

# Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MASS)

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“For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.”

We in the health center movement have lost our founding father, our greatest champion, our truest leader, and our most fervent supporter and believer in what we were created to accomplish - **true justice and equity in health care for all.**

In 1975, Senator Kennedy authored the federal law that defines us and sustains us to this day as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).

For each of us who works in community health, we understand that our daily work is and will always be a lasting tribute to the memory and legacy of Senator Kennedy, and the cause to which he devoted his life of public service: health care for everyone as a fundamental human and civil right.