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## Retired U.S. Senator Tom Harkin Joins Masimo's Board of Directors



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[Masimo](#) (NASDAQ: MASI), a global innovator of noninvasive patient monitoring technologies has announced that retired Senator Tom Harkin, former five-term U.S. Senator and former Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension (HELP) Committee, has been elected to Masimo's Board of Directors.

Senator Harkin retired from the U.S. Senate in January 2015. Senator Harkin was chairman of the Senate HELP Committee for eight years. In that role, he worked to ensure the health of our economy, guarantee access to quality education, and provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans. Senator Harkin crafted the prevention and wellness title of the country's new health reform bill, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Senator Harkin's signature legislation achievement was leading the effort and sponsorship of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into law in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. He later created the Clinical Trials Network to measure the effectiveness of rehabilitation therapies for those living with paralysis, and drafted the Christopher and Dana Reeve Act, passed in 2009. Prior to his retirement, Senator Harkin worked closely with President Obama to lift restrictions on embryonic stem cell research.

"For years, Tom has worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care and those who are in need are not forgotten. We are honored to welcome Tom to the Board," said Joe Kiani, Chairman and CEO of Masimo. "We believe his integrity, extensive experience and insight into our complex health system, along with his dedication and passion to help those in need will be extremely valuable to Masimo."

"I've been very impressed with Masimo's innovations and contributions to healthcare," said Harkin. "I got to know Joe through his advocacy work to improve competition in healthcare, align misaligned incentives that impede patient care and the Patient Safety Movement. He has been steadfast in his commitment to improve our healthcare system through innovation and advocacy. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the board to help Masimo with its mission to improve patient care and reduce cost of care."

Senator Harkin was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, and 10 years later, he was elected to US Senate. Senator Harkin was born in Cumming, Iowa, where he still resides with his wife Ruth. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

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