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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

PHOENIX – “I was pleased and encouraged to see Judge Hudson’s ruling in Virginia today rejecting the provision of ObamaCare that requires individuals to purchase health insurance.

“The individual mandate provision is an unprecedented and unconstitutional application of the Commerce Clause, as Arizona and 19 other states also contend in the multistate, bipartisan suit filed in the United States District Court of Florida. We are hopeful that Judge Vinson will come to the same conclusion regarding this and other intrusive provisions of ObamaCare following oral arguments on the merits of the lawsuit in Florida on Thursday.

“Federal health care mandates, beginning with eligibility mandates in February 2009 and extended with the ObamaCare individual mandate and other mandates this year, have resulted in a roughly \$1 billion Medicaid funding shortfall for the State of Arizona. Advocates of ObamaCare have failed to produce a single specific proposal to pay for the state obligations of the new federal mandate. I will continue to pursue all legal remedies to end the unaffordable federal mandates and once again allow states the flexibility to create sustainable Medicaid programs.”

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