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AAJ Response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the Affordable Care Act

Washington, DC—*The following is a statement from the American Association for Justice (AAJ) President Gary M. Paul in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act:*

“Today’s Supreme Court ruling is a step forward not only in the fight to expand access to healthcare, but also in the fight to protect patients’ access to justice.

“This ruling bolsters AAJ’s longstanding argument that federal efforts to deny patients’ legal rights by mandating changes to state laws and state courts exceed Congress’s authority under the Commerce Clause and violate our system of federalism.

“Going forward, any efforts to address the American healthcare system must have a strong focus on improving patient safety and ensuring accountability.”

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