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KENNEDY ON MENINGITIS VACCINE RECALL

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy released the following statement on the recall by Merck of their childhood meningitis vaccine.

"Vaccines are essential in protecting the health of millions of Americans from deadly diseases. Today's recall shows once more that our vaccine supply is fragile, and that the nation urgently needs a better plan to see that vaccines are available when needed. Congress should take action on the legislation that Representative Waxman and I are proposing to strengthen the vaccine supply and make vaccines available to Americans who need them."

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