Intelligence Squared U.S. Debates "Obesity Is the Government's Business" at NYU's Skirball Center February 7th

Debate Will Stream Live Online Via Fora.TV: http://fora.tv/live/intelligencesquared_us/obesity

New York, NY – Jan. 18, 2012 – On February 7, Intelligence Squared U.S. (IQ2US) will take on one of America's biggest problems when they host the debate: "Obesity Is the Government's Business." Obesity costs our health care system nearly \$150 billion a year and is a major risk factor for expensive, chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Should the government intervene, or is this a matter of individual rights and personal responsibility?

In support of the motion are Dr. Pamela Peeke, WebMD's Chief Lifestyle Expert, and TBD. Against the motion are Paul Campos, Author, *The Obesity Myth* & Law Professor at the University of Colorado, and John Stossel, of Fox Business News.

Moderated by ABC News correspondent John Donvan, Intelligence Squared U.S.'s spring season will be presented in partnership with Slate with live webcasts on Fora.tv. Debates will air on more than 220 NPR stations nationwide and be televised in the New York area on PBS Channel Thirteen, WNET, WLIW, and NJTV.

WHAT: Intelligence Squared U.S. Debates "Obesity Is the Government's Business"

WHEN: Tuesday, February 7 / Reception 5:45-6:30 / Debate 6:45-8:30 PM WHERE: NYU's Skirball Center / 566 Laguardia Place, New York, NY 10012 Tickets: \$40 (\$12 for students w/ID) To purchase, visit www.iq2us.org.

The debate will take place in front of a live audience at NYU Skirball Center in New York City. Audience members will vote to decide the winning team of this significant debate.

ABOUT INTELLIGENCE SQUARED DEBATES (IQ2US)

Rethink your point of view with Intelligence Squared U.S. (IQ2US), Oxford-style debates.

Based on the highly successful debate program based in London, Intelligence Squared, Intelligence Squared U.S. has presented over 50 debates on a wide range of provocative and timely topics. From global warming and the financial crisis, to Afghanistan/Pakistan and the death of mainstream media, Intelligence Squared U.S. brings together the world's leading authorities on the day's most important issues.

Since its inception in 2006, the goals of The Intelligence Squared U.S.

Foundation have been to provide a new forum for intelligent discussion, grounded in facts and informed by reasoned analysis; to transcend the toxically emotional and the reflexively ideological; and to encourage recognition that the opposing side has intellectually respectable views.

The Rosenkranz Foundation initiated the Intelligence Squared U.S. Debate Series and continues to provide major support.

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