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# State Sen. Rodríguez's statement on Affordable Care Act ruling by U.S. Supreme Court

Austin - State Sen. José Rodríguez today issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold federally run health care exchanges:

*Today's Supreme Court ruling in King v. Burwell will allow nearly one million Texans, including over 54,000 El Pasoans, who currently get coverage through the federal exchange to continue to receive affordable health care. With this decision, the Supreme Court has upheld a cornerstone of the Affordable Care Act. If the Court had struck down this provision, it would have clearly contravened legislative intent and threatened access for over six million Americans, many of whom have health insurance for the first time. The ACA is working, and millions of people are benefitting from the law whether through coverage for pre-existing conditions or improved access to primary and mental health services. Now, we need to move onto the next step and craft a program that will allow us to accept billions in federal taxpayer dollars to provide affordable health care to the rest of our uninsured population in Texas, which still has the dubious distinction of having the most uninsured in the country. Health care is a basic human need, and in the midst of great abundance, there is no good reason for members of our community to suffer from lack of access to care.*

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*José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.*