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## Health Care Policy: Should it be Consumer-Driven or Government Mandated? Public Debate Will Draw Unique Perspectives, Sharp Distinctions

Minneapolis (April 15, 2008) – A pro-single payer health-care legislator and physician versus a conservative think-tank guru and doctor experienced (and turned off) in the ways of government-run health care will square off on the U of M's West Bank. That's just the beginning of Wednesday night's debate titled:

**“The Future of Health Care in America: Consumer Driven vs. Single Payer System.”**

**To be held:**

**Wiley Hall Lecture Hall 125; University of Minnesota West Bank**

**Wednesday April 16, 2008**

**Arrive at 6:45. Debate begins 7 pm.**

**Duration: 1 hour**

The debate is sponsored by University of Minnesota Debate Team, who is seeking to encourage debate over prominent public issues within the community. The debaters are:

Consumer-Driven Argument:

1. Peter Nelson: Health care policy expert and fellow at the Center for the American Experiment.
2. Dr. Lee Kurisko: Physician and health care activist formerly a Canadian physician who has first-hand knowledge and experience with “involvement by government in the delivery of health care.”

Single Payer Argument:

1. Representative Shelley Madore: Freshman legislator and supporter of Single payer health care policy in the Minnesota House. Besides her advocacy, she has a powerful personal story about her experience with America's broken health care system.
2. Dr. Elizabeth Frost: Physician and health care activist who is a leader of Physicians for a National Health Plan.

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