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Patricia A. Maryland, Chair
Citizens' Health Care Working Group
7201 Wisconsin Ave, Room 575
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Dear Ms. Maryland:

We strongly endorse your recommendation to support "integrated community networks", but we believe that in order to succeed, these community networks must not be limited to health care providers alone. They must involve all elements of the community, including state and local government, business and labor, payer organizations, faith based groups and patients themselves, including underserved groups, as well as health care providers.

As reported at your April 10 Community Meeting in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health is moving to create a Health Leadership Partnership, based on a voters' mandate. This new formation, a local public/private collaborative network of all elements of our health care community, is committed to working toward decent health care for all. We respectfully suggest that this you build this concept into the final Citizens' Health Care Working Group recommendations.

The above Philadelphia response to the Citizens' Health Care Working Group Interim Recommendations has been endorsed by the organizations and the individuals below:

Organizations

ACT UP Philadelphia
Action Alliance for Senior Citizens
ActionAIDS
Bucks Chapter United Nations Association-USA
Family Practice and Counseling Network
HealthPower Associates
Jewish Labor Committee
Kingsessing 5th Dist. Community Neighbors
Maternity Care Coalition

Norris Square Civic Association
Philadelphia Committee to Free the Five
Philadelphia National Org. for Women
Philadelphia Unemployment Project
Congreso de Latinos Unidos
Community Board, Health Center #3
United Food & Commercial Workers 1776
Delaware Valley Health Care Council

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