

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger, Chairman of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Health, issued the following statement on the one year anniversary of ObamaCare:

“A year ago President Obama signed the unpopular ObamaCare into law. This massive health care overhaul was built on a foundation of backroom deals with special interests and rushed through Congress without allowing Members of Congress or the American people to fully know what was in the law. ObamaCare’s unpopularity has only grown as people have learned that it will cause millions of Americans to lose the coverage they currently have, increase health care costs and insurance premiums, undermine the doctor-patient relationship, impose serious hardships on small businesses, and dramatically increase the national debt. Just recently, the CEO of Starbucks, a former supporter of the law, joined the chorus of opposition by publicly expressing deep concerns about ObamaCare’s devastating impacts on our nation’s healthcare system.

“I remain as committed as ever to repealing ObamaCare. With my strong support, the House has passed legislation to completely repeal the law and to defund it. Over the course of this year there will be hearings and additional votes designed to eliminate ObamaCare, step by step and by any means necessary. I also believe it is important that Republicans present health care reform alternatives that will lower health care costs without growing government. To that end, I have offered legislation that would repeal ObamaCare and replace it with commonsense reforms that keep Washington out of the doctor’s office, lower costs, and improve the quality of care across our health care system. This battle will not be easy because Democrats remain in charge of the Senate and the White House, but it is critically important for the future of our health care system and economy that we succeed. Therefore, I will not rest until we are successful in wiping ObamaCare off the books.”