



We believe ... health care is a human right, not a commodity!

We, the undersigned human rights supporters, urge our elected officials to deliver a U.S. health care system that fulfills the human right to health care, affirming the values of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and international human rights conventions.

We believe that health care is a right, not a privilege or a commodity. To fulfill the human right to health care, the U.S. health care system must meet these principles:

1. **Universality:** *This means that everyone in the United States has the human right to health care.* Reform measures should ensure that every person has access to comprehensive, quality health care. No one should be discriminated against on the basis of income, health status, gender, race, age, immigration status or other factors.
2. **Equity:** *This means that benefits and contributions should be shared fairly to create a system that works for everyone.* Health care is a public good, not a commodity. Gaps in the health care system should be eliminated so that all communities, rich and poor, have access to comprehensive, quality treatment and services. Publicly financed and administered health care should be expanded as the strongest vehicle for making health care accessible and accountable.
3. **Accountability:** *This means that the U.S. government has a responsibility to ensure that care comes first.* All players in the health care system, whether public or private, have human rights obligations, and must be accountable to the people. The U.S. government is ultimately responsible for ensuring that both public agencies and private companies make health care decisions based on health needs, not on profit margins or other factors.

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