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Ripon Society Hosts Financial Services Reform Lunch April 12th event features former House Chairman Mike Oxley and four staff members involved in current discussions

The Ripon Society hosted its first “Bully Box Lunch” discussion of the year on April 12, an event that focused on financial services reform and featured not just the former Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, but four congressional staff members currently involved in deliberations over a possible bill.

“Now that the health care bill has been signed into law,” stated Jim Conzelman, the President & CEO of The Ripon Society, “the Obama Administration has signaled it intends to move on and tackle the next item on its agenda -- reforming the nation’s financial regulatory structure. Clearly, reform is needed. But the real concern -- and the question on everyone’s mind -- is whether the reforms being discussed will end up doing more harm than good.

“The purpose of this Bully Box lunch was to learn more about what some of these reforms may be, and the prospects that a bill will be approved this year.”

The lunch, which was held at the Capitol Visitors Center and moderated by former Assistant Treasury Secretary Kevin MacMillan, featured a keynote address by the former Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, former Congressman Mike Oxley of Ohio. Following Oxley’s speech was a panel discussion featuring four congressional staff members who are involved in deliberations over the financial services reform bill.

The staff members included: Mark Oesterle, the Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Banking Committee; Jenn Gallagher, Legislative Assistant for Senator Judd Gregg; Jim Clinger, Chief Counsel for the House Financial Services Committee; and, Warren Tryon, Deputy Chief of Staff for the House Financial Services Committee.

According to Conzelman, the format of the roundtable was intended to foster discussion among the featured participants and those who attended the event. After opening remarks from Congressman Oxley and the

panel participants, questions were asked by those in attendance. Conzelman said that about 75 Ripon members and congressional staff members attended the event.

Conzelman also noted that the next Bully Box Lunch discussion is scheduled for May 7th. The topic of this event will be health care.

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The Ripon Society is a public policy organization that was founded in 1962 and takes its name from the town where the Republican Party was born in 1854 -- Ripon, Wisconsin. One of the main goals of the Ripon Society is to promote the ideas and principles that have made America great and contributed to the GOP’s past success. These ideas include keeping our nation secure, keeping taxes low and having a federal

government that is smaller, smarter and more accountable to the people.

For more information on the Ripon Society, please visit www.riponsociety.org.

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Chairman Oxley and the participants in the April 12th panel discussion. From left: Mark Oesterle, Jenn Gallagher, Warren Tryon and Jim Clinger.



Upcoming events:
 April 19 - House Staff Directors Roundtable
 April 29 - Bully Pulpit on the Pension Crisis
 May 7 - Bully Box Lunch on Health Care
 May 18 - Senate Staff Directors Roundtable
 May 26 - Breakfast with David Brooks

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**The Ripon Society
 Financial Services Reform
 Bully Box Lunch Discussion
 April 12, 2010**

Counter clockwise from left:
 Mark Oesterle, Senate Banking
 Committee; Jenn Gallagher, Senator
 Judd Gregg; Mike Oxley, former Financial
 Services Committee Chairman; Warren
 Tryon, Financial Services Committee; Jim
 Clinger, also with the Financial
 Services Committee.

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