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The Hon. John Boehner  
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Dear Speaker Boehner:

I'm contacting you to urge you to clarify your recent comments in an interview with Diane Sawyer.

During the interview you conceded "Obamacare is the law of the land" and said parts of it *may* need to be changed. You also said the House should pursue "comprehensive" immigration reform

As you know, comprehensive immigration reform is often used as a euphemism for amnesty. Border security is the top priority and amnesty must not be a condition for key conservative positions.

Obamacare is a dangerous law, and we should not accept it as the final word in health reform. Components of the law are so interconnected that we cannot avoid its harms by tweaking parts of it. As Americans learn more about the mandates, taxes, premium increases, and coverage loss, Obamacare will grow more unpopular and unworkable.

The lack of Senate votes doesn't mean Republicans should allow implementation. We must fight this ill-conceived law. Already, due to my work, we've succeeded in shutting down the office implementing the law's CLASS Act Ponzi scheme. To build momentum for full repeal, I've also built strong opposition to the health insurance tax on small businesses, the job-killing employer mandate, and the Medicare rationing panel known as IPAB.

As Republicans fight for full repeal, we must seize opportunities to defund the law, stop illegal IRS regulations and protect religious concerns of employers. We must never stop reminding Americans that Republicans have better alternatives that actually lower costs, according to the Congressional Budget Office, and we do this without harming seniors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to discussing it with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C.W. Boustany Jr." in a cursive style.

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Member of Congress