Obamacare, penalties for the uninsured are set to jump to \$325 or two percent of the person's income, whichever is greater.

"We must have the backs of Texas families; not be bullying our citizens on behalf of Washington politicians who either never read the bill or chose to lie about the bill."

Senator Campbell recognizes her legislation does not preempt or nullify the Affordable Care Act, which is the ultimate goal of conservatives and will have to occur at the federal level. However, it will control for Texas agencies and their employees and will prevent future attempts at the state level to ever piggyback onto the federal penalties.

This is the fourth piece of legislation Senator Campbell has filed in preparation for the 84th session since pre-filing began last week.

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*Senator Donna Campbell is a practicing emergency room physician representing Senate District 25, which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, and Travis Counties. She defeated incumbent Jeff Wentworth two years ago to win her first term in the Senate and won an overwhelming victory for a second term starting in 2015.*