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**KENNEDY, PATRICK, CAPUANO TO LAUNCH MASSACHUSETTS LIFE SCIENCES CENTER'S NEW RESEARCH MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

BOSTON, MA- On Monday, February 11th at 11:30 AM, Senator Edward M. Kennedy will join Governor Deval Patrick, Congressman Capuano, Senate President Murray, Speaker DiMasi and leading Massachusetts researchers to launch the new Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Matching Grant Program at Massachusetts General Hospital. The new competitive grant program aims to expand upon the cutting-edge life sciences research industry and to improve healthy outcomes for people in the Commonwealth and nation. The program is the first state initiative to fund research in the life sciences, including stem cells. Senator Kennedy, Chair of the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, will discuss how Massachusetts, through Governor Patrick's Life Sciences Initiative, is leading the way for the nation in these investment opportunities.

**WHO:** Senator Edward M. Kennedy  
Congressman Michael E. Capuano  
Governor Deval Patrick  
Senate President Therese Murray  
Speaker Salvatore DiMasi  
MGH President Peter Slavin  
John Homans, Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School  
Patricia K. Donahoe, Director of Pediatric Surgical Research Laboratories,  
Chief Emerita of Pediatric Surgical Services at MGH

**WHAT:** Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Matching Grant Program Launch

**WHEN:** 11:30 AM, Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**WHERE:** Richard B. Simches Research Center  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Charles River Plaza  
185 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA