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HCLA Seeks Candidates' Views on Medical Liability Reform *Survey Results Available on HCLA Website*

Washington, DC: The Health Coalition on Liability and Access (HCLA) announced today that it has released the results of its candidate survey on medical liability. The HCLA surveyed candidates for election to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to discover their views on the current medical liability crisis and various reform measures. The results are now available on HCLA's website.

The HCLA is a broad national advocacy coalition representing health care consumers, employers, physicians, hospitals, long-term care facilities, insurers, and producers of medicines. HCLA supports reform of the medical liability system modeled after the effective reform measures enacted in California in 1975.

"All across the nation, patients are finding it more and more difficult to get access to vital health care services because our medical liability system is out of control" said HCLA's Chairman, Christian Shalgian. "The American people want Congress to fix our nation's broken medical liability system by enacting comprehensive reforms," said Shalgian.

A recent national poll conducted by the HCLA found that more than eight in ten Americans believe their access to quality health care is threatened by the current medical liability crisis. The poll also found that three out of four Americans want Congress to pass comprehensive reforms to fix the crisis -- reasonable limits on non-economic damages and contingency fee limits were supported by 72% and 73% of those polled, respectively.

"HCLA's survey asked candidates running for Congress if they would support reform measures that the majority of the American people want. We are very pleased to share the results of our survey and look forward to working with the 109th Congress to end our nation's medical liability crisis," said Shalgian.

The full candidate survey results can be found in the "Press Room" section at www.hcla.org.

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