

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 30, 2009

CONTACT: Anthony Coley (Kennedy)
(202) 224-2633
Erin Shields (Baucus)
erin_shields@finance-dem.senate.gov

**JOINT STATEMENT FROM SENATORS EDWARD M. KENNEDY AND MAX
BAUCUS**

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the HELP Committee, and Senator Max Baucus, Chairman of the Finance Committee, issued the following statement affirming their commitment to seek common ground on health reform legislation, despite some media reports to the contrary:

"For both of us, reforming the nation's health care system to cut cost, improve quality and provide affordable coverage remains the top priority on our two committees. We have worked together closely over many months and will continue to do so. We intend to ensure that our committees report similar and complementary legislation that can be quickly merged into one bill for consideration on the Senate floor before the August recess."

###