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URGENT – CALL TO ACTION

Senate Hearings on Brain Injury

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 / 2:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 4203 – Sacramento, CA

In a process that has taken more than 3 years to accomplish, California Brain Injury Association (CALBIA) has arranged for Senate Hearings before the following committees to educate our State Senators about brain injury. Our goal is to secure additional hearings which will lead to the introduction of legislation and address the many health care issues that impact persons with brain injury.

- Senate Health Committee – Senator Elaine Alquist (Chair)
- Senate Human Services Committee – Senator Carol Liu (Chair)
- Senate Veterans Affairs Committee – Senator Jeff Denham (Chair)

CALBIA has been asked to present information on the following topics and have secured the witnesses below to provide expert testimony:

- Acquired Brain Injury Overview
 - Mark Ashley, Sc.D., CCC-SLP, CCM, CBIS
 - David Hovda, Ph.D.
 - David McArthur, Ph.D.
- Standards of Care
 - Mark Ashley, Sc.D., CCC-SLP, CCM, CBIS
 - Nathan Cope, M.D.
 - Sharon Grandinette, MS, Ed., CBIST
 - Insurance Provider – Unknown
- Veterans' Issues
 - Mark Ashley, Sc.D., CCC-SLP, CCM, CBIS
 - Dave Woodruff, Co-founder, Bob Woodruff Foundation

The time to act is **NOW**. This is an opportunity for you to show your support and to express yourself directly as there will be 15 minutes at the end of the hearing where individuals in attendance can provide comment or ask questions. Please make arrangements to take time off from work, respite care for those of you that are full-time caregivers, etc. Support group members are encouraged to attend and provide carpool opportunities for those that cannot drive, or arrange to rent a van if necessary. **YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND REQUIRED TO HELP MOVE THESE ISSUES FORWARD AND ENSURE ADDITIONAL HEARINGS.** Please contact the CALBIA office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paula Daoutis
Administrative Director

Creating a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education, and advocacy