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Greetings!

I realize we just sent you an email - but this story is too big not to let you know right away. Today the Washington DC District Court announced its ruling on *Halbig v Burwell* (get the background on this case from last week's [BRI blog post](#)).

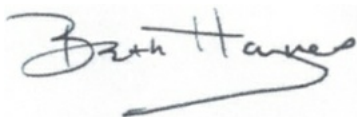
This ruling has huge implications for the Affordable Care Act (ACA, a.k.a. ObamaCare) and would be momentous either way - but today's decision in favor of the plaintiffs reaffirms that in the laws Congress writes, it has to say what it means because judges will take them at their word, as well they should. It's called Rule of Law.

So what happens now? Will the federally-established exchanges have to immediately stop providing health insurance subsidies? Is this a death blow to the ACA? Will it "destroy the individual insurance market in two-thirds of the states" as law professor and ACA supporter Timothy Jost previously warned?

Our latest blog post (link below) discusses the consequences of this ruling and where things might head from here.

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Best Regards,



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Federal Courts Rule on ACA Subsidies

The legal battle over the ACA continues. Today two courts delivered opposing rulings on the legality of providing subsidies through federally-established health insurance exchanges. The fate of the ACA rides on which court is right.



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