

**Discharge Petition** – What is it? How can it be used to repeal the recently passed health care law? How can you make a difference here in Indiana? What is the Indianapolis Tea Party doing actively to repeal the recently passed health care law?

### **What is it?**

To understand what a Discharge Petition is, we have to understand the bill process. This is how a bill is considered. The bill under consideration goes to the Speaker of the House, who will then assign the bill to the appropriate committee. If the Speaker does not want the bill to ever come to a vote before the full House of Representatives, the bill “dies” in committee.

The Discharge Petition circumvents what the Speaker wants. The discharge petition, if signed by at least 218 Members of the House of Representatives, causes the bill to be “discharged” from the committee of jurisdiction for consideration and a vote by the full House.

This CONSTITUTIONAL mechanism has been used in our nation’s history. We have attached a link from Wikipedia for more information  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discharge\\_petition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discharge_petition).

### **How can it be used to repeal the recently passed health care law?**

Rep. Steve King (R-IA) recently filed a discharge petition – Discharge Petition No. 11 - a special measure that would force the U.S. House of Representatives to vote to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. If this discharge petition gets the needed 218 signatures, the bill will bypass the Speaker so the bill to repeal will go straight to the full house to vote.

Over 150 lawmakers have signed the discharge petition, with 2 of the representatives here from Indiana, Mike Pence and Dan Burton. To date, the representatives who have chosen NOT TO SIGN Discharge Petition 11 but rather to support this newly passed law are as follows: Peter Visclosky (D), Joe Donnelly (D), Steve Buyer (R), Andre Carson (D), Brad Ellsworth (D), and Baron Hill (D).

### **How can you make a difference here in Indiana?**

1. Participate actively in the campaigns of constitutionally conservative candidates at the local, state, and federal levels. Without the election of this leadership, no methods will rid us of Obamacare.
2. Be educated on the Discharge Petition.
3. Contact those representatives that have not signed Discharge Petition 11 and urge them to sign it. Let them know that you will hold them accountable on Election Day November 2, 2010.
4. Write on Facebook to your Representatives, asking them to sign the discharge petition, and let them know you will hold them accountable on Election Day November 2, 2010.

5. If your Congressman holds a Town Hall during the summer recess, please attend and demand that they work tirelessly to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as well as demand that they sign onto Discharge Petition 11 if they have not done so already.
6. The Indianapolis Tea Party will be having an Online Petition to sign. Please sign and pass the link to all of your friends and family here in Indiana and urge them to sign.
7. Write a Letter to the Editor for your local newspapers on what you are actively doing as a citizen to repeal the health care law.
8. Write Dan Burton and Mike Pence a "Thank You" for showing leadership and taking a stance that is right in accordance with the Constitution and what is right for the American People.
9. Educate your friends and family on the Discharge Petition, the bill process, and how we can constitutionally repeal the recently passed health care law.
10. Donate to Heritage Action, a sister organization of Heritage Foundation. They are putting fire to the feet of the representatives that choose to support the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). They will be running ads prior to the November election to educate the public on Discharge Petition and also to let each state know who has not signed the Petition. This ad strategy will be used to help the public be better educated and make informed decisions at the ballot box. Go to: <http://heritageforamerica.org> to DONATE. (In Acrobat Reader, Click [Allow])

### **What is the Indianapolis Tea Party doing actively to repeal the recently passed health care law?**

The Indianapolis Tea Party, along with at least a half dozen liberty groups, has joined together and has taken on a grassroots initiative that will focus on repealing the recently passed health care law.

The Indianapolis Tea Party will continue to encourage citizens to participate actively in the campaigns of constitutionally conservative candidates at the local, state and federal levels. Without the election of this leadership, no methods will rid us of Obamacare.

The Indiana Patriot Coalition, of which the Indianapolis Tea Party is part, will put fire to the feet of those representatives that choose to support the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. We will thank those representatives who choose to support repeal of this health care reform law.

A recent Rasmussen poll shows that 60% of voters nationwide favor repeal of the recently passed health care law. For those Representatives that choose not to listen to the majority of Americans and Hoosiers, we will hold them accountable on Election Day, November 2, 2010. We are urging all representatives who have NOT signed the discharge petition to reconsider and choose to do what is right, in accordance with the Constitution and what is right for the American People.

In addition, as part of this grassroots project, the Indianapolis Tea Party will continue to educate citizens on this Constitutional mechanism – the discharge petition.