To the people of ARKANSAS

As you know, I have always opposed and voted "No" on Obamacare. As a healthcare provider, an optometrist, I understand healthcare and why this is such a bad law.

There has been alot of confusion over the cloture vote in the Senate. I understand Senate procedure is confusing, so I wanted to better explain the process.

Spending bills originate in the House, where conservative Republicans have a majority. House members passed a bill that included $986 Billion dollars and a provision to stop government funds from being spent on Obamacare. The bill passed because conservatives have control because they have the most votes. I very much supported this legislation.

The Bill then came to the Senate where Democrats under Sen. Reid have control, they have the most

votes. We had the first vote which was a cloture vote on the motion to proceed. Sounds confusing but is all it meant was that we would agree to discuss the house Bill. Everyone voted yes on this. After the discussion time ran out, we voted for cloture on the continuing resolution the House had sent over. It sounds confusing but it just meant we were voting on whether or not we would actually go ahead and vote on the house Bill. A majority of Republicans, including my self, supported this procedural vote. This was in no way a vote for Obamacare. Some Republicans voted "No" because they knew that Senator Reid would not yield to defunding Obamacare which he had worked so hard to pass and had the votes to defeat the House Bill. They wanted to go no further. I and the majority of Republicans felt it was best to have the vote and put everyone on record as to whether they were for

or Against getting Rid of OBAMAcARe.
Then the house could counter
with another Bill, which is exactly
what happened, with the house
countering with 1 year delay
of Obamacare which I and all the
Senate Republicans supported.

After the cloture vote to move
forward we had a vote on stripping
the language to defund OBAMACARe.
I voted "NO" which meant I WANted
the defund language left in
As did all Senate Republicans. All
the Democrats voted "yes" and since
there are more Democrats it passed
And the language taken out of the
bill. The Next vote was a vote
to fund Obamacare while keeping
the government open. I voted
"NO" as did All Senate Republicans
while All the democrats supported
the bill. Since the democrats have
more votes, unfortunately, the
bill passed. As you know the
House has made a number of
good counter measures but
Sen Reid has rejected. I have
supported and voted for all the
House efforts.

I do not support the strategy
of shutting down the government which
is what the cloture vote to
agree to vote WAS All ABout.
MANy hARD WORKING ARKANSANS will
be hurt with loss of WORK, lAte
socIAl security AND VETERANS
checks, lAte pAyment to Doctors
AND hospitAls, school free and Reduced
lunch, AND the list goES ON AND
ON. WORSE yet, ObAmACARE cONtiNUES
to move foRWARD AS most of the
lAW's fuNDiNg is mANDAtory.
        The House AND SeNAte should
cntinue to NEgotiAte AND ~~~reach~~
REAch AgREEmENt ON A cONtiNUINg
Resolution that iNsuRes thAt we
cONtiNue to REDUCE OuR DEbt AND
Deficit.

        IN the pAst SEVERAl moNths
I HAVe protecteD the secoND ammeNDmENt,
VoteD NO ON the AmNestly Bill iN the
seNAte and held the liNe m spending
through the budget control Act
All while trying to grow the
ecoNomy.
        I know this procens is confusing,
but I am doing my very best to
REpReseNt the coNSERVAtivE VAlues

of the people of ARKANSAS. The good news is ARKANSANS AND the people of America ARE more AND more UNDERSTANDING how bAD ObamaCare is and I will continue to work AS HARD AS I CAN to get RID of it iN the future.

Thanks for your comments

Hope this helps you betteR UNDERSTAND My effnts iN fighting OBAMACARE.

John Boozman