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Key Libertarian visiting Saturday

Cato Institute's chairman to speak in Hendersonville

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A leader of the conservative movement will be speaking in Hendersonville Saturday.

Robert Levy, chairman of the Libertarian Cato Institute, will talk about the expansion of government at 3 p.m. at Hendersonville High School.

"What is going on right now is a concern for those of us who support limited government," Levy said.

The Troubled Asset Relief Program, commonly known as the bank bailout, along with the federal stimulus bill and proposed health care legislation, overreaches the powers of the federal government, he said. Levy plans to talk about his concerns about these programs and how they infringe upon individual liberty.

"Many of the programs that are being taken on in the name of an economic emergency are unconstitutional," he said.

The event is being organized by the Henderson County chapter of the 9/12 project. The group, started by Fox News commentator Glen Beck, helped organize a large march on Washington, D.C., last month.

"The message that Cato is sending is congenial with what the 9/12 project is doing," Levy said.

Dale Johnson, who is helping to organize the event, said the 9/12 project seeks to bring America back to the day after the 9/11 attacks.

"The whole country at that time was united," Johnson said. "There were no red and blue states."

The project wants to educate people about the founding father's idea for the United States, and Levy espouses those values, Johnson said.

Levy has been seen on ABC's Nightline, CNN's Crossfire, Fox's The O'Reilly Factor, MSNBC's Hardball and NBC's Today Show. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post.

The talk is expected to last about 45 minutes. Afterward, Levy will take questions from the audience.

The event is free but seating is limited. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.
