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SEIU Wisconsin State Council Responds to the Supreme Court Decision to Uphold the Affordable Care Act

Milwaukee – SEIU Wisconsin State Council President Mike Thomas issued the following statement in response to the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court today to uphold the Affordable Care Act as fully constitutional.

The court ruled in favor of expanding care to 32 million Americans, protecting consumers from a range of insurance company abuses, creating competitive marketplaces in states for individuals to purchase lower cost insurance, and improving the quality of care.

“Today's Supreme Court ruling moves our nation forward by saving lives and promising every single American a better future. It's a resounding victory for working people and for the more than 100 million Americans of all political parties, ages, incomes and occupations who are benefiting from the Affordable Care Act.

“The court rejected the cynical approach of corporations and Republican extremists who consistently have put profits and politics ahead of working people and whose cold and bitter vision for America is simply that ‘we are all on our own.’ The decision is vitally important for working people trapped in the toughest economic crisis in a generation.

“The Supreme Court's decision shows that now is not the time to slow down the benefits of the law that is making healthcare more affordable to all Americans. Instead, it's time to keep our great nation moving forward.”

SEIU Wisconsin State Council coordinates the legislative and political agenda of Wisconsin's eight SEIU locals. SEIU is the nation's largest and fastest growing union with 2.1 million members nationwide and over 10,000 members in Wisconsin. For more information visit www.seiuwi.org.

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