

Alliance to Fight for Health Care

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Polls Show Growing Voter Support for Congressional Action to Help Americans Keep their Health Care Coverage

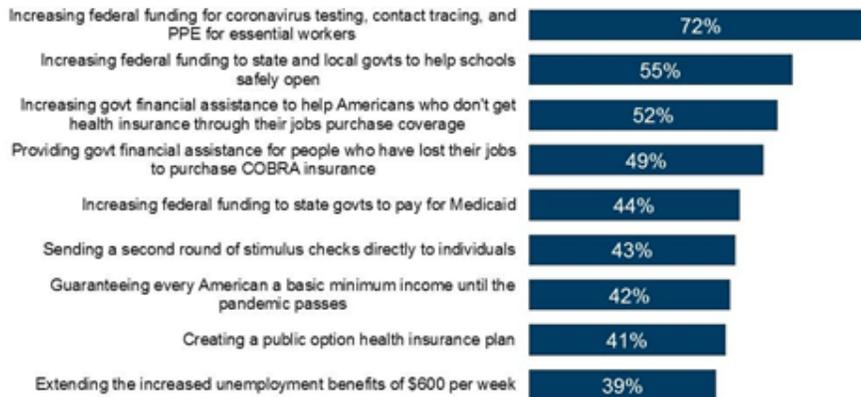
Voters nationwide continue to voice overwhelming bipartisan support for Congress to take action to pass legislation that would provide funding to help Americans that have lost their jobs or been furloughed to maintain their employer-provided health care coverage. From early May to mid-June, as America continued to suffer job losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, voter support for congressional action to provide COBRA funding support has increased from nearly 80% to 90%.

Kaiser Family Foundation

The latest [Kaiser Family Foundation Tracking Poll](#) identifies providing COBRA funding as one of the top five priorities for Congress.

Increasing Federal Funding For Coronavirus Testing, Contact Tracing, And PPE Seen As Top Priority For Congress

Percent who say each of the following should be a **top priority** for Congress:



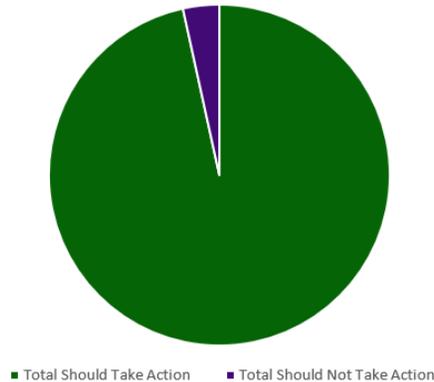
SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted July 14-19, 2020). See topline for full question wording.



Public Opinion Strategies

On behalf of the American Benefits Council, Public Opinion Strategies conducted a national online [survey](#) of 1,000 registered voters, June 17-22, 2020.

90 % of Voters support Congress taking immediate action to help Americans maintain coverage and continuity of care if they lose their job



KEY FINDINGS

Voters overwhelmingly support the financial relief legislation that has been passed to assist Americans and support the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Eighty-six percent (86%) of voters support federal legislation that has been enacted into law, including 87% of Republicans, 84% of Independents, and 85% of Democrats.
- More than 6 in 10 voters (61%) believe the financial relief legislation that has been passed has most benefitted working and middle-class Americans.

While they strongly support the legislation that has already been passed, voters believe there is more to be done. A majority of voters across America want additional legislation targeted to those American most in need, like middle class Americans, and they want it passed before the election.

- **Fully eighty-five percent (85%) of voters support additional COVID-19 financial assistance legislation**, including a majority (55%) of voters who want additional legislation that is targeted towards middle- and working-class Americans.
- Voters overwhelmingly support the government acting to help those who have lost their job stay on their employer-provided plan. **Ninety percent (90%) of voters believe the government should take action to ensure those who have lost their job maintain their employer-provided coverage** (71% strongly), including 86% of Republicans (59% strongly), 87% of Independents (64% strongly), and 94% of Democrats (84% strongly).
- More than three-quarters (79%) of voters across the country believe additional legislation that provides additional financial assistance should be passed before the November election, including 68% of Republicans, 78% of Independents, and 88% of Democrats.

Morning Consult

A survey conducted May 7-May 9, 2020 by Morning Consult on behalf of the Alliance, showed **nearly four in five Americans (78%) supported Congress providing funding for**

COBRA coverage to allow people to stay on their employer-provided health care coverage — even if they lost their jobs. This strong support was consistent across a variety of groups:

- Democrats (85%), Republicans (75%) and Independents (73%)
- Employed (80%) and unemployed (80%)
- Millennials (80%), Generation Xers (79%) and Baby Boomers (78%)
- Individuals making less than \$50K (74%) and more than \$50K (81%)



*The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. The Alliance is committed to ensuring that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families, especially during times of global health and economic crisis. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% “Cadillac Tax” on health care coverage.*

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