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Wittman Votes for Health Overhaul Repeal, Supports Efforts to Replace with Effective, Cost-Cutting Measures

Washington, DC - Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) today voted to continue debate on how to improve the health care system in the United States. Wittman, recently re-elected to his second full term in the House, cast his vote to repeal the onerous health care overhaul law recently enacted after the health care debate during the 111th Congress.

“There is no doubt that America’s health care system is in need of fundamental reform,” Wittman said. “My priority is to ensure that my constituents have affordable, accessible, quality health care, and the current health overhaul law simply does not do that. It places burdens on small businesses, and will force an individual mandate that every American must purchase coverage, an element I opposed. The Constitutionality of the mandate is currently being debated in many courts across the country. This vote today moves the debate forward on how to pursue further changes and reforms to our health care system.”

In the few weeks since the start of the 112th Congress, Wittman has cosponsored several bills that set a new direction for health care reform. Specifically, he cosponsored legislation that would repeal the small business IRS reporting requirement, allow a deduction for health insurance and prescription drug expenses, and authorize the sale of insurance across state lines.

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Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his second full term in November 2010 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee.

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