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ATTEND A BRIEFING REGARDING

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***Gaps In Public Health Preparedness:  
Lessons Learned in California and Beyond***

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**Monday, April 25, 2005  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
2257 Rayburn House Office Building**

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You are invited to attend a briefing by the RAND Corporation entitled *Gaps In Public Health Preparedness: Lessons Learned in California and Beyond*, which will be held on Monday, April 25, 2005, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., in Room 2257 of the Rayburn Building.

This study on California's public health preparedness took place in seven jurisdictions in California, and its recommendations are relevant to public health system for the entire state.

Following 9/11 and the anthrax attacks in October 2001, the United States took a hard look at reforming the public health system, which had suffered years of neglect and inadequate funding. Even though Congress has since allocated more than \$3 billion to improve state and local public health, many severe gaps remain in the system.

Dr. Nicole Lurie will present findings from a RAND Corporation study that examined California's core public health capabilities. These findings address the following key preparedness questions:

- In what should we invest to strengthen the public health infrastructure?
- Should we rebuild or redesign the public health system?
- How should we structure investment and monitor preparedness?
- Can we use these investments in more than one way?
- How do we gauge success in levels of preparedness and in sound public health system infrastructure?

Refreshments will be served. Please reply (acceptances only, thank you) to Kristy Anderson at [kristy\\_anderson@rand.org](mailto:kristy_anderson@rand.org) or 703-413-1100 x5196 if you plan on attending the briefing.