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NCPA Response to Supreme Court Ruling

Dallas, TX -- In response to the Supreme Court's ruling today on the Affordable Care Act, National Center for Policy Analysis President John C. Goodman said that, Congress can repeal the ACA and replace it with universal health care coverage without *any* mandates.

Goodman noted that, as a candidate, Barack Obama opposed the individual mandate but supported universal coverage. "Unfortunately, he abandoned both ideas," said Goodman.

How can we do this? Basically by following the McCain/Coburn/Ryan approach. Offer every American a refundable tax credit that is the same amount regardless of where the insurance is purchased: in the workplace, in a health exchange or in the marketplace. "For instance, we can afford to offer a $2,500 per adult tax credit or an $8,000 credit per family," said Goodman. The unclaimed tax credits go to fund the so-called 'safety net' programs so that there is an adequate amount of money for everybody."

"Many are concerned that if there is no mandate, people will wait until they get sick to buy insurance," added Goodman. "The more important question is: Did we ever need the mandate at all? The answer is 'no,' not if we do it the right way."

In his newly released book, *Priceless: Curing the Healthcare Crisis* John Goodman thoroughly analyzes the Affordable Care Act and offers an alternative way to achieve access to affordable, high-quality healthcare.

John C. Goodman is also a research fellow at the Independent Institute.

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