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# **KENNEDY TO HOLD SENATE FIELD HEARING ON FUEL ASSISTANCE IN BOSTON**

## ***U.S. SENATE'S HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE HEARS WITNESS TESTIMONY AT ACTION FOR BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON HOME HEATING CRISIS***

BOSTON, MA- On Thursday, January 17th at 11:30 AM, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pension's (HELP) Committee, will hold a field hearing in Boston at the Action for Boston Community Development Inc. (ABCD). This HELP Committee Hearing will be the first of a series of hearings on economic security to be held this year.

Senator Kennedy will hear witness testimony from fuel assistance providers and residents and will discuss the extent of the home heating crisis in Massachusetts. Currently, President Bush has refused to release \$585 million in emergency aid that was approved by Congress under the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Senator Kennedy has been a longtime advocate of fully funding the LIHEAP Program to address this crisis. ABCD is a leader in alleviating poverty in Greater Boston, and currently assists more than 15,000 Massachusetts residents with their fuel costs.

- WHO:** U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (MA)  
Margaret Gilliam, resident, Dorchester, MA  
Beth Ann Stollo, President, Massachusetts Association for Community  
Action, Quincy, MA  
Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, National Energy Assistance Directors  
Association, Washington, DC  
Robert Coard, President and CEO, ABCD
- WHAT:** United States Senate Health Education Labor and Pension's Committee  
Field Hearing on skyrocketing cost of home heating.
- WHEN:** Thursday, January 17, 2008  
11:30 AM
- WHERE:** Action for Boston Community Development Inc. (ABCD)  
178 Tremont Street  
Boston, MA

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