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McMorris Rodgers to Begin Third Term Focusing on Economy

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers began her third term representing Eastern Washington in the 111th U.S. Congress. One of McMorris Rodgers' top priorities for the next two years includes expanding the economy, growing jobs and increasing access to quality, affordable health care.

“Without a doubt, families, farmers and small businesses across Eastern Washington are hurting because of the economy,” McMorris Rodgers said. “I look forward to working with Republicans and Democrats on economic solutions that lower taxes and help businesses thrive—instead of adding more bureaucracy and government programs.”

McMorris Rodgers also begins the 111th Congress as the chair of the newly-created Select Committee on Earmark Reform. House Republicans created the committee which will rely on input from House Members and the public to develop an earmark reform proposal by mid-February.

“Just as American families and businesses must struggle to prioritize and balance their budgets, Congress should do the same,” McMorris Rodgers said. “Reforming the earmark process is one step toward returning fiscal discipline, transparency and accountability to Washington, D.C.”

Eastern Washington will also benefit from McMorris Rodgers' new leadership position during her third term. Members of the House Republican Conference elected McMorris Rodgers Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference. “As a new mother and second youngest woman Member of Congress, my unique perspective will help our party as we build coalitions, redefine our agenda and develop and spread our party's message,” McMorris Rodgers said. “If we are to inspire people to join us and rally around our party's vision for Eastern Washington and America, we as Republicans must begin using new technology to communicate our solutions for the budget and tax policy, energy, health care, education and the environment.”

McMorris Rodgers is expected to find out in the coming days which committee assignments she will receive.

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