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Professor Gostin has lead major law reform initiatives for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (The Model State Public Health Information Privacy Law) and a consortium of states (The "Turning Point" Public Health Statute Modernization Project to draft a Model Public Health Law). In the wake of September 11th, 2001, he led the drafting of the Model Emergency Health Powers Act (MEHPA) to combat bioterrorism and other emerging health threats. The MEHPA Act was drafted for the CDC in collaboration with the National Governors Association, National Association of Attorneys General, National Conference of State Legislatures, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the National Association of City and County Health Officers.

Professor Gostin was a member of the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform. His principal areas of work on the President's Task Force were on the ethical

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Professor Gostin's latest books are both published by the University of California Press and the Milbank Memorial Fund: *Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint* (2000) and *Public Health Law and Ethics: A Reader* (2002). He has another book forthcoming from the University of North Carolina Press: *The AIDS Pandemic: Complacency, Injustice and Unfulfilled Expectations* (2003).