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NEWS RELEASE

Louisiana Businesses Discuss Impact of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010

Baton Rouge, September 3, 2010: The Louisiana Retailers Association and the National Federation of Independent Business organized a media event with Congressman Bill Cassidy on September 2 to discuss the effect of the new federal health-care plan on small businesses. Congressman Cassidy thanked the businesses for their insight and said Washington, D.C., needs to hear from businesses in Louisiana about the actual impact of the legislation. Congressman Cassidy believes that reform is necessary, but the legislation that passed is not the answer to the ongoing problems in the healthcare industry.

The Louisiana Retailers Association would like to thank Ricky Landry, Zuppardo's Supermarket; Gerard Ruth, Gerard's Furniture; and the other small business representatives for their attendance and comments on healthcare reform.

The Louisiana Retailers Association has many concerns with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The LRA will continue to work with the Louisiana Congressional delegation to encourage modifications of provisions that are harmful to the business community.

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