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HCAN Statement on Today's Supreme Court Ruling:

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HCAN: States Should Fulfill Their Responsibilities and Fully Implement Medicaid Expansion

Washington, DC – Here is a statement on today's Supreme Court ruling from **Ethan Rome, executive director of Health Care for America Now**, which ran a \$53 million grassroots and media campaign to pass the Affordable Care Act:

“Today, the Supreme Court ruled that the debate over the Affordable Care Act is over. Obamacare is here to stay. The days of health insurance company price-gouging and denials of care are over.

“Every family and small-business owner who worries about health care and their future can breathe a sigh of relief.

“This ruling clears the way to move full steam ahead on implementing Obamacare. The court has spoken, and the constitutional debate is done. This ruling tells every anti-Obamacare Republican governor it's time to move forward with full implementation and end the political nonsense.

“Thanks to this law, working and middle-class families will have financial and health security. Millions of Americans will gain insurance coverage for the first time, joining the more than 100 million who are already benefiting from the law's consumer protections and benefits.

“We are disappointed that the decision weakens the federal government's power to enforce the Medicaid expansion. Under the court's ruling, some states may choose to exclude the lowest-income uninsured adults from their Medicaid programs. We will organize at the grassroots level in state capitals to make sure this does not happen. Fortunately, other provisions of the law will help this population get the care they need.

“Now that the Republican-dominated corporate court has upheld this law, it’s appalling that the GOP has already said it wants to continue this debate in Congress and take away your health care by repealing the law. The Republicans have already pledged to continue their relentless campaign to undermine the health care security of America’s families. They want to end Medicare as we know it, dismantle Medicaid and repeal Obamacare, including the ban on discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions.”

The ACA already benefits more than 100 million people, including seniors, small business owners and workers, women and children. In 18 months, even more benefits will be available, including elimination of pre-existing condition exclusions for adults, the opening of health insurance exchanges enabling families and small businesses to get the best possible deal on comprehensive health plans, and expansion of Medicaid eligibility in every state. HHS has announced that consumers and businesses will collect \$1.1 billion in rebates from health insurers that overcharged their customers.

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