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National Health Council Statement on the Ruling in Texas v. United States

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We are deeply disappointed with the judge's decision in Texas v. U.S. to overturn the Affordable Care Act (ACA) – as it negatively impacts the millions of Americans with pre-existing conditions. The U.S. Congress didn't intend to repeal the entirety of the ACA when they repealed the individual mandate. We trust the higher courts will reverse this terrible decision. In the meantime, Congress must work with the patient community to ensure people with pre-existing conditions can purchase meaningful, affordable health insurance. Lives depend on it.

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