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SUNY Downstate Medical Center
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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as SUNY Downstate Medical Center gathers for the 7th Annual International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering. I applaud SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NY Academy of Medicine, New York Academy of Sciences, Polytechnic Institute of NYU College of Dentistry of NYU, and numerous medical centers, universities, professional societies and agencies for their support in arranging this conference.

Biomedical engineering has been responsible for many of the advances in modern medicine. This conference congregates biomedical engineers, philosophers, research scientists, lawyers, students, clinicians, and representatives from the biomedical engineering industries and federal agencies to discuss the ethical standards that surround the development of new implants, devices and treatments that will improve the quality of life of many.

The topics discussed at the 7th Annual International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering will confront an array of issues pertinent to new technologies that are developing world-wide. The commitment and extensive effort put into this conference and the meaningful information and skills gained will help the advancement of people world-wide. I look forward to hearing about the conference’s success and the ethical development that arise out of the fruitful discussions that take place.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication to challenge old conventions and raise new ethical issues. I hope the conference will continue these efforts for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator