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### **Commissioner Doak Praises Supreme Court Opposition to Individual Mandate**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** - Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner John D. Doak today praised members of the Supreme Court for their resistance of the individual mandate during oral arguments. The Supreme Court heard two hours of discussion where it questioned the Constitutionality of the law and whether there would be any limit to Congress' power if it were allowed to stand.

"I am thankful to see that the Supreme Court recognizes that this law is beyond the power of Congress," said Doak. "The questions raised by the justices during arguments clearly showed how far Congress could go in controlling our lives if the rationale for this law is accepted."

During arguments, Chief Justice Roberts likened the law to a requirement to purchase a cell phone to call 911 for emergency services, while Justice Alito applied the government's argument to burial insurance and Justice Scalia questioned whether Americans would also be required to purchase health club memberships. The justices also questioned whether the government could create new purchase requirements in other areas of everyone's life, such as for transportation and food.

"Oklahomans deserve real solutions to our health care issues, and not the one-size-fits-all approach handed down by Washington. While the Supreme Court continues to review the problems with Obamacare, we will continue to work within our state to address our unique needs," said Doak.

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