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ABC for Health: Accessible Health Care Is a Moral Imperative

Madison, WI – Americans fought and died for the fundamental rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—but what about the right to health care? “We as a country need to acknowledge access to health care coverage and services as an essential right and not a privilege for the privileged. Access to health care and coverage is a moral imperative that is the civil rights issue of this generation,” said Bobby Peterson, public interest attorney and director of ABC for Health. “There are basic rights every American deserves, despite how much money they make,” continues Peterson. “Our nation accepted access to public education a long time ago. Today, we must extend health care to all.”

On September 4, ABC for Health filmed a new edition of its popular, online policy talk show, the *HealthWatch Watchdog*, to discuss health care reform for all Americans. Peterson continues, “Health Care profiteers oppose reform because it could threaten access to easy profits and lucrative CEO salaries and bonuses. The health care plutocrats have profited for years by segregating the ‘haves’ and the ‘have-nots’ of health care.”

ABC for Health presented their argument in a web cast presentation from the ABC for Health Studio. The web cast is available to the media and the public at this link: <http://76.205.39.193/mediasiteabc/Viewer/?peid=4bf5c682-2765-425a-ab8b-9647c4551e79>

“We need affordable quality health care for everyone in this country,” said Peterson. “Making health care accessible to every American citizen is not just a national or financial issue; health care for all is a moral issue.”

ABC for Health is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to linking children and families, particularly those with special health care needs, to health care benefits and services. ABC for Health’s mission is to provide information, advocacy tools, legal services and expert support needed to obtain, maintain, and finance health care coverage and services. www.abcforhealth.org

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