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PRESS INVITED TO ATTEND

National leaders to gather for Summit Conversations: Exploring the Emerging Consensus on American Health Care for the 21st Century

Shalala, Gephardt, American Cancer Society CEO John Seffrin, PhRMA President/CEO Billy Tauzin among participants at Summit on January 28, 6:30 p.m. at the University of Miami

WASHINGTON, DC –National leaders will gather for the first of a series of "Summit Conversations" to highlight the emerging national consensus on key components of a reformed 21st century health care system on January 28 at the University of Miami.

Sponsored by *America's Agenda: Health Care Education Fund,* Summit Conversations will be held in cities throughout the country over the next 12 months. They will bring together 100 of America's leaders in business, labor, government and the health care sector.

The Summit will be hosted by University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala and moderated by Emmy-award winning political commentator Bill Press. In addition to Shalala, participants will include Dick Gephardt, former Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; Billy Tauzin, president and CEO of PhRMA; Jim Hagedorn, CEO and chairman of Scotts Miracle-Gro Company; Terry O'Sullivan, general president of the Laborers' International Union of North America; John R. Seffrin, Ph.D., CEO of the American Cancer Society; Rebecca Patton, president of the American Nurses Association; Pedro Jose Greer, Jr., M.D., assistant dean for Academic Affairs, School of Medicine, Florida International University; and Dr. C. Martin Harris, chairman, IT Division, Cleveland Clinic.

America's Agenda President Doug Dority said, "Our country's ability to solve its health care crisis depends in no small part on whether our political and private sector leaders can articulate a shared vision of the kind of health care system that will meet the needs of 21st century Americans.

"We have an historic opportunity," said Dority. "Americans are demanding health care they can afford and that's just what the new Obama administration promises to deliver. There can be no reform without consensus, and the Summit Conversations aim to

highlight and explore the consensus emerging from important sectors of our economy and state governments."

To attend, please RSVP to Nicole Korkolis at korkolisn@carmengroup.com or 212-983-6100.

WHO: Sponsored by the America's Agenda Health Care Education Fund. Hosted by University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala and moderated by Emmy Award-winning political commentator Bill Press.

Participants are:

- Donna E. Shalala, President, University of Miami, *Host*
- Dick Gephardt, Former Majority Leader, US House of Representatives
- Pedro Jose Greer, Jr., M.D., Asst. Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Medicine; Florida International University
- Jim Hagedorn, CEO and Chairman, Scotts Miracle-Gro Company
- C. Martin Harris, M.D., Chairman, IT Division, Cleveland Clinic
- Terry O'Sullivan, General President, Laborers' International Union of North America
- Rebecca Patton, President, American Nurses Association
- John R. Seffrin, Ph.D., CEO, American Cancer Society
- Billy Tauzin, President and CEO, PhRMA

WHAT: Summit Conversation on Emerging Consensus for 21st Century Health Care Reform

WHERE: University of Miami
BankUnited Center, Main Entrance
1245 Dauer Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28, 2009
6:30 p.m.

The Summit will also be available via live streaming at http://www.summitconversations.org.

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