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**Eli Lilly CEO Lechleiter to participate
in St. Louis Summit Conversation**

**E.J. Holland Jr., senior vice president, Embarq Corporation also to participate in
healthcare forum to be held March 10 at Washington University at 1 p.m. (CST)**

WASHINGTON, DC – John C. Lechleiter, Ph.D., chairman, president and chief executive officer, Eli Lilly and Company will join a distinguished panel examining the elements of a modernized healthcare system on March 10 at the Edison Theatre of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sponsored by *America's Agenda: Healthcare Education Fund*, the Summit Conversations are designed to highlight the emerging national consensus on key components of a reformed 21st century healthcare system.

“Dr. Lechleiter is a dynamic leader who is respected for his experience, wisdom and vision,” said Doug Dority, president of *America's Agenda*. “At a time the pharmaceutical industry faces unprecedented change in this challenging healthcare environment, his core strategy is to improve outcomes for patients.”

Also joining the discussion will be E.J. “Ned” Holland, Jr., senior vice president of Human Resources and Communications for Embarq Corporation. Holland is responsible for all human resources and communications functions at EMBARQ. These groups include employee and labor relations, talent management, compensation and benefits, employee experience, corporate security, internal and external communications, the Intranet and Multimedia Communications Center and the events management team.

Dr. William Peck, founder of the Center for Health Policy at Washington University, and former House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, will co-host the St. Louis event, the second in a series of Summit Conversations bringing together American leaders in business, labor, government and the healthcare sector.

The complete list of participants is as follows:

Dr. William A. Peck, Center for Health Policy, Washington University (Host)
Dick Gephardt, Former Majority Leader, U. S. Congress (Host)
E.J. Holland Jr., Senior V.P., Human Resources and Communications, EMBARQ
Joe Hunt, General President, Iron Workers International Union
John Lechleiter, Ph.D., Chairman, President & CEO, Eli Lilly and Company
Steven Lipstein, President & CEO, BJC Health Care
Bill Novelli, CEO, AARP
Dr. Donald Suggs, President, St. Louis American
John Sweeney, President, AFL-CIO
Dr. Gloria Wilder, President/CEO, Core Health

Political commentator Bill Press will moderate the Summit discussions.

The Summit series was launched January 28 at the University of Miami with President Donna Shalala as host. Highlights of the Miami Summit are available at www.summitconversations.org; live video streams of the St. Louis summit will be available on the site on March 10.

Additional Summits have been planned for April 7 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison with former HHS Secretary Thompson as host, and May 6 at the UCSF School of Medicine in San Francisco where Dr. Stephen L. Hauser; chair of the Department of Neurology, will host.