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Maryland Business, Academic and Biopharma Groups Underscore Commitment to Medical Innovation, Finding Cures for Cancer and Other Diseases and Supporting the Economy

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 16 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The following is being released by We Work for Health of Maryland:

WHAT: We Work for Health of Maryland is a coalition of leaders in research, medicine, public health, academia, education, labor and business that will discuss the impact of the bioscience community on Maryland and highlight factors important to the survival and growth of medical innovation in Maryland.

President Obama has called for a new effort to cure cancer and fight other major illnesses in our lifetime. Addressing this call to action, We Work for Health will highlight through research, roundtable discussions and other forums the importance of regional medical innovation to the state's economy and the fight to cure cancer and other illnesses. Participants in We Work for Health will discuss the specific challenges facing American medical innovators today, including policies to promote innovations that will improve the health of Americans and the economy.

WHO: John Hurson, VP for Government Affairs - Personal Care Products Council

Howard Schiff, President, Maryland Pharmacists Association

Tom Sadowski, Executive Director, Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore

The Honorable Irma Raker, Former Associate Justice, Maryland Court of Appeals

Partial list of partner organizations:

Arthritis Foundation, Maryland Chapter

Baltimore Medical System

Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore

Greater Baltimore Committee

Greater Baltimore Tech Council

Greater Washington Board of Trade

Maryland Hospital Association

Maryland Optometrists Association

Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers

Tech Council of Maryland

WHEN: March 19, 2009

9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Calvert House, State Circle, Annapolis, MD

The United States -- and Maryland, in particular -- has been a worldwide leader in medical innovation and scientific discovery. Medical innovation is a critical element of our state's and nation's economy. Maryland medical innovators create thousands of high-paying jobs, and their discoveries are integral in the fight to cure cancer and other illnesses. We Work for Health believes that Maryland could innovate its way out of the economic crisis by adopting public policies that advance medical innovation and progress.

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