## In Health Care ...

Amid all the pain and uncertainty caused by COVID-19, the pandemic has also provided an opportunity for businesses to show firsthand how they can do well by doing good. One way many businesses do that is by providing high-quality health care to their workers through employer-sponsored insurance.

**Some context:** Employer-sponsored insurance is the backbone of the U.S. health system, providing robust, affordable coverage for 180 million families and retirees. An <u>overwhelming majority</u> of those with employer coverage— 86%—are satisfied with their insurance, proving it is a highly sought-after employee benefit.

**The challenge:** Some have used this moment to call for a Medicare buy-in, or public option. That would be bad for business and would inject uncertainty and pose direct threats to the nation's health care system. By shifting employees into Medicare—a targeted program for the elderly—or forcing them into an untested public health care option, millions of American workers and their families would lose the comprehensive coverage and quality care they depend on for their health.

**PACT:** Last month, the Chamber announced the launch of a new campaign— <u>Protecting Americans' Coverage Together (PACT)</u>—a partnership of businesses united around sustaining and strengthening employer-sponsored insurance and raising awareness of the serious threats posed by a potential Medicare buy-in or public option.

**Next steps:** We will continue elevating the voices of employers and employees and advocating for meaningful reforms to private health insurance. Through PACT, we're calling on lawmakers to work together to build on the system in place, rather than resorting to changes that undermine health care coverage for millions of hardworking Americans. Watch the PACT virtual rollout event <u>here</u>.

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