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CONGRESSIONAL HAZARDS CAUCUS ALLIANCE TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM RECOVERY CHALLENGES

***SENATOR MARY LANDRIEU (D-LA) JOINS DR. IRWIN REDLENER OF
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS FOR DISASTERS***

The Congressional Hazards Caucus Alliance in cooperation with Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health's National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) will host "**Beyond Preparedness and Response: *The Challenges of Long-Term Recovery***" on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009** at the Capitol Visitors Center SVC 212-210 from 12-1:30 PM. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) will make keynote remarks and Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of NCDP, will moderate.

In the aftermath of disasters that overwhelm preparedness efforts and local response capacities, the United States does not yet have the administrative or financial resources in place to ensure effective long-term recovery. Experts in case-management, private-sector resources, and legislative affairs will discuss possible solutions to the challenges of long-term recovery with a focus on potential amendments to the Stafford Act, public-private partnerships, federal-state-local partnerships, and improved understanding of the roles, and potential roles, of key federal agencies and departments, including DHS, FEMA, and HHS.

WHAT: Congressional Hazards Caucus Alliance Briefing on Challenges of Long-Term Recovery

WHO: Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Ben Nelson (D-NB)
Representatives Dennis Moore (D-KS), Jo Bonner (R-AL), and Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
Dr. Irwin Redlener, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health's National Center for Disaster Preparedness
David Abramson, NCDP, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Laurie Johnson, AICP, Principal, Laurie Johnson Consulting & Research
Andrew Sachs, James Lee Witt Associates a Part of GlobalOptions Group

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