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Statement of John Fernandez, Chair of the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals on the Death of Former Mayor Thomas Menino

"On behalf of the Boston hospital community, I offer my sincere condolences to the Menino family on their loss. Boston has lost a true public health champion in Tom Menino. From measuring and tackling racial and ethnic disparities in care to leading the nation in tobacco control efforts, Tom Menino's vision and leadership in the public health arena will leave a legacy of a healthier Boston for generations to come."

John Fernandez
Chair, Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
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The Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH) is the coalition of 14 Boston area hospitals, all of which are teaching institutions. COBTH exists to maximize the Boston teaching hospitals' visibility on the issues that are fundamental to their unique missions of teaching and research. COBTH educates opinion leaders at all levels about the contributions of its members to the area's health and economy. In coalition with business organizations, COBTH advocates for policies favorable to academic medicine and the economy of the Commonwealth. COBTH is committed to addressing the public health needs of the City of Boston through cooperative efforts with other health care providers and agencies.