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Akin to Host Panel on the Impact of Illegal Immigration Panel of National Experts to meet in Virginia

WASHINGTON, DC- On Tuesday, September 12, Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) will join Representative Thelma Drake (R-Va) in hosting an expert panel **The Impact of Illegal Immigration on Our Local Communities** at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Congressman Akin, Chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight. "I look forward to hearing from this panel of experts and learning more about the impact of illegal immigration on communities and local economies," stated Akin. "The enforcement of immigration law is not only crucial to national defense, but is also an issue of basic fairness for all citizens especially legal immigrants. These citizens who follow our nation's laws are exposed to an unfair tax burden by having to provide services to those who are here criminally."

Panelists:

Bob McDonnell

Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

Robert E. Rector

Senior Research Fellow, Domestic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

John Keeley

Communications Director, Center for Immigration Studies

Joseph Zager

President/CEO, Shore Health Services, Inc.

Maria Candler

President and CEO, James River Ground Management, Inc.