



MEDIA ADVANCE FOR JANUARY 28, 2008

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**MEDICAL STUDENTS TO CONVERGE ON CAPITOL
TO CALL FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

Hundreds of medical students from around the state will gather on the North steps of the State Capitol on January 28, 2008 at 12pm to rally in support of State Senator Sheila Kuehl's (D-Santa Monica) Senate Bill 840, the California Universal Healthcare Act— a bill that would provide single-payer universal health care coverage to all residents of California. The students will also call on state legislators and Governor Schwarzenegger to exempt health coverage from potential budgetary cuts.

Senator Sheila Kuehl, as well as Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, will join the students, in an effort to draw attention to the inefficiencies of private health insurance and the real need for California to adopt a health care model similar to Medicare that would cover every California resident.

We invite the press to have lunch with the students at the Capitol in room 4203 at any time between 11 and 12 prior the rally.