

Community comment for June 4, 2014

This is Phil Arnott for community comment on K INS radio.

For years I have supported a group in Washington DC called judicial watch. The president of the organization is Tom Fitton. Judicial watch files freedom of information requests to our government in order to uncover secrecy and corruption. When the federal government and its agencies refuse to turn over documents that are unclassified, judicial watch files lawsuits to obtain court orders for a release of the requested documents.

For example, on March 18, 2014, judicial watch filed two new lawsuits against the US Department of health and human services to obtain government records about Obama care. One lawsuit seeks information about the Obama administration's decision to establish new quote hardship exemptions unquote that could allow most consumers to escape the Obama care individual mandate without penalty.

The reason for this first lawsuit is that the government refused to release documents concerning the hardship exemption which offers to millions of Americans to avoid paying tax penalties for failing to comply with the Obama care individual mandate. This was a unilateral and significant change that this administration has yet made in the government healthcare takeover. This unilateral change would grant broad exemptions to anyone who believes that the mandate is unaffordable. According to judicial watch this change essentially opens the door for an exemption to almost anyone who finds the law <sup>is</sup> unpalatable.

The question then comes up as to why the Obama administration would offer exemptions to a mandate it has said as <sup>essential</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~sensual~~ to the entire purpose of the healthcare overhaul. Some say that he is trying to protect those running for office this November that are members of his party. As Tom Fitton has said, it's all about politics.

I do not have enough time today to discuss the second lawsuit but will do so in a future comment.

I leave you with a point to ponder: how does a president think that he can change, ignore and rewrite a law that was passed by Congress.

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Can you believe that our President once taught  
Constitutional Law which encompasses the separation  
of Powers in the 3 Branches of Govt.