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**HELP COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON STATES' ROLE IN KEEPING THE
POPULATION HEALTHY**

WASHINGTON, DC— A hearing on the role of states in keeping Americans healthy will be held tomorrow, Thursday, January 22nd at 10am. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) will chair the hearing that will take place in the HELP Committee's hearing room, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 430.

This is the second hearing Harkin has held in his role as leader of a HELP Committee working group on prevention, wellness and public health. HELP Committee Chairman Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) chose Harkin to lead the working group last December as a part of the HELP committee's work on national health reform.

WHAT: HELP Committee hearing, What States Are Doing to Keep us Healthy

WHEN: 10:00am on Thursday, January 22, 2009

WHO: Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

Witnesses:

Jonathan Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director and Health Officer, County of Los Angeles Public Health, Los Angeles, CA

Bill Emmet, Director, Campaign for Mental Health Reform, Washington, DC

Allen Dobson, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health Policy and Medical Assistance, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh, NC

Honorable Jack Hatch, State Senator of Iowa, Des Moines, IA

JudyAnn Bigby, MD, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

WHERE: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 430

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