



John Edwards To Visit Carsey Institute, Discuss New Policy Developments In His Rural Recovery Act

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EDITORS AND REPORTERS: Reporters planning to attend the Carsey Institute event with John Edwards are asked to RSVP to Kate Bedingfield, NH Press Secretary for the John Edwards Campaign, at kbedingfield@johnedwards.com.

DURHAM, N.H. – Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards will visit the Carsey Institute Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, to discuss new policy developments in his Rural Recovery Act.

Edwards will join Mil Duncan of the Carsey Institute for a roundtable discussion with a panel of experts who will talk about the issues facing rural communities. The event, which is the first leg of John Edwards' Economic Fairness Tour, is open to the public.

"Rural America is experiencing profound economic, demographic and environmental changes, and we need thoughtful policy and renewed investment in rural communities," said Duncan, director of the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire.

"In some areas, retiring baby boomers and footloose professionals are enjoying life in small towns rich with natural amenities. Other rural areas are seeing significant out-migration following declines in traditional industries such as agriculture, timber, mining or low skill manufacturing. And in chronically poor areas such as the Delta, Appalachia, the Southwest and Indian Country, communities struggle to overcome decades of underinvestment that have left a legacy of low education and broken civic institutions," she said.

The event begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Carsey Institute, Huddleston Hall Great Room, 73 Main Street, with a musical welcome by Grammy-winning musician Ralph Stanley II and the IBMA award-winning Bluegrass Brothers, and former Democratic Congressman Ben Jones, who played Cooter on the "Dukes of Hazzard." Doors open at noon.

The Carsey Institute conducts research and analysis on the challenges facing rural families and communities in New Hampshire, New England, and the nation. The Carsey Institute sponsors independent, interdisciplinary research that documents trends and conditions affecting families and communities, providing information and analysis to policymakers, practitioners, the media, and the general public. Through this work, the Carsey Institute contributes to public dialogue on policies that encourage social mobility and sustain healthy, equitable communities.

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