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## AARP Statement on Texas Court Ruling on ACA

En español | **WASHINGTON, DC**—The following is a statement from **AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer Nancy LeMond** on yesterday's court ruling in Texas v. United States:

*"AARP is deeply disappointed in yesterday's court verdict. This decision is a profound blow to millions of Americans who have benefited from the ACA, including its protections against charging older Americans an age tax and for people with preexisting health conditions. The ACA has impacted the lives of every American—including older adults who can finally secure affordable access to health care, Medicare beneficiaries who can more reasonably afford their prescription medications, and people under age 26 who can remain on their parent's insurance. If upheld, this decision will throw both the U.S. economy and health care system into turmoil because millions of people will be cut off from the health care coverage and essential health benefits upon which they have depended since the ACA became law.*

*"Prior to the ACA, health insurance was either unavailable or simply unaffordable to many 50- to 64-year-old Americans. The ACA has been a lifeline for millions of Americans, particularly older adults who rely heavily on the law for their health and financial stability and to secure prescription drugs upon which their health depends.*

*"This ruling opens the door to insurance companies to once again charge older Americans an age tax and deny coverage to people with preexisting conditions like high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. Further, even if people could secure coverage, they could face premiums that are 10 times or more than what others pay for the same coverage. This will be devastating to older Americans, including the estimated 25 million older adults who have a preexisting condition.*

*"AARP will continue fighting in both Congress and the courts on behalf of older Americans and their ability to obtain high-quality, affordable health insurance coverage. This decision must be reversed in order to prevent the catastrophic impact on millions of lives of finding the ACA unconstitutional."*

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### **About AARP**

*AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.*

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