

# Dear Members of Congress:

**We believe together** in a health care future that is grounded in the sacred bonds of our common humanity, defined by compassion, especially for those who are most vulnerable, and reflective of faithful stewardship of our abundant health care resources.

As people of faith, inspired by shared values from our sacred texts, we envision a society where each person is afforded health, wholeness and human dignity. We will measure legislative proposals by their capacity to move us toward a health care future that is:

- **Inclusive**, offering a guarantee of health care for every person regardless of individual circumstances.
- **Accessible**, eliminating all barriers to the care which contributes to our health and wholeness as individuals and as a society.
- **Affordable**, ensuring that we use our abundant health care resources effectively, efficiently and equitably.
- **Accountable**, calling for shared individual and institutional responsibility in a system of timely, quality and safe care that treats body, mind and spirit.

To lift up these values, our organizations are endorsing an Interfaith Service of Witness and Prayer in Washington, D.C., June 24, at 5 p.m. at Freedom Plaza and hosting echo events nationwide. We invite you to join us June 24 and urge you to pass comprehensive health care for all this year.

Believe Together. Health Care for All in 2009.  
Faithfully yours,

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