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McMorris Rodgers to Host Women's Conference in Spokane

(Spokane, WA) On Wednesday, May 28th, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers will host the 5th District Women's Conference, open to the public, to discuss the issues facing women and families in the workforce and our communities.

"As a new mom, I struggle to find that balance every day," McMorris Rodgers said. "Families need flexibility more than anything. My Women's Conference will address some of the challenges for families—and offer some solutions."

Today's workforce isn't what it used to be—especially when it comes to working families. Between 1950 and 2000, the number of working women between 25 and 55 years of age more than doubled in the United States. In 1950, less than 12 percent of mothers with children under age 6 were in the labor force. Today, more than 60 percent of them work outside the home.

"It's long past time for laws and institutions formed more than 50 years ago to become more family friendly," said National Center for Policy Analysis Distinguished Fellow Terry Neese, who heads the NCPA Family Policy Center. "Families need 21st century public policies that provide flexibility, portability, and security. Today's economy demands it."

Earlier this month, McMorris Rodgers and other members of Congress rolled out a plan called "The American Families Agenda: Assuring the American Dream." The National Center for Policy Analysis helped develop the five part plan. It includes:

- Assuring more time and money for America's families.
- Assuring health care and retirement security for America's families
- Protecting America's kids
- Assuring quality education for America's children
- Supporting America's military families and securing the homeland

EVENT:

Cathy McMorris Rodgers' 5th District Women's Conference
Wednesday, May 28th at 8:00 a.m.
Gonzaga University's Jepson Center
502 East Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA