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**National League of Cities Support Citizen Led Endeavor:
Health Care that Works for All Americans**

Washington, DC, -- October 11, 2005 - The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is honored to have the support of national organizations to help inform and engage all Americans in a dialogue about health care. Recently, the *National League of Cities* (NLC) released a statement encouraging citizens to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to let their voices be heard on the issue of health care in America. Donald J. Borut, executive director of NLC stated that "NLC and its locally elected officials across the United States are here to help the Citizens Health Care Working Group as it continues this important debate on health care reform."

The Working Group is a nonpartisan group authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, charged with developing recommendations for the President and Congress to provide U.S. citizens with "health care that works for all Americans." The *Health Report to the American People*, will serve as a base to engage the American people in a dialogue on health care access, cost and quality issues. The Working Group consists of 14 citizens of diverse backgrounds from across the country, in addition to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt. To view The *Health Report to the American People* or get more information on the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, visit www.citizenshealthcare.gov.

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