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Sponsor Statement HJR 20

Repeal the 2.3% Medical Device Tax

HJR 20 sends a strong message to Congress and the President to eliminate the 2.3% medical device tax that is part of the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"). The tax applies to medical devices such as pacemakers, heart stents, artificial hips and limbs.

The medical device tax will substantially increase the cost of health care by first taxing the manufacturer who in turn will pass the higher costs on to the patients. It creates a chilling effect on business by punishing researchers and manufacturers of hi-tech medical devices.