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**STATEMENT OF MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG ON THE HEALTH CARE  
REFORMS ADVANCING IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

“Over the past few months I’ve been urging Congress to enact healthcare reform that will expand health insurance coverage to the uninsured living in New York City, control health care costs for families and businesses, improve the quality of health care provided throughout our City and fund critical public health investments which will make our City healthier for all. The House of Representatives will soon begin debate on H.R. 3259, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, which embraces many of these priorities.

“Every American and all New Yorkers have a stake in the health care reform debate, and I urge Members of Congress to support the bill. I also strongly support, and am hopeful the final legislation will include, a meaningful public health insurance option for New Yorkers. I’m committed to working with New York’s delegation in the House and Senate to ensure we pass a final health care reform bill that meets the needs of New Yorkers and all Americans.”

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