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HCAN Statement on 6th Circuit Health Law Ruling: **‘Court Ruled on the Merits’**

Washington, DC – [Health Care for America Now](http://www.healthcareforamericanow.org/) (<http://www.healthcareforamericanow.org/>) (HCAN), the nation’s leading grassroots health care advocacy organization, released the following statement from **HCAN Executive Director Ethan Rome** on today’s 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act:

“Every step of the way the health care debate has been polluted by partisan politics. Today’s decision, made by judges appointed by both Republican and Democratic presidents, is immune to that criticism. The court ruled on the merits, and it’s as simple as that.

“Congress clearly has the authority to regulate the health insurance market, including protecting consumers from insurance industry abuses and reducing costs for families, seniors and businesses. The best way to protect consumers and control costs is to make sure everyone has health insurance, and that’s what the Affordable Care Act does.”

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Health Care for America Now is the nation’s leading grassroots health care advocacy organization. HCAN led the fight over the past two years to win passage of health reform and to keep Congress from being steamrolled by corporate special interests.