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## **CATANIA CHAIRS NATIONAL MEETING ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

**STATE LEGISLATORS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY TACKLE THE CRISES OF SKYROCKETING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS**

**Washington, D.C.** – Councilmember David Catania (At-Large) chaired the October 2007 meeting of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices (NLARx) today in Portland, Maine. At the meeting, state legislators from around the country heard presentations from other legislators, academics, and health experts. The topics included a discussion of the relationship between doctors and pharmaceutical representatives, an update on multi-state purchasing initiatives, and a review of litigation between several states and the pharmaceutical industry.

“NLARx continues to be the architect of policies designed to address the crises created by skyrocketing prescription drug prices,” said Catania. “The ideas discussed in these meetings are frequently considered and implemented in states around the country.”

Catania was elected Chair of NLARx in March 2007. 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. For more information, visit <http://www.nlarx.com>.

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