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During the Obama administration's health reform negotiations, Dawes founded and chaired the largest advocacy group focused on developing comprehensive legislation to reform the health care system and address the disparities in health care and health status among vulnerable groups in the United States. This advocacy group of more than 300 national organizations and coalitions, the National Working Group on Health Disparities and Health Reform, worked closely with the White House and Congress to ensure the inclusion of 62 provisions aimed at eliminating health disparities and advance health equity in the landmark health reform law, the *Affordable Care Act* - making it the most comprehensive and inclusive health law ever produced by the U.S. Congress.

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