

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
Economic pressure to change harmful policies

Organization Description: ICCR is a coalition of 275 faith-based institutional investors, including national denominations, religious communities, pension funds, endowments, health care corporations, and foundations with combined portfolios worth an estimated \$100 billion. Using their investments as leverage in applying economic pressure, ICCR members press companies to change unjust or harmful policies. Priorities of ICCR members include eliminating sweatshops; reversing global warming; guaranteeing equal employment opportunity; and making pharmaceuticals and health care safe, accessible, and affordable.

Proposal Summary: ICCR believes every person has the right of access to health care and to an environment that supports health and wellness. ICCR advocates for safe, therapeutically effective health products and services, available to everyone at a reasonable cost. ICCR's advocacy agenda includes the following proposals:

- *Coverage:* ICCR aims to improve the corporate response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, including the provision of anti-retroviral drugs to employees and their families. It supports sustainable, affordable access to HIV/AIDS medications in developing countries.
- *Cost:* ICCF seeks to ensure fair and reasonable domestic pharmaceutical pricing that is beneficial to both patients and shareholders.
- *Other:* ICCR supports separating the role of the Chair and Chief Executive Officer in pharmaceutical companies through corporate governance reform to better address complex issues such as the lack of access to affordable prescription drugs. It encourages businesses to disclose all monetary and non-monetary contributions to political entities and the rationale for doing so. It supports global intellectual property protections. ICCR recommends implement a reporting process that documents the economic effects of the HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria pandemics on firms' business strategies in order to better address the danger pandemic diseases pose to the industry.

Proposal Date: 2006

Sources: ICCR website – Access to Health Care, <http://www.iccr.org/issues/healthcare/>.