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Students and Health Care Mandates

Today the Sacramento Bee featured a story on the current health insurance reform bill currently being debated in Congress. Their focus was on the individual mandate, a portion of the law that requires everyone to buy health insurance or pay a fine. In it they interviewed [Cal State University–Sacramento Students for Liberty](#) President and founder Mike Sertic. Mike has done a fantastic job starting the group and making them a true force on the CSUS campus. Here is a short excerpt:



[Michael Sertic](#), a college senior studying economics, is young and healthy, and he doesn't want the government forcing him to buy [health insurance](#).

He is among a group of people on both the right and the left ends of the political spectrum who object to proposals in [Congress](#) that would compel nearly every [American](#) to buy health insurance or face a fine.

"I happen to believe it's unconstitutional. Government shouldn't be forcing someone to pay for someone else's health care," said Sertic, 24, a member of [Students for Liberty](#), a club at [California State University, Sacramento](#), that espouses libertarian values.

The full article contains further quotes from Mike as well as the Cato Institute. There is also lively debate being carried out in the comments section. Check it out and add your comments here:

<http://www.sacbee.com/topstories/story/2452096.html>

Young people across the country have been trying to draw attention to the individual mandate issue for months, and it appears that we are finally being noticed. Now is the time to write a letter to the editor or op-ed piece to your local, school, or state newspaper. The mandate is by far the most anti-liberty aspect of this bill, let's make sure the public knows about it.

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