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## NBCSL APPLAUDS THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN KING V. BURWELL

June 25, 2015 – The United States Supreme Court in a 6-3 decision ruled the federal government is not prevented from providing subsidies to individuals who purchase their insurance on a federal exchange. The issue has been in the spotlight for several months, with states such as Pennsylvania, coming up with alternate exchanges in the event the Supreme Court ruled against providing subsidies to states with federal exchanges. The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) issued the following statement:

"President Senator Catherine Pugh (MD) says all members of NBCSL are applauding the decision of the United States Supreme Court today in *King v Burwell*, which will allow states to keep our constituents on their insurance plans. One of the hallmarks of this administration, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), has revolutionized health care in this country. Its passage has had a significant impact in our communities, giving 7.8 million African Americans access to preventative care, covering 1.7 million African Americans who were previously uninsured and more than 500,000 African American young adults (18-26) health coverage. In short, Obamacare, as it has come to be known, has had a positive impact on thousands of our constituents. For our low-income Americans, subsidies enable them to receive quality health care which will reduce health disparities among the working poor and minorities. We still have a long way to go in realizing the full potential of the ACA but the Court's decision is strong support needed to push forward in keeping our communities healthy."

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The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) primary mission is to develop, conduct and promote educational, research and training programs designed to enhance the effectiveness of its members, as they consider legislation and issues of public policy which impact, either directly or indirectly upon "the general welfare" of African American constituents within their respective jurisdictions.