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Retiree Roadrunner Speeds to St. Louis, MO for the VP Debate *Retirees to Next Vice President: Fix Retirement Security, Don't Risk It*

(Bridgeton, MO) – Missouri retirees will gather Thursday night to watch and discuss the Vice Presidential debate between Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Sarah Palin. The debate watch party is a stop on the Alliance for Retired Americans' Retiree Roadrunner trip across America's heartland to bring seniors together on election issues.

As the economy shudders under Wall Street's quakes, America's seniors are struggling to make ends meet. Never before have retirees, representing years of American work and ingenuity, had to choose between filling up the gas tank to visit their grandchildren and buying groceries. "Gas prices are up, food prices are up, and now our houses are losing value. This isn't what the golden years are supposed to look like," said Jerry Feldhause, a retired asbestos worker from St. Louis.

Feldhause and dozens of Alliance for Retired Americans members will watch the Vice Presidential debate live on Thursday night at Sports Café in Bridgeton, MO, in northwest St. Louis. As older Americans, they will offer insight and perspective on the candidates and the economic issues facing both their fellow seniors and future generations this Election Day.

WHO: Retiree Roadrunner, seniors
Bob Kortkamp, Missouri President, Alliance for Retired Americans

WHAT: Alliance for Retired Americans Vice-Presidential Debate Watch Party

WHERE: Sports Cafe
12323 Natural Bridge Rd.
Bridgeton, Missouri

WHEN: 7:30 to 10 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2008

Wrapped in red, white and blue roadrunner graphics, eight-passenger Retiree Roadrunner vans are driving across the nation to discuss the election and voting rights with America's seniors. They will be traveling along routes in key states, filled with educational materials including state voter guides; candidate side-by-side comparisons; and information on senior issues such as Social Security, Medicare, voter rights and the stimulus rebate. The Roadrunner will be visiting retiree town hall meetings, pancake breakfasts, and other outreach events so that retirees get the facts about the economy and this election. Stops are currently scheduled for Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

To see a schedule of events and view videos of Retiree Roadrunners, visit: <http://www.retireeroadrunners.org>

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