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A news release from the U.S. Small Business Administration in The Times (8-28), heralded a “great opportunity” for small business owners who do not plan to provide insurance to their employees.

The Department of Health & Human Services will help herd employees into pens to receive their ear tags and brands on the behind, identifying them as uninsured. This is very timely after Obamacare set a full-time workweek at 30 hours. Employers are cutting hours to below 30 to avoid having to provide insurance, forcing employees to seek part-time jobs, still without insurance.

The Obamacare employer mandate requires businesses with more than 50 full-time employees to provide health insurance. Resulting layoffs mean more people without insurance.

Taxpayers will be shelling out \$67 million for 105 “navigator grant applicants” who will explain the requirements of Obamacare to the huddled masses. Anyone remember the 1960’s television show “Twelve O’clock High?” Navigators played an important role in guiding our B17 bombers over Germany during WWII.

I can’t think of a better name for people who will be helping bomb the health care industry. We are led to believe that after 20-30 hours of training, they will be able to digest a 2,700 page law that has spawned over 20,000 pages of regulations. Due to time restraints, there will be no vetting of these people whose job will be to find out everything there is to know about you. Identity theft anyone?

Are some of these grant applicants the same community organizing groups (pronounced ACORN) who heard candidate Barack Obama, back in 2007, telling them they would be called in to help set the agenda for his presidency? Planned Parenthood groups involved can surely keep this funding separate from their abortion mill (sarcasm).

The real motive is gaining access to your medical records so “death panels” can assess whether or not your puny existence is worthy of consideration.

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Funding for IRS agents making sure you comply, will be unlimited. Support for doctors and hospitals is just the opposite. Obamacare mandates \$716 billion in Medicare payment reductions to providers, including hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and hospice agencies. This will particularly harm seniors.

Young people who will be relied on to pick up the slack, won't be able to afford insurance because they can't find jobs in this fabulous Obamaconomy. So the answer is, let's subsidize insurance premiums.

We currently spend \$668 billion/year on 126 different welfare programs. The poverty rate hasn't changed a bit despite spending \$15 trillion since Lyndon Johnson declared war on poverty in 1964. Does adding on trillion\$ more for Obamacare seem like a good plan?

Normally I would ask you to call your representatives and tell them to de-fund Obamacare. But, they are too busy to worry about the economy and that the worst piece of legislation in the history of man is about to go into effect. Obama's latest production of Kabuki theater, instilling outrage over his failure to back up his red line statement on Syria, is burning up their phone lines.