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Nationwide poll: 90% of voters support additional financial assistance for job-based health coverage *Nearly 80% want new relief legislation before November*

WASHINGTON, DC – “Like many Americans, Congress will have to make difficult choices in the weeks and months ahead. Fortunately, new polling data makes abundantly clear that supporting employer-provided health care is the right move, right now,” American Benefits Council President James A. Klein said today.

The Council recently engaged Public Opinion Strategies, a renowned public research firm, to conduct a national online survey of 1,000 registered voters to assess their attitudes about past and future pandemic relief legislation, particularly as it relates to health care coverage. [A July 13 summary memo describes the survey’s key findings.](#)

“Most importantly for the Council’s members – large employers that sponsor health benefits for their employees – voters overwhelmingly support the government acting to help those who have lost their job stay on their employer-provided plan,” Klein said. **Nine out of every ten voters believe the government should take action to ensure those who have lost their job maintain their employer-provided coverage.**

“Furthermore, not only do voters across the board support the financial relief legislation that has been passed to assist Americans and support the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic, but **the vast majority of voters (79%) believe additional legislation should be passed before the November election,**” Klein said.

“The message to Congress could not be more clear,” Klein concluded. “Lawmakers should pass legislation that will help individuals maintain their job-based health coverage if they are laid off. We urge them to do so as soon as possible.”

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