

PRESS ADVISORY

Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

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CONYERS AND OTHER CONGRESSMEN TO HOLD FORUM ON VOTING IRREGULARITIES IN OHIO

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. and other Representatives will be holding the first congressional forum on election irregularities in Ohio, the pivotal state in the presidential election. The forum will include leading advocates, election experts and investigators who have reviewed the myriad of election day and recount problems in Ohio, as well as numerous individuals who experienced problems and outright disenfranchisement on election day. Among other things, the forum, which is open to the public, will concentrate on many of the issues raised in letters from Ranking Member Conyers and other Members to Kenneth Blackwell (http://www.house.gov/judiciary_democrats/ohblackwellltr12204.pdf).

WHAT: “Preserving Democracy – What went wrong in Ohio?”

WHEN: Wednesday, December 8th @ 10:00am

WHERE: 2237 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

**WHO: Rep. John Conyers, Jr.
Rep. Melvin Watt
Rep. Robert Scott
Rev. Jesse Jackson, Founder Rainbow Push Coalition
Kenneth Blackwell, Ohio Secretary of State (invited)
Ralph Neas, President, People For the American Way
Jon Greenbaum, Director, Voting Rights Project, Lawyers Committee
For Civil Rights Under Law
Ellie Smeal, Executive Director, The Feminist Majority
Warren Mitofsky, Mitofsky International, Coordinator of
National Exit Poll (invited)
Prof. Robert Fittrakis, Editor, The Free Press
Cliff Arnebeck, Arnebeck Associates
John Bonifaz, General Counsel, National Voting Institute
Steve Rosenfeld, Senior Producer, Air America Radio
Shawnta Walcott, Communications Director, Zogby International**

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