

## **Statements of Support for the Lieberman FairCare Bill**

### **The National Health Law Program**

“The National Health Law Program (NHELP) commends the announcement of The Faircare Act. Recognizing that comprehensive and accurate data is critical to identifying and then eliminating health disparities, the Faircare Act would require race, ethnicity and primary language data collection throughout federally operated or funded health programs and provide crucial technical and financial assistance to healthcare providers to meet the challenges of eliminating health disparities.”

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### **Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations**

“The legislation comprehensively reflects current national research and programmatic initiatives such as those of the Joint Commission, private foundations, professional organizations, academic institutions, and state and national government agencies.” “Financial incentives, as proposed in this legislation, are timely and appropriate. Based on focus group feedback, preliminary data from Joint Commission research activities, and input from Joint Commission advisory groups, the lack of incentive, competing priorities, and limited resources for providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services are the main barrier to implementation, secondary, only to the lack of awareness of the issue.”

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## **The Progressive Policy Institute**

“Sen. Lieberman's FairCare Legislation would simultaneously make health care fairer and less wasteful by tackling one of the core problems with health care today: payment by procedure instead of performance. Too often, patients, especially minorities, do not receive basic high care quality like aspirin or beta-blockers for heart attack victims because providers can't charge for it. It's time for the federal government to make pay-for-performance a core feature of health care policy.”

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## **Physicians for Human Rights**

“Senator Lieberman’s Faircare bill is an important step toward eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare by both assuring quality of care and reducing care inequities. Quality care means making the same healthcare available to all Americans regardless of race or ethnicity.”

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## **National Conference for Community and Justice**

“By establishing quantifiable standards, and providing incentives to meet those standards, Faircare: A Bill to Decrease Disparities in Healthcare Through Improving Healthcare Quality for All can help raise the quality and consistency of healthcare for all of us, not just some of us. The issue of disparities in healthcare is a national crisis, and the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) remains committed to working with decision-makers and community leaders to address this crisis on a national and regional level. It is a critical part of America's unfinished business, and through education and advocacy, we will bridge the divides of quality healthcare so that all people receive the information and treatment needed to lead healthy lives.”

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