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Council reassures Americans after district court ACA decision
Employer plans ‘still strong, still reliable’

WASHINGTON, DC – “[The court decision last week in Texas v. U.S.](#) striking down the Affordable Care Act certainly may have significant implications for the individual insurance market. But for the vast majority of Americans, this development truly underscores the value of employer-provided health coverage,” American Benefits Council President James A. Klein said today.

More than 181 million people now enjoy health coverage through an employer, making it – by far – the most common form of health insurance in the country. “This is high-quality, affordable coverage that protects millions of workers and their families with pre-existing conditions,” Klein said. “Quantitative and public opinion research clearly demonstrate the unsurpassed value of employer health plans.”

- **Voters think of employers as the most trusted source of high-quality health care coverage.** In [an election-night survey conducted by Public Opinion Strategies](#), 48 percent trusted employers the most, followed far behind by the individual market (20 percent) and the federal government (15 percent)
- **Employer-based coverage is highly valued by all Americans.** According to [another election-night survey conducted by Luntz Global](#), more than four out of five voters believe that employer-provided coverage should remain tax-free, signifying broad support for job-based insurance.
- **Employer plans are an enormous bargain to the federal government and American taxpayers.** In 2016, [for every \\$1 of tax expenditure, \\$4.45 was paid by employers to finance health benefits for workers, retirees and families.](#) It would

cost our nation far more to provide the same level of health protection through other means if the tax preference for employer-sponsored coverage did not exist.

“Despite ongoing legal and legislative uncertainty with the ACA, employer coverage is still strong, still reliable and still the foundation of a healthy America. It must be protected,” Klein said.

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