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MEDIA ADVISORY: USACTION TO RELEASE PLAN TARGETING ECONOMIC CRISIS

Assignment desks: Note participation by U.S. Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin and U.S. Reps. Edwards, Sarbanes, and Van Hollen

***Thursday, July 17, 11:30 a.m. in U.S. Capitol, Room HC-8:
“Invest in America’s Future” addresses health care, energy, education***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Flanked by members of the U.S. House and Senate, USAction this week will release *Invest in America’s Future*, a bold new economic agenda for the next president and the 111th Congress.

Invest in America’s Future will be released at a press conference at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17 in room HC-8 of the U.S. Capitol. Among those scheduled to attend the press conference from Maryland are Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin and Reps. Donna Edwards, John Sarbanes, and Chris Van Hollen, as well as numerous members from other states.

Maryland Representative Chris Van Hollen commented, "This new plan, developed by USAction, will help bring opportunity and fiscal security to all Americans. Democrats in Congress are committed to implementing an economic plan that improves the lives of every American by making health care, energy, and education affordable for all. The USAction strategy is a step in the right direction."

"The next Congress will have to address the fallout from today’s economic cost crunch crisis," said Alan Charney, USAction Program Director. "Addressing this crisis means significant changes in energy policy and health care policy. It also means expanding and improving access to quality public education and making investments in our public infrastructure. We need a wholesale restructuring of the way we invest our public resources in order to bring security, opportunity and prosperity to working families."

Charney added, "This plan addresses the issues voters across this country are talking about. People are losing their homes, their jobs, their health care, their ability to care for their families. They want solutions – and they want government to work again."

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