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Congressman Christopher Shays to Convene May 5 Hearing on

**“HOMELAND SECURITY:
IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE”**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-4), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations will convene an oversight hearing to examine the status of public health surveillance programs and the challenges to improving local, state, federal and international health data collection and reporting.

Concerns about bioterrorism and improvements in technology have led to an increased emphasis on the development of early warning systems to detect the presence of disease. An effective public health response will depend on the timeliness and quality of data and communication between local, state and federal health officials. The hearing will focus on these and other issues involving public health monitoring and efforts to improve national and international disease surveillance.

The Monday, May 5, 2003 hearing will convene at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

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“Homeland Security: Improving Public Health Surveillance”
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Witness List

PANEL I

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PANEL II

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Secretary, Washington State Department of Health
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Dr. Seth L. Foldy
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