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CAN WE PREVENT ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK? BOB KERREY AND SLADE GORTON DISCUSS 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT AT NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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Philadelphia, PA (August 23, 2004) – Former Senators Bob Kerrey (D-Nebraska) and Slade Gorton (R-Washington), both members of the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, will lead a discussion based on *The 9/11 Commission Report* at the National Constitution Center on Thursday, August 26, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. Richard Stengel, President and CEO of the Center, will moderate the discussion, and the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists. The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please call 215.409.6700 for tickets.

The 9/11 Commission Report calls for a comprehensive overhaul of what the commissioners see as a deeply flawed and disjointed intelligence-gathering operation. The creation of a post for a single National Security Director is recommended, along with the creation of a National Counterterrorism Center. The report finds fault with the approaches of both the Clinton and Bush administrations but, because they were a bipartisan panel and the problems described are so systemic and far-reaching, they stop short of assigning blame to any particular person or group.

Kerrey and Gorton will give a brief recap of the report, and discuss the implications of the Commission's discoveries. The program will be covered live by C-Span.

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“The Commission has performed an important national service,” said Richard Stengel, President and CEO of the Center. “It’s equally vital for the American people to evaluate and discuss its findings and recommendations. The National Constitution Center is pleased to be a public forum for such citizen involvement with the great issues of our day.”

ABOUT THE COMMISSIONERS

Slade Gorton is of counsel at Preston Gates & Ellis LLP. Prior to joining the firm, he represented the state of Washington in the United States Senate for 18 years, from 1982-2000.

Bob Kerrey is President of New School University in New York City. For twelve years prior to becoming President of New School University, Bob Kerrey represented Nebraska in the United States Senate and also served as Nebraska’s Governor for four years.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1988 to increase understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to the daily lives of Americans. It is the first museum in the world devoted to dramatically telling the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibit components, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education

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and debates; and as a home for visiting scholars and experts. The National Constitution Center is the first museum in the country designated as a member of the National Archives Experience Alliance Initiative. For more information, please call 215.409.6600 or visit the Center's Web site at www.constitutioncenter.org.

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