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Congressman Christopher Shays to Hold March 25 Hearing on

**“Protecting the Health of Deployed Forces: Lessons Learned from the
Persian Gulf War”**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing on Department Defense programs to protect the health of deployed forces. The Tuesday, March 25, 2003 hearing will convene at 2:00 pm in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Shays said, “In Operation Desert Storm, basic record keeping and other health protections were found lacking. We need to be sure the lessons of the last war have been learned and are being carried into future deployments. Military service is inherently dangerous. The men and women in uniform deserve to know everything possible is being done to avoid “friendly fire” casualties inflicted by lax medical protections.”

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Witnesses

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