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Terry Votes to Repeal CLASS Act

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today voted to repeal the CLASS Act portion of the Obama Health Reforms. The CLASS (Community Living Assistance Services and Supports) Act created a new government entitlement program for long-term care payments.

The program allowed lower-income and no-income Americans to purchase medical coverage for \$5 a month. At the same time, it aimed to pay out \$50 a day (\$18,250 a year) in benefits to enrollees for the rest of their lives. Because little financial input was required of enrollees, the program was set to collect premiums for nearly five years before paying benefits. At its inception, not even the Obama Administration expected the program to break even, remarking that these entitlements had "no viable path forward."

"The CLASS Act is the first unintended consequence of the health reform law. This was just bad policy, destined to fail. It only passed in the first place because its actual costs were hidden in the massive health care bill.

"Millions of taxpayer dollars were wasted as the Obama Administration attempted to prop up a knowingly-unsustainable program. The Federal Government needs to stop using shoddy economics and start utilizing common sense – you don't spend what you

don't have in the bank," said Terry.