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**Shriver Center Asks Potential Leaders' Positions on Poverty
*Information from Presidential Candidate Survey Released to Public***

(Chicago)- At an issues briefing at 8:00 a.m. today, the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law released data from a survey of announced presidential candidates and their perspectives on a broad range of issues, including those that impact people in poverty. Of the 123 announced candidates, 9 Democrats, 11 Independents and 10 Republicans replied to the request for information. The questions focused on issues such as health coverage, budget and tax policies, unemployment and work supports, housing, asset building, and crime and re-entry.

“We hope this survey will provide the general public with easily accessible information about poverty and how our future president will address it,” said John Bouman, President of the Shriver Center. “We encourage people to share this information with colleagues and others interested in promoting viable solutions to ending poverty in communities across America.”

The Shriver Center contacted every announced candidate and published the responses. It intends to broadly distribute the results of this survey through various communication methods in order to generate interest among the media and general public. The survey results can be viewed at the Shriver Center’s website, www.povertylaw.org. To see the original copies of the candidates’ responses, please contact Joanna VanderWoude at 219.644.8216 or jvanderwoude@povertylaw.org to make an appointment at the Shriver Center office.

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