

# Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey State of Tennessee



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## **RAMSEY CALLS ON COOPER TO DEFEND TENNESSEE'S RIGHTS**

(Nashville) - President Obama today signed a law triggering a massive government takeover of the nation's health care system and **Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey (R-Blountville)** is again calling on Attorney General Bob Cooper to join his colleagues in at least 13 other states in legal action to stop implementation of the new law.

"The United States Constitution does not give the federal government the authority for this massive power grab that will reduce individual liberty and strangle state government finances," Ramsey said. "Politicians in Washington may have temporarily lost their minds but we still have our sanity out here in the states and we need to take action to roll this law back."

Late last year, Lt. Governor Ramsey asked Cooper to make preparations for protective legal action in the wake of the massive and unconstitutional health care bill passed by the United States Senate. The Attorney General deferred, opting to wait for passage by the United States House of Representatives.

"The job of the Attorney General is to defend Tennessee's rights and so today I am calling on General Cooper to join 13 other attorneys general in the legal action that was filed today in Pensacola, Florida," Ramsey said. The action was instigated in Pensacola under the direction of Florida's attorney general and is also joined by a bipartisan group of AGs from South Carolina, Idaho, Texas, Nebraska, Michigan, Utah, Pennsylvania, Alabama, South Dakota, Washington, Colorado, and Louisiana.

In addition to the legal action, Ramsey is also urging his colleagues in the State House to pass the Health Care Freedom act scheduled to be heard tomorrow in the Industrial Impact subcommittee. Lt. Governor Ramsey will headline a press conference outside the Senate chamber before the vote to urge passage.

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