



Additional Quotes from Signatories

"This group tackles the tough issues -- expanding access while still controlling cost. It was precisely this kind of wide-ranging coalition that was able to move our state forward. I believe that we can provide the same result for every American." – *Phil Edmundson, Chairman & CEO, William Gallagher Associates, ACT! Coalition of Massachusetts*

"To reward higher value and efficient resource use, we need a health care financing and delivery system in which individuals are allowed to choose efficient delivery systems and keep the savings for themselves." – *Alain Enthoven, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University*

"The Catholic Health Association is pleased to be part of the Hope Street Group, and will continue to work with the collaborative as well as its participants to move forward substantive health care reform. The Hope Street Group's reform principles largely reflect those developed by Catholic health care providers, and represent a helpful step in building a bipartisan solution to our nation's health care challenges." – *Sr. Carol Keehan, President & CEO, Catholic Health Association*

"The only successful path to substantive, patient-centered health care reform in the United States is going to be a collaborative path, with stakeholders coming together to compromise and gain consensus on priorities; that's what we have done here. It's similar to the process we've used here at Mayo- bringing together more than 2,000 people outside our walls to gain consensus on direction for health care reform. From our perspective, creating value -- and paying for it -- is an essential component in providing better health care to more people. Expanding coverage without creating and paying for value will not improve get us there." – *Jeff Korsmo, Executive Director, Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center*

"These recommendations chart a course for reform that offer a solution the current health care mess that is breaking the bank of government, business and individual Americans. They reflect the coming together of a very diverse set of groups around the common agenda of assuring that health reform builds on what works, while creating a new and better health-care system. If we don't take action now, we'll never get these horrendous costs under control or make insurance affordable for everyone." – *Peter Lee, Executive Director, National Health Policy, Pacific Business Group on Health*



"I am pleased to endorse these common sense principles that can serve as a foundation for health reforms that ensure all Americans enjoy affordable, high quality health coverage; control overall health care costs, and establish a platform for long-term economic growth. While we will continue to debate the fine points, achieving our larger goals-- as espoused by these principles, is critical for American families and the American economy." – *John Podesta, CEO, Center for American Progress*

"The fact that such a diverse group could agree on so many fundamental tenets of comprehensive reform gives me great hope about our nation's prospects in the months ahead. In particular, agreeing that individuals must be required to obtain coverage, even though it is necessary to make insurance markets work for all and to make sure that all pay their fair share, is a major bipartisan step forward past a key philosophical barrier. Also, agreeing that all should have access to affordable high quality basic and preventive care, not just catastrophic financial protection, shows that this group understands the centrality of appropriate care and personal responsibility to achieving far more health value per dollar than we have been getting as a nation." – *Dr. Len Nichols, Director, Health Policy Program, New America Foundation*

"At U.S. Engineering Company, we believe healthcare is a partnership between the Company and our people. Healthcare reform is also a partnership that involves shared responsibility between the business community, government, providers and individual patients. Effective reform must foster more transparent costs, promote innovation, and increase the overall quality of care. The task is monumental, but achievable if all parties come to the table." – *Tyler Nottberg, Chairman & CEO, U.S. Engineering Company*