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Federal Receiver Clark Kelso will be Available to the Media Following the Senate Vote on SB 1665

For Tuesday, May 27, 2008

(Sacramento, CA) Clark Kelso, Federal Receiver for the California Prison Health Care Receivership Corp., will be available to media after the Senate Floor vote on SB 1665 on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 501 J. Street in Sacramento in Suite 100.

Call in Number: (916) 322-9512

If passed, SB 1665 will authorize almost $7 Billion in revenue bonds for the Prison Health Care Construction Program and would appropriate $1 Million from the general fund for those purposes.

In 2006, a federal court suspended the authority of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation over the California prison medical health care system and vested those powers in the Medical Care Receiver. Those powers include assessing existing medical care facilities and the construction of upgrades or replacement facilities. The Medical Care Receiver, in consultation with the court has determined that it is necessary to immediately construct improvements to existing facilities and to construct health-related facilities and housing for approximately 10,000 inmates with medical or mental health needs. It is intended that these efforts will assist the state in compliance matters related to the cases Plata v. Schwarzenegger, Coleman v. Schwarzenegger, Perez v. Tilton, and Armstrong v. Schwarzenegger.