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Statement By NCPC Chairman John V. Cogbill, III

Washington, DC – "The National Capital Planning Commission is extremely pleased to take part in a collaborative effort with the District and other agencies for the redevelopment of South Capitol Street. NCPC has had a long-standing interest in the South Capitol Street area and we recognized its potential for national significance in our 1997 plan for the Nation's Capital, *Extending the Legacy*.

With its dramatic views towards the U.S. Capitol, we believe that South Capitol Street can provide a symbolic gateway to the Monumental Core, linking the city to the river as visualized in the L'Enfant Plan. It can be redeveloped as a vibrant attractive community for workers, residents, and tourists and as envisioned in *Legacy*, the area along the river could offer a unique opportunity to serve as a location for a major national memorial or other civic establishment.

As one of four consulting parties for this Study, we look forward to working on this important initiative. With enlightened planning, this unique place can be a landmark worthy of the Nation's Capital."

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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