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Statement by NHC President Myrl Weinberg on Massachusetts' Universal Health-Care Legislation

WASHINGTON, April 14 — Following is a statement by National Health Council (NHC) President Myrl Weinberg regarding passage of legislation in the state of Massachusetts to mandate universal health insurance:

"We applaud the state leaders of Massachusetts for their courageous and historic effort to ensure that all their citizens have access to health care coverage. Though the success of this endeavor remains to be seen, no one can dispute its philosophical importance and the positive example it sets for the rest of the country — where more than 45 million people remain uninsured."

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