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CBCI TO HOST "*PANIC ON WALL STREET—CRISIS ON OUR STREET: HOW THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IS HURTING WORKING FAMILIES*" TOWN HALL

(Washington, DC) -- The Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute (CBC Institute) will host a town hall entitled "Panic on Wall Street—Crisis on Our Street: How the Financial Crisis is Hurting Working Families" on Monday, October 13, 2008 at noon at the Minneapolis Park Board Headquarters. The forum will be moderated by Minneapolis Congressman Keith Ellison and local television personality Robyne Robinson. The town hall will also feature members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), elected officials and leading experts in the Minneapolis community who will discuss the rescue package for Wall Street and how working families can continue to cope with the changes to the housing market, their family income as well as rising energy and health care costs.

WHO: Minnesota Congressman Keith Ellison along with his CBC colleagues: CBCI Institute Chair Congressman Bennie Thompson (MS), Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (MO), Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX), Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI) and Congresswoman Diane Watson (CA).

Community leaders and experts include: Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak, Minnesota State Senator Linda Higgins; Minnesota State Representative Jim Davine; Former Minneapolis City Councilmember Natalie Johnson-Lee; Dorothy Bridges, President/CEO, City First Bank of DC; Bobby Champion, National Association of Minority Contractors; Richard Copeland, CEO Thor Construction; Matt Entenza, Board Chair/Founder Minnesota 2020; Ezell Jones, Dunwoody Academy Board Member, Cornell Moore, Partner, Dorsey & Whitey; Jeff Skrenes, Co-Chair Financial Justice Committee Foreclosure Campaign (ACORN); and Richard Boyle, Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC).

WHAT: **Congressional Black Caucus Institute "*Panic on Wall Street-Crisis on Our Street: How the Financial Crisis is Hurting Working Families*" Town Hall**

WHEN: **Monday, October 13, 2008**
12pm-3pm

WHERE: **Minneapolis Park Board Headquarters**
2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN

Members of the media interested in being credentialed for the town hall should rsvp to Kimberlin Love at press@cbcinstitute.org.

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