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DENVER EVENTS TO FOCUS ON FEDERAL DEBT, HEALTH CARE REFORM AND AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

DENVER – Colorado residents will have an opportunity next Thursday to question national experts on how the country can plan for a better economic future in the face of skyrocketing federal debt, an aging population and rapidly rising health care costs.

David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, and Robert L. Bixby, executive director of The Concord Coalition, will discuss these and related issues at a free public program at 7 p.m., Oct. 22, at the University of Denver. The program, part of Concord's "Fiscal Wake-Up Tour," will also feature Isabel V. Sawhill of The Brookings Institution and Brian Riedl of The Heritage Foundation.

Earlier in the day, these four speakers and other budget experts will address college students from across the state at a student summit hosted by the University of Denver's Institute for Public Policy.

Journalists can schedule advance interviews with speakers by contacting Steve Winn at (703) 254-7828 or swinn@concordcoalition.org.

The Fiscal Wake-Up Tour

The Wake-Up Tour has visited 30 states, helping average Americans to better understand the country's fiscal and economic challenges. The Tour includes analysts of diverse perspectives who suggest different solutions but they agree that we can't afford to ignore today's alarming trends. The Wake-Up Tour, which is making its second stop in Denver, has been profiled in "60 Minutes" and the highly acclaimed documentary "I.O.U.S.A."

WHAT: Fiscal Wake-Up Tour
WHO: **David M. Walker**, President and CEO of The Peter G. Peterson Foundation, former Comptroller General of the United States
Robert L. Bixby, Executive Director, The Concord Coalition
Isabel V. Sawhill, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
Brian Riedl, Senior Policy Analyst, The Heritage Foundation
WHEN: Thursday, October 22, 2009
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
WHERE: The Cable Center
2000 Buchtel Boulevard, Denver, CO 80210

Although The Fiscal Wake-Up Tour is free and open to the public, reservations are appreciated and can be made at www.payingforamerica.org.

The Student Summit

The student summit, called "Paying for America," is being presented by the University of Denver and The Concord Coalition as part of Concord's Fiscal Stewardship Project, which is designed to encourage public involvement around the country in planning for the nation's economic future. The summit will give college students an opportunity to learn more about our nation's fiscal and economic difficulties. There will be panel discussions on the causes of these problems, how they could affect the students for the rest of their lives, and potential solutions. Students from across the state have been invited.

WHAT: Paying for America—A Student Summit on the Fiscal Health of America

WHO: **Robert L. Bixby**, Executive Director, The Concord Coalition
Joseph Minarik, Vice President, Committee for Economic Development
Isabel Sawhill, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
Brain Riedl, Senior Policy Analyst, The Heritage Foundation
Diane Lim Rogers, Chief Economist, The Concord Coalition
William Gale, Co-Director, Tax Policy Center, The Brookings Institution
Donald Marron, Georgetown Public Policy Institute and President, Marron Economics, LLC
Patrick Creadon, Director of the documentary "I.O.U.S.A."
Heidi Gantwerk, Vice President, Viewpoint Learning
David Burstein, Founder and Executive Director of the youth organization "18 in 08"
Martin Serna, Deputy Executive Director, Concerned Youth of America

David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, and President and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will give the keynote speech at lunch.

WHEN: Thursday, October 22, 2009
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

WHERE: The Cable Center
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College students who would like to attend the summit can register at www.payingforamerica.org. There is no charge.

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The Concord Coalition is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to balanced federal budgets and generationally responsible fiscal policy. Former U.S. Senators Warren B. Rudman (R-NH) and Bob Kerrey (D-NE) are Concord's co-chairs, and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Peter G. Peterson serves as president.