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**Council for American Medical Innovation Applauds President Obama for Calling for
“Serious Investments in Science and Technology”**

*Bipartisan Group Led by Former Rep. Gephardt Underscores Importance of Medical Discovery to
Job Growth and Finding Cures for Life-Threatening Diseases*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 25, 2009) – The Council for American Medical Innovation applauds President Obama on his support for improving our education system and driving down health care costs through continued scientific and technological advancements.

In his address to the nation last night, the President said, “Now, none of us know exactly what’s going to happen 6 or 8 or 10 years from now. Here’s what I do know: If we don’t tackle energy, if we don’t improve our education system, if we don’t drive down the costs of health care, if we’re not making serious investments in science and technology and our infrastructure, then we won’t grow 2.6 percent, we won’t grow 2.2 percent. We won’t grow.”

The Council for American Medical Innovation, a new coalition of leaders in research, medicine, patient advocacy, academia, education, labor and business, are working in partnership to urge Congress to adopt a national policy agenda that facilitates medical innovation and discoveries in the life sciences. The Council is pleased that the President is

making innovation a top priority, recognizing its direct impact on job growth, U.S.

competitiveness and the health of all Americans.

“Americans are looking to the President and his Administration to encourage and reward continuous advances in medicine and scientific research as a means of improving quality of care and finding cures for the benefit of patients worldwide,” said Former Representative Dick Gephardt, a founding member of the Council. “The future belongs to those who can create and sustain innovation economies, and we hope the President and Congress put policies in place that will nurture medical innovation, protect America’s ability to maintain its global leadership position and help us find cures.”

About the Council for American Medical Innovation

The United States faces serious challenges to maintaining its leadership position in innovation. The Council for American Medical Innovation is bringing together leaders in research, medicine, public health, academia, education, labor, and business, who are working in partnership toward a national policy agenda aimed at preserving U.S. leadership in medical innovation. American medical innovators create millions of high-paying jobs, and their discoveries are integral in the fight to cure cancer and other illnesses. The Council for American Medical Innovation views leadership in medical innovation as a key part of America's economic recovery, future prosperity and health.

For more information on the Council for American Medical Innovation, visit www.americanmedicalinnovation.org.

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