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**NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION
REJECTING CHALLENGE TO THE ACA IN *TEXAS V. CALIFORNIA***

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“We are pleased with today’s Supreme Court decision rejecting the challenge of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) over the elimination of the individual mandate. Since passage of the ACA, New York has done more over the last decade than almost any other state to expand health care coverage, bolster services for its most vulnerable residents and improve the quality of care. Today’s decision will ensure that the coverage millions of New Yorkers depend on remains protected.

“With more than 95 percent of residents insured, the focus now should be on achieving the goal of universal health care, and HPA and our member plans remain committed to continuing to work with Governor Cuomo and his administration and legislative leaders on ways to improve the quality and affordability of health care in the state. Rather than continuing to devote attention to proposals that would replace the current health care system with a government-run, single payer program, our collective efforts should be on measures to make health care better, simpler, more equitable and more affordable for all New Yorkers without taking options away from them.”

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