

## **No breaks for Dems who support both healthcare law and device tax repeal, says Sen. Coats**

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Indiana Senator Dan Coats depicts a vote for the Democrats as one in favor of the 2.3% medical device tax that's contained in President Barack Obama's healthcare reform bill.



There is little difference between supporting President Barack Obama's healthcare reform measures in general and supporting the 2.3% tax on medical devices specifically, according to an editorial written by Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.), a frequent supporter of the medtech industry.

Coats offers little immunity to members of the Democratic party who voted in favor of the Affordable Care Act but who express dissatisfaction with the medical device levy, which takes effect in January.

"The impacts of this tax are staggering, but should come as no surprise to those who supported the law," Coats wrote in an editorial for [Politico](#) [1]. "Despite a recent change of heart by some, congressional Democrats voted for President Obama's deeply flawed health care law and the harmful tax on Indiana's medical device industry."

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