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Congresswoman Matsui Applauds Supreme Court for Upholding Affordable Care Act
Stands with Colleagues to Laud the Benefits the Legislation will Continue to Provide to Millions of Americans

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) joined her colleagues on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to praise the decision made by the Supreme Court of the United States to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), historic health reform legislation that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court agreed to hear arguments on the constitutionality of the legislation. The Supreme Court announced its decision today that the ACA was constitutional and implementation would continue as planned.

“This decision by the Supreme Court reaffirms what my Democratic colleagues and I already knew; the ACA is constitutional and has already benefited millions of Americans,” said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. “Access to health care should not be a privilege in this country. It is my hope that now the political games can stop and the ACA will be implemented for those in need of care.”

“At its core, the ACA is about expanding access to affordable health care. Today’s decision by the highest court in the land will ensure America’s seniors, young adults, small businesses and many others continue to benefit from this historic legislation.”

A member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Congresswoman Matsui played a pivotal role in drafting the health care legislation and was instrumental in the creation of the Prevention and Public Health Fund from her stand alone Wellness Trust legislation. Additionally, as co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Seniors, she has been a strong advocate for

America's seniors, and worked to include provisions in the ACA that strengthened Medicare and covers the cost of preventive care for Medicare patients. She tirelessly fought for provisions to invest in primary care doctors, and provide incentives for coordinated care.

"In the two years since it became law, the ACA has had a positive impact on the daily lives of Sacramento residents. Seniors no longer have to choose between paying for groceries and paying for their prescription drugs, young adults can stay on their parent's insurance and being a woman is no longer considered a pre-existing condition. The Court's decision today will have lasting benefits for Sacramento residents for years to come," added Matsui.

Since 2010, 5,000 seniors in Sacramento received prescription drug discounts worth \$1.9 million, an average of \$390 per senior. Additionally, 57,000 seniors received Medicare preventive services without paying any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles. 7,400 young adults in the district now have health insurance, and 10,000 to 44,000 children with preexisting health conditions can no longer be denied coverage by health insurers.

"Now that the ACA has been upheld, we must continue pushing forward with implementing the long overdue reforms it calls for. Elected leaders would be wise to stop efforts to chip away at this landmark legislation and instead use their time to make sure the law works for all Americans," said Congresswoman Matsui.

For comprehensive information on the health insurance reform legislation signed-by President Obama and supported by Congresswoman Matsui, downloadable fact sheets, please visit: www.matsui.house.gov/healthcare.

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