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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 11-1057  
(3:10-cv-00188-HEH)

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, EX REL. KENNETH T. CUCCINELLI, II,  
in his official capacity as Attorney General of Virginia,

Plaintiff – Appellee,

v.

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human  
Services, in her official capacity,

Defendant – Appellant,

v.

RAY ELBERT PARKER; AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE ET  
AL.; SMALL BUSINESS MAJORITY FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED;  
CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS; FEDERAL RIGHTS PROJECT  
NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS LAW CENTER; WASHINGTON LEGAL  
FOUNDATION; LIBERTY GROUP; CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROFESSORS;  
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FOUNDATION; YOUNG INVINCIBLES; WILLIAM P. BARR; EDWIN  
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Sternlight, Judge, Retired; AMERICANS FOR FREE CHOICE IN MEDICINE;  
MOUNTAIN STATES LEGAL FOUNDATION; VIRGINIA ORGANIZING,

Movants,

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Amici Supporting Appellee,

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O R D E R

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The court directs the parties to file supplemental briefs, not to exceed 10 pages, by the close of business on May 31, 2011 addressing the following questions:

1. When applicable, does the Anti-Injunction Act, 26 U.S.C. § 7421(a), deprive a federal court of subject-matter jurisdiction? See J.L. Enochs v. Williams Packing & Navigation Co., 370 U.S. 1, 5-8 (1962). If so, does it divest federal courts of jurisdiction in this case? See Bob Jones University v. Simon, 416 U.S. 725, 736-48 (1974).

2. Can a court determine that a challenged exaction qualifies as a “tax” for purposes of the Anti-Injunction Act without reaching the question of whether the exaction qualifies as a “tax” for purposes of Art. I, § 8, cl. 1? Compare Bailey v. George, 259 U.S. 16 (1922), with Bailey v. Drexel Furniture Co., 259 U.S. 20 (1922).

3. Assuming the Anti-Injunction Act does apply in this case, does a plaintiff have the ability to challenge the exaction provided by § 5000A in a refund suit or otherwise? See 26 U.S.C. § 7422(a); 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1340, 1346.



Entered at the direction of Judge Motz with the concurrence of Judge Davis  
and Judge Wynn.

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk