



STATEMENT
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OCSEA applauds decision to uphold Affordable Care Act

Statement from OCSEA President Christopher A. Mabe:

“Today, is a good day for the citizens of Ohio and all the American people. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the Affordable Care Act in its entirety, which means that 32 million people not covered by health insurance will now have access to affordable care. In Ohio alone, 1.3 million more people will be covered as a result.

“We have been working for years to make sure that affordable health care is within everyone’s reach. The Affordable Care Act is the rising tide that will lift all boats, not just those who can afford it or who don’t have pre-existing conditions. For working families who already have health care, but are struggling or going bankrupt because of major illnesses, the Act is a lifeline.

“Every year, OCSEA works very hard to make sure our members have quality, affordable health care and now no one will go bankrupt because of medical costs or be denied health care insurance because of a pre-existing condition. Already, children up to age 26 are being covered on their parents’ insurance plans under the Act.

The ACA will also help save billions of dollars in health care cost. While nothing will change for our members’ health care, it’s important that everyone be insured. Sharing the costs will bring health care cost down for everyone. This is a win-win for working families with and without health insurance.”

OCSEA represents approximately 34,000 public employees who work in a wide range of security, regulatory, administrative, direct care, maintenance, customer service and other positions. For more information, contact Sally Meckling, 614-865-2602 or 614-404-3881 (cell).