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Health-care law robs young Americans

The Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, is a direct attack on young Americans. It is robbing young adults of hundreds of dollars each month.

With increasing tuition costs and unemployment rates, young Americans are drowning in debt. Mandated health care is yet another unwanted financial burden.

In order to subsidize health care for the elderly, Washington is calling upon the millennials to provide for America's "Greatest Generation."

The answer isn't in increased regulation. Politicians should open up the markets and allow competition to provide better-quality care, at a much cheaper price.

Young Americans already are paying into Social Security, a welfare program likely to die before we see a dime in returns.

The last thing we want is yet another program that robs us of our hard-earned income.

Mandated health insurance diverts funds that could be used to pay for a home and a car and saved in a 401(k), and instead gives it to big insurance corporations.

Decreased regulation and increased competition can provide better-quality health care at a cheaper price.

According to an article by the Cato Institute, problems with the health-care industry, such as long waits, restricted access to prescriptions and increased costs, are due to the fact that politicians and bureaucrats are in charge of health care, not patients and doctors.

Decreased regulation would put the power back into the hands of patients and their physicians.

The competition that would result could lead to greater overall efficiency.

Like we have seen in other industries, such as airlines, decreased regulation leads to a greater level of competition. The results mean greater overall quality of care for consumers at a fraction of the price.