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**McMorris Rodgers to Lead Earmark Reform Effort**

(Washington, D.C.) Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers has long believed the earmark process needs to be reformed and now she is leading an effort to do just that.

Today, McMorris Rodgers was named chair of the newly-formed Earmark Reform Committee. McMorris Rodgers will lead the committee as it relies on input from House Members and the public to develop an earmark reform proposal by February.

“American families, farmers and small businesses must struggle to prioritize and balance their budgets, and it’s time for Congress to do the same,” McMorris Rodgers said. “Reforming the earmark process is one step toward returning fiscal discipline, transparency and accountability to Washington, D.C.”

McMorris Rodgers adopted a self-imposed one year moratorium on earmarks last year, saying “I support earmarks, but not under the current system. Our tax dollars should be used wisely or not at all. Taxpayers should be assured that Congress provides the proper oversight in spending their dollars.”

For more information about the Earmark Reform Committee, including giving the commission your comments, log onto [mcmorrisrodgers.house.gov](http://mcmorrisrodgers.house.gov).

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