

Republican Congressman Todd Young and his Democratic opponent Shelli Yoder disagree on last Thursday's ruling about the Supreme Court's Ruling on the Affordable Health Care act or as it is more commonly known, "Obamacare."

Both candidates released statements about the ruling not long after the decision was announced.

Both sides joined their respective party's position on the issue.

"Despite the Court's decision, there still is hope for those of us who regard this law as bad public policy," Young said in his release. "The 2010 law most Americans know as Obamacare remains unpopular with a large majority of Hoosiers who demand the law be repealed or improved.

"While it's true that rapidly rising health care costs should be dealt with, Obamacare fails to control them and interferes with the doctor-patient relationship. "

Young went on to tout his own voting record.

He said he has cast 30 votes to repeal, replace or defund all or parts of the law.

"Moving forward, I will continue to support implementing policies to allow health insurance to be purchased across state lines; to improve our costly medical malpractice system; to make health savings accounts and flexible spending accounts more prevalent; and a number of other proposals that will lower costs and increase access to care without adding to the federal bureaucracy," Young said.

Yoder, like most Democrats celebrated the decision.

"I am pleased that a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Health Care Act," she said. "As a result of the decision that was written by Chief Justice Roberts, provisions in federal law that prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against individuals with pre-existing health conditions will stand. Provisions that expand coverage for dependent children up to age 26 are also still law.

"And, the provision in the law that closes the gap in Medicare prescription drug coverage known as "the donut hole" will remain.

"In addition, small businesses will continue to receive tax credits for offering coverage to their workers. These are all critical parts of the health care reform law that protect hard working families and provide them the security they need."

Yoder also spoke to the Supreme Court's willingness to cross party lines in making the decision.

"I am also pleased that the majority included members of the Court appointed by both Republican and Democrat Presidents," she said. "Progress in our country will only come through bipartisanship, a quality that has unfortunately been seriously lacking in Congress in recent times."

She said more of that willingness to cross party lines is what she hopes to bring to the table if elected in November.

"As 9th District Congresswoman, I pledge to work to make our health care laws responsive to the needs of all Hoosiers and to use the spirit of compromise and bipartisanship to improve upon

the health care reform law where needed.”

Indiana’s 9th District includes all or parts of Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, and Washington Counties in southeastern Indiana.