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Bipartisan Policy Center Statement on the Supreme Court Decision on the Affordable Care Act

Washington, D.C. - Julie Barnes, Director of Health Policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, released this statement today following the Supreme Court's decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

"Today's Supreme Court decision to uphold the Affordable Care Act allows us to replace uncertainty with confidence on how to move forward to improve the American health care system. With this decision behind us, we can take a fresh look at our health care cost, quality and structural challenges and turn them into opportunities for American taxpayers and our health care businesses, professionals and patients. With so much of our budget deficits at the federal, state and personal level being driven by health care costs, we cannot afford to waste any more time. We must urgently resolve our health system's high cost and inefficiency problems.

"Now is the time for viable solutions, not angry rhetoric. We urge the administration and members of Congress from both parties to swiftly launch a substantive national dialogue on how to move forward – together with the private sector – on transforming our health care system. The Bipartisan Policy Center stands ready to help make this happen."

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