

## **Statement of Senate Republican Leader Dennis Hollingsworth**

### Conscience Rights

"One of our fundamental rights as citizens has always been the freedom to choose according to one's conscience and integrity. It seems unconscionable to need a law to protect medical professionals from the threat of political discrimination due to their beliefs. We cannot let a liberal minority limit our rights, and ultimately everyday citizens' access to health care.

"By threatening practitioners with rescinding the conscience rule, the Obama Administration has created a disincentive for doctors or nurses to practice in a drastically dwindling professional field. Scientific polling data reveals that 95 percent of medical professionals of faith would rather quit than violate their conscience."