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Experts to Debate Future of Centralized Regulatory Review in Obama Era at CPR Symposium, May 22

(Washington) -- The Center for Progressive Reform (CPR) will hold a symposium in Washington on Friday, May 22, gathering experts from across the spectrum to debate the future of regulatory review policy. The event, *Reforming OIRA: The Future of Regulatory Review*, aims to contribute to the discussion on the Obama Administration's upcoming new executive order on regulatory review.

The symposium will gather many of the most prominent advocates and critics of the existing system of centralized review of individual rules using traditional cost-benefit analysis. Through a series of four panel-led discussions, the symposium will examine and critique this system and evaluate possible options for reform. The event is open to the press.

What: Symposium, *Reforming OIRA: The Future of Regulatory Review*

Who: Legal scholars, regulatory policy experts, and former OMB officials

Where: Lankford Auditorium, True Reformer Building, 1200 U Street NW, Washington, DC (Metro: U Street/African-Amer Civil War Memorial/Cardozo)

When: Friday, May 22, 2009, 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Symposium Schedule:

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Amy Sinden – Temple University and Board Member of CPR

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Pragmatic Regulatory Impact Analysis**
This panel will consider the mechanics of a pragmatic regulatory impact analysis and examine the advantages that it offers relative to cost-benefit analysis as a methodology for conducting regulatory impact analyses

Amy Sinden – Temple University and Board Member of CPR (Moderator)
Frank Ackerman – Tufts University and Member Scholar of CPR
Donald Arbuckle – University of Texas, Dallas
Richard Pierce – George Washington University

Christopher Schroeder – Duke University and Member Scholar of CPR

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Centralized Regulatory Review**

This panel will examine the benefits of replacing the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' centralized regulatory review function with a new role centered on working with and affirmatively assisting the various federal agencies to achieve their respective statutory missions

David Vladeck – Georgetown University and Member Scholar of CPR (Moderator)

Curtis Copeland – Congressional Research Service

Adam Finkel – University of Pennsylvania

William Funk – Lewis & Clark Law School and Member Scholar of CPR

Sally Katzen – University of Michigan

Paul Noe – American Forest & Paper

12:00-1:15 p.m. **Problems with Cost-Benefit Analysis**

This panel will examine the full panoply of shortcomings that cost-benefit analysis has exhibited during its three-decade-reign as the predominant form of regulatory impact analysis

Wendy Wagner - University of Texas and Member Scholar of CPR (Moderator)

David Driesen – Syracuse University and Member Scholar of CPR

Robert Hahn – American Enterprise Institute

Tom McGarity – University of Texas and Board Member of CPR

Richard Revesz – New York University

2:15-3:30 p.m. **The State of the Agencies**

This panel will examine the current capacity of different federal agencies to fulfill their regulatory missions and to discuss ways to strengthen the capacity of those agencies to achieve their respective missions

Rena Steinzor – University of Maryland and President of CPR (Moderator)

Sally Greenberg – National Consumers League

Peter Barton Hutt – Covington & Burling

Celeste Monforton – George Washington University

Michael Taylor – George Washington University

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