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**Health Law Advocates mourns the enormously painful loss of Massachusetts' United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Senator Kennedy was our Nation's strongest voice on countless important issues, yet his greatest concern was for every person in our Country to have access to quality and affordable health care.**

**In his momentous speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Senator Kennedy said:**

**“(T)his is the cause of my life...that every American – north, south, east, west, young, old – will have decent, quality health care as a fundamental right and not a privilege.”**

**HLA's mission – ensuring universal access to quality health care in Massachusetts – reflects Senator Kennedy's vision.**

**On the path to universal health care, Senator Kennedy's unmatched legislative career included scores of victories that expanded health care access to tens of millions of individuals and families. Each day, as HLA attorneys advocate to ensure their clients' access to health care, they successfully rely on essential legal protections championed by Senator Kennedy.**

**In the days ahead, Health Law Advocates' work on behalf of its clients and all Massachusetts residents will not only be strengthened mightily by Senator Kennedy's lawmaking record but we will draw inspiration from Senator Kennedy's legacy of fighting for health care for all.**

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