

Biographical Statement

Licy M. Do Canto is the founder and president of The Do Canto Group, a bipartisan government relations firm specializing in public health and health care legislative and regulatory policy, focusing on underserved communities. An expert in health care policy with more than 25 years of inside the Beltway experience, Licy has a track record of building bipartisan consensus, guiding federal legislation into law, and directing national issue campaigns and coalitions.

Describing him as a “highly regarded healthcare lobbyist” in the nation’s capital and “an ardent defender of public health programs who makes disadvantaged communities his main focus,” the prominent Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill* named Licy one of Washington DC’s top lobbyists for the last seven consecutive years (2010-2016).



He previously was a principal at The Raben Group, where he also served as co-director of the firm’s health and education practice group, and he was CEO of the AIDS Alliance for Children Youth and Families, a national non-profit advocacy organization focused on improving access to HIV/AIDS prevention and care for underserved communities.

Licy previously served as federal affairs director for the National Association of Community Health Centers, and founded and chaired the Partnership for Medicaid, a nationwide coalition of Medicaid safety net providers. He previously served also as the American Cancer Society’s senior manager for federal affairs, overseeing health disparity policy, and spent over 8 years on Capitol Hill, serving as health policy advisor to former Congressman Barney Frank and as aide to the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Licy has played a leading role in and shaping many of the most important legislative and policy issues affecting the public health and health care safety net communities over the last many years, including passage of the Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Technical Amendment Act, the Patient Navigator Act, the Medicaid medical home program, the FQHC Medicaid and CHIP payment systems, and the Federal Home Visitation program.

Regarded as an expert moderator and facilitator, Licy has worked with a wide range of leading national thought leaders and policy makers in the public, non-profit and philanthropic sectors in health care, as well as with business executives from leading social media, tech and manufacturing companies, to lead and oversee high level discussions on a range of key national policy and political issues.

The Do Canto Group has represented multiple client interests in the government, corporate, and public sectors, including AARP, The California Endowment, NYS Health Foundation, Nurse Family Partnership, Amgen, Community Voices at The Morehouse School of Medicine, and others, providing strategic advice, counsel and advocacy, among other services.

Licy is a native of Boston, and is a graduate of Duke University and holds a certificate in public health leadership from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health—W.K. Kellogg Foundation.