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AHIP and BCBSA File Brief in U.S. Supreme Court

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Today, January 6, AHIP and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that if the individual mandate is declared unconstitutional, then the market reforms must be struck down as well. The brief urges reversal of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals' judgment on severability, which held that the individual mandate could be removed from the ACA, but that the market reform provisions could remain in force.

Our brief focuses on the areas where we have expertise to offer the Court. We provided the Court the industry's first-hand experience with earlier failed state reform efforts that attempted to impose market reforms without a mandate, and further explained why Congress intended the mandate and the market reforms to work hand-in-hand. A new AHIP blog posting provides further detail.

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