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**CREW, ACLU AND ALL TO HOLD TELECONF. TOMORROW, TUESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 1:00 PM CALLING FOR WHITE HOUSE TO RESCIND RULE RESTRICTING LOBBYIST COMMUNICATIONS ON BAILOUT FUND**

**Washington, D.C.** -- Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the American League of Lobbyists (ALL) will hold a **TELECONFERENCE TOMORROW, MARCH 31 at 1:00 PM EST** to discuss a letter the groups are sending tomorrow urging the White House to rewrite a restrictive new rule on registered lobbyists seeking Recovery Act bailout funds, saying it would not achieve the transparency and accountability the administration seeks.

In a letter to White House Counsel Gregory Craig, the groups are asking President Barack Obama to rescind and reissue a section of a memorandum, released on March 20, which bans all phone calls and face-to-face conversations between registered lobbyists and executive branch officials involved in funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

During the teleconference, the groups will outline the issues in the letter, as well as alternatives to the White House directive.

**WHO** Melanie Sloan, Executive Director, CREW  
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Caroline Fredrickson, Director, ACLU Washington Legislative Office

**WHAT: TELECONFERENCE CALLING FOR WHITE HOUSE TO RESCIND RULE RESTRICTING LOBBYIST COMMUNICATIONS ON BAILOUT FUND**

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**WHEN: TOMORROW, MARCH 31 AT 1:00 PM EST**

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