Washington, DC – Wally Herger (R-CA), Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee today issued the following statement after a Virginia judge ruled that the new health care law's requirement that nearly every American purchase government-sanctioned health insurance is unconstitutional.

"Today's ruling is an important first step in the legal fight to overturn ObamaCare. Since the beginning of the debate on health care, Republicans warned that the Constitution does not give Congress the power to require all Americans to buy government-approved health insurance, yet Speaker Pelosi and President Obama disregarded this breach of our nation's founding principles. The unconstitutional 'individual mandate' is just one of many serious problems with this law. As the legal battles continue, it remains imperative for Congress to work to repeal all of ObamaCare and replace it with true health care reform."