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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER TO HOST A MODERATED CONVERSATION ON HEALTHCARE REFORM

Philadelphia, PA (October 19, 2009) – Senators **Rick Santorum** and **Harris Wofford** will join the National Constitution Center to discuss healthcare reform on Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. The Senators have a deep knowledge about healthcare reform and years of experience in government, as well as a shared desire for a civil conversation on this important subject. CNN political editor **Mark Preston** will moderate. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Rick Santorum, a Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC), established and directs EPPC's Program to Protect America's Freedom, which works to identify, study, and heighten awareness of the threats to America and the West from a growing array of anti-Western forces. Santorum served as U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2007, and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991 to 1995. In addition, he is the Friday host of Bill Bennett's Morning in America, a nationally-syndicated radio program; a contributor on the Fox News Channel; a columnist with *The Philadelphia Inquirer*; and Vice President of Business Development at MPower Media.

Harris Wofford represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the U.S. Senate from 1991 to 1994, and universal healthcare was a core issue of his campaign and Senate service. In 1994, he was appointed by President Clinton as CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps, Service-Learning, and other national service programs. Prior to his Senate term, Wofford was an advisor to Martin Luther King, Special Assistant for Civil Rights under President Kennedy, and worked closely with Sargent Shriver in organizing the Peace Corps.

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As CNN's political editor, **Mark Preston** helps oversee the network's day-to-day and long-term political coverage. He also serves as an on-air political analyst on CNN/US, CNN International, HLN, and CNN.com. In 2008, Preston won a Peabody Award for the network's coverage of the Presidential Primary Campaigns and Debates. Additionally, he received Syracuse University's i-3 Mirror Award for the YouTube presidential debates, an Eppy Award for Best News/Politics Blog, and an Emmy Award for CNN's Midterm Election Night programming. Prior to joining CNN, Preston was a senior staff writer for the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call*.

This program is part of the Knight Constitutional Conversation Series, which has been generously underwritten by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation promotes excellence in journalism worldwide and invests in the vitality of the U.S. communities where the Knight brothers owned newspapers. Knight Foundation focuses on projects with the potential to create transformational change. For more, visit www.knightfoundation.org.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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