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CATANIA CHAIRS WINTER MEETING OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSOCIATION ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

LEGISLATORS MEET TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS SKYROCKETING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Washington, DC – Today, Councilmember David A. Catania (At-Large) will chair the January 2008 Winter Meeting of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices (NLARx) at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. The meeting will be attended by legislators from across the country, as well as healthcare advocates, Congressional staffers, and academicians.

“Once again, I am pleased to be hosting the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices in the District of Columbia,” said Catania. “I am proud of our efforts to expand access and ensure quality in the area of prescription drugs. The creativity and passion our members are an inspiration to me as a public servant.”

The 2008 Winter Meeting agenda includes seminars on state laws surrounding the disclosure of gifts and payments to health care providers and an update on pending federal prescription drug legislation. Legislatures will also discuss topics such as patent policy, trade agreements and review the ways in which pharmaceutical companies manipulate scientific data to advance commercial interests.

NLARX is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded and directed by state legislators. Its mission is to assist legislators who seek to work jointly across state lines to make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible to people in the United States, especially by reducing prescription drug prices. Catania was elected to the position of Chairman of NLARx in March 2007. For more information, visit <http://www.nlarx.com> or <http://www.reducedrugprices.org>.

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