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**BAUCUS STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE'S
HEALTH CARE REFORM NEGOTIATIONS**

Washington, DC – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) released the following statement today on the progress of the Senate Finance Committee's health care reform negotiations:

"We have been making steady progress on a package that lowers health care costs, provides quality, affordable coverage to all Americans and can pass the Senate. Health care reform is my number one priority and I remain committed to getting it done – and done right. The President, Leader Reid and I share the goal of a bipartisan bill and we will continue to work toward meaningful, bipartisan legislation that can pass the Senate and become law this year."

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