



*Healthy Patients Through Health Technology:
Patients, Practitioners and Employers Working for
Health IT Now*

- Aetna
- American Academy of Nursing
- The American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network
- The American Diabetes
Association
- American Health Care
Association/National Center for
Assisted Living
- American Heart Association
- American Homeowners
Grassroots Alliance
- American Telemedicine
Association
- The Boeing Company
- Bronx Regional Health
Information Organization
- Business Roundtable
- Cigna
- Consumers for Competitive
Choice
- DCPA
- The Dow Chemical Company
- FasterCures
- Genetic Alliance
- Health Tech Strategies
- International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers
- Latino Coalition
- Marshfield Clinic
- Mercy Medical Center
- Montefiore Medical Center
- National Alliance for
Caregiving
- National Alliance on Mental
Illness
- National Association of Health
Underwriters
- National Association of
Manufacturers (NAM)
- National Disease Clusters
Alliance
- National Medical Association
- National MS Society
- National Patient Advocate
Foundation
- National Retail Federation
- New York Presbyterian Hospital
- Nortel
- Parkinson's Action Network
- Pharmaceutical Care
Management Association
- Research!America
- RetireSafe
- Seniors Coalition
- Society for Human Resource
Management
- US Chamber of Commerce
- US Oncology
- Verizon
- WebMD Health Corp
- Whitman-Walker Clinic
- Women Work!

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The Honorable Ted Kennedy
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Health information technology (health IT) will improve the quality of health care and the quality of life for all Americans—but health IT will not be broadly deployed or adopted until Congress takes action.

S. 1693 The Wired for Health Care Quality Act, was reported out of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee more than a year ago. We urge you to bring the bill to the Senate floor as soon as possible—and before the August recess. Health IT enjoys broad, bipartisan support in both houses of Congress and grassroots support across the country. We believe passage of S. 1693 represents a rare opportunity for Congress to achieve a clear victory for all Americans and that any remaining issues with the measure can be effectively addressed in conference or through future legislation.

With the upcoming elections drawing increasing attention each week, Congress has a narrow window of opportunity to act now. The sooner Congress passes this bill, the sooner that the benefits of health IT will be delivered to all Americans: greater health care access for the underserved, greater consumer convenience and a dramatic reduction in health care costs and in deaths due to medical errors, to name just a few.

We urge you to bring S. 1693 to the floor as soon as possible

Sincerely,

Health IT Now! Coalition

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