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SENATOR KENNEDY TO HOLD HEARING ON FOOD SAFETY

WASHINGTON, DC— At 10:30am Tuesday, December 4th, 2007, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, will hold a hearing on developing a comprehensive response to food safety issues.

The hearing will focus on the Food and Drug Administration's plan to address food safety, for both domestic and imported products, through implementing controls, giving the FDA more authority over certification of high-risk foods, to refuse admission of imported products, to certify third-party inspections, to issue mandatory recalls, and to enhance their ability to inspect records to trace unsafe food through supply chains.

WHAT: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing on developing a comprehensive response to food safety

WHEN: 10:30am, Tuesday, December 4th, 2007

WHO: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

Witnesses:

Panel I:

The Honorable Michael Leavitt, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

Panel II:

Michael R. Taylor, Research Professor of Health Policy, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Paul Young, Ph.D, Senior Marketing Manager, Waters Corporation, Newtownards, N. Ireland

The Honorable Cal Dooley, President & Chief Executive Officer, Grocery Manufacturers Association, Washington, DC

Caroline Smith DeWaal, Food Safety Director, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, DC

J. Joseph Corby, Director, New York Department of Agriculture & Markets, Albany, NY

WHERE: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 430

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