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MONITORING AMERICA'S HEALTH WITH SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (August 25, 2008) – As part of the *Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution*, the National Constitution Center welcomes **United States Senator Arlen Specter** (R-PA) and **Dr. Frank Torti**, FDA Principal Deputy Commissioner and Chief Scientist, for a public conversation about our government's role in evaluating and regulating America's medical products, specifically in the area of cancer research. This program will take place on Sunday, September 14, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$9 for members, and \$7 for teachers and students. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Senator Arlen Specter, an early supporter of the Constitution Center, is uniquely poised to discuss the important challenge of monitoring the nation's health, from both a personal and policy perspective. Senator Specter's five terms have made him the longest-serving U.S. Senator in Pennsylvania's history. On the Appropriations Committee, he led the fight to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health from \$12 billion to \$30 billion to expand medical research to find cures for cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other maladies. He is also the author of the new book, *Never Give In: Battling Cancer in the Senate*.

Dr. Frank Torti is the FDA's Principal Deputy Commissioner and first Chief Scientist. He currently serves on the National Institutes of Health's National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. He also founded and serves as President of the Cancer Biology Training Consortium, a national society of cancer biology department chairs and program directors. He is the recipient of a National Institutes of Health MERIT Award.

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The Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution is a partnership between Cephalon, Inc. and the National Constitution Center to attract national experts to discuss constitutional issues pertaining to the hard sciences, public policy, and the law. From patent litigation and issues of commercial or corporate free speech, to patient health, safety, and bio-ethics questions, this series generates balanced, thought-provoking discussion and sheds light on the relevancy of the United States Constitution to modern scientific thinking.

The Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution is presented with the generous support of Cephalon, Inc.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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