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*** MEDIA ADVISORY FOR Thursday, October 14, 2010 ***

11:55 a.m.

**Senior Obama Administration Official Holds Roundtable Discussion
with COHHIO, Americans for Financial Reform, and Policy
Matters Ohio**

*Elizabeth Warren will hear about consumer financial challenges
from policy makers and front-line service providers*

COHHIO, Americans for Financial Reform, and Policy Matters Ohio will host an hour-long roundtable discussion on consumer financial issues in Ohio with Professor Elizabeth Warren. Prof. Warren, who is spearheading the formation of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB), aims to eliminate the fine print in consumer credit and mortgage contracts so that consumers can compare products and choose appropriately. On Thursday, Prof. Warren will learn from the people on the ground in Ohio who deal with consumer financial issues every day.

Who: **Prof. Elizabeth Warren**, Assistant to the President and Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Bill Faith, executive director, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio and lead reform advocate for predatory mortgage and payday lending

David Rothstein, researcher, Policy Matters Ohio and lead researcher on consumer protection and asset building issues.

What: Roundtable discussion on consumer financial issues facing Ohioans.

When: Thursday, October 14, 12:20 p.m.-1:00 p.m., **Prof. Warren will be available for questions from 12:00 noon-12:15 p.m. Following this, her 5 minutes of opening remarks to the roundtable at 12:15pm will be open to the media. The roundtable discussion with advocates will not be open to the media.**

Where: All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N. High St., Worthington, Ohio 43085

About Elizabeth Warren, Assistant to the President and Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:

Professor Elizabeth Warren has most recently served as the Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard University. Warren was the Chief Adviser to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, and she was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist as the first academic member of the Federal Judicial Education Committee. She has served as a member of the Commission on Economic Inclusion established by the FDIC. She served as Vice-President of the American Law Institute, and she has been elected to membership in the American Academic of Arts and Sciences. Warren has written nine books, and more than a hundred scholarly articles dealing with credit and economic stress. Her latest two popular books, The Two-Income Trap and All Your Worth, were both on national best seller lists. Warren has been principal investigator on empirical studies funded by the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and more than a dozen other foundations. She has testified several times before House and the Senate committees on financial issues. Time Magazine has twice named her one of the Time 100 Most Influential People in the World, the Globe named her Bostonian of the Year, and the National Law Journal named her one of the Most Influential Lawyers of the Decade. She has been recognized for her work by several other publications and professional groups, including Forbes, GQ, and Smart Money.

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COHHIO is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to ending homelessness and to promoting decent, safe, fair, affordable housing for all, with a focus on assisting low-income people and those with special needs. Visit www.cohhio.org.

Americans for Financial Reform is a coalition of more than 250 national, state and local groups who have come together to reform the financial industry. Members of our coalition include consumer, civil rights, investor, retiree, community, labor, religious and business groups as well as Nobel prize winning economists. Visit <http://ourfinancialsecurity.org/>.

Policy Matters Ohio is a non-profit policy research organization founded in January 2000 to broaden the debate about economic policy in Ohio. Visit <http://www.policymattersohio.org/index.html>.