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- [Letter of support to Congress](#) (June 24, 2008)
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- [NHC supports legislation that balances the need for access to therapies with the goal of fostering innovation and discovery](#) (June 23, 2009)
- [NHC supports incentives for the clinical advancement of drug therapies and in a letter to the Senate states those incentives should apply to all innovative companies willing and able to improve the quality of care](#) (June 8, 2009)

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- [NHC supports funds in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) and urges that NIH be a significant priority in the FY 2011 budget](#) (November 23, 2009)
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Comparative Effectiveness

- [NHC letter and draft legislative language to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on the establishment of guidance on the usefulness of CER.](#) A similar letter was sent to the Senate Finance Committee. (July 30, 2009)
- [NHC letter to the Senate Finance Committee in support of S.1213 approach to Comparative Effectiveness Research](#) (July 9, 2009)
- [NHC supports the Comparative Effectiveness Research Act of 2009 \(H.R. 2502\)](#) (June 21, 2009)
- [NHC Values to Ensure Patient-Focused and Inclusive Legislation Related to Comparative Effectiveness Research](#)
- [NHC President Weinberg testimony before Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research](#) or [watch the video online](#) (March 14, 2009)

Changing the Health Care Delivery System

- [NHC letter and draft legislative language to the Senate Finance Committee on a proposed Patient-Centered Care Model.](#) A similar letter was sent to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (July 30, 2009)

Funds for Wellness and Prevention

- [Letter of support to House and Senate leadership](#) (February 9, 2009)

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

- [NHC Letter supporting legislation to guarantee that individuals are not discriminated against due to inherited genetic predispositions that cannot be controlled](#) (April 14, 2008)

Health Insurance Coverage Protection Act

- [Letter from Raise the Cap Coalition to Senator Byron Dorgan](#) (February 10, 2009)
- [Letter from Raise the Cap Coalition to Rep. Anna Eshoo](#) (February 10, 2009)
- [Letter to Senate Finance Committee and Senate HELP Committee to abolish exclusions for pre-existing conditions](#) (October 13, 2009)

Health Care Reform

- [NHC letter urging Senate to reject the provision allowing annual caps on benefits](#) (December 15, 2009)
- [NHC letter to support Senator Specter's amendment establishing a Cures Acceleration Network \(CAN\) facilitating development and approval of innovative high need cures](#) (December 15, 2009)
- [NHC letter continuing support of the efforts of Congress to enact meaningful health care reform benefiting millions of people living with chronic conditions](#) (December 9, 2009)
- [NHC urges Senate to reconsider Dorgan-McCain amendment permitting reimportation of prescription drugs](#) (December 2, 2009)
- [NHC urges the Senate to continue working on health care reform that benefits patients](#) (November 13, 2009)
- [NHC signs letter requesting the Senate add provisions to health reform legislation aimed at improving patients' adherence to medications](#) (November 17, 2009)
- [NHC letter to Congress in support of the Patient-Centered Medical Home Choices Amendment](#) (October 29, 2009)
- [NHC Letter to Senate committees on comparative effectiveness research and delivery system reform](#) (September 25, 2009)
- [NHC supports provision to eliminate lifetime limits on private insurance in HR 3200](#) (September 16, 2009)
- [National Health Council supports legislation to cap out of pocket expenses](#) (August 24, 2009)
- [NHC supports medication adherence in health reform legislation](#) (July, 2009)
- [Message from 48 NHC patient advocacy members to President and Congress](#) (June 2, 2009). The text also appeared in [Politico Newspaper](#).

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- [NHC letter to Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator supporting developing intellectual property policies that will improve access to safe, affordable therapies while fostering the development of new and better treatments and cures](#) (March 24, 2010)
- [Letter of support to Senate Judiciary Committee](#) (November 21, 2007)

Medicare

- [The NHC supports the Medicare Access for Patients to Prescription Drugs \(MAPRx\) Coalition's 2009 Priorities](#)

Michelle's Law

- [NHC letter to Rep. Paul Hodes in support of Michelle's Law](#) (February 15, 2008)

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- NHC Position Statement on [Stem Cell Research](#) (Adopted July 2008)
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- NHC Position Statement on [Direct-to-Consumer Prescription Drug Advertising](#) (Adopted January 2002)

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