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**BARRETT KICKS OFF STATE LISTENING TOUR
AT NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE**

Greer, SC (July 14, 2009) – North American Rescue was US Rep. Gresham Barrett's first stop on his "listening tour" of the state. Kicked off Monday morning, it included a private meeting with NAR management to hear what they needed from South Carolina government followed by a full tour of the facility.

North American Rescue CEO Robert Castellani is very concerned with all of the new federal regulations that have gone into effect since the new President took office. Mr. Castellani also has great concern about what new regulations will be coming out of Washington in the future. His chief request is that the next South Carolina governor defers that on the state level.

"It's businesses like these that are being inundated with regulations from the federal and state government," said Rep. Barrett. "We're always concerned about new business, bringing new businesses to the state. That's wonderful and that's very important, but as a small businessman, I understand it's more cost effective to spend money on existing customers....We need to have rules and regulations where we can help existing businesses. I think this is extremely important."

Rep. Barrett's listening tour is designed to let him hear first-hand from business owners what they need from their government. In addition to job creation, job sustainability is his chief priority as he contends for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Thus far he is campaigning against Larry Grooms, Brent Nelson, and Nikki Haley; however, Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer and State Attorney General Henry McMaster have indicated they plan to run as well.

North American Rescue, Inc., based in Greer, South Carolina, has enjoyed the honor of serving their country, community, and customers for over a decade. By providing innovative casualty care solutions to first responders, health care professionals, and security forces at home and abroad, NAR is leading the fray to decrease preventable death on the battlefield, whether it be a foreign combat zone or the streets of America.

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