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CBCI "PANIC ON WALL STREET - CRISIS ON OUR STREET: HOW THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IS HURTING WORKING FAMILIES" TOWN HALL MEETING RESCHEDULED DUE FOR OCTOBER 13TH IN MINNEAPOLIS

Representatives from the Obama and McCain campaigns will join members of the CBC to outline possible financial solutions

(Washington, DC) -- The Congressional Black Caucus Institute (Institute) has rescheduled its town hall entitled "Panic on Wall Street - Crisis on our Street: How the Financial Crisis is Hurting Working Families" for Monday, October 13, 2008 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The forum will feature an in-depth discussion on the economic impact of the financial crisis on working families, particularly communities of color with members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) including: Institute Chair, Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Congressional Black Caucus Chair, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI), town hall host Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN) and other members of the CBC.

"Stabilizing our financial systems is one of the greatest investments leaders of this country can make in the future and stability of the American family. The Congressional Black Caucus Institute is committed to being at the forefront of providing real solutions to improving market confidence and strengthening our financial and mortgage institutes so that the backbones of hard working families don't become a permanent crutch for our nation's faltering financial systems," Congressional Black Caucus Institute Chair Bennie Thompson said. "Our town hall in Minneapolis is a fulfillment of that obligation and an effort to rebuild consumer confidence while outlining steps people can take to survive."

"The Wall Street crisis has a major rippling affect across Main Street and America's working families. We need to make sure that ripple does not turn into a tidal wave," said CBC Member Congressman Keith Ellison. I am proud to host, along with the CBC Institute, this town hall which focuses on providing to all our communities - including those of color - a thorough discussion of how

we go to where we are, and where we go from here. As A Member of the Financial Services Committee, I have worked tirelessly on behalf on consumer rights. I will continue to advocate for hard-working families as we bring back stability to our financial institutions." Ellison stated.

The town hall will be held from 12pm-2pm at the Minneapolis Park Board Headquarters and include representatives from the presidential campaigns of Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain who will discuss their respective candidates economic plans to deal with the current bailout of financial titans on Wall Street. The forum will also present leading experts from across the nation who will address 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.

Members of the media interested in being credentialed for the town hall should RSVP to Kimberlin Love at press@cbcstitute.org . The previous town hall, scheduled during the Republican National Convention, was postponed to give CBC members the opportunity to prepare for the safety of their constituents in light of Hurricane Gustav's imminent arrival on the gulf coast.

The CBC Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to providing political education and training to the next generation of African American leadership. The Institute holds policy conferences and routinely performs critical research of political issues pertinent to the African American community.

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