

Resolution of Rebuke of Senator Richard Burr for Party Disloyalty

WHEREAS the U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 9, grants solely to congress the authority to pass appropriations authorizing the expenditure of public money, thus giving the final opportunity for the disastrous effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka “Obamacare”) to be averted through congressional appropriations; and

WHEREAS the NC Republican Convention in June passed a Resolution calling upon members of North Carolina’s Congressional delegation “to make every effort to amend the language of subsequent appropriations bills to exclude appropriations delegated to any and all aspects of Obamacare implementation”¹; and

WHEREAS North Carolina Republican Party Chair Claude Pope introduced a Resolution² to the Republican National Committee which resolved to ensure all Representatives be made aware that it is the will of the RNC that they “work to defund Obamacare through the method of amending appropriations to remove any language which funds aspects of implementation or enforcement of Obamacare before full implementation is forced upon the American people in January, 2014” and the Republican National Committee approved said resolution unanimously; and

WHEREAS Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) told journalist Todd Zwilich on July 25, “I think [defunding Obamacare through appropriations] is the dumbest idea I’ve ever heard” and reiterated the same sentiment on September 18 to the Huffington Post, declaring “I said it was the dumbest idea I'd ever heard of. I still think it's a dumb idea, because you can't defund Obamacare” ; and

WHEREAS during the time these comments were made, Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC) was circulating a letter urging Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) to defund Obamacare, and both Rep. Meadows and Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) were outspoken advocates within North Carolina’s delegation for blocking Obamacare through appropriations; and

WHEREAS RNC Chairman Reince Priebus on Tuesday, September 23, urged Republicans to stand in solidarity with Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) in opposition to funding Obamacare rather than caving to their Democratic colleagues³ ; and

WHEREAS Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and other prominent Democrats have seized on Senator Burr’s “dumbest idea” quote repeatedly to suggest lack of unity and resolve within the Republican party; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Craven County Republican party formally rebukes Senator Richard Burr for making and repeating careless and politically costly comments which distance himself from the will of the Republican Party, both in the state of North Carolina and nationally; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Craven County Republican party hereby echoes the RNC resolution referenced above in petitioning every Representative and Senator to make every effort to defund Obamacare and prevent its implementation, following the leadership demonstrated by Ted Cruz; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that upon approval of this resolution, the Craven County Republican party shall deliver a copy of this resolution to Sen. Richard Burr, Rep. Renee Ellmers (2nd District), Rep. Walter Jones (3rd District), Rep. Virginia Foxx (5th District), Rep. Howard Coble (6th District), Rep. Richard Hudson (8th District), Rep. Robert Pittenger (9th District), Rep. Patrick McHenry (10th District), Rep. Mark Meadows (11th District), NC GOP Chair Claude Pope, 3rd District Chair Kim Cotten-West, and 1st District Chair Garry Terry, as well as be posted on the cravengop.org website for a period not shorter than 90 days.

Paul Hill, chair
Craven County Republican Party

footnotes:

¹https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B2nzx2G_5giPallWTlpGemh0dlk/edit

²<http://www.ncgop.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Resolution-to-Defund-ObamaCare.pdf>

³<http://dailycaller.com/2013/09/24/rnc-chairman-backs-cruz-in-party-splitting-obamacare-battle>