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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission Discusses the Release of its Final Report

(Washington, DC) – As announced in November, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission will deliver its report on the causes of the financial crisis, which has devastated our economy and so many families, in January to the President, Congress and the American people. The report will contain facts and evidence from the Commission's more than year-long investigation – including 19 days of public hearings, an analysis of hundreds of thousands of documents and interviews with more than 700 witnesses. The report will also include the Commission's findings and conclusions as to the causes of the financial crisis based on this inquiry.

Today some members of the Commission made public their personal views on the financial crisis. The Commission had not previously seen or had an opportunity to review what was released today. But, as it does with the views of any of its members, the Commission will review and take them into consideration.

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About the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission (FCIC)

The bi-partisan 10-member Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission was created by Congress and is charged with examining the causes of the financial meltdown. It is also examining causes of the collapse of major financial institutions that failed or would likely have failed had they not received exceptional government assistance. As part of its inquiry, the Commission has held a series of public hearings throughout the year including, but not limited to, the following topics: complex financial derivatives, credit rating agencies, government-sponsored enterprises, the shadow banking system, subprime lending practices and securitization, and too big to fail. The Commission is comprised of Chairman Phil Angelides, Vice Chairman Bill Thomas, and Commissioners Brooksley Born, Byron Georgiou, Robert Graham, Keith Hennessey, Doug Holtz-Eakin, Heather Murren, John W. Thompson, and Peter Wallison. Findings and conclusions will be presented in a formal report to Congress and the President. For more, visit <u>FCIC.gov</u>.