

January 26, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Rangel  
Committee on Ways & Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2204 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer and Chairmen Rangel, Waxman, and Miller:

On behalf of over 65 organizations representing millions of patients, caregivers, health care providers, medical educators, and biomedical researchers, we continue to recognize the need for reform to our current health care system and provide high quality care to the millions of Americans that currently go without. We commend both the House and Senate for the unprecedented progress that has been made toward this goal.

The current proposals are a result of a robust dialogue over many years. While there may be points of disagreement, ending this debate and accepting the status quo would be detrimental to the health of the nation.

**We urge you to swiftly complete the work that has come this far and take the remaining steps necessary to enact comprehensive health care legislation and undoubtedly improve the lives of all Americans.**

In 2008, the American people voted for change, and the vision of affordable, quality health care for all seemed as though it could finally become a reality. Political forces are strong, but today we are presented with the challenging, yet revolutionary, opportunity to put partisan politics aside and do what is best for the citizens of this country.

The undersigned organizations remain committed to this goal, and stand ready to help you accomplish it.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Aging Research  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Mental Health Counselors Association  
American Sickle Cell Anemia Association  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
Aplastic Anemia &MDS International Foundation  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP)  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Autism Society  
Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade  
Breast Cancer Network of Strength  
CHADD – Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder  
Children's Neurobiological Solutions  
Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Easter Seals  
Epilepsy Foundation  
FasterCures  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
The Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC)  
Intercultural Cancer Caucus  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Myeloma Foundation  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Kids With Heart National Assn for Children's Heart Disorders, Inc  
Lance Armstrong Foundation  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Lung Cancer Circle of Hope  
Marti Nelson Cancer Foundation  
National Alliance for Hispanic Health  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)  
National Council on Aging  
National Eczema Association  
National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias  
National Health Council  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Indian Health Board  
National Lung Cancer Partnership

National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
NBIA Disorders Association  
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Prostate Health Education Network  
Pull-thru Network, Inc.  
Research!America  
Sarcoma Foundation of America  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
TMJ Association  
Trust for America's Health  
United Spinal Association and National Spinal Cord Injury Association  
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network