

TO: AMERICAN BENEFITS COUNCIL / ALLIANCE TO FIGHT FOR HEALTH CARE
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SUBJECT: AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR PROTECTING EMPLOYER SPONSORED COVERAGE

METHODOLOGY

On behalf of the *American Benefits Council* and the *Alliance to Fight for Health Care*, Public Opinion Strategies conducted a national online survey of 1,000 registered voters, June 17-22, 2020. Results from the survey have a confidence interval of ± 3.10 percentage points.

KEY FINDINGS

Voters overwhelmingly support the financial relief legislation that has been passed to assist Americans and support the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Eighty-six percent (86%) of voters support federal legislation that has been enacted into law, including 87% of Republicans, 84% of Independents, and 85% of Democrats.
- More than 6 in 10 voters (61%) believe the financial relief legislation that has been passed has most benefitted working and middle-class Americans.

While they strongly support the legislation that has already been passed, voters believe there is more to be done. A majority of voters across America want additional legislation targeted to those American most in need, like middle class Americans, and they want it passed before the election.

- Fully eighty-five percent (85%) of voters support additional COVID-19 financial assistance legislation, including a majority (55%) of voters who want additional legislation that is targeted towards middle- and working-class Americans.
- Voters overwhelmingly support the government acting to help those who have lost their job stay on their employer-provided plan. Ninety percent (90%) of voters believe the government should take action to ensure those who have lost their job maintain their employer-provided coverage (71% strongly), including 86% of Republicans (59% strongly), 87% of Independents (64% strongly), and 94% of Democrats (84% strongly).
- More than three-quarters (79%) of voters across the country believe additional legislation that provides additional financial assistance should be passed before the November election, including 68% of Republicans, 78% of Independents, and 88% of Democrats.

BOTTOM LINE

A big part of the process for resuming life and restoring our economy is ensuring Americans have peace of mind when it comes to health insurance coverage. Perhaps more than ever, Americans recognize how important it is to have and protect health insurance coverage. Voters of all political stripes strongly support the financial assistance that has already passed, but they overwhelmingly agree there is need for additional and swift Congressional action to help Americans who have lost their job maintain their employer-sponsored coverage.