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NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING ECONOMIST, KANSAS GOVERNOR, EARLY LEARNING EXPERT TO TOUT ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF QUALITY CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION

At Joint Economic Committee Hearing, Maloney and Casey to Spotlight Need to Develop Quality Child Care and Early Education to Yield Future Economic Productivity and Growth

Washington, D.C. – **U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)**, Vice Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, and **U.S. Senator Robert Casey (D-PA)** will hold a hearing to investigate the economic impact of investing in high quality early care and education entitled, *“Investing in Young Children Pays Dividends: The Economic Case for Early Care and Education”* on **Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 11am in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building**. The JEC will discuss how investments in early childhood programs can improve child outcomes, ease the burden on public resources, enable higher labor force participation, and lead to higher future productivity and economic growth. The committee will hear testimony from expert witnesses including a Nobel Prize winning economist, the Governor of Kansas, Kathleen Sebelius, and a child care expert from Pennsylvania concerning the inadequacy of current investments in child care and early education and how the federal government can help states develop and expand high quality early childhood development and education programs.

WHAT: Joint Economic Committee Hearing:
“Investing in Young Children Pays Dividends: The Economic Case for Early Care and Education”

WHEN: Wednesday, June 27, 2007- 11:00am

WHERE: 216 Hart Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

- **Dr. James Heckman**, Nobel Prize-winning professor of economics from the University of Chicago
- **Kathleen Sebelius**, Governor of Kansas
- **Harriet Dichter**, Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning
- **Douglas Besharov**, Director of American Enterprise Institute's Social and Individual Responsibility Project

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