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## Remarks by O'Melveny's Dellinger at American Constitution Society Briefing on Affordable Care Act Cited in The Nation



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The April 6, 2012, *The Nation* article “How the Affordable Care Act Saves Lives” references comments made by O'Melveny & Myers LLP partner and Supreme Court advocate Walter Dellinger at a media briefing hosted by the American Constitution Society (ACS) on March 29, 2012, the morning after the US Supreme Court completed three days of argument on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act.

“The central fight in the case has been the so called ‘individual mandate,’ which requires those who don't choose to buy insurance to pay a token penalty on the annual federal tax return,” and whether this would empower Congress to force people to make other health-related purchases, such as healthy food, said the article's author, Maya Wiley. “Walter Dellinger, with whom I had the privilege to speak with the day after arguments concluded, explains eloquently why this is a ridiculous ‘fear’ from a legal perspective.” Wiley points readers to the ACS website, where a [video of the briefing](#) is available for viewing.

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