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Media Briefing
The Recovery Act and Race – One Year Later:
Seven Social Justice Leaders Speak Out

When:

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

(Speakers also will be available for media interviews 30 minutes prior to and after this program.)

Where:

National Press Club, 529 14th St., Washington D.C.

What:

With the upcoming (Feb. 17) one-year anniversary of the signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, policy advocates from several leading national social justice organizations say the economic stimulus has produced mixed results for people of color and other marginalized communities. Meanwhile, as the official unemployment rate for blacks currently stands at 16.2 percent, the financial crisis in marginalized communities continues to escalate.

Leaders from seven national social justice organizations will hold a media briefing to take stock of the impact of the ARRA and the economic stimulus to date on all Americans, particularly on marginalized communities and people of color. They will also assess what these investment inequities mean for our nation.

Speakers/Key Points:

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State University

john powell, Executive Director

"A Crisis of Opportunity: How the Stimulus is Falling Short for Our Most Vulnerable Citizens"

American Civil Liberties Union

Dennis Parker, director, racial justice program

"Procurements and Set-Asides are Legal, Within Specific Guidelines"

The Opportunity Agenda

Juhu Thukral, Director of Law and Advocacy

"Forging a Path to Economic Recovery for All Americans"

Applied Research Center

Dominique Apollon, Research Director

"A Green Recovery for All"

Poverty & Race Research Action Council

Phil Tegeler, President/Executive Director

"ARRA and Access to Opportunity at HUD and the U.S. Department of Education"

The Reinvestment Fund - Ira Goldstein

Director, Policy & Information Services

"Furthering Fair Housing as a Significant Policy Initiative for the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Programs"

National Fair Housing Alliance – Deidre Swesnik, director, public policy and communications

"How TARP Funds Could (and Should) be Used to Improve Our Neighborhoods"