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## **ADVOCATES FOR OHIO'S FUTURE PRAISES US SUPREME COURT HISTORIC HEALTH CARE DECISION**

COLUMBUS – Advocates for Ohio's Future applauded the US Supreme Court decision today that will enhance the health and quality of life of Ohioans.

The Court's ruling is a victory for thousands of Ohioans who are already benefiting from the health reform law, including the student who can stay on her parent's insurance till she is 26, the child transitioning from foster care, the sick child who can no longer be denied insurance, or the senior who can afford his prescription drugs. The law will also soon protect tens of thousands more from being denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition.

Ohio's opting in to the Medicaid expansion will provide coverage for roughly one million Ohioans at no cost to the state of Ohio for three years. After that the federal share will ratchet down to 90% over three years – a significantly greater federal share than that for the existing Medicaid program. Channing Tenenbaum stated, "This will strengthen the health and economic security of communities in Ohio, especially for families who don't get coverage through work or can't afford it on their own. It will also create new health care jobs in the state of Ohio."

Mark Davis added, "The Kasich administration has made tremendous strides in modernizing the Medicaid eligibility system and transforming our health care system to pay for value instead of volume of services. Now that the US Supreme Court has ruled, the administration can continue providing leadership in health care transformation without the uncertainty about the law."

AOF looks forward to working with the Kasich administration and the Ohio General Assembly to implement the Medicaid expansion and other parts of the Affordable Care Act.

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